

GROUP TRAVEL & TOUR

WELCOME TO BURLINGTON

There is more to this city than you think!

Located between the picturesque shores of Lake Ontario and the majestic Niagara Escarpment, Burlington is ideally located in the heart of the Golden Horseshoe, 75 km from Toronto and the US border and easily accessible by all major highways. No matter what size, skill or age of your group, Burlington has an array of discoveries; pre-set or custom, passive or active, inside or outside - there is lots to see and do in Burlington. Be it a day trip visiting key attractions, an interactive educational experience, a matinee at The Burlington Performing Arts Centre, participating in an annual festival (Sound of Music, Canada's Largest Ribfest, Festival of Lights), a culinary delight on your way home or an overnight stay between destinations, Burlington has a number of affordable, attractive group offerings.

THE BURLINGTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
Photo: Burlington Post



NATURE BECKONS

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS • CONSERVATION HALTON
BRONTE PROVINCIAL PARK

The Royal Botanical Gardens

is a National Historic Site of Canada sprawled over 2,700 acres of breathtaking display gardens and spectacular nature sanctuaries; featuring the world's largest lilac assortment, over 100,000 spring bulbs, 250,000 iris blooms, 3,000 exotic rose bushes, Veggie Village - 100 mile garden, a Mediterranean Garden under glass, the Atrium living wall, a fabulous gift shop and three on-site restaurants. Special exhibits and events include the Chocolate Exhibit, Experience Glass Art in a Glass House, Doorways to the Holidays and many curriculum approved programs. Visit rbg.ca



Glass Art in a Glass House
ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Conservation Halton

features six year round primary parks on more than 10,000 acres with recreation and education facilities that encompass more than 100 km of trails connecting spectacular forests, the Niagara Escarpment and Bruce Trail. Educational programs that align with current curriculum guidelines are offered at both Mountsberg and Crawford Lake ("Certified Gold 2008 Ecoschools") which feature the Raptors Centre and 15th century replica Iroquoian Village. Many seasonal events are offered throughout the parks including "Fall into Nature", Maple Town and Sweetwater Season. Visit conservationhalton.on.ca



Fall Into Nature
CONSERVATION HALTON

Bronte Creek Provincial Park

offers active trails, shade trees, picnic shelters, Victorian farmhouse, nature centre and an outdoor swimming pool and skating rink. Curriculum linked programs for junior kindergarten to grade 12 students are available along with many annual special events including Maple Syrup Festival, Farm Day, British Car Day, Homestead Christmas and New Years Eve festivities. Daily bus rates offered. Visit ontarioparks.com



BRONTE CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK



IKEA



BURLINGTON ART CENTRE



CROSSROADS CENTRE



HALTON COUNTY RADIAL RAILWAY



IRELAND HOUSE AT OAKRIDGE FARM

FARM FRESHNESS

The escarpment is home to many working family farms including **Springridge** and **Stonehaven Farms**, offering guided educational tours, seasonal fruits and vegetables, homemade baking, preservatives, specialty gifts and recreational activities.

GUILTY PLEASURES

Be it uptown or downtown, Burlington offers an array of shopping and culinary experiences. Home to **IKEA**, **Lee Valley**, **Mountain Equipment Co-op**, **Burlington Mall**, **Mapleview Mall** (newly expanded) and favorites such as **A Different Drummer Book Store**, **Artist's Walk**, **Nickel Brook Microbrewery** and **Walker's Chocolates** candy factory.

With over 300 eateries in Burlington there is something for every palate, group size and ambiance. Be it a quick stop off the highway at **Mother Tuckers**, **Apple Annie's**, the **Mandarin**, **The Stone House Restaurant** or a unique dining experience by the water at the **Water St. Cooker, Beaver & Bulldog**, **Paradiso** or a historic pub, there are many group friendly restaurants to choose from. Groups wishing to dawn aprons and make their own culinary experience can do so in a number of local cooking studios offering unique, organic, specialized menus and activities.

Sample Burlington's finest eateries during the **Taste of Burlington Culinary Festival** hosted in the Winter and Summer, offering prix-fixe dining at its best! Visit tasteofburlington.ca

ART & CULTURE FLOURISH

Burlington Art Centre

is home to the largest collection of Canadian contemporary ceramic art in Canada, 7 working guilds, the Art Etc gift shop and exhibit gallery. Customized demonstrations or art classes can be arranged and fine art & craft festivals and sales are hosted annually. Restaurant on site. **FREE ADMISSION!** Visit bac.ca

The Burlington Performing Arts Centre

is Ontario's first stand-alone green performing arts centre featuring a 718 seat main stage theatre, studio theatre, atrium and event patio. The Professional entertainment season includes matinee performances and student educational interactive performances. Visit burlingtonpac.ca

Now Open!

Crossroads Centre

is known as one of the finest television production centres in the world. This state-of-the-art broadcasting facility is home to CTS television and features such shows as 100 Huntley Street and Nite Lite. Stroll the Walk of Faith and peek into the Green Room... you never know who you will recognize! Restaurant on site. **FREE ADMISSION!**

Visit crossroads.ca

Joseph Brant Museum

is the Brant homestead replica exploring the founding settlement and development of Burlington, Joseph Brant and Iroquois life, and includes a Canadian historic costume collection and ongoing travelling exhibitions. Visit museumsofburlington.com

Ireland House at Oakridge Farm

reflects farm life over four generations with tours, educational programs and special events hosted all year round. Visit museumsofburlington.com

Halton Region Museum

is the former site of the Alexander Family Farm settled in 1836 by Scottish immigrants. Explore indoor and outdoor exhibits on Halton's history and view over 35,000 artifacts. Visit halton.ca

Country Heritage Park

features over 30 exhibit buildings, 20,000 artifacts displayed and interpreted by costumed staff and an outstanding collection of antique tractors, steam engines and farm equipment. Visit countryheritagepark.ca

Halton County Radial Railway

is Ontario's first and largest operating electric railway museum featuring historic electric railcars operating on 2 km of scenic track. Open May-October. Visit hcry.org

Mohawk Racetrack and OLG Slots

features fantastic food and wonderful live theatre at the Mohawk Dinner Theatre. Matinee and evening shows followed by horse racing and OLG slots. Visit mohawkdinnertheatre.com

War of 1812 Commemoration

includes a tour of Joseph Brant Museum, union burial grounds, the heritage gardens at the Royal Botanical Gardens and Iroquoian village at Crawford Lake. Visit tourismburlington.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

With brand name hotels and over 1,000 guest rooms there is always a place to rest your head in Burlington. Many are conveniently located minutes off the highway, while others overlook the beautiful waterfront.

CONTACT US

For information about Burlington or assistance in booking your next group tour in Burlington, please call 905.634.5594, 1.877.499.9989 or email groups@burlington.ca

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