

H2O Thrills

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WATER

Niagara USA is all about water. Whether you are cruising up the historic Erie Canal or just gazing at the Majestic Falls itself, water is everywhere. Here is an itinerary that gets you up close and personal!

Day 1

Start the day at the Niagara Gorge Discovery Center to learn how the Falls were formed. For the adventurous, try the rock climbing wall overlooking the Niagara Gorge.

Travel north to the Niagara Power Authority's Power Vista. This FREE attraction will explore how electric power is generated from the water that cascades over the Falls with interactive and hands-on exhibits.

When we say water, we mean water! For the truly adventurous, take a thrilling ride through the Niagara Rapids on the Whirlpool Jet Boat Tour (as seen on the "Amazing Race") or Niagara Jet Adventures.

Time for lunch at The Silo, overlooking the Lower Niagara River. (As seen on "Man v. Food").

Next travel north to Old Fort Niagara. The oldest fortress on the Great Lakes overlooks beautiful Lake Ontario. An escorted tour of the Fort features history, an original flag from 1812, musket firing demonstrations and a ghost story or two (yes, this Fort is haunted)!

As evening comes around enjoy dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Time to explore Niagara Falls State Park. First stop: the Cave of the Winds, and get up close to the base of the Bridal Veil Falls.

No trip would be complete without riding the all-American Maid of the Mist boat and getting "misted" by the water flowing over the Horseshoe Falls.

Before leaving the park, be sure to check out the Observation Tower. Bring your camera along because this is the only spot where you can take a picture of all three waterfalls at once.

Day 2

Start your day at the Erie Canal Discovery Center, where you can learn fun facts about the canal's history and its importance to the economic development of our country.

Time to venture underground for a different kind of boat ride at the Lockport Cave & Underground Boat Ride.

Enjoy lunch dockside of the Erie Canal at the Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises. Afterward, board the boat that will take you through the only set of double locks on the Erie Canal. Plus, you will travel under the Upside-Down Bridge and the widest bridge in America.