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Memories Of A Niagara Falls Honeymoon

Where should I start. Would it be the attractions, the landscaping, the shopping, the people, the list would be endless. For my husband and I it started 19 years ago in April. It is a time in our lives which we will never forget. We were married and there was no question on where we were going to spend our honeymoon. We had both decided earlier that the beginning of our new life together was going to be at the "Honeymoon Capital of the World" "Niagara Falls". We drove to Niagara Falls, passing through the busy city of Toronto, on into Hamilton and then passing the many fields of vegetation that soon would be opening as grapes, peaches and various other fruits and vegetables. Taking a turn off before Niagara Falls to drive into the quaint little village of Niagara-On-The-Lake. Now if your interested in some very old, fashionable and quaint shops this is where it is at. This is like turning back time with the picket fences, very large homes, unique shops and the Country Inns, all there to welcome you in. As we drove along the Niagara Gorge with its steep embankments, rock cliffs and fast swirling water, the memories of our honeymoon grow strong. Driving to the falls was a spectacular voyage, the gardens and lawns so beautifully manicured. Even though it was the beginning of spring and the flowers were not out to their fullest the peacefulness of walking some of the walkways and seeing the beauty that abounds was a love we will never forget. The Floral Clock, Spanish Aero Car, Brock Monument, golfing courses, helicopter rides were all here to do if we desired. Our main idea at this point was to get to the world famous falls, get a motel and explore all the excitement Niagara had to offer. It will be a time in our lives that memories will always be fresh in our minds. With the vast amount of motels, hotels and inns available it was hard to decide on which one we wanted to stay in. We knew we wanted one that was in our budget, clean and close to everything. We decided on one that was within walking distance of the falls and it turned out to be a great place to stay, restaurants close by, people were really friendly and you felt very welcomed. On thing about Niagara Falls if you are looking for a certain type of lodging it is available,

whether it be modest or more elaborate it is there for you. Our first stop when we arrived at the Falls was to the Chamber of Commerce where we signed the Honeymoon Book and received a package of discount tickets and lovely brochures. Then the decisions began for the first time in our married life, what attraction would we see and do first. Would it be Madame Trusaud Wax Museum, Ripley's Believe it or Not, Movie Star Museum, Skylon Tower, Maid of the Mist, Scenic Tunnels, Niagara Falls Museum. Well we started from the top of Clifton Hill, stopping at various museums along both sides of the street. All the museums were exciting, scary, educational and amusing depending on which one you were in at the time. Then there are the gift shops with all the souvenirs you would ever want. With gift shops I think back to one specific store that my husband went into and bought a Niagara Falls Honeymoon charm for me. From visiting the various museums we also strolled along the Niagara escarpment with its walkways along the Falls and many winding walks around the park. The Falls is a honeymoon in its self from the swift moving water to the coloured lights that come on in the evening to give it a fantasy all of its own. Spectators from all over, looking over the stone walls to the gorge below and seeing one of the most beautiful wonders of the world. Then there is the time we decided to get even a closer glance of the Falls. Down an elevator we went to explore the Scenic Tunnels, we had to put on raincoats, boots and hats so we could walk under the Falls. Crashing down in front of us, the spray covering us, the excitement of here we are under the "Niagara Falls", unbelievable. Memories of being that close to the Falls that you would have to wear raincoats because of the spray is a thrill. Skylon Tower a great place to see, up the outside elevator, to see one of the greatest views you can ever imagine, or maybe a dinner in the revolving diningroom and then down you come to the bottom where there was a mini fair and many shops. This is where we got our names and wedding date engraved on a pair of tiny wooden shoes, for a keepsake of our lovely honeymoon. Not only was our honeymoon spent in Niagara Falls, Canada but we crossed over the Rainbow

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Bridge to Niagara Falls, U.S.A.. Here we drove along the gorge to Fort Niagara and back again to the Niagara Falls Aquarium. Tropical fish, shows and displays made another super addition to our honeymoon. Goat island a beautiful park where we were able to walk around the grounds, close to the fast swirling water and see the Falls from another point of observation. Shopping in the Rainbow Mall is another memory that comes to mind. Not far from the bridge crossing yet well worth the short drive, where we were able to pick up some great bargains for our new home.

Honeymoon in Niagara Falls, what can I say, fun exciting, memorable and forever a place you will never forget. Whether it be Niagara Falls, Canada or Niagara Falls, U.S.A. there are plenty of things to see and do. Our honeymoon in Niagara Falls lasted only one week, but the memories of April 1974 will live on forever.

Since 1974, we have returned to Niagara Falls to celebrate an Anniversary and also to bring our children to see the magnificent wonder of the world. Niagara Falls is a place for all ages to visit. Whether it be for a Honeymoon, Anniversary, Family Vacation, or a great weekend away, there are various options open for one to see and do.

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