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Our honeymoon in Niagara Falls took place just last year in September 1992, and it was so wonderfully ROMANTIC. We stayed in the honeymoon suite at the Quality Inn by the Falls on the Canadian side. The room had a red heart-shaped jacuzzi right next to the king-size bed, an outdoor balcony, and was a short walk to the falls. Truly delightful!

While in the Falls, we did all of the things we both had done dozens of times before, on numerous trips to the Falls over the years as children and young adults, even with prior spouses. But this time it was extraordinary, because for the first time we were doing it TOGETHER, so it was all brand-new and exciting for us. Strolling along Victoria Park, marveling at the majesty of the mighty Falls, exploring the scenic tunnels, braving the Maid of the Mist--it all seemed as if we were doing it for the very first time, like a re-birth. Wonderful!

I believe it was a blend of the timeless magic of the Falls, the beauty and splendor of it all, plus the fact that it was indeed our fairy-tale honeymoon that capped off our whirlwind courtship and romance--all of this combined to make those few days at the Falls so memorable and romantic. It will always be our "special place" and we certainly plan on returning there again and again during the coming years, to recapture those special memories. Being able to revisit the site of our honeymoon will make some of our future wedding anniversaries especially poignant. This would not be possible had we gone off to some exotic destination that we would most likely never return to.

Even though the weather was cool and windy in late September, with a bit of rain, the Falls can be fully enjoyed at any time of year, with each season having its own special appeal. We began by enjoying our honeymoon suite, relaxing in our private jacuzzi, filling the tub to overflowing with the bubble bath the hotel graciously provided. Just like a couple of kids (we're in our mid-forties)! After a dip in the indoor pool at the hotel, a brisk stroll down Clifton Hill brought us to the Falls, where we took plenty of photographs and were left in awe by the sheer beauty and power of it all. Being there with my new husband made it seem as if we were viewing it for the very first time; it gave me a lump in my throat and made my skin tingle all over, just being so close to the water and feeling

the cool mist on my face, nestled snugly in my husband's strong arms.

Of course we enjoyed some of the usual tourist attractions, the Scenic Tunnels, the Spanish cable cars, and Maid of the Mist. They, too, took on a magical quality from the sheer excitement of it all, making it seem as if it was the very first time we ventured under the Falls, so close to the thundering crash of the water. The boat ride on the Niagara River was rough and wild, leaving us breathless at the power of the cascading wall of water before us.

The next day found us taking a bus tour of the area, riding through the lovely city of Niagara Falls and stopping to view the many attractions en route. We browsed through many boutiques and shops, enjoyed a leisurely lunch at a coffee shop overlooking the Falls, returning to Clifton Hill and Maple Leaf Village, where we walked among all the museums and amusements, taking it all in, building memories that will last a lifetime. We purchased some souvenirs and matching sweatshirts emblazoned with "Niagara Falls" as lasting mementoes of our honeymoon.

Nighttime found us walking once again down to the Falls to view the illumination. What an incredible sight! Then we indulged in some fine food, music and dancing at one of the many clubs in the area. There's always something fun and exciting to do in the city, day or night!

Niagara Falls was the perfect destination for our honeymoon and we are so glad we chose to spend our time there. It's an experience like no other, where you can do and see things unlike anywhere else on earth. No matter how many times we visit the Falls, each trip is a new and exciting adventure, with its own unique appeal. Our honeymoon trip was especially abundant with many fun-filled and poignant memories, which we plan to renew again and again.

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