

YOUR HOME | YOUR FUTURE

NIAGARA
CANADA

IMMIGRATE TO NIAGARA

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LIVE HERE

Welcome to **NIAGARA CANADA**,
a welcoming and family
oriented community, the perfect
place to live, work and study.

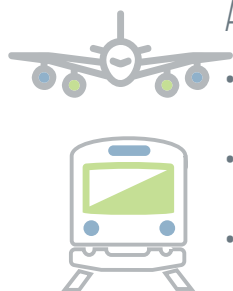
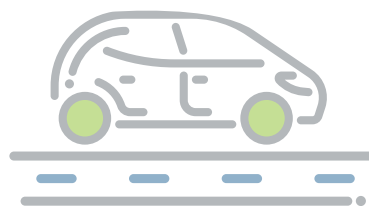




AVERAGE HOME
RESALE PRICE
MLS \$CDN 2017

NIAGARA IS ONE OF THE
BEST PLACES
IN CANADA TO BUY REAL ESTATE
\$388,500

LEAST TRAFFIC CONGESTION
OF CANADA'S LARGEST CITIES



EASY ACCESS TO TORONTO
AND THE WORLD

- Summer GO Train Service from Toronto
- Daily GO Train Service arrives in 2021
- 7 airports within 1 hour

ACTIVE
LIFESTYLE
EQUIPPED



- 40 golf courses
- 30+ arenas
- 300+ km of cycling trails

TOP 10 LOWEST CRIME
RATE OF CANADA'S
METROPOLITAN
AREAS

NATURAL LANDSCAPES
TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY

- Niagara Escarpment
- Lake Erie
- Lake Ontario

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS OF
A GLOBAL TOURISM DESTINATION



- Niagara Falls
- The Shaw Festival
- Casinos and Live Entertainment Venues
- Festivals and Events
- World-class Dining

A+ EDUCATION OPTIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS



- **137** elementary schools
- **26** secondary schools
- **11** independent schools
- Niagara College
- Brock University



NIAGARA WINE ROUTE

96+ WINERIES



CRAFT BEER REVOLUTION

13+ LOCAL BREWERIES
AND GROWING

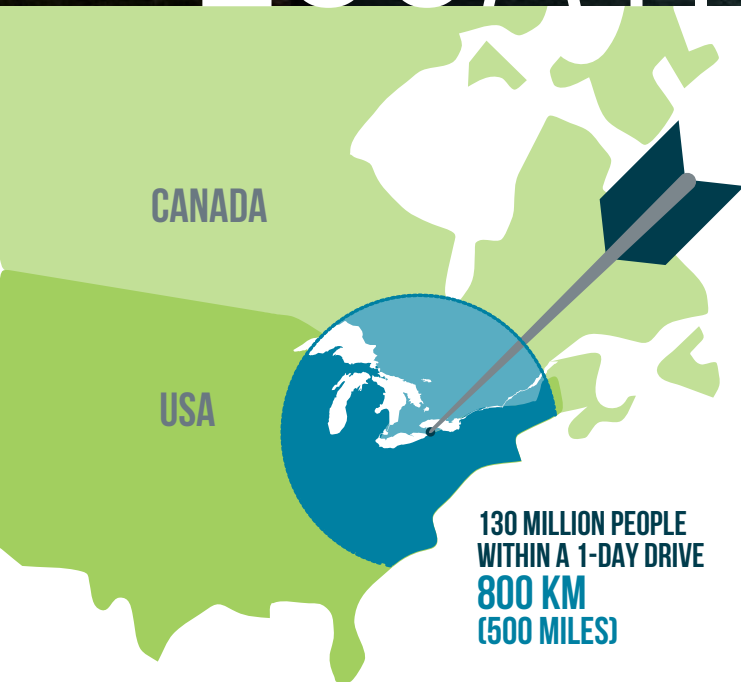
BONUS Niagara's
unique geography creates
a micro-climate that yields
the best weather in Canada!

Most people can easily locate the world-famous Niagara Falls on the map, but that isn't the only way to find us. **NIAGARA CANADA** is ideally located within Southern Ontario's Golden Horseshoe between Toronto and the US border.



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LIVING HERE: LOCATION



130 MILLION PEOPLE
WITHIN A 1-DAY DRIVE
800 KM
(500 MILES)

Niagara Canada is not just Niagara Falls – it is a region made up of many communities, including medium-sized cities, small towns and hamlets.

- The 12 local municipalities in Niagara include Fort Erie, Pelham, Grimsby, Lincoln, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Thorold, Wainfleet, Welland and West Lincoln
- The region encompasses a total area of 1,852 km² with a total population of 449,098
- The region has three urban centres, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland
- Landmark natural features include Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and the Niagara Escarpment



- The region is part of a growing area of almost 2 million people within a 30 minute drive
- Niagara is approximately 120 km away by car or transit to Toronto, Canada's largest city. Take in a beautiful drive or sit back and relax on the Niagara Seasonal GO Train Service with daily service to and from Toronto arriving in 2021
- There are 5 international border crossings into the United States as well as 7 airports within a one hour drive that provide easy access from Niagara Canada to anywhere in the world



LIVING HERE: BUILD YOUR LIFE

FIND A PLACE TO LIVE

One of the first things you'll need to do when you come to Niagara Canada is find a place to live. Finding housing can sometimes be challenging, but Niagara has many housing options with competitive prices that are close to facilities, community services and places to look for housing assistance. Whether you want to live in the city or just outside the city, in a house or an apartment, there are many options for you.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Niagara Canada is a great place to find a job that often pays a wage that is enough to live comfortably. Niagara's major employers are usually hiring, and if you are looking for a job there are many places where companies post the descriptions and requirements of jobs that are available across multiple industries and job types.

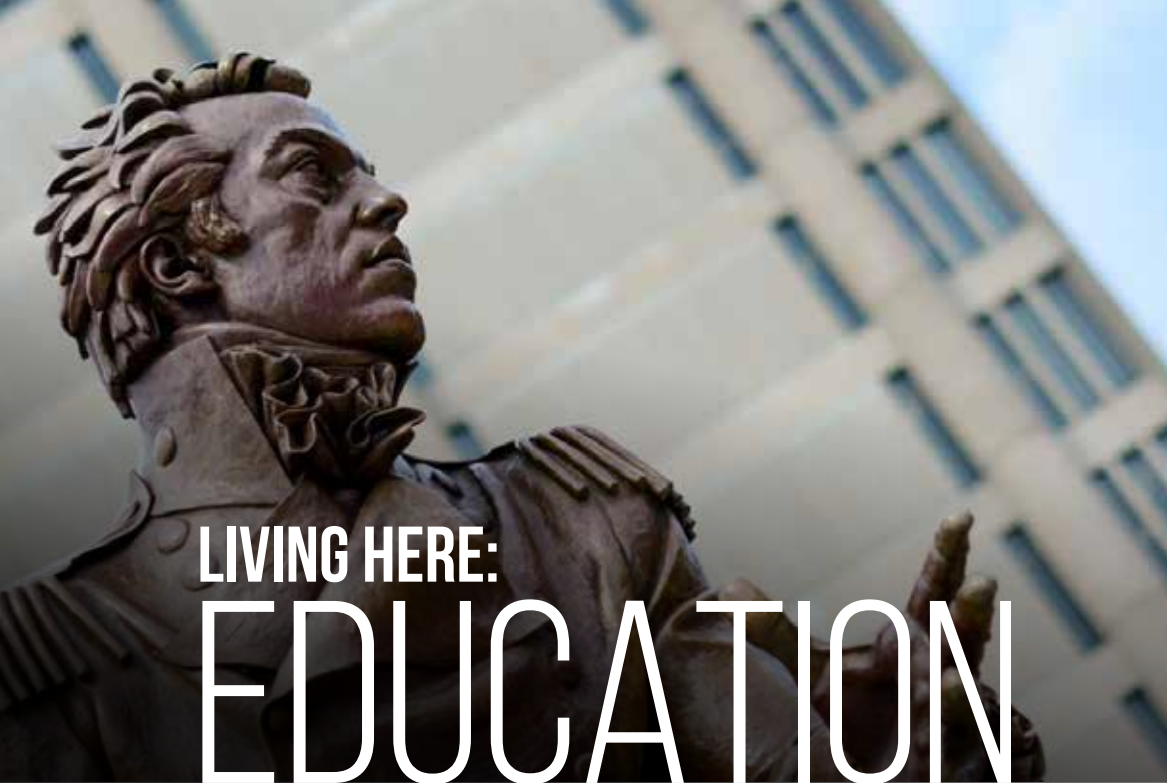
START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Starting and owning a business is easier in Niagara. How easy? Niagara Canada was ranked as Ontario's second most cost competitive centre for business overall — and more competitive than all 76 American jurisdictions in the study. Entrepreneurs will find that there is lots of support to start your own business with the help of Niagara's numerous business support organizations.

HEALTHCARE AND SAFETY

Basic medical services in Ontario are paid for by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). Healthcare in Niagara is provided by the Niagara Health, a publicly funded system that includes six hospitals and many other medical facilities.

The Niagara Regional Police Service works to keep Niagara residents and visitors safe. Niagara Canada is in the top 10 for the lowest crime rate of Canada's metropolitan areas.



LIVING HERE: EDUCATION



CHILD SERVICES

Parents of newborns and young preschoolers can easily find child care services, allowing them to work with the peace of mind that their children will be well looked after. You can also find EarlyON centres, which are welcoming places for parents and caregivers to gather with children to connect with other families and professionals. Montessori schools and licensed Day Care centres are additional alternatives to provide your young ones with the best education and care.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

All children in Ontario are required to attend school until the age of 18 or until they have graduated from a secondary school. For children younger than 18, there are four well-established and reputable public school systems (free) as well as many independent private schools that provide top quality primary and secondary education to students in Niagara.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

After high school, students can continue on to complete their post secondary education at either Brock University or Niagara College, both of which offer strong academic programs, cutting-edge research, and world-class facilities. There are also more than 15 other Colleges and Universities nearby.

* Please note, that if you are not already a Canadian resident, and you plan on studying in Niagara for more than six months, you will need a study permit prior to your arrival.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Many public and private secondary and post-secondary education institutions offer a wide range of programs to International Students with a range of support services to help you transition to life in Canada. These services may include:

- English language programs
- Arrival services and international student orientation
- Health insurance
- Clubs and cultural activities
- A wide variety of support



**CONTACT EACH INSTITUTION FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO APPLY.**



LIVING HERE: THINGS TO DO

There is unlimited fun in Niagara Canada. Locals have the benefit of living a short drive from the breathtaking Falls and in the center of wine country. You don't have to leave home to find the world-class attractions that so many tourists come to see.

Living in Niagara Canada means enjoying a favourite new wine paired with local cheeses at one of Niagara's many wineries, sitting in the audience for a world-class theatre performance, playing golf overlooking the Niagara River, or relaxing at a top-ranked spa. It means being awestruck by the sound of the Falls, marveling at the natural wonder that is the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, or following the Niagara Parkway for the prettiest Sunday drive in the world.

No matter the season, there's always something on the calendar in Niagara Canada. You are sure to enjoy the abundant sunny days and good air quality in the region. Every month brings multiple community-based events and festivals.



FROM BIG TO SMALL, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF REASONS TO CELEBRATE LIVING IN ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS IN THE WORLD.



LIVING HERE: RECREATION AND OUTDOORS

Niagara Canada's unique geography creates weather that brings four distinct seasons, and each one brings a breath of fresh air to enjoy recreation and the outdoors.

Spring, summer and fall are the best times to enjoy the region's 300 km of bike trails, 48 golf courses, 39 nature conservation areas, and the many beaches and waterfronts at Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. It's also the time to hike the Bruce Trail, Canada's longest footpath, and explore the natural wonder of the Niagara Escarpment. In the winter, try our national sport, ice hockey, or learn to skate at one of more than thirty arenas in the region.



ANY TIME OF THE YEAR YOU'LL FIND EXCELLENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – FROM PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS TO SPORTING FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES.

Choosing a new home, moving there, and finding a job can be challenging. In **NIAGARA CANADA** there is plenty of support to help you make this experience as easy as possible. Support is available throughout the process including immigrating, finding a home, finding employment, accessing government and community services, and more.



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IMMIGRATE HERE: BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



The Government of Canada funds many free pre-arrival services online or in person to help you prepare for life in Niagara Canada. The Government of Canada's website is also the place to go for up-to-date information on documents you need.

After you have received your permanent residency papers and if you are still living outside Niagara Canada, pre-arrival services can help you:

- Understand life in Canada
- Find a job in Canada, access labour market and information
- Learn about language and other skills for adapting to Canadian society
- Learn about the free settlement services available after you arrive

YOU CAN REGISTER FOR AS MANY SERVICES AS YOU NEED AT NO CHARGE. SERVICES THAT MAY BE HELPFUL INCLUDE:

Acces - Canadian Employment Connections provides online services to help internationally educated newcomers find jobs in engineering, financial services, human resources, information technology and sales and marketing.

Build ON helps prepare new immigrants to work in the skilled trades in Ontario.

Canadian Apprenticeship Forum provides online services to help newcomers prepare for apprenticeships and find work in skilled trade professions.

Planning for Canada provides in-person and online services and pre-arrival orientation sessions to economic class and family class immigrants.

PrepCan provides online pre-arrival employment services to economic immigrants, their spouses and adult dependents, along with information on the labour market and help with your resume, interview skills and job search.

Pre-arrival Food Safety Management Training Program provides online services to help skilled individuals with the tools needed to work in the food and beverage industry.

Settlement.org provides pre-arrival webinars, resources and a personalized settlement plan to help you start preparing for your move to Canada.



**VISIT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S
WEBSITE TO SEARCH THE FULL LIST
OF PRE-SETTLEMENT SERVICES.**



IMMIGRATE HERE: GETTING ESTABLISHED

Your first days in Niagara Canada will be very busy. It is important to take the time to register for all of the programs and prepare documents that you'll need. In your first days, you should:

- ☐ Visit a settlement provider for help navigating what you need to do, finding available services and connecting with the community
- ☐ Find a place to live
- ☐ Apply for a social insurance number
- ☐ Meet an employment counsellor to start your job search
- ☐ Apply for a health card
- ☐ Get maps of city streets and bicycle paths
- ☐ Open a bank account
- ☐ Find a family doctor
- ☐ Consider taking an English language course
- ☐ Register your child for school
- ☐ Children's Services: find childcare
- ☐ Find a public library close to your home
- ☐ Apply for an Ontario Driver's Licence
- ☐ Join ethno-cultural and faith groups
- ☐ Get information on your rights
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with Canadian laws and income tax requirements





IMMIGRATE HERE: GETTING SETTLED

Newcomers to Niagara Canada will find numerous agencies that provide settlement services and organizations that will help you connect with people in the community.

A settlement worker is your first connection for information and support. Settlement workers can help you to:

- Navigate and learn about your new community
- Provide up-to-date information and resources
- Assist you in communicating with employers, landlords, social and government services, legal services and more
- Assist you with filling out forms
- Provide support and link you with specialized services to help with personal problems or critical situations
- Translate limited documents related to employment, health, education and legal matters necessary for immediate settlement
- Connect you to an interpreter

Not sure where to start? Dial 211 on your phone. 211 is an award winning information and referral helpline and online directory to find community, social and health services in Ontario. Highly trained community service navigators answer the 211 helpline.



**SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS
ACROSS NIAGARA CANADA, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH.**
Many other languages are also available through multilingual
settlement staff.



IMMIGRATE HERE: COMMON MYTHS



MYTH: I BECOME A CANADIAN CITIZEN WHEN I MARRY A CANADIAN

Marrying a Canadian citizen doesn't automatically give you Canadian citizenship. If you want to become a Canadian citizen, you must follow the required steps.

MYTH: YOU NEED A JOB OFFER TO COME TO CANADA

A job is one way, but there are other ways to Immigrate to Canada. You can apply to come as a visitor, an investor, a student, a temporary worker, or a permanent resident.

MYTH: YOUR IMMIGRATION PROGRAM LIMITS WHERE YOU CAN LIVE IN CANADA

When you are a permanent resident of Canada, you are free to live and work anywhere in the country.

MYTH: YOU NEED A REPRESENTATIVE TO APPLY FOR CANADIAN IMMIGRATION

You do not need a representative to apply for Canadian immigration. Many applicants choose to work with an expert who can review their file and ensure that it is complete and has the best chance of being accepted. In Canada, the only people who are authorized to represent your file for Canadian immigration, other than yourself, are:

- Certified lawyers who are in good standing with their provincial bar association, and
- Consultants who are registered with the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC).



IMMIGRATE HERE: COMMON QUESTIONS

HOW CAN I APPLY TO IMMIGRATE TO NIAGARA, CANADA?

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) establishes immigration policy and makes decisions on who can enter Canada. Visit the IRCC website to apply to study, work or immigrate to Canada, apply for citizenship, a permanent resident card or refugee protection.

WHAT ARE THE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP?

Canada has 2 official languages: English and French. You must provide proof of your language skills in either language.

WHAT IS EXPRESS ENTRY?

Express Entry (EE) is an online immigration application system. It allows people to submit a profile and be considered as a skilled immigrant. Candidates with the highest rankings are invited to apply for permanent residency.

WHAT ARE PRE-ARRIVAL SERVICES?

Pre-arrival services are free online or in-person programs for people who have been approved to immigrate to Canada.



**FOR ANSWERS TO MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS,
VISIT WWW.SETTLEMENT.ORG.**

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