

Things to do places to eat

These are a few things that I like to do and places that I like to eat. It is not intended to be a complete list of the restaurants or all the things you can do or visit, but a listing of places that I enjoy.

Places to eat and drink.

- **The Old Angel Inn:** A block from Casablanca Cottage and a block and ½ from Marrakech Mansion this is the oldest pub in town, with authentic character. Dozens of beers on tap, great pub food. The Fish and chips and Bangers and mash are my favorites. Winter or summer it is full of people.
<http://www.angel-inn.com/home.php>
- **Niagara on the Lake Golf Club:** In summer, the deck at The golf course just can't be beat. I like the Caesar salad with chicken and a cold pint of Alexander Keith's. We lunched in August of 2016 skip the lobster roll and go to Tide and Vine, but the burger I had was excellent. The view of Fort Niagara, and the activity on the river is the best in town. <http://www.notlgolf.com>
- **The Stage Coach:** On the corner of Queen and Regent the Stage Coach is a favorite for breakfast and a quick lunch. It fills up fast for lunch but turnover is quick. (no web site) We breakfasted there in August, it is still the best!
- **The Little Red Rooster:** Located next to Tim Horton's on Mary Street the Red Rooster is a favorite of local people. The helpings are generous, the prices reasonable and the service friendly. They have a special every night, Tuesday is liver and I never miss if I am in town.
<http://www.littleredroosterrestaurant.com>
- **Butlers Bar and Grill:** On Mary Street across the road from The Little Red Rooster. You will seldom find a tourist in this sports bar. They have pool tables, and 6 or 8 TV's that are always tuned in to the "game" if your game is not on ask and they will turn the screen to your favorite. Their burgers are all made in house, pizza is excellent too. You will find me here after lawn mowing every Friday all summer. They renovated this year, installed a new Pizza oven and cleaned up the joint a bit. The locals still show up and the staff are the best. A take out menu should be in the cottage manual.
<http://www.butlersgrill.com>
- **Two Sisters Vineyard:** Two Sisters is one of the newest Wineries in Niagara on the Lake. Located next to Peller Estates on John Street. My wife and I had dinner there in December 2015 and both the food and service was excellent. We enjoyed a bottle of their 11th Post in August of 2016. Expensive but good! <http://www.twosistersvineyards.com/site/home>
- **Tide and Vine Oyster House:** Not your typically Niagara Falls! Mike and Kat decided in 2010 that they wanted to bring Oysters to Niagara. They bought a VW bus, painted it up and started on the Food Truck circuit. They were soon catering at vineyards and Silversmith (more later) and needed a kitchen. They found a restaurant in Niagara Falls that had been vacated by a pizza place and used the kitchen for prep work. I hired Mike in 2013 and 2014 to shuck oysters for a Christmas party at Marrakech Mansion and a friendship started. Fran and I made a return trip in August of 2016, the food is even better. We had Oysters, Fran had Lobster roll and I had the daily Po-boy. Take River Road from Virgil to Niagara Falls, they are in the Stamford Mall on the right hand side just as you enter Niagara Falls. <http://www.tideandvine.com>
- **Silversmith Brewery:** Located in an old church in Virgil, next to the GM dealer. Tide and Vine supplies the food and oysters Monday to Friday. The award winning black lager at Silversmith is excellent; you can buy it to take home as well. Black lager now available where ever you see the Hammer tap! Live Music, check the web site for who and when. <http://www.silversmithbrewing.com>
- **Willow Bakery:** Located kitty Corner to Tim Horton's on Mary Street, Willow makes award winning pastries, quiches, cakes and breads. Stop in for a coffee and a snack if you are on your bike.
<http://www.willowcakes.ca>

- **The Charles Inn:** We have not eaten here for a long time but do stop in for an Ice Wine Martini in the tiny pub. These martinis' are addictive but make sure you are walking!
<http://www.niagarasfinest.com/properties/charleshotel/>
- **Garrison house:** Great food and reasonable prices, they serve Silversmith Black lager as well!
<http://www.thegarrisonhouse.ca>
- **Market at the village:** The dinner market is located next to Garrison house and runs every Wednesday from May through October. You will find Silver Smith Brewery selling beer, Tide and Vine with oysters plus wineries and food trucks. This is a great way to spend a Wednesday evening.
<http://marketatthevillage.ca>
- **Balzac's coffee:** We drink Balzac's coffee when we are in Niagara on the Lake. We think it is better than Starbucks. Located across from where the Horse and buggy rides start on King Street next to the Prince of Wales hotel. <http://www.balzacs.com/locations/niagara-on-the-lake/>
- **Pizza Paisa: New for 2016.** On Victoria street, about a block from either house. They do not deliver, but it is a short walk. They make true Italian Pizza in a wood oven imported from Italy.
<https://www.facebook.com/piezapizzeria/>

Things to do

- **Shaw Festival:** I have many guests who take in every play, every year. They have been staying in my houses since I bought them and were likely attending plays long before I came on the scene. We try to make it to one or two plays a year and are always impressed. This year we did the behind the scenes tour and really enjoyed it. <http://www.shawfest.com>
- **Whirlpool Jet Boat tours:** Fran and I went on the jet boats soon after they arrived (Fran paid) in Niagara on the Lake about 20 years ago. Since then I have ridden at least 6 or 8 times. This is the most exciting thing there is to do in Niagara on the Lake. In the cottage guidebook you will find a coupon book entitling you to \$5.00 off of every booking on the Jet Boats and the Niagara Belle. Quote the number in the top right hand corner of the booklet and take ONE coupon with you when you go.
<http://www.whirlpooljet.com>
- **Niagara Belle:** There are only a few ways to see the river, the Jet boats, the Niagara Belle or kayak rentals, which sounds like a lot of work to me. The Niagara Belle is the newest way to get out on the river. Enjoy the 2 hour lunch cruise which leaves from Navy Hall or the Friday dinner cruise. In the cottage guidebook you will find a coupon book entitling you to \$5.00 off of every booking on the Jet Boats and the Niagara Belle. Quote the number in the top right hand corner of the booklet and take ONE coupon with you when you go. <http://www.niagarasunsetcruises.com>
- **Niagara Vintage Wine tours:** There are about 75 wineries in the Niagara area. If you book your wine tour with these folks you will receive a 10% discount on your tour (be sure to mention you are at Casablanca Cottage or Marrakech Mansion). I would book the Twenty Valley and Beamsville Bench tour. These wineries are a 20 minute drive away from town and you are unlikely to get to them on your own. You can do your own touring of the wineries close to Niagara on the lake. Note: no discounts Saturdays June to October. <http://www.whirlpooljet.com>
- **The Welland Canal:** Go to Lock Three where they have an observation deck and watch the ships go up and down in the lock. Take Glendale Avenue (behind the outlet mall) to Government Road and go north. <http://www.wellandcanal.com>
- **Avondale Dairy:** This is a neat place to visit, especially if you like ice cream. This is an old fashioned dairy, built on the farm. It has not changed much since 1956 when it opened. You might want to stop on the way to or from Port Dalhousie <http://www.avondaledairybar.com>
- **Port Dalhousie:** The Lake Ontario side of the first Welland Canal. Swim at Lakeside Park Beach, walk the piers out into the lake, or ride on the historic 1905 Carousel with hand carved animals. 5 cents a ride! Restaurants and pubs abound. <http://www.tourismniagara.com/what-to-do/1483-port-dalhousie-beach.html>

- **Bike Riding:** I love riding my bike in Niagara on the Lake. From either house it is a 5 minute ride to Fort George where the river side trail starts. I love to ride this paved trail to Queenstown, the big hill at Queenstown stops me but 15KM is far enough for me anyway if you make it up the hill, you can ride to Niagara Falls.. This is a paved trail along the Niagara River separate from the road, so very safe. You can also choose to ride out on the trail and back on one of the side roads through the vineyards. Contact Zoom Leisure for bike rentals, they will deliver to the house with helmets or bring your own bikes. <https://zoomleisure.com> For a map of the bike trails, go to the link below. <https://www.niagararegion.ca/exploring/cycle/bikemap.aspx>
- **Chocolate F/X:** Located just outside St. David's on Creek Road this chocolate factory looks like it could be a fun time. We stopped in and bought a big bag of Coco mulch (\$10.00) for the flowerpots. They offer a Strawberry dipping class for \$10.00 per person minimum 8 people it takes 45 minutes. A Chocolate bar challenge class \$28 per person, it takes 1.5 hours (Minimum 8 people). They also offer a Chocolate Truffle making class for \$45.00 per person taking 2 hours. (Minimum 4 people) Tours are \$5.00 per couple. There might be free tour coupons in the cottage. A morning class then lunch Ravine Vineyard that is ½ mile away would make a nice day.
- **Fly to Toronto for the day:** Greater Toronto Airways is starting a new commercial flight from the Niagara on the Lake airport to the Island Airport in Toronto. It take s10 minutes and you get a view of both Niagara and Toronto from the air.

Marrakech Mansion

129 Victoria St.

Casablanca Cottage

108 Johnson St.

