

Our Trip To Kitchener Ontario And Area July 25-27, 2019: Exploring the Hidden Gems

Are you craving a getaway filled with adventure, history, and amazing food? Look no further than Kitchener, Ontario and its surrounding areas. From bustling cityscapes to picturesque natural landscapes, our trip to Kitchener in July 2019 was an unforgettable experience. Join us as we take you through our journey, highlighting the hidden gems we discovered along the way.

Day 1: Arrival and Exploring Downtown Kitchener

After a scenic drive towards Kitchener, we arrived at our destination full of excitement and anticipation. As we strolled through downtown, we were immediately captivated by the vibrant energy of the city. The streets were lined with charming cafes, boutique shops, and stunning architecture.

One of the must-visit spots in downtown Kitchener is Victoria Park. This sprawling urban park offers a lush oasis in the heart of the city. We took a leisurely walk around the park, admiring the beautiful flowers, serene pond, and well-maintained walking trails. It was the perfect place to relax and soak in the peaceful atmosphere.



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As evening fell, we decided to treat ourselves to a meal at one of Kitchener's renowned restaurants. The culinary scene in this city is something truly special. From traditional Canadian dishes to international flavors, our taste buds were in for a delightful adventure. The fusion cuisine at Blackshop Restaurant exceeded our expectations, leaving us craving for more.

Day 2: Discovering the Natural Beauty

Eager to explore the natural wonders surrounding Kitchener, we embarked on a day-long adventure. Our first stop was the famous Elora Gorge. Nestled along the Grand River, this breathtaking natural attraction offers stunning views of dramatic cliffs and rushing waters. We hiked through the lush forest trails, capturing mesmerizing pictures of the picturesque scenery.

Continuing our journey, we headed towards St. Jacobs, a charming village known for its old-world charm. Here, we visited the St. Jacobs Market, which is a haven for food enthusiasts and craft lovers. We indulged in freshly baked goods, locally sourced produce, and unique artisanal products. The vibrant atmosphere of the market was infectious, making it difficult to resist buying something as a souvenir.

No trip to Kitchener is complete without visiting the African Lion Safari. This incredible wildlife park takes you on a safari adventure where you can get up close and personal with majestic animals. From lions to giraffes, we marveled at

the diversity and beauty of the animal kingdom. The safari tour provided an unforgettable experience, creating memories to last a lifetime.

Day 3: Immersing in History and Culture

On our final day in Kitchener, we decided to delve into the rich history and culture of the region. Our first stop was the Waterloo Region Museum, a state-of-the-art museum that showcases the area's vibrant past. From interactive exhibits to educational displays, we gained a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.

No visit to Kitchener is complete without experiencing the Oktoberfest celebrations. Even though it was not October, we were fortunate enough to attend a smaller event that showcased the essence of this famous festival. From traditional Bavarian music to delicious pretzels and sausages, the event transported us to the heart of Germany, right in the middle of Kitchener.

After immersing ourselves in the local culture, we decided to end our trip with a visit to the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery. This contemporary art museum exhibits works from both local and international artists. The diverse collection left us in awe of the creativity and talent on display.

The Verdict: Kitchener, a Hidden Gem

Our trip to Kitchener, Ontario and its surrounding areas exceeded all expectations. It is a hidden gem that should not be missed by any adventurous traveler. From the bustling cityscapes to the serene natural landscapes, Kitchener offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and culinary delights.

If you are planning your next getaway, consider Kitchener as your destination. You won't be disappointed!



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Harry and I traveled with my sister and her husband, Shirley and Ed, to the Kitchener area. Our first stop was the Doon Heritage Village and the Waterloo Region Museum. We later visited the Cambridge Sculpture Garden. Doon

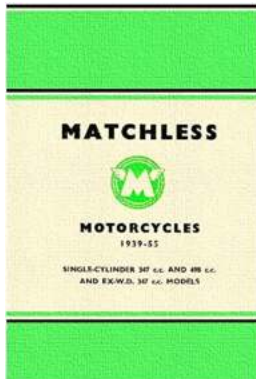
Heritage Village is a picturesque sixty-acre living history village that shows visitors what life was like in Waterloo Region in the year 1914. The village comes to life with knowledgeable interpreters dressed in authentic 1914 clothing and features historic buildings, farm animals and fun activities for the whole family. In the spirit of quilting, the colorful glass panels of the Kitchener Waterloo Region Museum represent the stitching together of many pieces to create a whole. The sixteen colors were selected from quilts in the museum's collection. The colors and their arrangement on the façade represent a celebration of the Region's textile traditions. The sixteen colors on the façade have been translated into hexadecimal code used in programming computers, which reflects the Region's economic strength in technology. The combination in the layout of the panels stand for the twenty-six letters of the English language. In 1800 a fertile ridge overlooking the Grand River attracted the attention of Joseph Schoerg, a Mennonite farmer from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, seeking a new beginning in the Province of Upper Canada (now Ontario). Joseph, his wife Elizabeth and their five children established a 261-acre farm and were among the first Europeans to settle in this area. The Schoergs brought with them building traditions and skills from their homeland. In about 1830, Joseph's son David built a large Pennsylvania style bank barn, so named because it was built into the hillside. The bank barn was suited to the Waterloo Region as the climate and landforms were similar to those in Pennsylvania. David later changed the spelling of their surname to Sherk. The barn remained on the site for almost 175 years until it was dismantled in 2004. The timbers from the Sherk barn have been cut into planks and used to cover the walls of Museum's entrance corridor and lobby. Waterloo Region's story spans thousands of years, from First Nation's peoples first connections to this land, to European settlement and industrialization, to the high-tech community of today. Museum collections are based on objects that people have made, used and saved through the generations. Each object has its own story to tell and it is through these stories

that we learn about our own history. The Cambridge Sculpture Garden is nestled along the Grand River.



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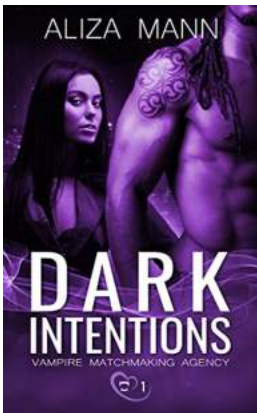
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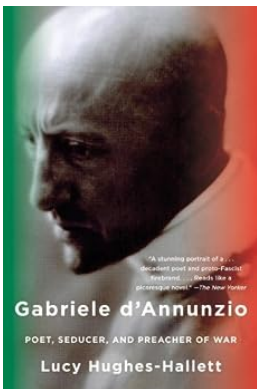
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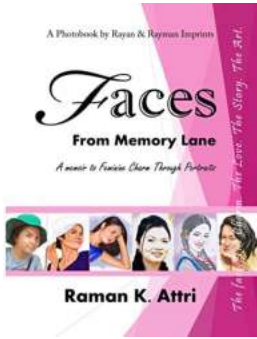
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