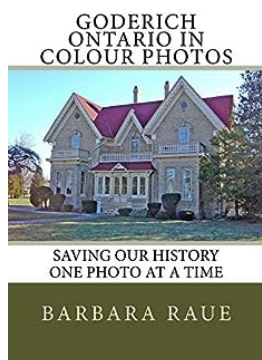


Saving Our History One Photo At Time Cruising Ontario 170

Exploring the historical sites and landmarks of Ontario can be an enriching experience for both locals and tourists. From ancient ruins to preserved artifacts, each piece of history tells a story that deserves to be documented. One way to ensure the preservation of these stories is through the power of photography.

There is something magical about capturing a moment in time through the lens of a camera. The emotions, details, and essence of a place can be frozen forever, allowing future generations to connect with the past. Ontario, known for its rich historical heritage, offers plenty of opportunities for photographers to partake in this noble endeavor.

One particular route that combines the thrill of cruising with the preservation of history is the Ontario 170. This highway stretches through some of the most picturesque and significant landmarks in the province. From charming small towns to majestic forts, the Ontario 170 offers a journey unlike any other.



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Exploring Small Town Gems

As you cruise along the Ontario 170, you will encounter numerous small towns that have preserved their historical charm. Places like Smiths Falls, Gananoque, and Merrickville are home to well-preserved architecture and unique stories waiting to be discovered.

Smiths Falls, once a thriving mill town at the heart of Ontario's industrial revolution, offers a glimpse into the past. The historic railway station and Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, serve as prime subjects for photographers seeking to capture the essence of the town's history.

Gananoque, situated along the St. Lawrence River, boasts stunning waterfront views and a rich heritage. From the Thousand Islands Playhouse to the Gananoque Clock Tower, there are plenty of landmarks to explore and photograph.

Merrickville, known as Canada's prettiest village, is a small gem filled with 19th-century charm. Its well-preserved Victorian architecture and unique boutiques offer a nostalgic atmosphere for both photographers and visitors.

Unveiling Majestic Forts

Along the Ontario 170, you will also come across significant historical forts that tell tales of battles and conquests. Fort Wellington in Prescott and Fort Henry in Kingston are two must-visit destinations for history enthusiasts.

Fort Wellington, built during the War of 1812, stands as a testament to Canada's military history. Exploring its grounds and capturing the intricacies of the fortifications allows us to appreciate the sacrifices made by those who defended our land.

Fort Henry, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers a glimpse into military life during the 19th century. Its stunning limestone architecture, reenactments, and interactive exhibits present countless photo opportunities for history buffs.

Captivating Nature and Landscapes

As you journey through Ontario 170, don't forget to capture the breathtaking natural beauty surrounding the historical sites. From the serene waters of the St. Lawrence River to the lush landscapes of the Thousand Islands, the province offers a plethora of picturesque scenes waiting to be immortalized.

Take your camera to the Thousand Islands National Park and seize the stunning vistas of lush islands and sparkling water. Capture the vibrant colors of fall foliage at Frontenac Provincial Park, or photograph the awe-inspiring Rideau Canal as it navigates through picturesque villages.

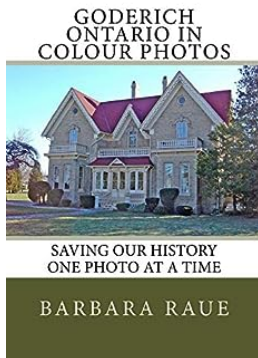
Preserving History One Photo At A Time

The click of a camera shutter has the power to freeze a moment in time and ensure that it lives on forever. By photographing the historical sites, small towns, forts, and natural landscapes along the Ontario 170, we contribute to the preservation of our collective history.

Each photo serves as a reminder of our past, allowing us to revisit it whenever we please. They evoke emotions and tell stories that might have otherwise been

forgotten. With every click, we create a visual archive that can educate, inspire, and connect generations to come.

So, grab your camera, hit the road, and embark on a journey to save our history one photo at a time while cruising the enchanting Ontario 170.



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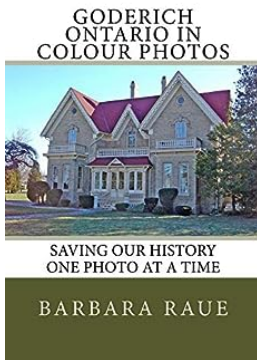
Goderich is located on the eastern shore of Lake Huron. The town was laid out in 1828. The unique layout of Goderich's core encompasses eight primary streets radiating from an octagon bounded by eight business blocks. This civic square, with a park at its center, is popularly known as "The Square". Four streets intersecting at right angles - Victoria, Nelson, Waterloo and Elgin - form the outer edges of the core with the octagon in the center.

The Square reflects a vision of a town center of classical design and elegance. From the 1840s to the 1890s, the growth of Goderich centered around the development of the Market Square. For nearly 100 years the original Huron

County Courthouse, an Italianate brick building of imposing scale and elegance, stood in the centre of The Square. The current courthouse replaced the original which was destroyed by fire in 1954. This fast growing town was the centre of a prosperous agricultural region. The Sifto Salt Mines are located under Lake Huron.

On May 17, 1866 while drilling for oil near Goderich, Ontario, Samuel Platt and Peter MacEwan instead struck salt at 965 feet. Within a year, the pioneer well at Goderich was able to declare a profit of 31%. Such success naturally led to competition and numerous blocks soon sprung up as the salt bonanza spread. By 1872, twelve Goderich companies were producing 2,000 barrels of salt per day. The manufacture of salt quickly extended inland as good quality brine was also discovered at Clinton and Seaforth. The large quantities of wood required in the brine evaporation process quickly depleted forests in the immediate vicinity of Goderich. As fuel became more expensive, the competitive advantage shifted towards the inland salt makers. Located along the Grand Trunk Railway, Clinton and Seaforth easily captured the domestic market to the East. Goderich was left to the export trade, shipping salt to American markets in Milwaukee and Chicago. After putting down salt wells in Dublin, Brussels and Seaforth, Peter MacEwan returned to Goderich where he established the International Salt Company. During the “boom” years of the 1870s, the majority of salt production resulted from the evaporation of brine.

In 1956 the Sifto Salt Company began exploratory work. A shaft was sunk to a depth of 1,760 feet and salt production began near the end of 1959. Initially intended to extract 500,000 tons per year, the mine was expanded and by 1983 had a capacity of 3,600,000 tons. Seventy percent of the salt is shipped by vessel to Canadian and U.S. markets along the Great Lakes system.



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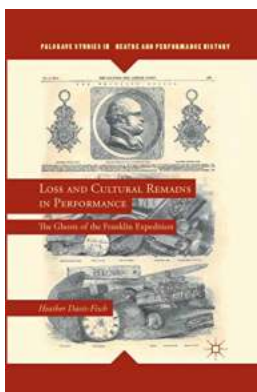
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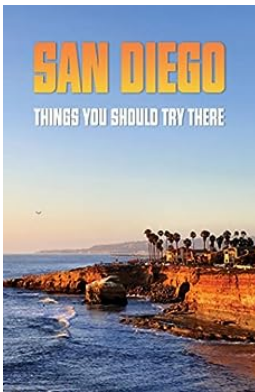
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