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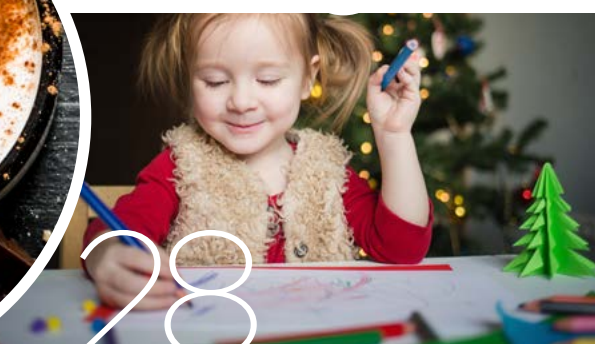
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HOLIDAYS IN NIAGARA

Welcome to our latest edition of Hello Niagara featuring the best of Niagara this holiday season. This year shoppers are expected to get off the sofa and head back to in-person shopping for the holiday season. In the #NewNiagara merchants are ready to welcome everyone back. Everything you could dream of, is right outside your front door. There are glamorous hotels with

views of the Falls, elegant spas, casinos, nightclubs and an endless list of dining and nightlife options to choose from. Take in the impressive views of the Falls lit up at night, take a trip up the Skylon Tower to soak up the view or enjoy dinner in the revolving dining room while you take in one of the world's most incredible wonders of nature. Watermark restaurant at the top of the Hilton Hotel also offers incredible views, a romantic ambience and a delightful menu. Also be sure to venture to the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to wander around the charming Victorian-style town with quaint boutiques and cafes. Along the way be sure to pop into one of the many vineyards for a tour and to savour the local wines. We have curated a list of our favourites for you to enjoy this holiday season. Don't forget to share your favourites along the way!

A top-down view of a white ceramic mug with a black rim, filled with a frothy, light-colored beverage. Two cinnamon sticks are tucked into the drink. The surface is dusted with brown powder. Surrounding the mug on a dark, textured surface are several squares of dark chocolate with a geometric pattern, and some crumbs are scattered around.

WARM WINTER DRINKS TO SOOTHE YOUR SOUL

There is nothing more soothing than a warm drink in these winter months. So, cuddle up by the fire after a day outdoors and relax with one of our favourite warm winter drinks.

HOT CHOCOLATE

We had to start with a classic. Top it with some whip cream or give it a shot of espresso to wake you up on those cold winter evenings.

HOT MULLED WINE

Transport yourself to the streets of Paris or Berlin and grab a hot mulled wine. Made with wine (obviously) and some spices and heated over the stove, this drink will warm your soul. Try our favourite recipe here.

APPLE CIDER

Warm apple cider after a late-fall day at the fair is one of my favourite drinks. The sweet tang of apples when combined with the calming warmth, is perfect to warm your cold bones.

GERMAN LEMON, GINGER, MINT TEA

A healthier choice, this tea is delicious, warm, and simple to make. It is super refreshing as well! Try our favourite recipe here.

WARM EGGNOG

A polarizing holiday drink (not my favourite, but my colleagues insist it has to be here!), eggnog can be served warm or cold. Try the warm version this winter and add a little bit of brandy to make it extra warm.

COFFEE

Could this list really be complete without coffee?? Make it extra special this year and try a Christmas coffee brewed with cinnamon and topped with whip cream and sprinkles, this may become your new holiday staple. Find our favourite recipe here.

MORE WINTER DRINKS!

Relax and let someone else make your winter cocktails for you.

Here is our list of our favourite places to grab winter drinks in Niagara.



NIAGARA BREWING COMPANY

The Niagara Brewing Company is located in Niagara Falls. Serving an array of beers, we recommend trying the Fuhgedda-Stout-It on a cold winter's day. Stouts are perfect for those dark winter months as they tend to drink heavier. This is a milk stout, combining notes of coffee and chocolate. It finishes with a slight bitterness that gives way to sweet toffee and caramel for a silky-smooth finish.



THE GRIST BREWERY

After 186 years, brewing is finally back to St. David's along with a relaxed local eatery. 'Grist' is Niagara's newest craft kitchen and brewery featuring small batch beers and gourmet pizzas. Whether it is an IPA, Pilsner, Stout or Cream Ale that you are looking for Grist will have something on tap to please your pallet. The brewery was founded by Rob and Danielle Begin who grew up in town and are always ready to welcome you in from the cold!



AMO WINES

Mulled Wine is always a favourite holiday beverage and AMO Cabernet Franc is ideal to prepare this seasonal winter warmer. The ripe fruit flavours of this unoaked red is ideal to include in a festive libation that is so easy to prepare and so delicious! Simply start with one bottle of AMO Cabernet Franc and warm with 1/4 cup of honey, 1/4 cup of Ontario Icewine for a local flare plus 6 whole cloves, 3 cinnamon sticks and 3 star anise and 1 orange sliced into rounds.



MOOSE & SQUIRREL SMALL BATCH BAR + COFFEE

The Moose & Squirrel is located in the Doubletree Fallsview Resort in Niagara Falls. Head there for a wide range of delicious food and specialty coffees that will fill your heart with warmth. Escape the cold with a classic Irish Coffee. Or try the Monte Cristo, featuring Grand Marnier, Kahlua, and coffee in a sugar rimmed glass topped with whipped cream.

WARMTH AND RELAXATION

IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT FIREPLACE

The fireplace is one of our favourite places to spend a cold winter or fall evening. Let us inspire you to design your fireplace this year and make it a relaxing oasis of warmth, just for you.

Sometimes something simple is all you need to make you feel at home. Add some natural elements, like a small tree or a flower, to give your home a feeling of freshness in the dead of winter. Top it off with some personality and make a statement with your fireplace decoration this holiday season.

Green and gold is another classic staple of the holiday season. Use green and gold to make your home feel jubilant and bright as you relax with your favourite coffee mug in front of a roaring fire. Use natural wood as an accent to transport you to a simpler time. Even if you have a gas fireplace, natural wood can be worked in with wicker baskets, or a wooden bench.

Green, white, and silver with a dazzling touch of gold will make your home look sleek, shiny, and peaceful. Personalize your fireplace with accents that represent the season, like a deer, a sleigh, or perhaps a wreath.



A high-angle, close-up photograph of a roasted turkey in a dark, rectangular metal tray. The turkey is golden-brown and glistening with oil. It is surrounded by several large, halved potatoes that are also roasted and glistening. In the background, there are some sliced mushrooms and a small bowl of cranberries. The entire scene is set against a dark, textured background.

HOLIDAY WINES

TO PAIR WITH ALL OF YOUR FESTIVE MEALS

While the holidays are traditionally a time to come together and celebrate the gift of family, as many of us have been apart these last two years, this year is bound to be extra special. So start planning to celebrate the joy of family and friends over the perfect holiday meal with locally crafted Niagara wines. Our recommendations for the best wine pairing will make your meals the highlight of everyone's holiday.

TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMING

As turkey is a white meat, and like chicken or fish it stands to reason that one should lean towards a white wine or for the more adventurous a light-bodied red wine. When choosing white wine, embrace one with a bright acidity as they are generally food-friendly and adaptable to the many flavours in a turkey dinner like stuffing, cranberries and yams. A white wine with high acidity, like Riesling or Sauvignon Blanc, will pair perfectly! Or for the red wine lovers in the family, we recommend a Pinot Noir or Gamay Noir, which have great structure and are also extremely versatile.

SLOW-ROASTED PRIME RIB

Roast beef is another classic meal served over the holidays and as with any beef dish, the meal begs for a full-bodied red wine. We recommend a Cabernet Sauvignon or a Merlot paired with your delicious roast beef dishes this holiday season, as the robust flavours and complexities will be a great match for the dish. And while traditionally a white wine is not recommended to be paired with red meat, if there were one that could be up to the task it would be a rich full-bodied oak-aged Chardonnay.



BAKED HAM

Sweet hams are also always a favourite at this time of year. Whether its pineapple or maple glazed the very sweet and salty combination is always one for the memory books. The perfect wine to marry these two taste profiles is always a Pinot Grigio as it has soft, sweet melon notes on the nose and palate or for the more adventurous a Gewürztraminer with characteristic lychee flavours and a spiciness that will complement a ham garnished with traditional cloves.



LEG OR RACK OF LAMB

Lamb on the bone is always an elegant and delicious addition to any holiday meals. A classic Cabernet Franc is our choice for lamb as it is medium bodied with incredible structure and bright fruit flavours that will heighten the sweetness of this tender year. The herbal notes in the wine always elevate any fresh herb flavours like rosemary and oregano, natural partners to lamb. If you do have a white wine lover that also enjoys lamb we suggest pairing a dry rosé for a perfect match!



And of course what would the holidays be without a bit of sparkle, so our show stopper this holiday season are the newly released AMO Sparkling Wines which will pair exceptionally well with all your holiday canapés and any seafood or fish. The bright acidity of a sparkling wine is always a great way to prepare your palate for the meal to come; exceptional with lighter fare. In particular we recommend the AMO Sparkling Pinot Grigio paired with shrimp, lobster, oysters and crab while the Sparkling Cabernet Franc will complement any salmon dish. Start planning to celebrate the holiday season with not only family and friends, but also local fare and Niagara wines!

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SKATE THE DAY AWAY!

Skating is one of our favourite activities to do in the winter. Whether it is with your family, or playing some shinny, there are plenty of awesome places to skate in the Niagara Region. Here are some of our favourites.

WAYNE GRETZKY WINERY

Wayne Gretzky Winery offers public skating, open to the public from December to Mid-March. Spend a beautiful afternoon or a chilly evening out on the ice, surrounded by the magnificent Niagara countryside. Be sure to take home some wine with you! Skating is \$5 a person, with \$10 for skate rentals.

FORT GEORGE SKATING RINK

This skating rink is located in the centuries old, national historic site of Fort George. A one-of-a-kind experience in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the rink offers free skating with the option to rent skates if you need them. Transport yourself to a time of the past and relax and unwind as you glide along the ice, surrounded by centuries of history.

THE LIONS OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

The Lions Outdoor Skating Rink is centrally located at 1406 Drummond Road in Niagara Falls. Take the kids there for a day of fun out on the ice or stop by at night to play some shinny with your friends.

ST. PATRICK'S PARK

St Patrick's Park is located in St. Catharines, across the street from the Russel Ave Community Centre. General skating takes place there every day until 6:00pm, when the community sets up for shinny. The perfect place to grab a group of friends and spend an evening playing Canada's favourite sport!

CHIPPAWA PARK POND

Located in Welland, the Chippawa Park pond freezes over in the winter months and is a popular local spot for skating and shinny. The best part about the pond? There's tobogganing! Take the kids and spend the day either skating or flying down the hill. It's up to you!



FOR THE LOVE OF SPEED

Looking for something to do this weekend? Take the kids to one of Niagara's many parks and go sledding! Check out some of our favourite places to go sledding this holiday season.

JAYCEE GARDENS PARK

Jaycee Gardens Park is one of the most popular sledding parks in the Niagara Region. Located at 543 Ontario Street in St. Catharines, this park features sprawling hills with varying lengths, suitable for kids of all ages.

BATTLE OF BEAVERDAMS PARK

Located on Sullivan Ave in Thorold, the park features a fun hill for the kids. Take a break between sledding trips and check out the history of the park. There are plaques describing the founding of Thorold, and even a time capsule located on one of the many walking paths in the park.

WELLAND CANAL LOCK 7 HILL

Located at 50 Chapel Street in Thorold, the park features a sledding hill with varying heights, but is known for its steep hills and is great for older kids. This park also allows sledding at night!

HH KNOLL LAKEVIEW PARK

Located in Port Colborne at 60 Sugarloaf Street, this park features incredible views of the water. Take the kids sledding and check out some of the events that the park holds each year.

BARBICAN HEIGHTS PARK

The perfect hill if you have small children. Barbican Heights Park is located at 96 Barbican Trail in St. Catharines and features a small hill with a playground that your kids can check out if they get bored.

STAMFORD COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

Pick up some speed at the hill at the school. The steep hill is the preference of older children and is located at 5775 Drummond Road in Niagara Falls. Just don't head there during school hours!

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FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

There's nothing like a steaming mug of hot chocolate on a cold December night. Up your game for the holiday season with a buffet of toppings for your cocoa. Some ideas include whipped cream, marshmallows, crushed candy canes, shaved chocolate, chocolate chips and cinnamon dots. Get creative! The kids will love customizing their hot cocoa as a fun and easy activity for Christmas Eve. Up the ante this year with fun hot chocolate flavors including peanut butter cup, mint, Tootsie roll, and more.

Up your family's giving spirit this holiday season by shopping for a toy or two to give to Toys for Tots or another local toy drive. Since your kids are the toy experts, let them do the picking. It will brighten your Christmas and someone else's too, and can easily become a new family tradition for this time of year. Since the kids are also surely expecting new loot this year, go through their toy box together and find the (gently-used) toys they're willing to part with for charity. It's a good lesson in abundance and selflessness.



Everybody loves a festive wreath, and this is a great DIY Christmas decoration activity. Take the kids outside for a quick winter walk to gather evergreen branches and pine cones, trim some from the bottom of your Christmas tree or just buy some at the store. Attach your greens to a foam or wire ring (a bent metal coat hanger works well) and allow the kids to decorate it with Christmas ornaments and bows. Make a preschooler-friendly paper wreath featuring tracings of your child's cute little hands, or keep it simple with a foam wreath making kit, perfect for kids and easy cleanup!

All of these activities are free or pretty inexpensive. They just take a little creativity and get-up-and-go to get your family in the holiday spirit! After an especially difficult year, now is the time to be especially jolly and spread cheer wherever we can.

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