



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Burlington



EXPLORER TOUR BY

**MINK**GROUP







Your  
adventure  
awaits

Dear local explorer,

One of our greatest joys is creating experiences that allow people to discover the beauty of where we live. Since we've all been stuck inside, we thought this would be a great opportunity to get out and explore.

So whether you're a long-time resident or new to the Hamilton and Burlington areas, allow us to take you on an adventure in one (or both) of these great cities.

Have fun!

*- The Mink Group*

# Before you go

This trip is self-guided and free. The following is not included: transportation, gas, applicable entrances and parking fees for some of the recommended attractions (the majority of stops are free), optional food, beverages and gratuities.

Some stops may be impacted by COVID-19 protocols, specific operating hours or other statutory holidays. We apologize for any inconvenience.




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## Share your trip with us

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We would love to be a part of your adventure. Please consider sharing photos of your trip with us on Instagram and tag us.

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# Next stop: Burlington

Located on the shores of Lake Ontario between Toronto & Niagara Falls, is beautiful Burlington.

It is perfect for a fabulous day trip and it is surrounded by the tranquil beauty of parks and gardens. Walk across a pier over Lake Ontario, visit local shops serving up delicious delights, and visit the area's pride and joy.

This trip will take approximately 4-5 hours. It is self-guided and there are no time restrictions spent at each location so time may vary.

 Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington



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## BURLINGTON'S FIRST STOP

# Burlington Waterfront



1400 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, Ontario

A signature destination and attraction, the Waterfront in Downtown Burlington, includes 10+ km's of walking trails and a 137-metre pier over Lake Ontario, providing breathtaking views of the lake and Burlington's shoreline.

With lots to see and do, The Burlington Waterfront is made of 4 primary areas: The Brant Street Pier, Spencer Smith Park, Discovery Landing and Beachway Park.

- Bring your skates (winter) or model sailboat (spring, summer, fall) to Burlington Rotary Centennial Pond, a 10,000 square-foot year-round water feature.
- Enjoy an afternoon of family fun at the Dofasco Waterjet and Playground
- Stroll the promenade at Spencer Smith Park.
- Enjoy breathtaking views from the lookout from the Brant Street Pier.
- Relax, build sandcastles at Beachway Park.
- Celebrate or have a bite to eat at Discovery Landing a 14,200 square foot landmark building that faces out to the lake and offers prime storm and weather watching views. Discovery Landing is home to Spencer's on the Waterfront, The Bite Cafe and the Observatory.
- While in the area discover the award-winning Art Gallery of Burlington.

\*activities are seasonal and weather-dependent.



### TRAVEL TIP

*Grab a coffee at the local staple "Lakeshore Coffee House" and sip it while going on your walk across the pier.*



Dog friendly



Some areas accessible



City parking available

# Village Square



418 Pearl St, Burlington, ON L7R 2N1

A 5-minute walk from the Brant Street Pier, Burlington's Village Square is a quaint little spot designed in the tradition of a turn-of-the-century town square. Village Square unites historic architecture with modern lifestyle interests and establishments. Home to more than thirty unique businesses, there's something for everyone!

Village Square is home to a sophisticated mix of more than 30 businesses including restaurants, salons, specialty stores and the one-of-a-kind gallery shop, Artists Walk. It is a foodie's paradise, an architecture buff's sanctuary, and a discerning shopper's dream. Enjoy a stroll through Village Square's walkways is always a special experience.

Some of our favourite Village Square stops include:

- **Waves in the Village**- a boutique shop featuring trendy and affording clothing and gifts
- **The Little Pop Up Shoppe**- Burlington's only monthly rotating pop-up shoppe featuring a variety of Canadian artists, designers, and entrepreneurs every 30 days. Open: Wednesday to Friday 11-5, Saturday 11-6 and Sunday 11-5.
- **TAMP Coffee Co**- locally roasted coffee. You know these places...the talented baristas who give you a latte with a heart in the foam. Super cool.



## SNAP A PIC

*London anyone?! Find the European style phone booth and take a picture. Share it with us by tagging @theminkgroup*



Dog friendly outdoors



Some areas accessible



City parking available



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## BURLINGTON'S THIRD STOP

### The Sunshine Doughnut Co.



439 Brock Ave, Burlington, ON L7S 1M8

*Tues-Fri 7:30 - 4 OR 'TIL Sold Out!*

*Sat+Sun 9-4 OR 'TIL Sold Out!*

Since you are in the downtown neck of the woods, stop by Sunshine Doughnut for a sweet treat. Besides, where else are you going to see a giant doughnut on a roof?

The Sunshine Doughnut Co. opened its beautiful doors in July 2016. From the Mom & Pop (Kimberley & Bartholomew Nadherny) that brought Downtown Burlington, Son of a Peach, Sunshine has become the leader in old-fashioned, classic hand-crafted doughnuts. We love supporting locals.

Their dough is made fresh each morning by scratch.



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# FREE DOUGHNUT

AT SUNSHINE DOUGHNUT CO.

PRESENT COUPON OR SHOW FROM YOUR PHONE TO STAFF MEMBER. LIMIT OF 1 DOUGHNUT PER PERSON AND MAX OF 4 DOUGHNUTS PER GROUP. VALID FEB 15, 2022 UNTIL MARCH 20, 2022.



First responders  
receive a 50% discount



Accessible



Parking available

# Royal Botanical Gardens



680 Plains Rd W, Burlington, ON L7T 4H4

Burlington's pride and joy.

Set your sights on RBG's 27km of scenic trails and 300 acres of cultivated gardens with picture-perfect horticultural collections and bustling wildlife. Don't worry; you don't need to walk it all today but with so many options at the RBG, something is bound to catch your eye.

General Admission tickets are available for purchase online, or when you arrive at any of the garden areas. We recommend going to the main entrance at 680 Plains Rd W and venturing there. Prices range from \$10-\$19.50. Includes:

- Access to all five RBG garden areas (note seasonal hours)
- A parking pass for use in the metered lots at RBG gardens and trailheads
- Any Discovery programming scheduled for the day

Garden and trails: <https://www.rbg.ca/gardens-trails/>

Pricing: <https://www.rbg.ca/plan-your-visit/admission/general-admission/>



## TRAVEL TIP

*Check out the 'Mediterranean Garden' and be transported away to a tropical place. This indoor greenhouse brings together plants that have adapted to the world's five Mediterranean climate zones.*



Check operating hours



Some areas accessible



Parking included in entry fee



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## BURLINGTON'S FIFTH STOP

## Easterbrook's



694 Spring Garden Road, Burlington, Ontario

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All this exploring - you need a break. Just a quick jump from the Royal Botanical Garden's is Easterbrook's. According to their website and many Burlington locals, Easterbrook serves up "Canada's best hot dogs". A go-to lunchtime spot!

Easterbrook has long-standing roots in the area that go back to 1926 when Mable Easterbrook first opened the store as a tea house. In 1930, she began selling hotdogs and it has taken off from there.

Choose from 20+ foot-long hot dogs. Or try their famous fries. Vegetarian options too.



## COOL FACT

*Since 1930, Easterbrook's has sold over 1600 miles of hotdogs.*



Accepts cash & debit




Accessible




Parking available

We look forward to your photos

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 Skyway bridge connecting Hamilton and Burlington

Thank You



As residents of Hamilton and Burlington, we are delighted to be a part of these wonderful communities. We hope you enjoyed the tour and found something unique. If you ever have any questions about the Hamilton and/ or Burlington markets, please don't hesitate to connect with us.

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