



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Hamilton



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 they 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.



Share your trip with us



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

 @theminkgroup

Next stop: Hamilton

Hamilton is a city like no other. It has a rich history and culture and is surrounded by nature. Known for its industrial heritage, Hamilton has a unique urban feel, a vibrant arts scene, and a bustling downtown.

Located between Lake Ontario and the Niagara Escarpment, Hamilton offers incredible access to many sights.

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

 Gore Park, Hamilton



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HAMILTON'S FIRST STOP

Tropical Greenhouse



Gage Park, 1000 Main St. E, Hamilton, ON L8M 1N6

A wonderful way to warm up, the 14,000 square-foot greenhouse features a collection of subtropical plants, unique species and palm trees. The greenhouse is designed as a community gathering place and as a rentable space for special events including wedding photos.

Spot turtles and fish in the ponds, along with a variety of fruit species including bananas, mangoes, lemons and clementines. In the Fall, the greenhouse is also home to Hamilton's annual Chrysanthemum Show, a vibrant floral display.

While you're there:

- Take a stroll around Gage Park and admire "The Rose Garden" (summer), located in the middle. It is filled with 16 hybrid tea varieties and 14 climbing roses of all different colours.
- Plug *1375 King St E, Hamilton, ON L8M 1H6* into Google Maps. A short walk through Gage Park and neighbouring streets, you will find "**Cafe Baffico**", an Italian Bakery serving up some outstanding pastries and doughnuts. Open: Friday-Sunday 9am-4.



Dog friendly outdoors



Accessible



FREE Parking

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HAMILTON'S SECOND STOP

Sam Lawrence Park



255 Concession St, Hamilton, ON L9A 1B2

Welcome to one of Hamilton's most Instagrammable spots. Situated at the top of the Niagara Escarpment, Sam Lawrence Park offers up the most incredible panoramic skyline views of the Lower City, Dundas Valley and Lake Ontario. There's no need to get out of the car if you don't want to - you can park right in front of the viewpoint. And whether you're visiting during the day or at night, the sights are spectacular!



SNAP A PIC

After you've paused to enjoy the view, turn around and take a selfie with the Hamilton skyline behind you! Share it with us by tagging @theminkgroup.



Dog friendly



Some areas accessible



FREE Parking

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HAMILTON'S THRID STOP

Miranda Farm



601 Book Rd E, Ancaster, ON L9G 3L1

A local secret spot.

OK, so we've brought you a little outside of Hamilton, but it's for a good reason...ANIMALS! This local farm has sheep, goats, cows and an Emu! You can even find them outside during the winter. Feel free to offer fruits and vegetables to the animals through the fence...but watch your fingers!



COOL FACT

The Emu is the second tallest bird in the world, next to the Ostrich. Emus are soft-feathered, brown, flightless birds with long necks and legs, and can reach up to 6.2 ft in height! They can run up to 50 km/h and have been known to go for weeks without eating. They drink infrequently, but take in copious amounts of water when the opportunity arises.



Dog friendly



Some areas accessible



FREE Parking

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HAMILTON'S FOURTH STOP

Chedoke Radial Trail



563 Aberdeen Ave, Hamilton, ON L8P 4S8

At the top of Beddoe Drive, behind the Chedoke Golf and Country Club.

This popular trail is 9.5 km long and features some pretty neat tunnels, bridges and a waterfall! It is rated a moderate hike and is accessible year-round. Dogs are welcome on the trail, but must be kept on leash.

There's a few different access points, but we recommend entering near the Chedoke Golf and Country Club. When driving there, as you turn off Dundurn, you will pass some thick forest backing onto residential areas; turn onto Beddoe Drive and follow it up to the top of the hill.

Note: The trail is considered accessible for those in wheelchairs or pushing strollers, however the variation in slope (2-5%) may present some difficulties.



Dog friendly



Some areas accessible



FREE Parking

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HAMILTON'S FIFTH STOP

Lunch on Locke



182 Locke St S, Hamilton, ON

Not far from the Chedoke Radial Trail, you'll find Locke Street S, a popular destination for locals and visitors from surrounding areas. By now you've probably worked up quite the appetite. There are so many amazing local restaurants to grab a bite to eat at along Locke Street. For fresh and deliciously hot soup, check out **The Burnt Tongue** (Open 11-8 daily). Try the *Loaded Baked Potato Soup*; it's a fan favourite.

Some of our favourite local shops along Locke St include:

- **Vintage Charm** - a quaint shop carrying a curated selection of vintage-inspired home decor and gifts. Open: Sunday 10-5, Monday CLOSED, Tuesday to Saturday 10-5.
- **Play With Clay** - an interactive drop-in pottery studio for guests to paint and wheel throw their own works of art. Open: Sunday and Monday 9:30-6, Tuesday to Saturday 9:30-9.
- **Pure Home Couture** - a small French-inspired apothecary and gift store brimming with beautifully scented candles. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 12-5. Monday CLOSED.



COMPLIMENTS OF THE MINK GROUP

FREE SOUP

AT THE BURNT TONGUE

PRESENT COUPON OR SHOW FROM YOUR PHONE TO A STAFF MEMBER. LIMIT OF 1 SOUP PER PERSON AND MAX OF 2 SOUPS PER GROUP. VALID FEB 15, 2022 UNTIL MARCH 20, 2022.



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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