

# Welcome to Niagara Falls



Niagara Falls is the collective name for three waterfalls that straddle the international border between Canada and the United States.

The Niagara is a fairly young river, only 12,000 years old, just like a microsecond in geological time. It's not the height that makes Niagara Falls wonderful, but the great quantity of water.



Moreover, Niagara Falls is the second largest falls on the globe next to Victoria Falls in southern Africa



From largest to smallest, the three waterfalls are:

- the Horseshoe Falls
- the American Falls and
- the Bridal Veil Falls



Located on the Niagara River, the combined falls form the highest flow rate in the world that has a vertical drop of more than 50 meters.

The Niagara Falls are famed both for their beauty and as a valuable source of hydroelectric power.



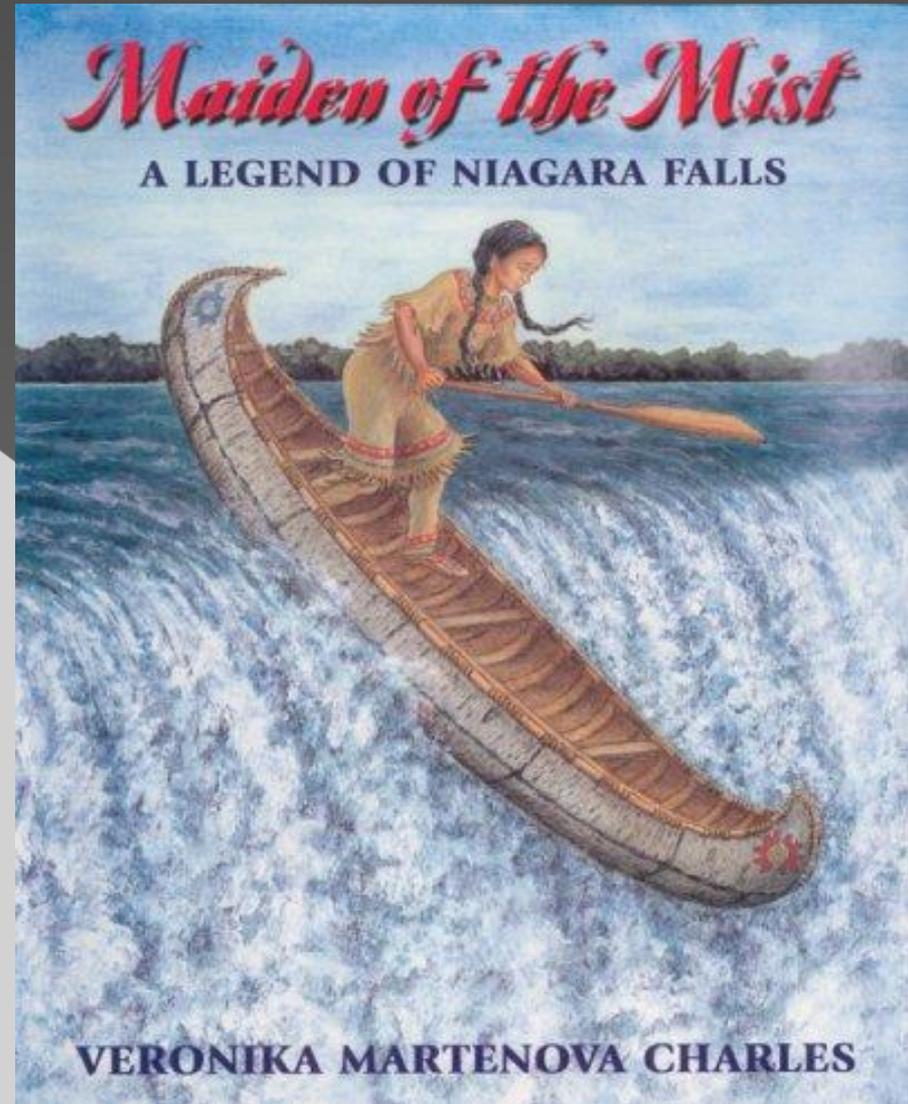
The Horseshoe Falls drop about 57, while the height of the American Falls varies between 21 and 30 m. The larger Horseshoe Falls are about 790 m wide while the American Falls are 320 m wide.



The thunder of the waterfall can be heard at a distance of many miles, especially at night, so a person standing beside the Niagara, hears nothing (hence the name, because in Indian *Niagara* - "Great Thunderer of Waters")



One of the most commonly retold myths of Niagara Falls is the story of *Lelawala*. According to the legend, she was an American girl, who travelled by canoe over Niagara Falls because of the death of her husband. But she was challenged and saved by the thunder god. Since that time she lives behind the Falls with the god and his family to this day.



During the 19<sup>th</sup> century tourism became popular. Tourists from all over the world enjoy the most exiting entertainment: boat trips to the Waterfalls. No doubt, it's the great attraction for honeymoon visitors of all ages.



Niagara is glorified in the whole world, every year it is visited by 16 million tourists. Hotels, motels, observation towers, cableway are built around the Falls, even two cities have been grown with the same name - Niagara Falls, but only one of them is in Canada, with 100 thousand inhabitants, and the other - in America, with 50 thousands ones.



Every evening beginning at dusk, Niagara Falls is transformed into an incredible, multi-coloured water and light masterpiece. It is indeed a great sight that can never be seen anywhere in the world.



On a bright sunny day, you are guaranteed a rainbow when you visit Niagara Falls, if you stand in the right place.



The sun shines through the water droplets, reflecting light into the colors of spectrum.

The fantastic view of the rainbow is reflected in the name of the bridge over the Niagara – the Rainbow Bridge, which is often called the Gateway between the cities of Niagara Falls. You can cross the bridge by auto, on foot or bicycle. It's also a great location for viewing the Falls and Friday night fireworks.

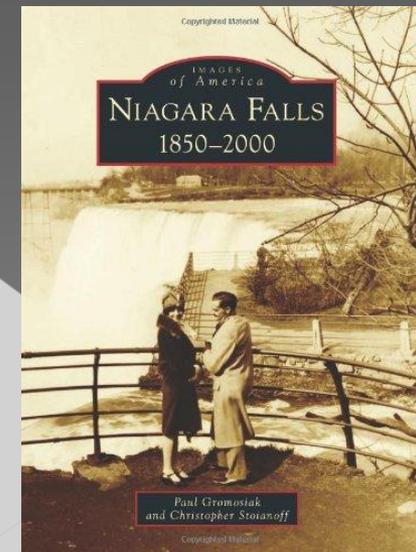


Niagara, like any other waterfall, looks different, depending not only on time of a day, but also on the season. In spring and summer boiling white curtains are set off by greenery, autumn - crimson colors. In winter only the edges of the river freeze. Giant icicles, sparkling diamonds against the backdrop of raging water – all that is Niagara Falls in winter.





Niagara Falls as a wonder of the world is represented in all spheres of art and mass media. Artists, writers, poets, composers, movie and television workers devote their works to the greater glory of the Falls.





Thank you for your attention!