

Additional information on local sites around Burlington worth visiting

1) While principally a suburban city, Burlington (population ~165000) does have interesting Lake Ontario waterfront parks and walkways adjacent to the hotel, plus some other attractions and shopping. Have a look at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington,_Ontario and <http://www.tourismburlington.com/> for information. Information on public transit in Burlington is available at <http://cms.burlington.ca/Page146.aspx>.

2) The nearby, larger City of Hamilton (population ~600000, see <http://www.tourismhamilton.com/index.cfm>) is an industrial city that has a first rate theatre (<http://www.hecfi.on.ca/hamiltonplace/>), art gallery (<http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.on.ca/>) and university (<http://www.mcmaster.ca/>). Placed on the boundary between Hamilton and Burlington is the world famous Royal Botanical Gardens (<http://www.rbg.ca/>).

3) The large City of Toronto (population ~2500000) is about one hour east of Burlington and can be accessed by public transit (<http://www.go transit.com/publicroot/en/Default.aspx>), or of course, by driving the ever busy highways. Toronto has many world class tourist attractions, theatres, museums, art galleries, shopping, etc., etc. (see <http://www.toronto.ca/>, <http://www.torontoplace.com/> and http://www.where.ca/Toronto/category_guide.cfm?category_id=14).

4) The strip of land between Lakes Erie and Ontario is called the Niagara Peninsula. It is at the same latitude as northern California and south of Marseille and Firenze.... yes, all of you will be travelling **south** to meet in Burlington! Niagara is one of Canada's two premier fruit growing and wine-making districts (the other is in the Okanogan valley of central British Columbia). Our excursion on October 20 will cover some of the sights and wines of Niagara, but beforehand, you might look at <http://www.escarpment.org/home/index.php> or <http://winesofontario.org/>.