Canadian Staycation: Must-See Stops in Ontario's Niagara-on-the-Lake, Plus a Recipe to Try at Home

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Horse-drawn carriages are just part of the charm of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Photo: ExpertGuru Images

By all accounts one of Canada's prettiest towns, with firm roots that date back to the 1800s, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, is a charming village just outside the town of Niagara Falls, where the Niagara River meets Lake Ontario. Its charming mix of restored heritage buildings, ice cream parlors, manicured parks and quaint inns draws an international crowd. Visitors wander about the flower-lined streets, giddy up the horse-drawn carriages, taste their way through the region's wineries and take in a play at a world-renowned theatre.

Poke About the Apothecaries

Ontario's very first pharmacy is still around — but just as a museum nowadays. Its operation from 1820 to 1964, the Georgian-style, Confederation era Niagara Apothecary looks like it did in the late 1800s — restored walnut cabinetry and glass vials, wood carvings and ornate plasterwork.

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Back in the town, Maison Aprothecaire takes its potions and lotions seriously, selling luxurious, locally made products, including essential oils and creams, serums and masks, perfumes and more.