

Hi...you asked for feed-back on the Niagara Falls trip, so I thought I'd comply!

I took this trip with my 88-yr old mother and my grown daughters, and we had a wonderful time! We were impressed with the continental breakfast you had waiting for us at the Rockford airport, and you certainly went the extra mile with the mock-up of the falls! That was so sweet. And the airport personnel were very nice and helpful. Such a beautiful facility, too.

The plane trip was just great; short and sweet and pretty comfortable. The crew was friendly but our concern was that we didn't know what they were saying on the intercom because of their slight accents but mostly because the volume was so low. Every time there was an announcement, people would say "Did you get any of that?" and everyone would just shrug and say "Nope, not a word!" But as I say, they were SO nice; not stuck-up like a lot of air staff are, sorry, but it's true! So this was nice.

The only other thing about the flight was that it would have been nice to be able to buy a soda or cup of coffee, or on the return flight, maybe a glass of wine. My mom was dying for a cup of coffee and we'd have loved a cold drink.

Niagara Falls was great. We took the Canada-side tour and it was very good. Only \$52 and we were "taken care of"...had the nice bus to drive us around and the tour guide was so nice. The Canadian side has a lot to do and is very beautiful. Now that I've been to the Falls, I would like to go back and do some things that a one-day trip did not allow for. But that's ok, maybe you'll do it again and I'll go back and see the stuff we didn't have time for.

The Maid of the Mist boat ride was, of course, a highlight. Very high...thrilling in fact! What an experience to "sit" in the curve of the Horseshoe Falls. Wow.

It would have been good if we all had some kind of name tags or stickers to wear so we could identify our group. And our tour guide should have had some kind of flag or something to wave around when needed as we were walking down the street. Part of our group got held back by a red light and then were searching for the rest of us for a minute. Also a hand-out of some kind with maybe emergency numbers that we could call if we had any problems would have been great. Like if someone could call the bus driver or whoever and say "I need 5 more minutes, there's a lot of traffic on the bridge coming back into the USA", you know? And you know what I would have loved?

To see a simple map, and this could be part of the handout, showing the route our plane took to get to NY. I would still love to know what exactly we flew over! Just for interest's sake.

Just a funny note: When we got off the bus at the N. Falls airport to come home and we walked into the terminal, a couple staff people greeted us and asked if we were the Rockford group. We said yes, and they asked if we had a good time. We said it was wonderful and they asked in a 'I-know-you-did' manner if we had gone to the casino. We said no, we have casinos at home. He said "Really...." then asked if we ate at the Hard Rock Cafe and we said no, we have those too pretty close, they're all over. He seemed surprised...we think that they all thought that being from the Midwest we didn't have much here and would be so thrilled to have some Big-City things to see and do! We were laughing about it, it was pretty funny!!! Hicks? Not us!

Future trips? Well I'd go back to the Falls to do those things we didn't get around to, that would be great. I think you probably could have offered another Niagara trip for the next one, I'll bet it would have sold out just as fast; it's such a wonderful destination.

Maybe a golf outing sometime? Not my thing, but lots of people golf...Myrtle Beach? Is there anything to do there besides the beach? I really don't know, just thinking here...um Washington D.C.? Oh wait! The Stratford Shakespeare festival in Stratford, Ontario! I'd go to that in a New York minute, and so would my husband (he'd been to N. Falls before) and so would probably our whole theater group. We are two of the founders of Artists' Ensemble Theater and I would imagine a LOT of us would go to that.

So put us on your mailing list, if you have one, and let us know what's upcoming. The few things I mentioned that I wish we had were minor; the trip was terrific and we'd love to travel with you again.

Thanks much....

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