

SPRING 2024

# 150,000 MEMBERS AND GROWING



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to culinary delights,  
CAA Member Nicole  
unveils the wonders  
of Croatia.

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From roadside rescues  
to priceless moments:  
share & win with  
CAA Niagara

### 150,000 MEMBERS

Celebrate with us!  
Be on the lookout for  
milestone festivities  
near you!



# Milestone Moments

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

**Michael Goodale**  
Chair



I am excited to announce that CAA Niagara has reached a monumental milestone by welcoming over 150,000 Members into our ever-growing family.

At the heart of this success is the unwavering support of our Members. Each of the individuals who have chosen CAA Niagara as their trusted partner has played a crucial role in making this achievement possible.

Being a part of CAA Niagara means embracing a community dedicated to safety, reliability, and unparalleled service. Your continued trust and support fuel our commitment to excellence.

Whether it's dependable roadside assistance, comprehensive insurance services, exclusive Member benefits, travel planning or the seamless convenience of Journeys by CAA Niagara and Niagara Airbus, we've got you covered. Add valuable driver education and training with the AAPEX Driving Academy to the mix, and you have an array of services dedicated to ensuring that every journey you take is a safe and enjoyable one.

We look forward to many more milestones together as we continue to serve you with the utmost dedication and care.



**Peter Van Hezewyk**  
President and CEO



We are proud to share this momentous success with you, our Members. Your continued CAA Niagara membership goes beyond providing the reliable services you know and love, it plays a pivotal role in supporting initiatives that have a lasting impact on our community at large.

Operating under not-for-profit status, CAA Niagara has a vision of making a difference for everyone in Niagara every single day. Together, we help to uplift neighbours in their time of need and advocate for progress on vital issues such as road safety, new vehicle technologies, environmental concerns, mobility, and consumer rights.

So, as a Member you're not merely part of a club; you are an integral contributor to a community-driven force for positive change.

Thank you for your continued trust and for being a part of this incredible journey.



# CAA Niagara

IS NOW OVER 150,000 DEVOTED MEMBERS STRONG!

## Share for a Chance To Win!

We believe that the best stories come from our Members, and we want to hear **YOUR unforgettable moments with CAA Niagara!** Whether it's a heartwarming roadside assistance experience, an exciting travel adventure, or a memorable event, we want to celebrate the moments that have made your **CAA Niagara membership special.**

Send in your memorable moments with CAA Niagara to [magazine@caaniagara.ca](mailto:magazine@caaniagara.ca), or post on social and tag **CAANiagara** with the hashtag **#150CAAMOMENTS**, for a chance to win a

### CAA Membership for life!\*

Keep an eye on CAA Niagara's website and social media channels for announcements about special celebration events happening at a branch near you this Spring.



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Sign up for our eNewsletter at [caaniagara.ca/enews](https://caaniagara.ca/enews).



\* Contest concludes on **April 30, 2024**, with the grand prize being a **CAA Basic Membership for life**. Draw will be on **May 1, 2024**. Winner will be contacted by email and/or phone. The awarded membership is exclusive to the winner and is non-transferable. For existing members, the lifetime benefits would commence from their renewal date. One entry per person. No purchase necessary.

Additionally, winners have the option to upgrade their membership level by covering any cost difference from Basic to their preferred tier.



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# JOURNEYS

BY CAA NIAGARA

Journeys by CAA Niagara is an exclusive offering that goes beyond traditional travel services by designing memorable experiences that blend



**Adventure, Sports, Family, Culture and Relaxation.**



Whether it's exploring breathtaking landscapes, immersing oneself in local traditions, or enjoying curated leisure activities, Journeys by CAA Niagara provides an unparalleled travel experience. With a commitment to quality, safety, and personalized service, this program opens the door to a world of discovery, fostering a sense of community among Members who share a passion for exploration and new horizons.

"At Journeys by CAA Niagara, we believe in more than just travel; we offer an experience where you 'travel with someone you trust.'"

Trust your adventures to us, and let our commitment to your safety and enjoyment redefine your travel experience."



Lois | Group Tour Manager

48 years with CAA Niagara







# JOURNEYS

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## Upcoming Tours

### ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL TOUR

August 10 to August 18, 2024

Tuxedo Classic



Experience all the must-see sights in the Canadian Rockies on this epic journey, one of the best train trips in the world! A trip that blends breathtaking adventure with plenty of time to relax and take in the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy GoldLeaf Service in a luxury domed railcar. Travel on the Icefields Parkway, one of the most scenic drives in the world!

### CRUISE THROUGH THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS WITH CAA NIAGARA AND NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

March 24 to April 6, 2025

Relaxation



Hop from one exotic island to the next and capture the true spirit and soul of Hawaii. Spend five nights in Honolulu, exploring much of what the island of Oahu has to offer. Enjoy seven nights onboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Pride of America. Visit the exciting ports of Hilo and Kona on the big island of Hawaii, and spend overnights onboard the ship in both Maui and Kauai. Take a helicopter ride over an active volcano, relax on the beautiful beaches, or hike up a waterfall – spend time in paradise!

March 24 - 5 nights in Honolulu

March 29 - 7 nights on the cruise

Norwegian Cruise Line's Pride of America.

### RHINE RIVER CRUISE WITH LAKE COMO

May 22, 2025

Relaxation



Embark on a holiday in Italy's haven for the rich and famous, know for its beauty, Lake Como. Then continue onto Basel, Switzerland to board the AmaSerena and cross into France's Alsace region in enchanting Strasbourg. Next is Germany, to discover not only the grand city of Cologne but the charming villages like the winemaking hamlet of Rudesheim, and the hilltop town of Heidelberg.



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## A Whirlwind of Culinary Delights and Timeless Adventures

Nestled along the sparkling Adriatic Sea, Croatia's allure is undeniable. Brimming with culture, history and natural beauty, it's a place that captured my heart many years ago and still enchants me at every twist and turn. Here I'll share some of my favourite spots, revealing hidden treasures and timeless wonders that, in my opinion, make this Mediterranean gem a must-visit destination.

First let me share the scoop on Dubrovnik, a place that's special to me in Croatia. It's a perfect blend of modern vibes within ancient walls, delicious authentic cuisine, and a lively music scene that truly reflects Croatia's essence.

Capture an unforgettable photo moment at the Pile Gate, once a significant defensive structure and now the starting point of a fantastic Dubrovnik city tour along its medieval walls!

You absolutely can't miss Buza bar. Picture sipping a drink on a cliff, overlooking the Adriatic Sea. And for an adventurous twist, consider kayaking to Lokrum Island. Trust me; it's a Croatian experience worth having.

When it comes to food, Zinfandel Restaurant in Split, is a local gem. With a menu focused on locally sourced ingredients, they are known for providing a modern twist on much-loved Dalmatian classics.

Zadar is quite a vibe with its sea organ. Picture waves creating this beautiful melody on 35 organ pipes along the seafront promenade. It's like Mother Nature decided to give us a concert.





And finally, Korcula – a hidden paradise! It's got this mix of history and a touch of Italian charm. And trust me, the local wines, cozy taverns, Michelin-star restaurants, and enchanting sounds of violins and mandolins will transport you to another world.

Speaking of wine, my favourite Croatian wine is a dry white wine called Pošip. It is indigenous to the Dalmatian region of Croatia and is a crisp wine that pairs perfectly with Mediterranean cuisine, seafood and shellfish, especially oysters. If you are interested in trying Pošip or any other Croatian wines, checkout Croatia Unpacked. They import the largest number of Croatian wines in Ontario.

I can't envision discussing Croatia without an ode to truffles! With almost 20 years obsession as my guiding inspiration, these fungi evolved into a profound passion. This path unfolded through truffle hunting, immersive cooking lessons, and a tapestry of culinary experiences over the years— all punctuated by the intoxicating aroma and flavor of truffles.

I really hope these insights get you excited about exploring Croatia – the landscapes, the rich history – it's all waiting to spark your sense of adventure and treat your taste buds.



Written by

**Nicole** | CAA member

## 11-day Member Appreciation Croatia Coast & Venetian Cruise



Sail with Holland America Line from Athens, Greece, visiting Dubrovnik, Hvar, Zadar, Venice, Olympia and many other ports.

**Group departure:  
September 26, 2024.**

### **Piraeus (Athens), Greece**

Contemplate the magnitude of all that culture and ancient tourist attractions while marveling at the sun setting into the Aegean or rising over the Acropolis.

### **Trieste (Venice), Italy**

This port offers many choices in shore excursions. Visit the city of Trieste, or the canal city of Venice, or travel to Slovenia's Lake Bled and to Ljubljana -- the capital of Slovenia.

### **Zadar, Croatia**

Seaside views, delicious Croatian-Mediterranean cuisine and wines and the warm welcome when you arrive in this history-steeped Croatian town.

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Christina | Niagara Airbus

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A CAA NIAGARA COMPANY

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"Join us at AAPEX Driving Academy, where we pave the way to a safer and more confident driving experience. Your journey to excellence starts here."



Christine | AAPEX Driving Academy

For seniors looking to refresh their driving skills, our Senior Refresher Package is the perfect solution, and CAA Niagara Members can now enjoy an exclusive \$30 discount on this program.

Additionally, those enrolling in their **Driver Education Program** can get an exclusive **\$15 off**.

All graduates from **AAPEX Driving Academy's Driver Education Program** will receive a complimentary

**1 Year CAA Membership**





## Applications are open for CAA Niagara's 2024 Community Boost program.



**Deadline to apply:  
April 1, 2024**

Are you a local non-profit or charitable organization dedicated to making a positive impact in the Niagara community?

We are thrilled to announce applications are currently open for our Community Boost program, an initiative aimed at supporting and uplifting the incredible work of non-profits in our region.

Each year, two Niagara-based charities are selected to receive **CAA Niagara's Community Boost funding**.

In addition to a \$10,000 financial contribution, the charities receive promotional assistance, volunteerism, decals on two new fleet vehicles, and other forms of support.

Head to [caaniagara.ca/communityboost](https://caaniagara.ca/communityboost) to find out more on the program or to submit your application.





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