



Acquaint yourself with a gentler time in St. Jacobs Country



St. Jacobs Country is truly one of Ontario's favourite destinations and a land of quiet contrasts. For all its modern appeal, St. Jacobs honours its rural roots and heritage. In today's fast-paced world, you'd be forgiven if you thought such a place no longer existed. Here you may chance upon a horse & buggy sharing the road with more expected modes of transportation, or spot signs for the sale of farm fresh eggs and flowers at country laneways ... but never on Sunday. That's because the Old Order Mennonites who still farm the land much as their ancestors did, observe Sunday as a day of rest. You can learn about their Christian faith, history, and modest lifestyle by viewing a short video, and touring multi-media exhibits at the Mennonite Story Visitor Center in the village of St. Jacobs.

At the other end of the spectrum are the unique and trendy fashion and decor stores, and contemporary artist studios, for which the village has also become known. Find hand-blown glass, hand-crafted corn brooms, pottery, garden decor, handmade quilts, "must-have" shoes, clothing; toys

and books too. For a diversion from shopping, explore The Mill exhibits including a model railway panorama of St. Jacobs circa 1941, Quilt Gallery, Maple Syrup Museum, and the Home Hardware Story where artefacts and displays describe bygone days in this, their home town.

A visit to the village would not be complete without a stop at the candy store, or Village Bakery for "dutch apple" pie, breads and muffins. Savour an entire meal in early - Ontario setting at the Stone Crock Restaurant. In fair weather, sip a glass of wine and repast at Benjamin's patio. Village shops, restaurants & exhibits are open every day, welcoming visitors from around the corner and around the world!

Nearby in St. Jacobs Market District, shop for top brand name clothing, shoes and housewares at St. Jacobs Outlets, open every day. The parking is free, and from this spot, you can walk to Market Road Antiques, furniture stores, and the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse theatre. The hub of the Market District is the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market & Flea Market, operating every THURSDAY & SATURDAY all year, plus Tuesdays in summer months. No wonder this is one of Canada's top markets! Over 600 vendors indoors and out feature a dizzying array of local produce and food stuffs, crafts and housewares, and ready-to-eat treats galore! Kids can even say hello to friendly farm animals, and the whole family can take a horse-drawn trolley tour to a nearby Old Order farm. If scenic excursions suit your style, you can also ride the Waterloo Central Railway,

which runs through rural countryside between Waterloo - St. Jacobs on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday during summer months.

One of the best ways to experience St. Jacobs is to stay more than a day. Best Western St. Jacobs Country Inn, Benjamin's Restaurant & Inn in St. Jacobs, and Destination Inn (in nearby Waterloo) each offer a variety of great packages, from theatre, shopping, and dining to family adventure. Start your journey by visiting www.stjacobs.com where you can enter a getaway contest, find package information, and theatre showtimes, see itinerary ideas and details. Or call 1-800-265-3353 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

St. Jacobs Sparkles, November 2010
Watch for more details about this 4-day kickoff to the holiday season.



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