Come wander.  2-NIGHT, 3-DAY COUPLE'S ROAD TRIP FOR
MAXIMUM FALL COLOURS  3 Days   Total Distance: 156 km  Day One  Distance: 1 km  The peak of Sir Sam's will launch you
into this fall road trip beginning with Haliburton Highlands.
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START DAY ONE
foliage than at the top of a mountain? We start our itinerary here to give you a sneak peak of the amazing sights you can expect on this journey.  What to do here  • Take a chairlift to the top of the ski hill and
see the beauty of autumn from a bird's eye view over Eagle Lake.  Relax on the on-site patio (open weekends from noon to 5 p.m.) to savour more than just the colours.  Plan your visit to fall over Thanksgiving weekend and take part in the ski hill's Fall Festival.  About the area  Eagle Lake
From Toronto: 266km • 2 hr 52 min From Ottawa: 298km • 3 hr 30 min  With a rich history in the Haliburton Highlands area, Sir Sam's Ski/Ride is every adventure's dream in both the summer and winter. This picturesque ski hill overlooking Eagle Lake is perfect for mountain biking for every skill-level, with a walk-on, walk-off covered lift perfect for beginners. You can ride, run, or hike over 100 acres of ancient Canadian Shielf and hardwood forest.
Time Spent Here: Plan for an afternoon at Sir Sam's, between three and four hours.  0.5 KM • 1 MIN  C  End Your Day: Sir Sam's Inn &
Practically right next door to the ski hill is <u>Sir Sam's</u> Inn & Spa, the perfect place to snuggle in for the night without giving up stellar autumn views of Eagle Lake.  What to do here
<ul> <li>Take advantage of the water circuit to relax and connect while maintaining your view of the lake.</li> <li>Sir Sam's spa's "Unconditional Love" hand treatment will awaken your heart chakra and invigorate your emotional side.</li> <li>End your spa visit in the on-site sauna for two.</li> <li>Romance and good food awaits at Twin Fires Restaurant, a cozy spot with romantic ambiance.</li> <li>Take a tip in the swimming pool or Eagle Lake. You can also borrow a kayak or canoe to glide through this beautiful body of water.</li> </ul>
Time Spent Here: You can enjoy the property and facilities here at your leisure before settling in to your room for a romantic evening for two.  END OF DAY ONE
Day Two  Distance: 65 km  Today you will tour Haliburton Highlands via its winding, tree-crowded roads,
where the blazing forests will accompany you on every mile.
Start Here: Sir Sam's Inn & Spa  Waken refreshed from the crisp, autumn air, and ready to see more of the beauty of Ontario in fall.
ready to see more of the beauty of Ontario in fall.  What to do here  • Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at Twin Fires
Restaurant while overlooking Eagle Lake.  • Plan ahead for one more tour of the water circuit before heading out on the road.  17KM • 18 MINS
Next Stop: Haliburton  Head south for a 20-minute drive to the charming village of Haliburton. Here, art is the focus, and romance is literally in the air.
• A must-visit is the Haliburton Forest Canopy  Tour, which runs until mid-October. This tour will take you deep into the fall foliage for a new perspective on the season.  Polinspired by art set amid the artistic.
<ul> <li>Be inspired by art set amid the artistic splendour of a forest in fall at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.</li> <li>Indulge your creative side as a couple with a three-hour glassblowing workshop with Yours Outdoors or search for mushrooms on their Introduction to Foraging for Wild</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Mushrooms course.</li> <li>Take the Sip, Swill and Savour Brewery Tour to tickle your taste buds with some warm flavours.</li> <li>Trek hand-in-hand to the phenomenal lookout opportunity at Skyline Park,</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>overlooking the colourful treetops in Haliburton.</li> <li>Pick up a lunch from Hook, Line &amp; Sinker Fish Fry or Poquito Loco for an al fresco picnic at the lookout.</li> <li>Take in a round of golf at Haliburton Highlands Golf Club or Pinestone Resort</li> </ul>
Golf Club.  About the area  Haliburton
Haliburton Highlands  ☐ From Toronto: 215km • 2 hr 55 min From Ottawa: 285km • 3 hr 15 min  ☐ In addition to its' stunning scenery, Haliburton is home to a thriving arts community. With plenty of galleries dotting
the countryside, a must-visit is the renowned  Haliburton Sculpture Forest, a unique outdoor collection of sculptures by Canadian and international artists.
Time Spent Here: Plan to spend at least half a day in Haliburton proper, roughly three to four hours.  36KM • 30 MINS
Next Stop: Harcourt  Hwy 118 takes you close to the southern point of Algonquin Park along winding, tree-lined roads that are simply breathtaking when the fall colours are at their peak. Relax and savour each moment of the
drive; remember half the journey is the getting there.  What to do here
<ul> <li>Disconnect and discover the many layers of connection with waterfalls at Gaia's Den:         Spirit of the Waterfalls, a 74-acre property with three private waterfalls.     </li> <li>Have a romantic water adventure with Deep Roots Adventure by booking one of their pre-booked experiences like the popular High Falls Paddle, Explore &amp; Dine.</li> <li>See the forest from the back of a horse with a guided equine trail ride by South Algonquin Trails.</li> </ul> About the area
Haliburton Highlands  From Toronto: 250km • 3 hr From Ottawa: 255km • 3 hr 10 min  Time Spent Here: Depending on whether or not you
book one of the experiences in the Harcourt area, you could take the whole day to experience this phenomenal region.
I2KM • 11 MIN  C  End Your Day: Footprints  Resort  The southern tip of Algenquip Park is the stupping
The southern tip of Algonquin Park is the stunning setting for this private, adults only boutique resort. Tucked amongst vast forests on a private lake, this will feel like a tiny oasis of peace in a busy world and perfect for reconnecting. Book a room or cabin and let your carries wash away while you drink in the fall scenery.
<ul> <li>• Swim, paddle or float (rentals available onsite) in the private lake bordered by the blazing forests of autumn.</li> <li>• Lounge with a cocktail on the private beach side by side with your loved one.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Either make the short drive back to Harcourt to pick up dinner from <u>South Algonquin</u> <u>Diner</u> or pick something up along the way from Haliburton or Harcourt.     </li> <li>Roast marshmallows in front of the bonfire before or after soaking in the on-site hot tub.</li> </ul>
Time Spent Here: Arrive early enough in the evening that you can relax and unwind. Please note that you will need to bring edibles or dinner with you.  END OF DAY TWO
Day Three  Distance: 90 km  This is a day to savour the relaxation and beauty of fall in Hastings County.
Start Here: Footprints Resort  Waken refreshed from your night's sleep in this quiet paradise, then set off for the next leg (and final day) of your adventure. First stop, Bancroft!
20KM • 20 MINS   Next Ston: Rancroft
Pay close attention to the scenery as you head north-east from the resort – you will be driving along the southern shore of South Baptiste Lake and the views will be phenomenal. If you didn't make something to eat at the resort, you'll be ready to fuel up for the day ahead and there is an awesome spot to break your fast en route.  What to do here
<ul> <li>If you waited for breakfast, the local favourite,</li> <li><u>Café B.C.</u> is the place to go for an amazing breakfast. You can't go wrong with their eggs benedict.</li> <li>Learn more about the heritage of the area at the <u>Bancroft North Hastings Heritage</u></li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Museum.</li> <li>Play a quick nine at Bancroft Ridge Golf Club.</li> <li>For more fall colours make the short hike to the lookout at Eagle's Nest Park right in Bancroft. The view from the platform is an amazing way to see the fall foliage from up high.</li> <li>Bancroft is known as the mineral capital of Canada and is a popular spot for rockhounding. Purchase a permit from Kauffeldt's General Store to dig in an open-pit quarry nearby.</li> <li>The Granite is a nice, romantic spot to stop for lunch or dinner.</li> </ul>
Bancroft Hastings County   ○ From Toronto: 245km • 2 hr 50 min From Ottawa: 220km • 2 hr 35 min  Bancroft, the Mineral Capital of Canada, is a rockhounders' dream. Must stop locations
for all rock-lovers includes the Bancroft  Mineral Museum and the Princess Sodalite  Mine. Or take a trip down The Miner's Loop  and walk in the shoes of miners long ago.  Time Spent Here: You'll want to plan for a half day in  Bancroft.
71KM · 50 MINS  / Next Stop: Madoc
The small town of Madoc is a straight shot from Bancroft down Hwy 62. Expect your views to be no less inspiring than they've been so far on this trip. This is your last stop!  What to do here
<ul> <li>Visit Kings Mill Cider to celebrate the fall harvest of apples that will be turned into delicious cider. Of course, you will want to sample some while you're there. We recommend their wood-fired pizza.</li> <li>The sight of a winery in fall is not something</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The sight of a winery in fall is not something you want to miss. Make a detour to Potter Settlement Winery to sample some of their award-winning wine.</li> <li>Wander at Kings Mill Conservation Area, a former grist mill and dam for more fall colours in a different setting.</li> <li>Have one of 7/62 Brewery's loaded charcuterie boards with a sampling of beer on their patio to take advantage of the warm weather.</li> <li>Grab an ice cream produced by nearby Kawartha Dairy (or a meal) from Madoc Dairy – Burnside's Casual Dining, a local favourite.</li> </ul>
About the area  Madoc Hastings County  From Toronto: 210km • 2 hr 30 min From Ottawa: 195km • 2 hr 20 min
A trip to Madoc isn't complete without a stop to the <a href="Hidden Goldmine Bakery">Hidden Goldmine Bakery</a> for a delicious cinnamon roll or butter tart. Get a flavour for Madoc's gold rush history at this