

2 NIGHTS, 3 DAYS IN MINDEN

3 Days

Day One

Slow and easy would best describe a Minden experience – so let your visit here reflect that promise. Keep your plans to a minimum to allow for the spontaneous. Settle in and wander.

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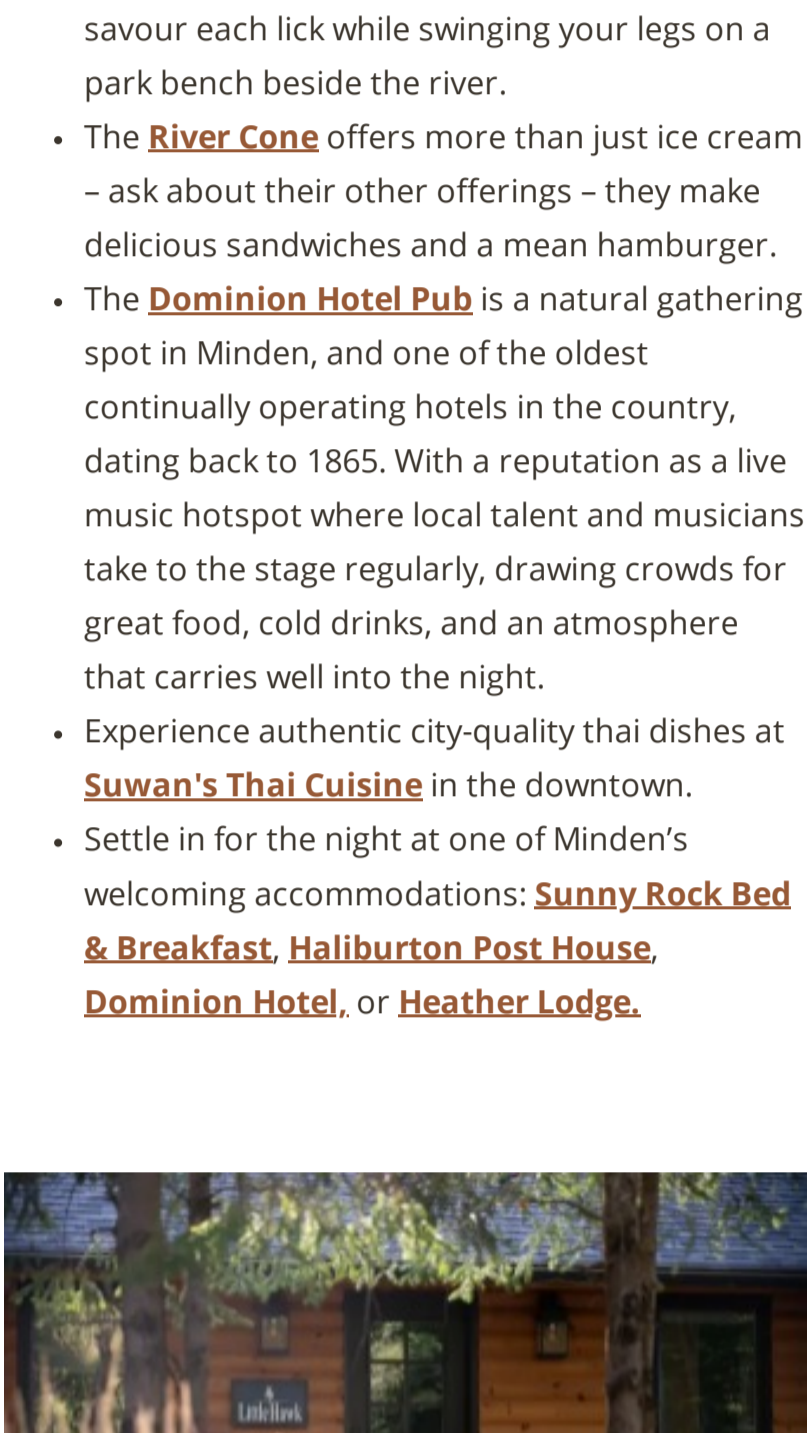


Morning

- Start your day with a quiet stroll along the [Minden Riverwalk](#), where the Gull River sets the pace. Follow the path from downtown toward Rotary Park, moving between shaded sections and open views of the water.
- Stop for a cup of coffee and a snack from [Up River Trading Co.](#) Browse their thoughtfully curated shop filled with clothing, gifts, and cottage-country essentials. It's the kind of place where you go in "just to look" and leave with something you didn't know you needed.

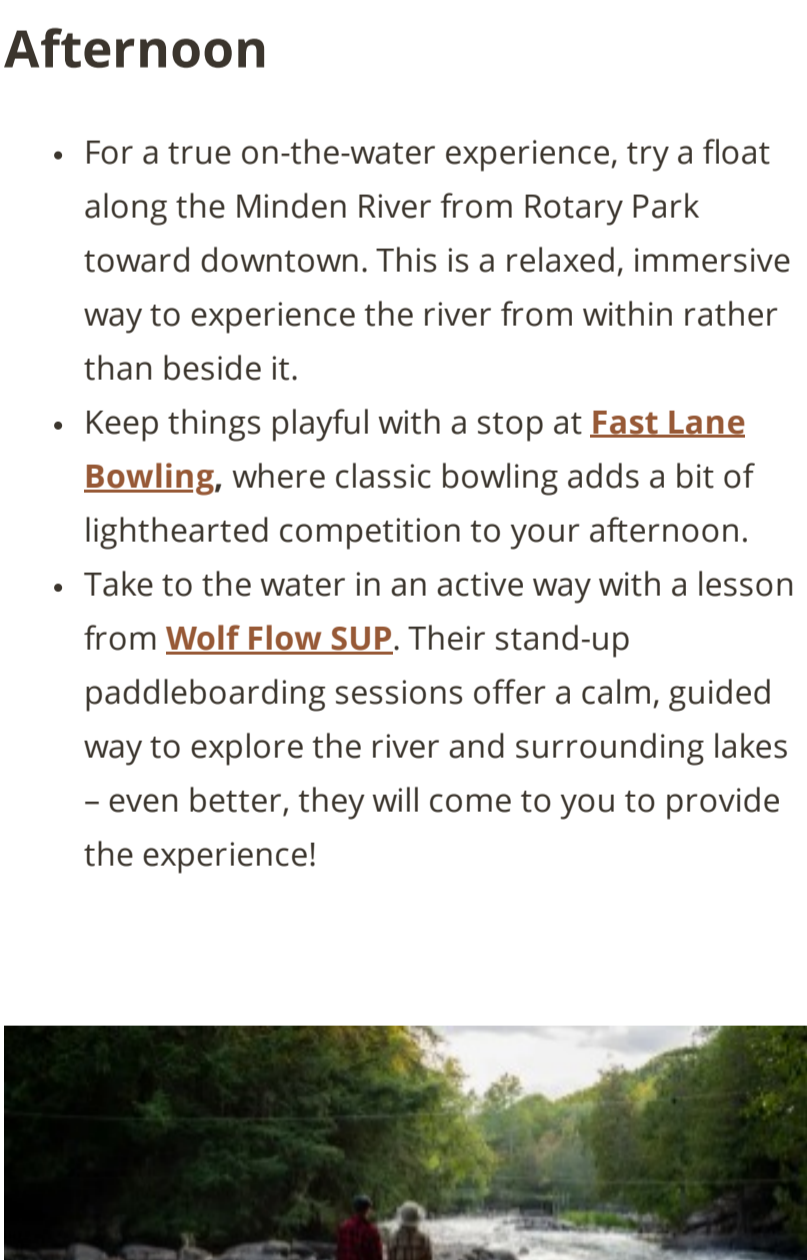
Afternoon

- Experience local art at the [Agnes Jamieson Gallery](#) – a high quality immersive experience that combines city-quality art with the small town vibe. Wander the gallery and learn more about local artists.
- Learn about the history of the region at the [Minden Hill Museum and Heritage village](#) at the cultural centre. This outdoor museum features historic buildings such as Bowron House, a log cabin from the 1860s with a working woodstove, and the Stanhope Schoolhouse from 1898.
- Stop for lunch and a flight of beer at [Boshkung Brewing Co.](#) – a small craft brewery doing beer right in the heart of Minden. Watch the river flow past from a spot on the patio.
- [Pepper Mill Steak House](#) is a go-to where delicious steaks, fresh seafood, and house-made pasta come together with attentive service. This is a solid choice when you want a satisfying, no-fuss meal.



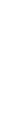
Evening

- The setting sun calls for an old fashioned ice cream cone from [The Minden River Cone](#) – savour each lick while swinging your legs on a park bench beside the river.
- The [River Cone](#) offers more than just ice cream – ask about their other offerings – they make delicious sandwiches and a mean hamburger.
- The [Dominion Hotel Pub](#) is a natural gathering spot in Minden, and one of the oldest continually operating hotels in the country, dating back to 1865. With a reputation as a live music hotspot where local talent and musicians take to the stage regularly, drawing crowds for great food, cold drinks, and an atmosphere that carries well into the night.
- Experience authentic city-quality thai dishes at [Suwan's Thai Cuisine](#) in the downtown.
- Settle in for the night at one of Minden's welcoming accommodations: [Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast](#), [Haliburton Post House](#), [Dominion Hotel](#), or [Heather Lodge](#).



Haliburton Post House, Minden

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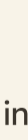


Day Two

Day two is about shifting deeper into cottage-country time. This is a chance to follow new trails, find viewpoints, and let the outdoors shape your experience.

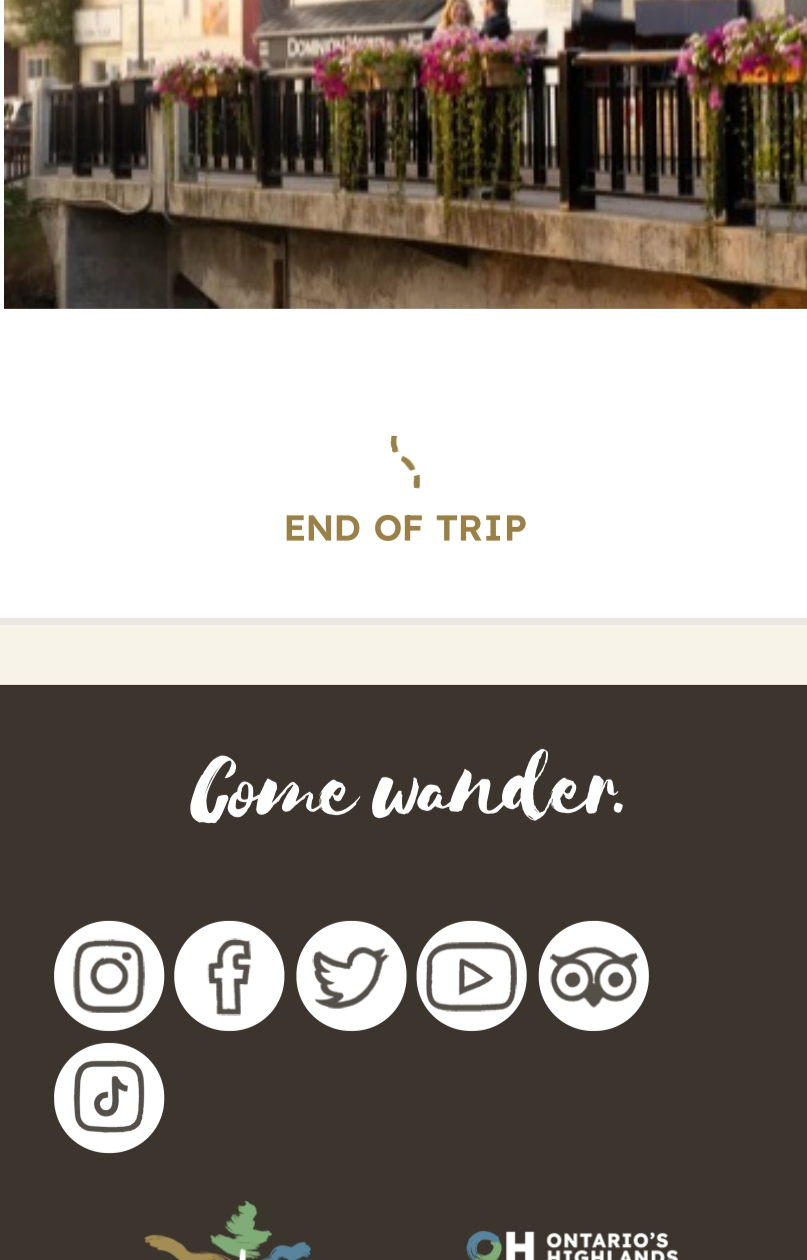
There's no rush here, just more ways to explore.

START OF DAY TWO



Morning

- Begin with a stop at [Ommmh Cafe](#), a café and boutique rolled into one. Grab a coffee, browse unique finds, and ease into the day at your own pace.
- Head to [Minden Wild Water Preserve](#), where the energy of the Gull River shifts dramatically. Here, you can watch kayakers navigate the rapids — a fascinating contrast to the calmer stretches you explored yesterday.
- Continue your riverside wandering along the [Minden Boardwalk](#) behind the [Minden Hills Cultural Centre](#). The boardwalk takes you through a grass marsh and eventually meets up with the Riverwalk and back to the downtown.
- Just a short drive from Minden is [Snowdon Park](#), a 450-acre forest and wetland preserve with easy, well-marked trails that wind through mixed woodland, marshes, and quiet lookout points.



Ommmmh Cafe, Minden

Afternoon

- For a true on-the-water experience, try a float along the Minden River from Rotary Park toward downtown. This is a relaxed, immersive way to experience the river from within rather than beside it.
- Keep things playful with a stop at [Fast Lane Bowling](#), where classic bowling adds a bit of lighthearted competition to your afternoon.
- Take to the water in an active way with a lesson from [Wolf Flow SUP](#). Their stand-up paddleboarding sessions offer a calm, guided way to explore the river and surrounding lakes – even better, they will come to you to provide the experience!



Minden Wild Water Preserve, Minden

Evening

- Dinner options in and around Minden offer plenty of variety. [Juna Restaurant](#) in nearby Haliburton offers a fresh take on Italian-inspired dishes, while a short drive to Carnarvon takes you to [Rhubarb Restaurant](#), known for its elevated, locally inspired menu.
- Before the light fades, make your way to [Panorama Park](#) for sunset. The lookout offers sweeping views over the town and surrounding landscape, and is the kind of moment that reminds you to pause and take it all in.
- Arrive back at your accommodation early enough to sit on a porch and drink in the nature sounds all around you – it's the best part of a small town, nature is still front and centre even when you are right in the heart of town.

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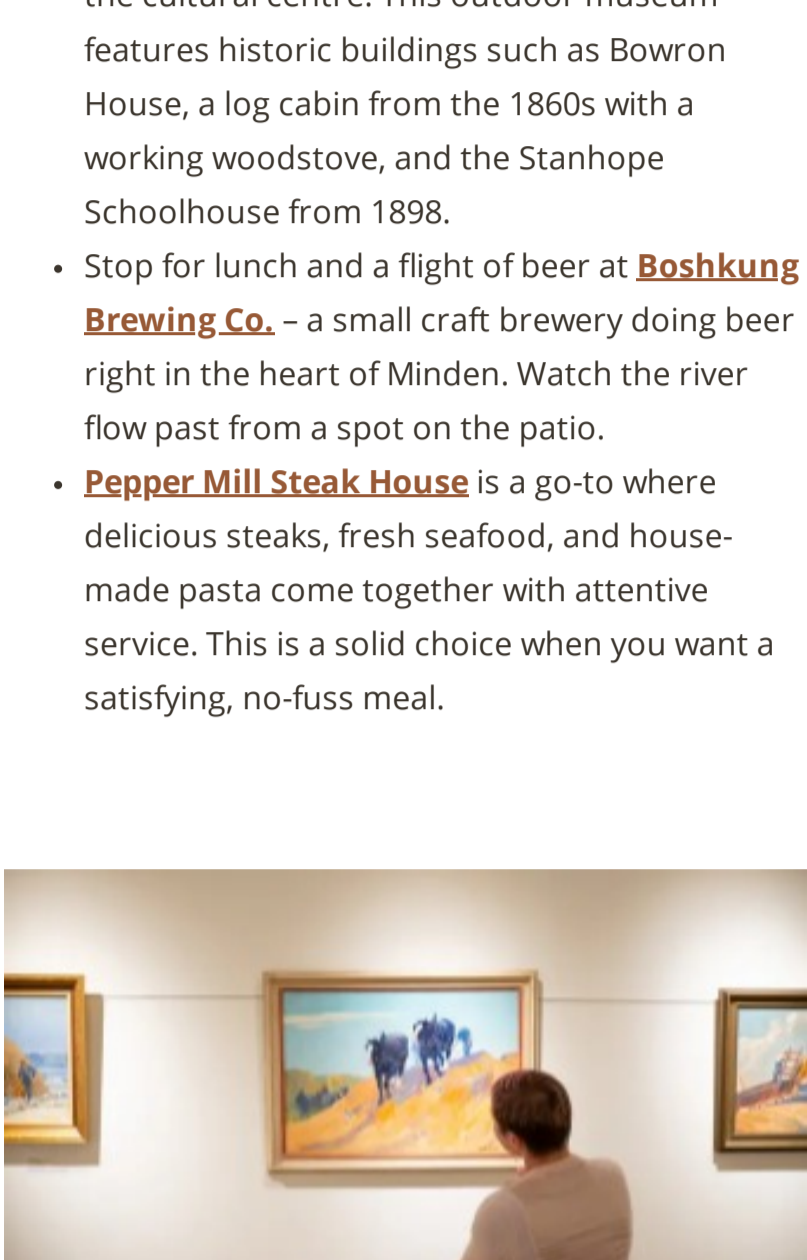
Day Three

By your final morning, Minden will feel easy, and familiar in a way that will make leaving just that little bit harder.

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Morning

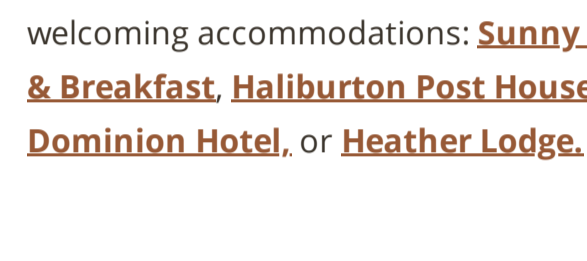
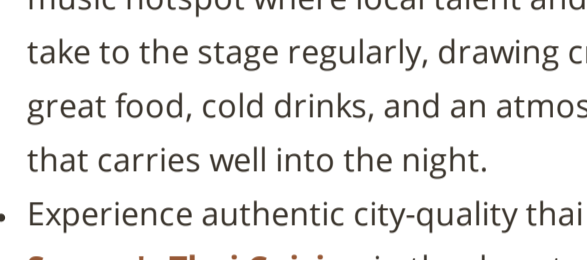
- Before you head out, make one last stop at [Up River Trading Co.](#) Pick up something small to take with you as a reminder of slow mornings, river views, and the kind of place that never asked you to rush.
- Drive away with the knowledge that Minden isn't just a stop on the way somewhere else, it's a destination, and somewhere you'll find your way back to.



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