

# WOODSTOCK:

## 8 WAYS TO TRAVEL LIKE A LOCAL

### GETTING TO KNOW THE...

local secrets when you travel is always the best part: the best spots to grab a beer, find a great deal or even just chill out. Well, keep this to yourself but we're going to tell you eight amazing ways to live like a local when you visit Woodstock. Read on for the insider scoop.

### Insider Scoop #1: Taste the local cheese

Of course in the heart of Canada's Dairy Capital, cheese is the name of the game and it wouldn't be a proper visit if you didn't sample some of the local flavour. If you're up for a country drive, Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese is the perfect spot. This artisan cheese plant specializes in Swiss-style cheeses using milk from the cheesemaker's family's dairy herd. Taste everything from firm farm house cheeses to beer and wine bathed ones. They're absolutely delicious.

For those looking to stay in the downtown, a visit to Dairy Capital Cheese Shoppe & Bakery is a great pick-me-up. With an artisan cheese counter featuring loads of local cheese makers and some other Ontario selections it's a great spot to pick up a brick of cheese. Additionally, it's a great lunch spot and a favourite amongst locals in the downtown core. Grab a sandwich, soup or salad and enjoy in this charming little shop.

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## Insider Scoop #2: Shop the Farms



**For a truly local taste, Woodstock has two...** wonderful farmers markets. Every Saturday year-round, The Woodstock Fairgrounds hosts over thirty vendors that sell a great variety of local produce, flowers, fresh baked goods, meat, artisan soaps and so much more. Enjoy the hustle and bustle as you grab fresh and local groceries. In the downtown core, the Woodstock BIA hosts a local food market every Thursday from the end of May through to October. For the best tomatoes you've ever tasted, delicious bread, heaps of garlic, herbs and so much more- something new is always in season and selling like hot cakes. Wander the market and enjoy local musicians as you while away the summer in Woodstock historic Museum Square.

## Insider Scoop #3: Pick Your Perk

**There are loads of ways to kickstart your day with caffeine in Woodstock!**

At Nerd Teas, blends are mixed in house for a truly unique selection of delicious flavours. Feel free to open and smell all the jars of teas to make sure you get the right flavour for you. May we recommend the Chunky Dark Chocolate featuring Habitual Chocolate?

Down the road, Habitual Chocolate creates bean to bar chocolate in house for to-die-for flavours. New to the menu? Out-of-this-world ice cream you HAVE to try. However, if it's that java kick you seek, enjoy a delicious coffee brewed with just a touch of chocolate in it.

Coffee-lovers flock to Beantown Coffee for their locally-roasted beans. Choose from a great selection of coffees done up in a variety of ways (standard latte, cappacinos, red eye, maple latte...you get the idea) and enjoy in house. Be sure to try Kintore Coffee (made in Oxford) or Early Bird (made right in Woodstock). It's absolutely delicious!

**WHETHER YOU LIKE CREATIVELY BLENDED TEAS OR DELICIOUS COFFEE, IT'S EASY TO FIND IT LOCALLY.**



## Insider Scoop #4: Have someone do the work for you!

If you love having fun and eating to your heart's content, a Tasty Road Trips Food Tour was made for you. Join tour guide Spicy Jan as she enchants you with local history, shopping and of course a variety of local flavours from the area. Feast on poutine, ice cream and so much more!





## Insider Scoop #5: Eat Like a Local

**A great meal is key to a great trip. We're positive you'll love our suggestions.**

Sushi Cove specializes in authentic Korean and Japanese dishes made in house and fresh. With absolutely delicious bursts of flavour and something even for picky eaters, this spot is a tastebud gold mine.

Over at SixThirtyNine, Chef Eric Boyar creates amazing dishes using the freshest local ingredients. Creating a menu that changes with the seasons, it not uncommon to see the kitchen staff out in the garden cutting fresh herbs for your dish. Grab a seat at the Chef's Table and watch the action as your meal comes together or park yourself outside on their uber-relaxing patio and take it all in as the food comes to life in your mouth.

Tandoori Knight is well known in the area for serving up mouthwatering and authentic Indian dishes. From spicy beef vindaloo to savoury butter chicken, it's sure to hit the spa. Feel realxed in their spa-like atmosphere and take your time as you experience what it means to eat here.

Finally, Charles Dickens Pub is the local go-to for pub food. Owned by British ex-pat Karen Culley, Charles Dickens serves up amazing British pub food using local ingredients. Known for their fish and chips, Charles Dickens is so much more than that! They have delicious burgers, out of this world mac n' cheese poppers, salads, wraps and so much more.

## Insider Scoop #6: Shop 'til you drop

**There are two must-stop shopping spots to go to when you visit Woodstock.**

For lovers of music, video games and entertainment in general, The Record Works is a candy shop. Wander aisles of CDs, DVDs, video games, consoles and one of the best vinyl collections in the area. Spend your time sifting through records both new and used and scoring a sweet deal to boot.

Experience true shopping bliss at Scotch and Lace. Fairly new on the scene, this boutique has made quite a name for themselves. With a pink door you can't miss, the insides are home to stunning artisan jewellery, dresses, wraps, sweaters and so much more. Find the perfect look you've been waiting for.



## Insider Scoop #7: Grab a Pint



**Grab a fresh pint of craft brew right off the tap at Oxford's first brewery, Upper Thames Brewing Company.**

You'll love the outdoorsy atmosphere of this brewery and the amazing events they have going on. Try their creative small-batch brews as well as their flagship Belgian Blonde, IPA and Brown Ale. Hungry? Get it served up with a local cheese charcuterie board or bring in your own food and enjoy!

## Insider Scoop #8: Take in Some Culture

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Across the road, The Woodstock Art Gallery hosts two floors of extensive exhibits featuring the works of local, national and international artists. Check out their workshops and exhibit changes to plan your visit!

