***Ottawa Hometown Travel (OHT) Itineraries***

***‘Featured’ and ‘Customized’ daily itineraries to enhance and guide your stay***

*‘We will make our hometown feel like your hometown when you come to Ottawa.’*

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***Vacation Travellers:*** On previous trips have you come home feeling that you did not discover the true nature of the place that you just spent a lot of money to see. Now you can use OHT Itineraries’ recommendations to find out where to have fun, eat well, beat the crowds, find adventure, and discover hidden locations that will guarantee that you will connect with Ottawa and its people.

***Business Travellers:*** On your last trip, you sat in your hotel room watching TV, wishing you had something else planned. Let us show you where to eat well, get exercise, have an excursion, read in a quiet public ‘oasis’, and blow off some steam before or after your conference or meeting.

***New Arrivals:*** If you have just moved here or immigrated here, you are aware that Ottawa is a great place, but you are not sure where to start your discovery of it. We can help you discover your next favourite family restaurant, snack location, ski trail, bike route, or picnic spot. Let us recommend day trips, family excursions, entertainment options or other activities that will get you settled in to living your life in this great town.

***Rediscovering Ottawa:*** You know that Ottawa has a lot to offer, but you have been busy, and now you feel that you have lost touch with what is new in town and with what makes Ottawa such a special place. We can get you reconnected to where to eat, hang out and/or see what is new in town.

**Check Out Ottawa Hometown Travel Itineraries!**

We will get you away from the crowds and going to the favourite spots that Ottawans enjoy on a regular basis. OHT Itineraries are delivered with the latest tips and techniques, and enough detailed information to help you move easily around between recommended spots. An itinerary is currently available for each customer type described above. Each itinerary includes recommended,

* Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner restaurants – two options are provided for each (typically based on price).
* Shop spot – a store that offers unique, quality, local merchandise.
* Snack spot – a local spot that will convince you that Ottawa is a world class snacking destination.
* Urban Oasis – a quiet, out of the way spot in the area to regroup, read a book, or just relax between activities.
* Excursion – skate, bike, hike, walk, ski, jog… Two options are provided. Each option includes tips on location, timing, rentals (as required), to make this easier to fit into your busy schedule.
* Entertainment options – Multiple options for clubs and pubs, sports events, theatre, music, etc., are provided based on dates and seasonality.

***Discount coupons*** are occasionally provided whenever these are made available by recommended vendors. Recommendations are not influenced by the availability of coupons. The recommendation always comes first.

**Featured (one day) itineraries** are pre-defined and available at a set price. There will always be one featured itinerary per customer type described above, but these are offered and available to everyone. They are renewed on a regular basis with new recommendations and the latest updates.

Cost $25. Coupons are also provided when available.

**Customized itineraries** are available for an additional charge. Each customized itinerary is designed to match location, cost, time and activity preferences. A questionnaire is provided to capture this information and guide the design of the itinerary. Multiple day visits and extended excursions can be planned with Customized Itineraries.

Cost $50 per day. Coupons are also provided when available.

**Hosted by Anthony Hadwen** – born and (mostly) raised in Ottawa – recently retired IT consultant and former IBM manager. I lived abroad as a kid, backpacked and hitchhiked in my teens, and most recently travelled with kids (of the bored teenager variety). I am looking forward to lots of travelling with my wife in the future. I will always plan our trips with the perspective of connecting with the unique culture of the town and people that I am visiting. It is with that spirit that OHT Itineraries are designed. Ottawa is a great city, with classic tourist sites, but also with a unique character dating back to its roots as a rough and tumble lumber town. Above all, everything about Ottawa is influenced by the spectacular natural environment that surrounds it. Come and discover. I love Ottawa and I want to help you appreciate what Ottawa and its people all about.