

Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 26

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Read the paragraph below. In that paragraph, everybody's favorite adventurer, Mrs. Waffenschmidt, offers clues about the place she is visiting today. Use those clues to help you figure out where in the world Mrs. Waffenschmidt is. Write your answer on the line at the bottom of the page.



I wish you were here with me as I ride in a boat under these spectacular waterfalls. Thank goodness for the plastic raincoat they handed to me as I got on board! French explorer Jacques Cartier had heard about the falls back in 1535. Native Indians he met along the St. Lawrence River told him about them. But the first European to have seen this breathtaking natural wonder was *probably* Etienne Brule in 1615. According to some historians, a priest named Louis Hennepin was the first to publish a drawing of the falls for others to see. Of the mighty falls he wrote "The waters which fall from this vast height, do foam and boil after the most hideous manner imaginable making an outrageous noise, more terrible than that of thunder..." Actually, there are two waterfalls here -- Horseshoe Falls, which is more than 170 feet high and 26,000 feet wide, and American Falls, which is about 180 feet high and 1,000 feet wide. *Look at those fish going over the falls!* Our guide tells me that fish often fly over the falls. They usually survive the dangerous trip because the water bubbles act as a kind of cushion and fish are light and pliable. The falls were originally called "ongniaahra," which means "thunder of waters" in the language of the Iroquois Indians.

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