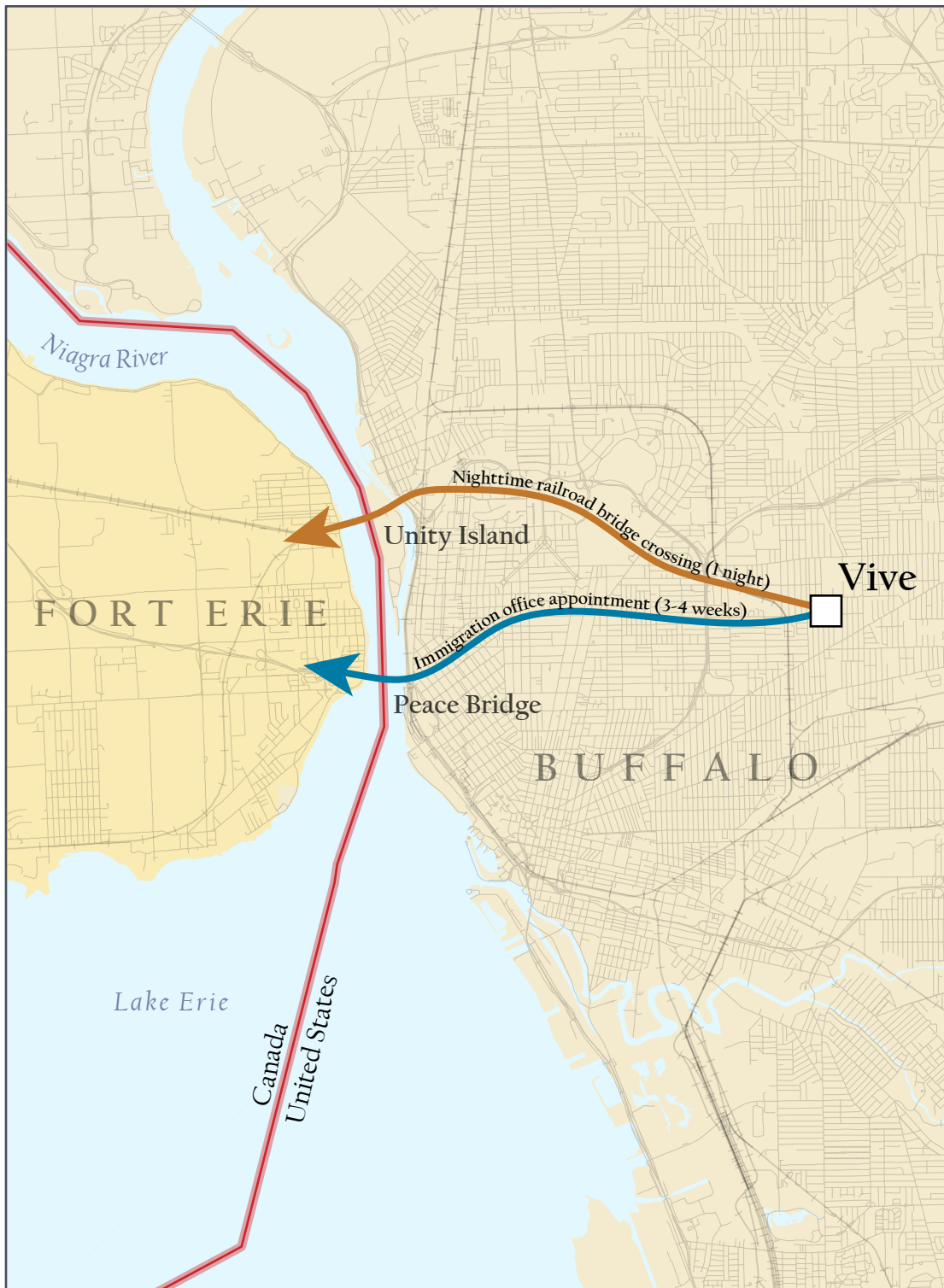


# THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FOR REFUGEES

*At a safe house in Buffalo, asylum seekers from around the world prepare to flee the U.S. for Canada.*

More than 100,000 refugees from 100 different countries have passed through Vive's doors since its founding in 1984. The safe house has become a penultimate stop along a modern version of the Underground Railroad. During the 19th century, just 20 miles north of Vive, Harriet Tubman led groups of fugitive slaves to Canada across a suspension bridge that spanned the Niagara River gorge.

Today, refugees come to Vive before crossing into Canada, where they have a better chance of being granted asylum than in the United States. Vive's doors are always open, and the staff never turn away guests who cannot pay the suggested accommodation rate of 100 dollars per week.



- Route #1 for those with relatives in Canada
- Route #2 for those without relatives in Canada,

Where do Vive residents come from?

