



Castles, Flowers and Falls

May 11 - 16, 2020

Monday, May 11 (D)

Today we transfer to the airport and board our flight bound for **Rochester, NY**. Upon arrival we'll transfer to **Auburn, NY** and check into the **Hilton Garden Inn** for three nights. You'll have time to relax and refresh before we enjoy dinner together at the **Springside Inn**.

Tuesday, May 12 (B, Box Lunch, D)

This morning we set out to enjoy the beauty of the **1000 Islands Region** of New York. On arrival in **Alexandria Bay** we will take a **Two Nations Sightseeing Cruise** on the **St. Lawrence River**. This international tour offers historic and scenic wonders in both the Canadian and American sections of the 1000 Islands. Professional guides unfold a colorful historical tapestry of the river, the islands, and the magnificent homes you'll view along the way. Our group will disembark at Heart Island where you will be able to take a self-guided tour of **Boldt Castle**, built at the turn-of-the-century by the millionaire proprietor of the world-famous Waldorf Astoria. A box lunch will be provided during the cruise. After time to relax and refresh back at the hotel we depart for **Belhurst Castle**. Located on the shores of **Seneca Lake**, Belhurst takes you to a place filled with history, beauty and breathtaking views. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the rich woodwork, mosaic-tiled fireplaces and beamed cathedral ceilings of the castle set the stage for an elegant dinner.

Wednesday, May 13 (B, D)

Today we spend the day exploring the beautiful **Finger Lakes**. Featured in the New York Times #1 bestselling book, *1,000 Places to See Before You Die*, the Finger Lakes region is described by the author as "World-Class Wines and Small-Town American Charm." The eleven, long, narrow fingers are lakes that were carved by a glacier eons ago. Boutique wineries, dating back as early as 1860, and today numbering over 70, thrive because of the rich soil that is so perfect for grape growing. A **local guide** will be with us for the day showing us the highlights of the area and sharing with us stories about the region's history and its people. By late afternoon we arrive at the **New York Kitchen** where the mission is to educate, engage and excite visitors by showcasing New York's finest in wine, food and agriculture in a setting that proudly highlights the natural beauty, rich history and agricultural bounty of New York State. We will learn about the Kitchen and then be treated to a gourmet dinner prepared especially for our group.

Thursday, May 14 (B, L)

This morning we check out of the hotel and depart for **Rochester, NY**. Our first stop will be at the **George Eastman House** for a guided tour of the restored Colonial Revival-style mansion, once home to the founder of the Eastman Kodak Company. Today the mansion is the world's oldest museum dedicated to photography. After the tour you will be able to walk through the formal gardens of the estate. Next, we're off to experience Rochester's **Lilac Festival**. Every May, the Festival signals the start of spring as 22 acres of Highland Park displays more than 500 varieties of lilac bushes, from the deepest purple to the purest white, from lightly scented to irresistibly aromatic. Our group will be treated to lunch at the **Elmwood Inn**, a local favorite, before continuing on to **Niagara Falls, Ontario**. By late afternoon we'll check into the beautiful **Hilton Niagara Falls Hotel** where everyone will have a view of Niagara Falls from their room! The hotel is located in the heart of the resort area. Within an easy walk is the Fallsview Casino, shops, restaurants and the IMAX Theatre, which presents a movie about Niagara Falls. The evening is yours to enjoy as you wish!

Friday, May 15 (B, D)

We start the day with a delicious breakfast buffet at our hotel. Then we set out for an exciting day of sightseeing. We'll start at the **Floral Showhouse** with its collection of orchids, succulents and other tropical plants. The month of May also offers the opportunity to see an amazing display of hydrangeas. We'll make photo stops at Horseshoe Falls, the Floral Clock and the lilac gardens before our arrival in the charming, historic town of **Niagara-on-the-Lake**. This lovely village has been described as the *prettiest town in Canada*.

Blocks and blocks of boutiques and cafés line the flower-filled streets. Have lunch as individually desired or indulge in the elaborate ritual of English Afternoon Tea in the Victorian dining rooms at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Next, we'll take an exciting boat ride on the **Hornblower Niagara** that will take us up close to the American and Horse Shoe Falls. Don't worry about getting "too" wet, ponchos are provided! This evening you are in for a treat as our elegant farewell dinner will be in a revolving restaurant high atop the **Skylon Tower**. Afterwards, enjoy more great views from the tower's observation decks. What a perfect way to end our incredible tour!



Saturday, May 16 (B)

After breakfast at the hotel we depart and make our way to nearby **Buffalo, NY**. On our flight home we'll be reminiscing about our beautiful and exciting *Castles, Flowers and Falls* trip!

Tour Cost per person: **\$2,425 Double** **\$2,859 Single** **\$2,299 Triple**

*Prices listed are based on the Canadian Dollar as of May 2019. Your final invoice may reflect a change based on the exchange rate at the time of billing.

Tour Includes:

- ✿ Round-trip airport transfers from Marion
- ✿ Round-trip airfare - Chicago/Rochester & Buffalo/Chicago
- ✿ Deluxe motor coach transportation throughout the tour
- ✿ Five nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ✿ Luggage handling at all hotels
- ✿ Five breakfasts, one box lunch, one lunch and four dinners
- ✿ All activities and admissions as listed in the itinerary
- ✿ All tour-related taxes and gratuities
- ✿ Services of a **Farmers State Bank** representative
- ✿ Services of a **Cruises and Tours Worldwide** tour manager

Travel Protection: Cruises and Tours Worldwide has purchased a Group Protection Plan on behalf of all travelers, which is provided by Travel Insured International. A copy of the plan document will be provided to all participants.

Not Included: Airline checked baggage fees, if applicable

Travel Documents: All passengers must carry a passport valid for at least six months beyond the return date of the trip.

Deposit: **\$100 per person** **Balance Due: February 3, 2020**

Reservations: Please complete a reservation form and return it with your **\$100 per person deposit** to:

Farmers State Bank Connect Club, Attn: Kathy Leeseekamp

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