

# Castles, Flowers & Falls

MAY 16 - 21, 2023

## **Tuesday, May 16 (Dinner)**

Today we board our flight bound for **Buffalo, NY**. Upon arrival we'll cross the border into Canada and make our way to **Niagara Falls, Ontario**. We'll check into the beautiful **Hilton Niagara Falls** for two nights, 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. Enjoy dinner tonight at **Corso Italian Restaurant** located in the hotel.



## **Wednesday, May 17 (Breakfast, Dinner)**

At the **Table Rock Welcome Center** we'll experience fabulous views and feel the thundering water rushing over the brink of Horseshoe Falls. You'll discover a lush oasis at the **Floral Showhouse**, which houses collections of orchids, succulents, and other tropical plant species. With floral shows that reflect the changing seasons, something new is always in bloom. The intricate designs on the face of the **Floral Clock** are created with up to 16,000 plants that are changed twice each year. We continue to 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 cafés and boutiques 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**, Canada's most memorable experience! Get "caught in the mist" as we cruise up close to the American and Horseshoe Falls. Tonight, enjoy an elegant dinner in the revolving restaurant high atop the **Skylon Tower**. Afterwards, enjoy more great views from the tower's observation decks.



## **Thursday, May 18 (Breakfast, Dinner)**

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. After the tour you will be able to walk through the formal gardens of the estate. Next, experience Rochester's **Lilac Festival**. Every May, 22 acres of Highland Park displays more than 500 varieties of lilac bushes. Stroll through the park and take in the beauty and scents of spring.





After the festival, we continue on to **Auburn, NY** and check into our hotel for three nights. Dinner is included tonight.

#### **Friday, May 19 (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Today we spend 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.

#### **Saturday, May 20 (Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner)**

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. We 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 George C. Boldt, the millionaire proprietor of the world-famous Waldorf Astoria, as a summer home. Take time to explore the castle and grounds before we begin our drive back to Auburn for a delicious dinner.



#### **Sunday, May 21 (Breakfast)**

After making our way to either Rochester or Syracuse this morning we will enjoy what the city has to offer before boarding our flight home.

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