



LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



1000 Islands, Fingerlakes & Adirondack Balloon Festival

7 Nights – 8 Days
September 19-26, 2019

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Meet at the **Cascades Senior Center** and depart for New York, stopping for **lunch on own** along the way. Arrive in **Poughkeepsie** and enjoy a **guided tour** across the **Hudson River** via the **Walkway over the Hudson**. The **Walkway over the Hudson** is a linear walkway spanning the Hudson River. At 212 feet tall and 1.28 miles long, it is the longest, elevated pedestrian bridge in the world! Afterwards, check in to **The Queensbury Hotel** and enjoy **dinner** in the hotel's restaurant, **Park 26**, a refined dining restaurant featuring locally inspired American cuisine served in a comfortable but elegant setting. The evening is free to explore the amenities of the hotel. (D)

Friday, September 20, 2019

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy the day exploring with a **local guide** on a **History, Health, and Horses Tour**. This 2-hour riding tour of **Saratoga Springs** features **The Mansions of Broadway and Union Ave**, a stop at **High Rock Park** for mineral water tasting, a tour of **Skidmore Campus, Downtown, Congress Park, Yaddo Gardens, Spa State Park, Gideon Putnam Hotel, Spac, Island Spouter, Saratoga Harness, Thoroughbred Tracks**, and the **Native Dancer and Sea Biscuit statues**. Arrive at **Lake George Steamboat Company** for a **Lake George Luncheon Cruise**. Sail upon the crystal clear waters of beautiful Lake George aboard the **Lac du Saint Sacrament**, the largest cruise ship on the lake. A scrumptious hot and cold lunch is paired with live music. Take a spin around the dance floor or sit back and enjoy the tunes and views. Following the cruise, depart for the **Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport** for the **Adirondack Balloon Festival**. Enjoy the breathtaking sight of up to 100 balloons in flight over the picturesque Adirondack Mountains. Take a stroll around and see all the many different crafters (more than 40 vendors!) and entertainment throughout the festival. Enjoy **dinner on own** at the festival before returning to the hotel for the evening. (B, L)

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out** and departing for **1000 Islands**. Stop along the way at **The National Baseball Hall of Fame** and immerse yourself in the history of the sport. Enjoy a buffet lunch at the beautiful Glimmerglass Resort before checking in to the **1000 Islands Harbor Hotel**. The evening is **free to explore** the amenities of the hotel and surrounding area and have **dinner on your own**.

Saturday, September 21, 2019 (continued)

Overlooking the St. Lawrence River, this sophisticated hotel is a 4-minute walk from Clayton Opera House, 11 minutes' walk from the Antique Boat Museum and 6 miles from Grass Point State Park. Amenities include a relaxed grill restaurant and a bar serving light bites. There's an indoor pool and a fitness center, as well as a business center and meeting space. (B, L)

Sunday, September 22, 2019

After **breakfast** at the hotel, depart with your **local guide** and take a **guided tour** of the village of **Clayton, NY**. You'll see such sites as: the **TI Museum, TI Arts Center, Antique Boat Museum, the Saint Lawrence Spirits Downtown Tasting Room**, and more! Arrive at **Uncle Sam's Boat Tours** for a **1000 Islands, Two Nation Lunch Cruise**. Enjoy a leisurely cruise through the enchanting channels of the Thousand Islands and learn about the region's rich history from a while enjoying a scrumptious buffet. Disembark at historic **Boldt Castle**; built to replicate a full size **Rhineland castle**, the structure rises an impressive six stories and is perched on this "water access" only stunning island. Once at the castle, feel free to explore the 129-rooms as well as the outbuildings. There is a first floor mini-theater that continuously shows the **Boldt Castle Video**, which highlights the history of the Boldts and describes the castle's construction, deterioration, and rebirth. Depart and return to the hotel for a **free evening** to enjoy **dinner on own** either at hotel or at one of the restaurants in the village of **Clayton**. (B, L)

Monday, September 23, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out**. **Tour the Harriet Tubman House**. The restored Home was dedicated on April 13, 1953 as a memorial to Tubman's life and work, under the auspices of the AME Zion church. Lunch is own while you meander through historic Aurora, NY. This quaint village is filled with charming shops. After check in to the **Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Geneva Lakefront Resort**. Enjoy an elaborate **dinner** at **Belhurst Castle**. (B, D)

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

After breakfast at the hotel, depart with your **local guide** and take a **Wine and Waterfalls Tour**. Following your tour, visit **Canandaigua City Center** where you will enjoy **lunch on your own** as you explore this incredibly charming classic USA downtown, complete with beautiful scenery and plenty of shops and restaurants to explore. Tour **Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum**, featuring the mansion, the Victorian garden, law office, two carriage barns and the agricultural barn making this museum an intriguing piece of New York history! Dinner this evening is at the **Cobblestone Restaurant**, a restored 1825 farm house. Originally built as a Tavern and Stage Coach Stop in the 1700's, the second floor was added on in the mid 1800's for living quarters. Return to the hotel after dinner. (B, D)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

This morning, after **breakfast** at the hotel, visit **downtown Fairport, NY**, known as the "Crown Jewel of the Erie Canal," **Fairport** is full of quaint shops for you to explore at your leisure. Arrive to **Colonial Belle Erie Canal Cruise** where you will enjoy **lunch** and a 2-hour narrated cruise along the historic **Erie Canal**. Following the cruise, visit **Deer Run Winery** for a tasting of masterfully created Finger Lakes wine before returning to the hotel and having **dinner** at Pier House Restaurant and a free evening to enjoy at your leisure. (B, L, D)

Thursday, September 26, 2019

After **checking out**, enjoy a guided gorge tour of Watkins Glen State Park, the State Park deemed the third best in the country. Depart for home mid morning. (B)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$2022 Member / \$2067 Non-Member
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$2742 Member / \$ 2787 Non-Member

Tour Includes:

- Round trip luxury motorcoach transportation
- Hotel Accommodations for Seven (7) Nights
- Seven (7) Breakfasts, Four (4) Lunches, and Four (4) Dinners
- Baggage Handling, admissions, and guide services as stated in the Itinerary

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