



SANTA ANA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTS....

NEW YORK CITY & UPSTATE

FEATURING THE HUDSON VALLEY, NIAGARA FALLS, COOPERSTOWN, 1000 ISLANDS & THE ERIE CANAL

SEPTEMBER 5-13, 2013 ~ 9 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE On the Go ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Two nights in New York City in a centrally-located Times Square hotel with a full-day at leisure or join optional tours
- ◆ In the Hudson Valley, tour with a local guide: West Point Military Academy, FDR's Home & Presidential Library, Eleanor Roosevelt's Home (Val-kill), and the Vanderbilt Mansion
- ◆ Tour the Niagara Falls area with a local guide and ride a boat to the base of the Falls
- ◆ A guided cruise through locks on the Erie Canal
- ◆ Explore 1000 Islands on the St. Lawrence Seaway and eastern shore of Lake Ontario including a 2-nation cruise and Boldt Castle
- ◆ Visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame in the Victorian village of Cooperstown

A comprehensive itinerary offering the hustle and bustle of an exciting New York City as well as the sights, sounds, tastes and incredible experiences that abound in Upstate New York. From the peace and tranquility of the beautiful Hudson Valley to the incredible sights in 1000 Islands and Niagara Falls, to the history of Cooperstown and the Erie Canal, this tour will truly put you in an Empire State of mind.



Niagara Falls

to spend the day exploring Manhattan at leisure will have our knowledgeable tour director available to suggest and arrange for you to see New York's famous sites. Whether it's boarding a hop-on-hop-off bus for a tour of the city, walking to **Rockefeller Center** and **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, exploring **Times Square**, shopping on **5th Avenue** or taking a stroll through **Central Park**, from our central hotel, it can all be done easily. Maybe you'd like to see a Broadway musical or show this evening. We can book great seats for you for any show you'd like!



Statue of Liberty

◆DAY 1 ~ TRAVEL TO NEW YORK◆

Start with optional transfers from home or our departure points this morning to LAX for our nonstop flight arriving in **New York** in the late afternoon. Welcome to America's, if not the world's, most exciting metropolis – **New York City**. After a short transfer from the airport, we'll be in Manhattan where we will head to our hotel with sightseeing along the way. Our stately and elegant hotel is situated on 7th Avenue between 52nd and 53rd streets in midtown **Manhattan**, just a short walk from **Central Park**, **Times Square**, **Rockefeller Center** and **5th Avenue shopping**, as well as many of Manhattan's greatest sights. This will be our home for the next two nights. An included **welcome dinner** at a famous New York deli this evening. (Dinner)

◆DAY 3 ~ HUDSON RIVER VALLEY◆

This morning we'll make our way out of the city and towards the beautiful **Hudson Valley**. No river commands a larger place in American history than the Hudson. The rise of the United States from renegade colony to great nation is intrinsically linked at every stage to the mighty **Hudson River**. As the young nation evolved, the Hudson became the axis along which some of America's most legendary families – among them, the Livingstons, Vanderbilts, Roosevelts, and Rockefellers – shaped the face of American industry and politics, leaving legacies of grand country estates and the towns that grew up around them. We begin with a guided tour of the **United States Military Academy** at **West Point** to learn its story, its role in our nation's revolution, and stories about graduates who have shaped our nation. Walk the paths of American heroes like Generals Patton, Eisenhower and MacArthur. Learn about the cadet experience and West Point's continuing role in training the leaders of tomorrow as we visit the beautiful and gothic **Cadet Chapel**, **West Point cemetery**, scenic **Trophy Point**, the Visitors Center, the new **Purple Heart Hall of Honor** and see **Michie Stadium**, home of Army Football. Enjoy lunch on your own in **Highland Falls**. Later, we'll take a walk over the **Hudson**

◆DAY 2 ~ NEW YORK CITY◆

What is more exciting than a Friday in New York City at a fabulous time of year? This day has been set aside for you to explore New York City at your leisure or join your tour director for an optional excursion to the **Statue of Liberty**, **Ellis Island** and the **September 11 Memorial at Ground Zero**. Just like a local, you'll **ride the subway** to Battery Park where you'll board the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. A gift from France to the United States, the Statue of Liberty has become a worldwide symbol of freedom. Spend your time on Ellis Island at the **Museum of Immigration** exploring your ancestry and browsing the amazing exhibits. Those wishing

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **Sheraton New York** Manhattan, New York City
- ◆ Nights 3-4 **Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel** Poughkeepsie, NY
- ◆ Night 5 **Holiday Inn Express** Cooperstown, NY
- ◆ Night 6 **Riveredge Resort** 1000 Islands, NY
- ◆ Nights 7-8 **Hilton Niagara Falls Fallsview** Niagara Falls, ON

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 8 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 13 meals – 4 dinners, 2 lunches, 7 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double \$1,999 / Single \$2,699 • Deposit \$300
Roundtrip group airfare available from \$550 p.p.

Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

RESERVATIONS

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

♦ Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)

♦ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip airport transfers are available as follows:

From one of our departure points: \$69 p.p.

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

From home: \$159 and higher (contact us for quote)

Exact departure times are provided 2 weeks prior

LAND ONLY PRICES

We've listed land only rates with the optional airfare price separately. You have the option of taking advantage of our group discount or making your own air arrangements. Generally air prices get higher as the departure date approaches so it's best to book early.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See *Good Times Travel* catalog
or www.goodtimestravel.com

River via the longest pedestrian bridge in the world known as "**Walkway Over the Hudson.**" After checking in to our Poughkeepsie hotel for a two-night stay we'll enjoy an included dinner and song at the historic **Mesier Homestead**, settled in 1741. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦ DAY 4 ~ HUDSON VALLEY ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning, we are joined by a local guide for a full-day touring the Hudson River Valley. Visit **President FDR's Home & Presidential Library in Hyde Park**. See his cluttered White House desk (left as it was the last day of his presidency), exhibits on the FDR presidency and times, and FDR's beloved 1936 Ford *Phaeton*, with the original hand controls. Tour the home where FDR and Eleanor entertained Churchill, the King and Queen of England, and other dignitaries. Pay your respects to FDR and Eleanor, both buried in the rose garden on the grounds. This afternoon, following an included lunch at the Beekman Arms and time to browse Rhinebeck, we'll tour the **Vanderbilt Mansion** – one of the finest and most intact of the lavish estates built by wealthy 19th-century industrialists along the Hudson River. This 54-room country palace, built in 1898, is a no-holds-barred gem. The majestic views of the Hudson River and Catskills in the distance are spectacular! This evening, an included dinner at a restaurant overlooking the Hudson River. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

♦ DAY 5 ~ HYDE PARK, COOPERSTOWN ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we tour **Eleanor Roosevelt's home**, known as the **Val-Kill Cottage**. One of the most admired and influential women in American history – Eleanor received world leaders and made her mark on civil rights legislation and international humanitarian issues while here. Later, we'll tour the **Culinary Institute of America**, the world's premier culinary college and enjoy an included lunch prepared by the students. Late this afternoon we arrive in the small town of **Cooperstown**. Set along the edge of tranquil **Otsego Lake**, the little village of Cooperstown boasts an almost unfair amount of history for its size. A sense of nostalgia permeates this place, with its tree-lined streets and beautiful Victorian-era houses. Its idyllic main street feels almost like a movie set. Time at leisure in town this evening. (Breakfast, Lunch)

♦ DAY 6 ~ COOPERSTOWN, 1000 ISLANDS ♦

After an included breakfast, our first stop this morning will be the **Baseball Hall of Fame**. With some 38,000 exhibited items, entire exhibits are devoted to **Babe Ruth** (complete with his bat and his locker), **Hank Aaron**, and the **Hall of Fame Gallery** where all the bronze plaques for all 290+ Hall of Famers are housed. And, of course, you'll see artifacts from the greatest moments in the game's history. Ample time to explore the museum at your leisure. Following, we'll

continue our trek further Upstate as we arrive at the southern end of the **Saint Lawrence Seaway** and eastern shore of **Lake Ontario** and an area that most people know from the salad dressing that originated here. **1000 Islands** is stunningly beautiful. Iroquois legend describes the Islands as "spilling like flowers from creation's basket." An included dinner tonight at our resort hotel located on the water's edge. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦ DAY 7 ~ 1000 ISLANDS, ERIE CANAL ♦

An included breakfast this morning before we embark on a narrated two-nation tour to discover this "Venice of the New World" that attracted a who's who of the rich and famous during the Industrial Revolution. Our tour of the area will include **Millionaire's Row** and time at leisure to explore **Boldt Castle**. This afternoon we journey west to **Niagara Falls**. We'll begin a two-night stay in Niagara Falls on the Canadian side (*a passport is required for this tour*). Our recently-renovated and centrally-located hotel overlooks both the Canadian and American Falls and each room includes a view of the Falls. (Breakfast)

♦ DAY 8 ~ NIAGARA FALLS ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we embark on a tour of the **Niagara Falls** area with a local guide making a stop at the picturesque **Floral Clock** and views of the Falls from a variety of angles. Niagara Falls, one of the great natural wonders of the world, displays in unforgettable fashion the sheer force of Mother Nature. The most exciting way to view the falls is from the deck of the **Maid of the Mist**. After donning your provided waterproof poncho, this sturdy boat will take us through the turbulent waters to the base of the Falls. This afternoon we'll take a unique narrated **cruise on the Erie Canal**, truly a great engineering feat. Our cruise includes "locking through" and being raised the 49 ft. elevation of the Niagara Escarpment (the same one that creates Niagara Falls) in the only double set of locks on the Canal as your Coast Guard licensed captain describes the architecture, sights, and folklore along the way. An included memorable **farewell dinner** this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦ DAY 9 ~ JOURNEY HOME ♦

An included breakfast this morning and time at your leisure this morning to take those last minute award-winning photos of Niagara Falls. Our late morning departure from the hotel will have us at the Buffalo Airport for our afternoon flight to Los Angeles arriving this evening. The visions and experiences during our exploration of New York will forever be some of our greatest. (Breakfast)