

Tour 2018: "In the Footsteps of our Irish Palatine Ancestors"

September 13 - 23, 2018

Bus Tour

Montreal - New York City - Saratoga Springs - St-Ignace-de-Stanbridge - Quebec City – Montreal

Expressions of interest requested

People can go to our website to find out more information on [Who are the IP?](#) and [Common IP Surnames](#)

Save the Date as we are On The Road Again!!

The Irish Palatine Special Interest Group of the Ontario Genealogical Society is pleased to announce a new tour, to take place September 13 - 23, 2018. We are again travelling with the Great Canadian tour bus company who did such a fabulous job for us in 2013. We will travel in a comfortable highway coach (toilet included), and we will once again have the assistance of an onboard tour coordinator with concierge service at each hotel for our baggage.

The "*In the Footsteps of our Irish Palatine Ancestors Tour*" attempts to bridge the gap between the Irish Palatine Association's 2009 Tercentenary Tour in Ireland and our 2013 "Irish Palatines in Ontario Tour." We will be following the footsteps of the Irish Palatines who left Ireland in 1760 to go to the New World, settling in New York City and then the Camden Valley, only to have their lives turned upside down once more when the American Revolution broke out in 1776. We will follow the men who fought for the British and who then had to flee to Quebec when Burgoyne was defeated, followed later by their families. We'll also briefly explore some later Irish Palatine settlements in Quebec.

This circle tour will start and end Montreal, Quebec, Canada. We will travel and stay in the following locations: Montreal (one night stay), New York City (two nights), Saratoga Springs, NY (three nights), St-Ignace-de-Stanbridge, Quebec (two nights), Quebec City (one night), ending up back in Montreal (one night).

All breakfasts and dinners are included in the cost of the tour, as are six of the lunches.

The itinerary includes the following (subject to modification):

- Historic Odelltown church near Montreal, site of an 1838 American invasion
- Step-on Guided Tour of New York City
- 9/11 Museum and other sites in Lower Manhattan
- Broadway or off-Broadway show
- John Street United Methodist Church (the first Methodist Church in America), with a chance to view its museum

- Dinner with the Palatines to America New York Chapter (comprised of descendants of the Germans who left the Palatinate with our ancestors in 1709, but who went directly to the New World, without the benefit of a generational stop in Ireland!)
- Camden Valley, including the Embury and Heck properties, the Moravian Burying Ground (Philip Embury's first resting place), Ashgrove (his second), Woodlands Cemetery (his third and final!), and the Embury Church in Cambridge, New York
- Bennington, Vermont, including the museum with its famous Grandma Moses collection
- Revolutionary Bennington and Saratoga battlefields, with the help of an historical interpreter
- Schuylerville and "The Surrender Tree," where Burgoyne surrendered to the rebels
- Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point (where the IP men joined the British forces)
- Philipsburg and St. Armand cemeteries and churches in Quebec
- Domaine du Ridge Wine Tour
- Mississquoi Museum
- Old Quebec City
- Grosse Isle, Canada's quarantine station, where many new immigrants died
- St. James United Church and the historic old town in Montreal

The Irish Palatine Special Interest Group is working hard to include as much Irish Palatine content as possible as we follow in the footsteps of our ancestors.

The proposed cost of the tour per person is as follows:

Twin - \$3785.00 CD
 Triple - \$3675.00 CD
 Quad - \$3565.00 CD
 Single - \$5285.00 CD

We will again offer a "matching" service for people who are travelling alone and want to buddy up to take advantage of the lower fees for multiples.

We invite you to express your interest in the tour by emailing us at ip-sig2018tour@ogs.on.ca

Tours will be booked through the bus company directly. Please express your interest and we will email you with the contact information.

IMPORTANT NOTE: WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 35 PEOPLE IN ORDER TO RUN THE TOUR, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOURSELF TO AND FROM OUR STARTING AND ENDING POINT IN MONTREAL; HOWEVER PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR TRAVEL UNTIL WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE TOUR IS A GO.

Phyllis Chapman, IP-SIG, 2018 Tour Committee