



The Academy's *Chateau Frontenac* Post-Meeting Tour June 15-23, 2019

Canada's Maritime Provinces

Dear Academy Fellows,

You're invited to extend your visit in June to explore **Canada's Maritime Provinces** of **New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**. June is a perfect time of year to experience this magnificent, relatively remote area of North America!

Our adventure begins in Moncton, **New Brunswick** with a visit to the nearby **Bay of Fundy**, known for towering rock formations created by torrential tides. From Moncton we travel to Charlottetown, on **Prince Edward Island**, where we have a unique opportunity to visit the North Cape Wind Farm and Interpretive Centre.

From Charlottetown we're *ferried* to **Nova Scotia**, and we'll head further northeast up **Cape Breton Island**. Our route follows the coast of Bras d'Or Lake, an inland sea ringed with cliffs and rolling mountains, a favorite fishing spot for bald eagles. Our final destination today is Ingonish Beach and the **Keltic Lodge**, nestled on a cliff surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. This is the ultimate picturesque, dramatic and unspoiled setting. While here, we'll have open time followed by a drive along iconic **Cabot Trail**, a serpentine roadway carved into the side of a mountain that encircles the island; definitely one of the world's most memorable scenic drives. Our tour concludes in Halifax where we fly home from Stanfield International Airport. Within the emailed brochure are hyperlinks highlighted in **red**. These web sites tell the story of this tailored tour; we encourage you to visit them. The **red line** on the map below, traces our journey.

The four-star hotels all reflect the territories in which they reside; they're unique and comfortable. The breakfasts, lunches and dinners will be filled with local specialties. Notably, at Keltic Lodge we'll experience a Cape Breton traditional "**kitchen party**" featuring tastings of regional foods and spirits, accompanied by Celtic music.

Air Canada Express has given ATA a limited block of seats on the flights that take us from Quebec City to Moncton June 15th. That cost of \$248 is separate from the tour package and those tickets will be issued when your reservations arrive. Once that block of seats is filled, seats become subject to availability and the airfare may increase. We want you with us, so, please send your Reservation Forms right away to secure a place on the tour and on the flights.

Please join us "out east!"

June 15, Saturday

• Our recommended flights depart Quebec City at 11:25am and arrive 4:05pm in Moncton, NB.

• Our hotel is **Marriott's Delta Beausejour** located in Moncton's historic downtown within easy walking access of stores & restaurants. We're here for two-nights in their Premium Club Floor rooms. Perched on the Petitcodiac River, **Moncton** is the "crossroads" of the Maritimes and famous for its Magnetic Hill where gravity causes cars to roll uphill.

• Welcome "pub" dinner tonight.

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Chateau Frontenac to Moncton, New Brunswick

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June 16, Sunday

Bay of Fundy

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- This morning we're off with our local guide to experience Magnetic Hill before continuing to nearby **Hopewell Rocks** in the **Bay of Fundy**. Hopewell's famous giant stone formations are caused by torrential tides and surface waters; at low tide they rise 40-70'. Fundy has the world's highest tides and our tour will be timed to see both high and low in order to appreciate the dramatic variation. In between, we might visit the interactive Albert County Museum.
- Lunch included today, dinner on your own. The Beausejour's *Windward* Restaurant is award-winning.

June 17, Monday

Moncton to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

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- This morning we pick up our guide on Confederation Bridge enroute to beautiful **Prince Edward Island**. PEI is located off New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The large island is marked by red-sand beaches, lighthouses, and fertile farmland. **Charlottetown** is the Capital; it's Victoria Row has shops, restaurants and the Confederation Centre of the Arts.
- The North Cape of PEI offers a rare opportunity for electrical contractors to visit **the North Cape Wind Energy Interpretive Centre** and it's state-of-the-art displays and aquarium. Also housed in the centre are a gift shop and Wind & Reef Restaurant. Here we'll also see the North Cape Wind Farm and visit the **Wind Energy Institute of Canada (WEICan)**, which is Canada's national facility for testing small wind turbines. After time for visits and lunch, our route to Charlottetown follows the scenic North Cape Coastal Drive.
- Our hotel is the **Holman Grand**, near Old Charlottetown's Boardwalk and Peake's Wharf.
- Dinner tonight is on our own. The Holman's **Redwater Rustic Grille** is a local favorite. Other restaurants are within easy walking distance from the Holman.



June 18, Tuesday

Prince Edward Island to Cape Breton Island

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- This morning we ferry to **Cape Breton Island** at the eastern end of Nova Scotia. Known by the French as "Isle Royale," this island kept changing hands between colonial powers. The resulting culture blends Acadian and Gaelic traditions. The landscapes are dramatic; the views panoramic.
- We'll stop in Englishtown, at the **Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts**, to learn about Nova Scotia's Scottish Gaelic culture. A kilt-making demonstration also teaches traditional fabric milling. Here they make kilts to order.
- Following lunch we then continue north to **Ingonish Beach** and **Keltic Lodge**. Nestled on a cliff surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, Keltic Lodge is the ultimate picturesque, remote, dramatic and unspoiled hotel setting and our home for three nights.
- Welcome dinner at the Lodge.

June 19, Wednesday

Ingonish Beach

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- Today we take a break from traveling to "hang about" and enjoy **Keltic Lodge** and **Ingonish Beach**. A local naturalist will begin our day by describing the area's vegetation, geology, cultural heritage and the wildlife. Optional activities are links golf, tennis, whale watching (see Whale Watching on Reservation Form); hiking along the beach or the nature trail; and the Lodge's spa.
- This afternoon one of the chefs will give a cooking demonstration and show how locals shuck oysters. If you have shellfish allergies, *please make that known on the Reservation Form*.

June 20, Thursday

Ingonish Beach

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- Today finds us on iconic **Cabot Trail**, a spectacular roadway carved into the side of a mountain that encircles the island. It's truly a serpentine highway - dramatic, rocky coastlines, waterfalls, rugged barrens, vibrant bays, beaches and forever ocean views. We'll stop in the Acadian fishing village of **Chéticamp**, where **Les Trois Pignons** houses the **Museum of the Hooked Rug**. As reflected in their hooked rugs, the museum tells the story of the area's settlement and the trials & tribulations faced by pioneering women settling a new frontier. We'll also visit the **Whale Interpretive Centre** on Pleasantville Bay.
- Local foods are on the lunch menu at Cheticamp's Harbour Restaurant.
- Back at Keltic Lodge we'll partake in a lively Cape Breton traditional "kitchen party" featuring local cuisine, regional spirits, tastings, and Celtic music.

Ingonish



Lunenburg



June 21, Friday

Ingonish Beach to Halifax

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- Scottish inventor Alexander Graham Bell summered in picturesque **Baddeck, NS**. His laboratory is now the **Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site**. We'll stop today to catch a glimpse into the extraordinary heart and mind of this world-famous inventor whose genius helped shape the modern world. Continuing south we follow the coast of **Bras d'Or Lake**, and inland sea ringed with cliffs and rolling mountains - a favorite fishing spot for bald eagles. We'll stop for lunch at the inn in Port Hawkesbury.
- Arriving in **Halifax**, our hotel for 2 nights is the **Westin Nova Scotian** located in the heart of Halifax; we're staying in their newly renovated **Premium Harbor View** rooms.
- Halifax, an Atlantic Ocean port in eastern Canada, is known for its maritime history. Waterfront warehouses, known as The Historic Properties, recall Halifax's days as a trading hub for privateers, notably during the War of 1812.
- Dinner on your own after our arrival at the Westin.

June 22, Saturday

Halifax

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- This morning we're off to the nearby UNESCO World Heritage Site, the charming fishing village of **Lunenburg**, for a guided walking tour of its narrow streets, colonial architecture and the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic. Open time here to shop and enjoy lunch.
- Upon returning to Halifax, we'll plan for a guided tour of one of its several interesting museums.
- Tonight we'll conclude our Maritime Adventure on the water with a cocktail dinner cruise along the scenic Northwest Arm of Halifax Harbor aboard the Harbour Queen, an authentic, Mississippi-style paddle wheeler.

June 23, Sunday

Halifax to Home

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- Individual flight arrangements. Airport transfers will be provided. If you have time to enjoy another night in Halifax, just let us know on the Reservation Form.

Tour Package Inclusions

First-Class hotel accommodations:

- * two-nights Marriott Delta Beausejour- Club Level
- * one-night Holman Grand, Charlottetown - Island Suites
- * three-nights Keltic Lodge, Ingonish Beach- Corson House
- * two-nights Westin Nova Scotian - Premium Harbor View
- Baggage handling
- Full breakfast daily
- Five lunches per itinerary
- Welcome pub dinner *Tide & Boar* Moncton
- Two dinners including a "kitchen party" at Keltic Lodge
- Cooking demonstration and oyster shucking lesson at Keltic Lodge
- Concluding dinner cruise Saturday night in Halifax
- Guided tours of Moncton & Bay of Fundy, NB; North Cape Wind Energy Interpretive Center & Charlottetown, PEI; Museum of the Hooked Rug in Cheticamp, Gaelic College of Celtic Arts, Alexander Graham Bell Historic Site & Lunenburg, NS
- Entrance fees to museums, sites and Canadian National Parks
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach per itinerary
- Transfer from Chateau Frontenac to Quebec City Airport for our flights to Moncton
- American Travel escort throughout



Charlottetown Victoria Row

Tour Cost: \$2,698 per person double occupancy
(costs for single occupancy or families sharing rooms available by request)

Features Not Included: Airfare; personal items such as room service and phone calls, meals and drinks not specified. Coffee and tea are included with the meals; otherwise wine, alcohol, soft drinks and bottled water are an individual expense.

Notes:

1. Remember to make your **return airline** flights home from **Halifax Nova Scotia (YHZ)**
2. You are welcome to extend your trip to further enjoy Halifax; see Reservation Form.
3. Because we're dining in coastal areas, it is important to let us know on the Reservation Form **if you are allergic** to shellfish or have other food allergies.



CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Because mid-June begins the busy season for the Canadian Maritimes and a limited number of hotel accommodations, you are encouraged to mail your reservation without delay. Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Form and a \$400 per person deposit. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than April 1st. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express Card.

Cancellation: Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

Land Package: A \$300 per person cancellation fee will be charged regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between April 2 and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the tour package cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun.

Trip Cancellation Insurance: can be obtained from Allianz www.allianztravelinsurance.com either on-line or over the phone (800-284-8300). The airlines also offer good but limited insurance options. Per above trip cancellation insurance is recommended to offset non-refundable air, hotel, and operator charges. Please note the Pre-Conditions Exclusion in the Medical Conditions section of the Allianz information. With such a condition when buying insurance, you must purchase the insurance within 14 days of your first tour payment. Allianz has a number of plans; please discuss your needs with them. Also check with your home policy insurance agent to see what may be covered under existing homeowners and medical policies. For example, suitcases and contents are likely covered under your homeowner's.

Prices: This price is subject to change due to cost increases, and in number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (24). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on January 7, 2019.

Health: The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him-or-herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

Responsibility: American Travel Association (ATA), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and The Academy or their employees or agents, act only on behalf of the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services such as hotels and restaurants to purchasers of this tour and their travel companions (Participants), subject to any and all items and conditions under which any transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such owners and contractors. ATA and NECA, their affiliates and their employees and agents (collectively ATA and NECA and A shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for the acts or omissions of the aforesaid owners, contractors and employees thereof supplying transportation or other services hereunder, including but not limited to breach of contract, intentional or negligent delay or bodily or property loss, injury or damages. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they're provided. Neither ATA nor NECA shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for any loss, injury or death, or other damages caused by or resulting from acts of God, fire, breakdown or defects vehicles, machinery or equipment, acts of governments and other authorities, wars, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics or quarantines, monetary crisis, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. Participants shall have the responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories, which may exist. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on any invoice or reservation itinerary, neither ATA nor NECA guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings or reservations. The Participants' retention of air tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions. In addition, Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. ATA and NECA reserve the right to cancel any itinerary or any part thereof and to make such alterations in the itinerary they deem necessary or desirable.



**Academy 2019 Canadian Maritimes Tour
Reservation Form**



Name/s as appearing on your passports & birth dates _____

(if children coming, please give ages)

Company (if applicable) _____

Please correspond to the following __ office __ home address:

Street _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Suite or Apt. # _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Other Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Preferred First names _____

Hotel Rooms king two-beds if no kings, prefer 2 beds
 Children will share our room yes no (bed preferences cannot be guaranteed)

Extension in Halifax (\$270 USD per room per night) _____ Night(s)

Food Allergy Name & Allergy _____

Optional Whale Watching in Ingonish (\$50pp estimated) Names _____

Deposit & Payment A deposit of \$400 per person is due with this reservation form; the remaining balance is due **April 1**. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____. Or, charge to:
 Visa MasterCard Discover American Express:

Card number _____ **Exp date** _____

Security Code _____

Name on card _____

Cardholder billing address if different from the above _____

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here: _____

Return this form with payment information to:

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