



# VERSTRAETE TRAVEL & CRUISES 2018

## *Escorted Motorcoach Tours*



***NEWFOUNDLAND  
JULY 5-13***



***CHICAGO & MILWAUKEE  
AUGUST 24-28***



***IRELAND  
SEPTEMBER 9-19***



***LANCASTER, PA  
SEPTEMBER 25-27***



***MYRTLE BEACH  
OCTOBER 20-27***



***NEW YORK CITY  
DECEMBER 1-4***

***ALSO: SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO MYSTERY TOUR - JUNE 26-27  
TOUR COORDINATOR: EARL CLINT***

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*Invites you to travel on our*

## 2018 ESCORTED TOURS

**INTRODUCTION:** In addition to offering several tried and tested destinations, I am looking forward to returning to Europe for a September tour of **Ireland**, complete with many unique local experiences. The history, rugged coastline and rolling landscape, in various shades of green, will all combine to create a memorable experience. The season begins however in June, with a **Southwestern Ontario Mystery Tour** that allows no further description! **Newfoundland** continues to be a popular destination (this will be my 19<sup>th</sup> tour there), with its beautiful scenery and hospitable people. *Last year was a sell-out, so please indicate your interest early!* In late August I look forward to returning to **Chicago**, with the added bonus of a day trip to the city of **Milwaukee**. In addition to **Ireland** in September, I will return to **Lancaster, PA** for two plays, including a new Sight and Sound production. October features a relaxing tour to **Myrtle Beach**, with several interesting day trips, including the historic city of **Charleston**. Finally, a great way to get into the Christmas spirit, is with a seasonally inspired trip to **New York City** in early December. Looking ahead, a late March 2019 trip to **New Orleans, with a Caribbean cruise**, is being planned (*please call for further information*). **All prices are in Canadian dollars** and include applicable taxes (HST on Canadian tours, while trips to the USA are tax exempt). General departure locations are listed; specific pick-up points, hotel telephone numbers, and contact information will be provided prior to departure. *Please adhere to the deposit and cut-off dates listed and use a separate registration form for each tour you join.* Every effort has been made to ensure interesting itineraries while maintaining affordability, including those destined for the United States. Each trip is carefully planned; all you need to do is relax and enjoy yourself. *I hope to have the pleasure of travelling with you at some point this year!* **Earl Clint: Tour Coordinator**

### **S.W. ONTARIO MYSTERY TOUR: June 26-27, 2018 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

Departing Niagara (with other pickups on route), we drive to Ontario's beautiful Southwestern Ontario region (not featured in any previous tour). That's about all that can be said since this is a "Mystery Trip". We can however divulge that several historic places of interest and a play are included. If you are feeling a bit unsure, all we can say is ... after all these years, don't you trust us? Enjoy this variety filled get-away with your friends and experience lakefront scenery, lively entertainment and several interesting and little-known stops along the way. What more do you need to know?

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$485.00 p.p. double occupancy (includes HST)**  
**Single supplement - add \$70.00**

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$250.00 deposit is due by April 20/18**  
**Final payment and cut-off is May 23/18**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Deluxe washroom equipped motor coach  
~ 1 nights' deluxe accommodation  
~ Fully escorted throughout the tour  
~ Theatre ticket and all entry fees  
~ 1 breakfast and 1 three-course dinner

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### **NEWFOUNDLAND: July 5-13, 2018 Escorts: Earl Clint and John Swatridge**

**July 5** We depart Toronto on a morning flight. Once in Deer Lake we drive to Corner Brook, the province's second largest city, and check-in to our historic hotel. Dinner is included today. **Accommodation:** The Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook.

**July 6** In Woody Point we will learn about the geology of the Tablelands, part of Gros Morne National Park. When the continents collided, rocks which were beneath the ocean were pushed upwards to their present position above sea level. A boat tour on Bonne Bay will allow closer views of the steep cliffs and possible sightings of eagles and whales. Enjoy dinner theatre at our hotel tonight. Breakfast, lunch and dinner/show are included today. **Accommodation:** Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head.

**July 7** Today we visit L'Anse aux Meadows, a United Nations World Heritage Site, where Vikings settled over one thousand years ago. In St. Anthony we will board a vessel to learn about the delicate marine ecology and to hopefully see both whales and icebergs. These imposing blocks of ice which have broken off the continental glaciers, have drifted south propelled by the Labrador Current. Amazingly, 90% of the ice is below the water! Note: If conditions are not favourable, another boat tour may be arranged in Twillingate. Breakfast and lunch are included today. **Accommodation:** Haven Inn, St. Anthony.

**July 8** Our day begins with a visit to a museum honouring Sir Wilfred Grenfell, a medical missionary who devoted his life's work to the people of Northern Newfoundland and Labrador. We then begin our southward journey, viewing the rugged coastal scenery with a few stops along the way. Local entertainment will be provided by our hotel this evening. Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** Mount Peyton Hotel, Grand Falls-Windsor.



**July 9** After a brief stop in Lewisporte, we continue on to Boyd's Cove Beothuk Interpretation Site to learn about the history of the Indigenous Peoples who once lived here. At the Prime Berth Fishing Exhibit, we will come to better understand the traditional way of life in the province's rural outposts. In Twillingate, options include a boat tour (see above), a winery tour, or a museum visit. After a drive to the local lighthouse, perched on rugged cliffs, we will enjoy food, music, and humour at the "Twillingate Dinner Theatre." Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** Kelsie's Inn, Anchor Inn, and others in Twillingate.

**July 10** Our first stop today will be at the North Atlantic Aviation Museum in Gander. The city has a proud history connected to trans-Atlantic aviation crossings, and this function also played a crucial role on Sept. 11, 2001. Next, we drive to the Ryan Premises in Bonavista to visit a historic fish merchant operation and then to the famous lighthouse near the spot where John Cabot landed in 1497. This evening we will get to experience a "Screech-In", in which participants are inducted into the ranks of "Honourary Newfoundlanders". Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** The Wave Hotel, Clarenville.

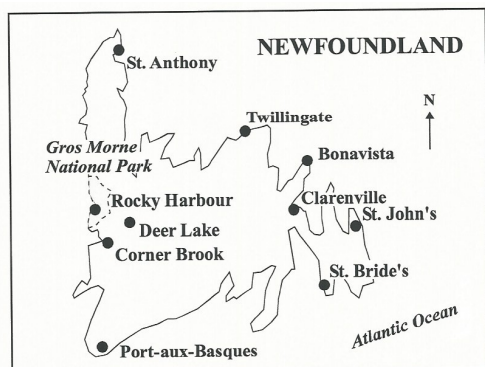
**July 11** Our destination is Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve at the southern tip of the Avalon Peninsula (conditions permitting), one of the continent's largest bird colonies. Watch in amazement as thousands of seabirds take flight all around us. This evening you can relax at the hotel or head downtown to enjoy some traditional music at one of the numerous establishments on George Street. Breakfast and lunch are included. **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn, St. John's (2 nights).

**July 12** We begin the day with a guided tour of St. John's including Signal Hill, Quidi Vidi Village and many historic sites. After some free time downtown, we take a boat tour of Witless Bay Ecological Reserve, home to puffins and other seabirds, as well as humpback whales. Prepare to be amazed if one of these giants swim close to our boat. This evening we will enjoy good food, comedy and song, at a "Spirit of Newfoundland" production. Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**July 13** This morning you can relive the Titanic story and explore the province's unique geology at the Geo Centre, built into Signal Hill. We will then visit Cape Spear, the most easterly point in North America, before transferring to the airport.

#### INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

**\$3775.00 p.p. double occupancy (includes HST)**



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- ~ Return airfare from Toronto (includes 1 checked bag)
- ~ Fully escorted throughout entire tour
- ~ Deluxe washroom equipped motorcoach
- ~ 8 nights' accommodation (double occupancy)
- ~ Baggage handling at hotels (1 piece per person)
- ~ Entry fees to museums & interpretive centres
- ~ A binder with background information
- ~ Whale watching and puffin boat tour
- ~ Tablelands (Bonne Bay), and iceberg boat tours
- ~ 3 theatre performances plus a "Screech-in"
- ~ Tour of St. John's with local guide
- ~ 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners

Single supplement charge is \$590.00 + HST Three sharing - deduct \$170.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$240.00 p.p.

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$500.00 DEPOSIT IS DUE BY APRIL 26/18 FINAL PAYMENT/CUT-OFF DATE IS MAY 25/18**

**Early booking bonus: Reserve by March 29/18 and receive \$50.00 p.p. off or free airbus from Niagara (only), to Toronto**

#### **CHICAGO & MILWAUKEE: August 24-28, 2018 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**August 24** We depart Niagara with a pick-up in the Kitchener/Woodstock area, if required. Upon arrival, we will take in the view from "Skydeck Chicago" in the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower). For even more thrills, try "The Ledge", offering the ultimate in visibility ... straight down! We then head to Giordano's Restaurant for its famous stuffed-crust pizza. Dinner is included today. **Accommodation:** Fairfield Inn - Midway Airport, Chicago (4 nights).

**August 25** In the morning, a local guide will take us on a city tour. Afterwards, some free time will be given on the north end of Michigan Avenue's "Magnificent Mile". We then visit the Museum of Science and Industry, filled with many fascinating displays, including a captured German U-Boat from W.W. II, which we will tour. Next, enjoy some free time at the annual Greektown Festival, then an optional visit to "Blue Chicago", a true Chicago Blues musical experience. Breakfast is included.

**August 26** Our day begins with a visit to the Shedd Aquarium, located on the beautiful waterfront. We then head to Navy Pier for lunch and an architectural boat tour on the Chicago River. After taking a walk in Millennium Park, you can either visit the Art Institute of Chicago (extra cost), or explore the southern part of the Magnificent Mile. In the evening we will enter a "roaring

twenties” illegal speak-easy, otherwise known as Tommy Guns Garage Dinner Theatre - hopefully no one gets busted! Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**August 27** This morning we drive north to the German influenced city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Here a local guide will show us the city’s many highlights; the tour will conclude with some free time for lunch at the Milwaukee Public Market. Afterwards, we will visit the Pabst Mansion, built by Captain Frederick and Maria Pabst. It was completed in July of 1892 at a cost of just over \$250,000.00, a fortune in its day! We will then tour the brewery that still bears his name and which he built into the world’s largest at the time. At the Clock Shadow Creamery, we will enjoy a tour and sample a variety of cheeses. We will then enjoy a German style dinner at Mader’s Restaurant, established in 1902, before returning to our hotel. Breakfast and dinner are included.

**August 28** We depart after breakfast, stopping for lunch and shopping at the Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets in Michigan City, Indiana. We will arrive back home by mid-evening. Breakfast is included today.

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$1295.00 p.p. double occupancy (no tax)**

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$400.00 deposit is due by June 20/18**

**Final payment and cut-off date is July 20/18**

**Single supplement - add \$380.00 Three sharing - deduct \$120.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$175.00 p.p.**

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#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners (one dinner theatre). Fully escorted

~ 4 nights’ accommodation, washroom equipped motor coach

~ Entry fees to aquarium, Willis Tower Skydeck and museums

~ Guided city tours, architectural boat tour, Pabst & cheese tours

### **TOUR OF IRELAND: September 9-19, 2018 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**September 9** We depart Pearson International Airport (Terminal 3), aboard a late evening, overnight Air Transat flight.

**September 10** Upon arrival in Dublin, we board a bus and head for Belfast City in Northern Ireland. After some free time for lunch, a local guide will tell us about the history of this once troubled city, depicted in several murals along Loyalist Shankill road and Nationalist Falls Road. Belfast was the only city in Ireland to experience the full benefits of the Industrial revolution. Linen, rope making, tobacco and most famously ship building (including the building of the Titanic), were the main industries. Although the genuine friendliness of Belfast never left, “The Troubles” took their toll on the economic life of the city. Fortunately, peace has brought a return of prosperity. Dinner is included today. **Accommodation:** The Stormont Hotel, Belfast.

**September 11** This morning we visit Titanic Belfast, the world’s largest Titanic themed visitor attraction, located on the very slipways where it was built. We then depart for the spectacular Antrim coast and visit the famous Giant’s Causeway, the subject of many legends and where an estimated 37,000 basalt columns extend from cliffs, down into the sea. We continue through Derry, to our hotel. Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** Harvey’s Point (2 nights), Donegal.

**September 12** After a leisurely morning, we visit the heritage town of Ardara, known as the weaving capital of Donegal. Here we will tour Triona Design, to see master weavers at work and to hear how the Mulhern family have dedicated themselves to preserving the skills required for the production of traditional Donegal tweed. Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**September 13** Today we will tour the world famous Belleek Pottery factory, founded in 1857. Next, we visit Lissadell House and Gardens, built in 1833 and located in the shadow of the iconic Benbulbin Mountain. Famous poet and playwright W.B. Yeats was a frequent visitor to the house in the 1890’s. Tonight you can experience some traditional Irish music at the well-known Matt Molloy’s Pub, near our hotel. Breakfast is included today. **Accommodation:** Westport Plaza (2 nights), Westport.

**September 14** We travel along the scenic shores of Clew Bay and down the Famine Relief Road to Leeanne. We will then visit Kylemore Abbey, nestled at the base of Duchruach Mountain, on the northern shore of Lough Pollacappul. After driving through Connemara National Park and stopping in town of Clifden, we drive and back to our hotel. Breakfast is included today.

**September 15** Today we travel down the Atlantic seaboard via Galway Bay and Ballyvaughan, to Dunguaire Castle. We cross the Burren, which is Gaelic for rocky land, an apt name for this vast limestone plateau. In the 1640’s, Cromwell’s surveyor described it as “a savage land, yielding neither water enough to drown a man, nor tree to hang him, nor soil enough to bury him”. We then visit the dramatic 650 foot-high Cliffs of Moher and cross the Shannon by ferry, from Killimer to Tarbert. Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** The Brehon Hotel (2 nights), Killarney.

**September 16** Today we tour the scenic “Ring of Kerry”, with several stops along the way, including lunch at the Blind Piper’s Pub in Caherdaniel. In the afternoon we will stop at the Kissane Sheep Farm for a sheep dog demonstration. We then drive back to our hotel via Moll’s Gap, Ladie’s View and Killarney National Park. Breakfast and lunch are included today.

**September 17** We depart for Dublin, via Tipperary and Kilkenny, passing over the Cork and Kerry Mountains. We will then see Macroom Castle, once home to Sir William Penn, whose son later founded the state of Pennsylvania. Next, we visit Cahir Castle, one of Ireland’s largest and best preserved. Afterwards, a home-cooked lunch experience awaits on a family farm outside

Kilkenny, including a demonstration class in making traditional scones, which we will have the pleasure of consuming! Breakfast and lunch are included today. **Accommodation:** Gresham Hotel (2 nights), Dublin.

**September 18** A local guide will take us on an informative tour of the city, including visits to Christchurch Cathedral, Trinity College and the Guinness Storehouse. After touring the brewery, we will enjoy a pint in the Sky Bar, located at the top of a glass tower, commanding spectacular views of the city and surrounding countryside. After some free time, we will enjoy dinner and an evening of traditional music and dance at The Merry Ploughboy Pub. Breakfast, dinner and show are included today.

**September 19** After breakfast (included), we depart for the airport and our return flight, arriving mid-afternoon in Toronto.

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

**\$4495.00 p.p. double occupancy (all taxes included)**

*Small group tour - limited space available - please book early!*

**\*PLEASE NOTE: A \$975.00 deposit is due by June 4/18**

**Final payment and cut-off is July 3/18**

**Single supplement - add \$995.00**

~ Return airfare, washroom equipped motor coach

~ 9 nights' in 4-star hotels with portage, city tours

~ 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 three-course dinners

~ Entry to all museums and demonstrations as described

~ Fully escorted and driver/guide narration throughout tour

***\*Early booking bonus: Reserve by May 7/18 and receive \$50.00 p.p. off or free airbus from Niagara (only), to Toronto***

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### **LANCASTER, PA: September 25-27, 2018 Escort: Earl Clint**

**September 25** Departing from the Kitchener area (dependent on numbers), with a pick-up in Niagara. Upon arrival, we will go to the Bird-in Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord, followed by a performance of "The Home Game" at the adjacent theatre. This is a story about a young man named Levi, who must choose between his father's expectation of an Amish life and his own deepest dreams of playing baseball in the major leagues. Dinner is included today. **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express Lancaster East, Strasburg, PA (2 nights).

**September 26** After breakfast, an optional stop (entry fee not included), will be available at "The Amish Experience". Here you can view an award-winning multi-media presentation, followed by a guided tour of an Amish homestead. (Note: this stop is recommended for those who have never visited; an alternate activity will be planned for those who have). Next, we will take a brief drive through the countryside, stopping at an Amish bakery and craft store. After a lunch break at the Rockvale Factory Outlets, we will attend a mid-afternoon performance of the new production "Jesus", at Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre. We will then enjoy dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, before returning to the hotel. Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**September 27** On the way home, we will stop at the Kreider Dairy Farm in Manheim for a 90 minute tour of this state-of-the-art operation, complete with a drive-through barn (even on a bus), and milking merry-go-round. After sampling some of their products, we depart for home. Breakfast is included today.

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

**\$695.00 p.p. double occupancy (no tax)**

~ Deluxe washroom equipped motorcoach

~ 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Fully escorted throughout

~ Hotel accommodation, Kreider Dairy Farm tour

~ Tickets to see "Jesus" and "The Home Game"

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$300.00 deposit is due by July 17/18**

**Final payment and cut-off is August 20/18**

**Single supplement - add \$150.00 Three sharing - deduct \$50.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$70.00 p.p.**

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### **MYRTLE BEACH HIGHLIGHTS: October 20-27, 2018 Escort: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**October 20** Departing Kitchener (dependent on numbers), with a pick-up in Niagara. Enjoy the scenic drive through Pittsburgh and southward to our hotel. **Accommodation:** Hampton Inn, Beckley, WV.

**October 21** Our drive continues towards Myrtle Beach. After checking into our oceanfront hotel, we will go out for dinner. Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** Hampton Inn, Myrtle Beach, SC (5 nights).

**October 22** Our leisurely morning includes a visit to Ripley's Aquarium and "Broadway at the Beach", a collection of shops in a unique setting. We will then stop at the main historic section of the beach for free time at lunch, before returning to our hotel to enjoy the pool and beach. In the evening, we will go out for dinner and a performance of "One", a high energy production with singing, dancing and comedy, at the Alabama Theater. Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**October 23** Today we will visit Brookgreen Gardens, covering 9000 acres of the South Carolina Low Country. Once a rice plantation, Brookgreen is now known for its beautiful display gardens and sculpture collection. We will then take a pontoon boat excursion to learn about the history of the colonial rice plantations and to observe the indigenous plants and wildlife, including alligators. We return to the hotel by mid-afternoon and enjoy a free evening. Breakfast and lunch are included today.

**October 24** On this day trip to Charleston, our first stop will be Boone Hall Plantation to experience what plantation life was like in the early 1800's. Once known for cotton and pecans, it has been continuously growing crops for over 320 years. It is best known for its two ¾ mile rows of live oaks planted in 1743, which create a tunnel leading up to the house. After some free time for lunch and shopping in the Old City Market, we will enjoy a narrated horse-drawn carriage tour of this historic city filled with a variety of architectural styles, including Colonial and Georgian mansions. We then visit the Edmonston-Alston House in the Battery area, for an insight into the past lifestyles of the wealthy, before returning to Myrtle Beach. Breakfast is included today.

**October 25** Enjoy a relaxing day, with an optional shopping excursion to a nearby factory outlet mall. This evening we will attend the Carolina Opry, a well-known variety show with music, comedy and dancing. Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**October 26** Today we depart for the Luray Caverns in Virginia's scenic Shenandoah Valley. Discovered by Andrew Campbell, the local tinsmith in August of 1878, they are the largest series of caverns in the East. This user-friendly underground wonderland features enormous chambers filled with stalactites and stalagmites, towering stone columns, shimmering draperies and crystal-clear pools. Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** Fairfield Inn, Strasburg, VA.

**October 27** Today we conclude this scenic journey by driving through rolling hills with colourful fall foliage still on display. We will arrive back home by early evening. Breakfast is included today.

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$2095.00 p.p. double occupancy (no tax)**

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$400.00 deposit is due by August 8/18**  
**Final payment and cut-off date is September 12/18**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Deluxe washroom equipped motorcoach. Fully escorted  
 ~ All entry fees including Brookgreen Gardens, Boone Hall, carriage ride, house tour, aquarium, Luray Caverns  
 ~ 7 nights' accommodation (oceanfront in Myrtle Beach)  
 ~ Tickets to see two live theatre performances  
 ~ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners

**Single supplement - add \$585.00 Three sharing - deduct \$185.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$275.00 p.p.**

### **NEW YORK AT CHRISTMAS: December 1-4, 2018 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**December 1** The tour departs from Kitchener (dependent on numbers), with a Niagara pick-up. Once in Manhattan, enjoy free time for dinner and shopping, including Macy's with its Christmas themed window displays. Some may choose to go up the Empire State Building for a view of the city lights (not included). **Accommodation:** Fairfield Inn, East Rutherford, NJ (3 nights).

**December 2** Our day begins with a visit to the 9/11 Memorial Museum located beside the new Freedom Tower. From here, we head to Canal Street for shopping in Chinatown and Little Italy, followed by lunch at a well-known Italian restaurant. A local guide will then take us to Brooklyn and Queens, including a few food related stops in both Italian and Greek neighbourhoods. We then head to Times Square for some free time to explore and have dinner. Breakfast and lunch are included today.

**December 3** Our first stop is the "Top of the Rock" observation deck of the GE Building. Then, at the south end of Central Park near Columbus Circle, we will browse through the annual outdoor Christmas Market. After some free time on Fifth Avenue, we will meet at Radio City Music Hall for a backstage tour, followed by a performance of the Rockettes Radio City Christmas Spectacular, a true New York Christmas tradition. Afterwards, the lights of the Rockefeller Center tree will be on for us to view. Then, choose a place to enjoy dinner on "Restaurant Row" or Ninth Avenue, before we return to the hotel. Breakfast is included.

**December 4** This morning we drive home, stopping at "The Crossings Premium Outlets" in Pennsylvania, for shopping and lunch. We will arrive back in Niagara by early evening. Breakfast is included today.

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$995.00 p.p. double occupancy (no tax)**

**PLEASE NOTE: a \$300.00 deposit is due by Sept. 24/18**

*Theatre tickets cannot be guaranteed after this date*

**Final payment and cut-off date is October 29/18**

*New York is popular at Christmas, so please book early!*

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Deluxe washroom equipped motor coach  
 ~ 3 nights' accommodation. Fully escorted throughout  
 ~ All entry fees including the 9/11 museum, admission to the "Top of the Rock" observatory, a Radio City Music Hall tour and ticket for Christmas Spectacular  
 ~ 3 deluxe continental breakfasts and 1 lunch

**Single supplement - add \$295.00 Three sharing - deduct \$95.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$125.00 p.p.**

### **2019 NEW ORLEANS AND CARIBBEAN CRUISE: Late March - Early April, 2019 (11 days)**

Café Du Monde, the Natchez, Bourbon Street, city tour, plantations, etc., then a 7-day cruise. If interested, call Earl.

## VERSTRAETE TRAVEL – 2018 TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** This form may be used by one person or by a couple. If two singles are sharing, each person should fill out a separate form. A new form is required for each trip booked - copy as necessary. Please detach and submit with your deposit cheque. **Enter your date of birth and legal name as it appears on your passport (required for U.S. and European entry), or for airfare within Canada, you may use government issued photo I.D. (driver's license only).** Note: I.D. used at the airport must match what is on your boarding pass (given to us, below). For all other trips (Mystery Tour), your given name is fine.

**Passenger 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone/Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please be advised that all hotel rooms are non-smoking. A charge for cleaning and deodorizing will result and is payable by the passenger(s) listed above, if he/she smokes in any hotel room.

2. If two names are listed above, the assumption is that you will be sharing accommodation. If one name is listed, please choose one of the following options.

I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ (name).

I do not have a specific room-mate request and permit the Verstraete Travel tour coordinator to assign me one.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Please note: The tour price is based on double occupancy. A single supplement charge will be added, if such accommodation is requested. Please add the single charge, or deduct for triple/quad occupancy, in the Tour Cost Summary section. See tour descriptions for exact prices.**

3. I/we would prefer a room with 1 queen/king bed \_\_\_\_\_ *Please note: We cannot guarantee your*  
2 double/twin beds \_\_\_\_\_ *preference when selecting one bed*  
No preference \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Trip cancellation insurance and extended medical coverage are recommended.** An exact quote is dependent on the age and health of the applicant, and the length and cost of the trip. Please indicate if you wish to receive a quote, and a Verstraete Travel representative will contact you by telephone.

I am/we are interested in purchasing cancellation insurance and/or extended health coverage and wish to receive an exact quote. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tour Cost Summary - Check your tour choice below. Prices are per person, in Canadian dollars (dbl. occ.)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Southwestern Ontario Mystery Trip - June 26-27: \$485.00 (includes HST)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Newfoundland - July 5-13: \$3775.00 (includes HST)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago - Aug. 24-28: \$1295.00 (no tax)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Ireland - September 9-19: \$4495.00 (tax included)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Lancaster - Sept. 25-27: \$695.00 (no tax)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Myrtle Beach Highlights - October 20-27: \$2095.00 (no tax)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ New York City Christmas - December 1-4: \$995.00 (no tax)

**Important:** *If you sign up for more than one tour, please photocopy this form and fill out a separate registration for each tour. Also include a separate deposit cheque for each trip you join*

1. **Tour price** - based on double occupancy 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
See brochure for exact price including  
adjustments for single, triple or quad occ. \_\_\_\_\_ **Add/deduct for non-double occ.**  
Deduct for early booking (if applicable),  
or indicate choice of \_\_\_\_\_ free airbus \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**

2. **Deduct deposit (enclose cheque)** 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(see trip description for exact amount) \_\_\_\_\_ **Less deposit**

**Balance owing**

(See brochure for due dates)

**Make cheques payable to Verstraete Travel**

**Note:** *Use of a credit card will result in an extra 3% service charge - please call the office to arrange payment*

**\*Attention:** Reservations are confirmed on a first-come basis, with payment required to hold space.  
Please book early and adhere to all payment due dates, as these are set by suppliers.

**Agreement:** I/we hereby acknowledge that Verstraete Travel has recommended both extended health care coverage and trip cancellation insurance. I/we have also read the tour terms and reservation information on the tour brochure and hereby agree to respect these conditions as a participant of the trip. Furthermore I/we understand that neither Verstraete Travel nor the tour coordinator/escort(s) can be held liable for any loss, damage, injury or death that might occur on the trip as a result of acts of God, Government actions, criminal acts, late arrivals, missed connections and other factors beyond their direct control.

**Signature of Passenger(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** This signed registration form and your deposit must be sent to one of the addresses shown below. A designated Verstraete Travel agent will call you promptly regarding optional insurance coverage and mail you a receipt. For specific questions regarding trip details, please contact Earl Clint (tour coordinator), otherwise contact any of the following locations:

*For further information, contact:*

**Earl Clint, Tour Coordinator**  
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### IMPORTANT TOUR AND RESERVATION INFORMATION

**Itinerary:** It is our goal to operate the tour as described in this brochure. Verstraete Travel reserves the right to alter the itinerary if necessary. We have made arrangements with other independent parties and cannot be held responsible for their acts or omissions.

**Accommodation:** Hotel phone numbers and pick-up details will be communicated approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure. When completing the registration, please specify the type of accommodation that you require and ensure the correct price is entered. Room-service, in-room movies and snacks as well as telephone charges must be paid for by the user. Any damage done to public or private property while on the tour will be the responsibility of the person who causes the damage. Laundry facilities are available at many of the hotels.

**Airline Baggage Information:** Luggage size and weight must meet airline regulations. Each person is permitted one full-size piece (included in the tour price), and one carry-on piece. For tours which include luggage handling (see inclusions in trip descriptions), one piece only, is covered.

**Coach Seating:** Luxury washroom-equipped buses will be rented from local companies for each tour. Call for details if you wish to know the specific company for each trip. A rotational seating policy will be in effect to ensure equity for all passengers throughout the trip.

**Tipping:** When meals are provided, the gratuity is included, unless specified. Although tips for step-on-guides and the bus driver are customary, they are not included in the tour price and will be left to the discretion of each passenger. For more information, ask your tour escort.

**What to bring:** Weather conditions are unpredictable, especially near water. It is a good idea to bring a sweatshirt, a rain repellent jacket and a compact umbrella. Besides a camera, a set of binoculars may be useful for some destinations, and a bathing suit, since some hotels have pools.

**Border Crossing:** The following regulations apply for travel into the United States. All Canadian citizens entering the U.S. by land or air, must have a passport. Non-citizen residents of Canada, or visitors to Canada, are required to have either a Permanent Resident Card, or to obtain a temporary entry visa prior to the trip (this will help to avoid any time-consuming delays at the border).

**Domestic Air Travel:** A valid passport or driver's license with photo I.D. is acceptable for use by a Canadian citizen travelling by air within Canada. Please note that the I.D. used at the airport must match the information given to Verstraete Travel (entered on the registration form).

**Conditions of Travel:** It is expected that all passengers are able to operate independently or be accompanied by a qualified assistant. Smoking and use of alcohol are not permitted on any motorcoach. Verstraete Travel reserves the right to terminate the trip of any member whose conduct is detrimental to the well-being of other passengers. In such a case no refund will be given, and the return fare will be at the person's expense.

**Insurance:** Verstraete Travel recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance as well as out-of-country or out-of-province health insurance. On the registration form, indicate your interest in purchasing such insurance and an agent will call to give you a quote.

**Tour Cancellation/Cut-off Date:** Verstraete Travel reserves the right to cancel any tour no later than 30 days before departure, and it will have no other responsibility beyond refunding all fares paid to it by passengers. The cut-off date for joining each tour is stated in the brochure. A deposit is required to hold space, and bookings are made on a first-come basis. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Exchange Rates:** Ontario law permits Verstraete Travel to add up to a 7% surcharge to the stated tour price, in order to cover further devaluation of the Canadian dollar (or additional tariffs/taxes/levies), from the time the brochure is written. In such a case the customer will be informed before the final payment date so he/she can decide whether to remain on the tour. If a customer wishes to drop out, a full refund of all payments made, will be given.

**Payment Policy:** A deposit is required at the time of booking, along with a completed registration form. Check the brochure for both the deposit due date and amount (each tour is different), and for the final payment due date. **Please make all cheques payable to "Verstraete Travel".**

**Cancellation Policy:** In the case of cancellation, the following conditions apply: 1. Excluding the above exchange rate provisions, deposits are 50% refundable, up to 75 days prior to departure (90 days for Ireland). Inside 75 days (90 for Ireland), deposits are non-refundable. 2. From the time a final payment is made, up to the departure date, no refund will be given.

**For more information or to return your completed registration form and deposit, contact:**

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