



# VERSTRAETE TRAVEL & CRUISES 2017

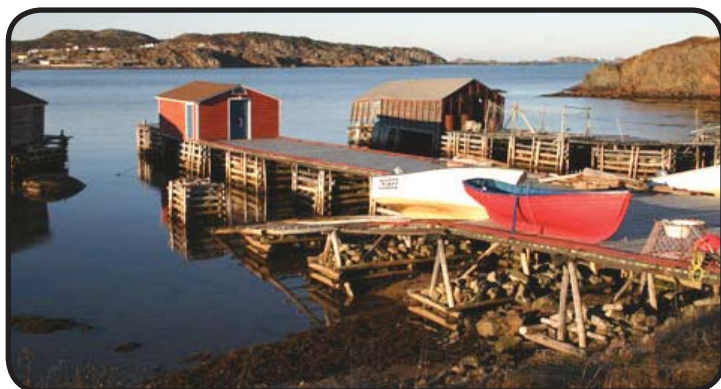
## *Escorted Motorcoach Tours*



***LANCASTER  
MAY 11-13***



***NOVA SCOTIA TATTOO & P.E.I.  
JUNE 28 - JULY 2***



***NEWFOUNDLAND  
JULY 6-14***



***BOSTON & NEW YORK CITY  
SEPTEMBER 18-22***



***MUSKOKA & OTTAWA FALL COLOUR  
OCTOBER 2-5***



***NASHVILLE, LOUISVILLE & MEMPHIS  
OCTOBER 23-28***

***TOUR COORDINATOR: EARL CLINT***

**VERSTRAETE TRAVEL & CRUISES**  
*Invites you to travel on our*  
**2017 ESCORTED MOTORCOACH TOURS**

**INTRODUCTION:** This year I am offering some rather unique tours, in addition to a few long-standing favourites. In Lancaster we will see the popular Gaither Vocal Band in concert, and attend the play "Jonah". In **Nova Scotia** we will attend the International Tattoo, then tour **P.E.I.**, where we will celebrate our nation's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Newfoundland** continues to be popular (my 18<sup>th</sup> tour there), with its beautiful scenery and hospitable people. For the first time, I am combining **Boston and New York City** with an interesting itinerary that offers something new for everyone, even if you have been to one or both of these cities before. This year's fall colour trip includes **Muskoka and Ottawa** with a boat tour, a drive through Algonquin Park and several interesting museums. Finally, a unique combination of experiences await in **Nashville, Louisville and Memphis**, including beautiful scenery, fall colours, music (country, blues, and rock), museums and great food! *All prices are in Canadian dollars* and include gratuities on group meals. General departure locations are listed for each tour; specific pick-up points 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**

**"THE GAITHERS" & "JONAH" IN LANCASTER: May 11-13, 2017 Escort: John Swatridge**

**May 11** Departing from Kitchener area (dependant on numbers), with a Niagara pick-up. Upon arrival, we will go to Hershey Farm restaurant for a family-style dinner, followed by a performance of "Jonah" at Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre. Dinner is included today. **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express Lancaster East, Strasburg, PA (2 nights).

**May 12** After breakfast, a step-on-guide will take us on a two hour countryside tour, with several interesting stops including Lititz, home of Wilbur chocolates and Sturgis Pretzels. During the afternoon, some free time will be given at the Rockvale Factory Outlets, followed by dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord. Afterwards, enjoy a performance by the well known and accomplished Gaither Vocal Band at the American Music Theatre. Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**May 13** Today enjoy a relaxing drive home; we will arrive before dinner. Breakfast is included today.

**INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: Deposit is due by March 1/17**

**Final payment and cut-off is April 7/17**

**Single supplement - add \$160.00    Three sharing - deduct \$50.00 p.p.    Four sharing - deduct \$75.00 p.p.**

**PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Deluxe washroom equipped motorcoach  
~ 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Fully escorted throughout  
~ Hotel accommodation and guided countryside tour  
~ Tickets to see "Jonah" and "The Gaither Vocal Band"

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**NOVA SCOTIA TATTOO & CANADA DAY IN P.E.I.: June 28 - July 2, 2017**

**Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**June 28** Our flight departs from Pearson in Toronto. Upon arrival in Halifax, we will head to scenic Peggys Cove, then to our downtown waterfront hotel. **Accommodation:** Courtyard by Marriott - Downtown, Halifax (2 nights).

**June 29** Enjoy a free day to explore the city with the help of your tour guide. You can visit Pier 21 Immigration Museum which tells the story of immigrants who entered Canada at this very place, or walk to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic which houses exhibits explaining the city's great explosion and fire of 1917, as well as relics from the Titanic. You may also decide to visit the historic Citadel, or take a fun-filled tour of Alexander Keith's original brewery, founded in 1820 (above entry fees are not included). In the evening we will attend a performance of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, Canada's best kept entertainment secret that can best be described as a circus with bagpipes! Breakfast is included today.

**June 30** We depart for Caribou, N.S. where we will board a ferry destined for Prince Edward Island. Upon arrival there, we will drive to Charlottetown where a local guide will join us for an overview of the city. Free time will be given in the evening to enjoy dinner downtown. Breakfast is included today. **Accommodation:** Rodd Royalty Hotel, Charlottetown (2 nights).

**July 1** Today we celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, in a place that was instrumental to the country being founded. After enjoying some of the morning festivities downtown, we will drive to the P.E.I. Preserve Company in New Glasgow to view (and of course sample), various jams and other goodies. Next you can choose to visit Anne of Green Gables House, or the Cavendish Boardwalk, with a collection of unique shops. We will then go to Cavendish Beach with its sand dunes and distinct

red sandstone rocks, before enjoying a lobster supper at Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant in North Rustico (other choices available). Upon our return to the city, you can be dropped at the hotel, or go to the waterfront for continued celebrations including fireworks, to cap off the day! Breakfast and dinner are included today.

**July 2** We depart for New Brunswick via the Confederation Bridge and head to Hopewell Cape along the Bay of Fundy. From the visitors centre, a park guide will lead us on a narrated tour explaining the unique conditions that create the world's greatest tidal range. Free time will be given to explore the seashore and famed rock "flower pots", before we transfer to the Moncton airport for our return flight. Breakfast is included today.

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$1495.00 p.p. + HST (double occupancy)**

**\*EARLY BOOKING IS REQUIRED FOR AIRLINE DEPOSIT**

**Deposit is due by March 24/17**

**Final payment and cut-off is May 24/17**

**Single supplement - add \$370.00 + HST Three sharing - deduct \$100.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$150.00 p.p.**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Return flight (excludes luggage fee), bus and ferry  
~ Hotel accommodation, step-on-guide and entry fees to the N.S. Tattoo and Hopewell Cape visitors centre  
~ 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner. Fully escorted throughout

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### **NEWFOUNDLAND: July 6-14, 2017 Escorts: Earl Clint and John Swatridge**

**July 6** 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 7** 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 are included. **Accommodation:** Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head.

**July 8** 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, originating mainly from Greenland 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:** Hotel North, St. Anthony.

**July 9** 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 10** At the Lewisporte Heritage Centre we will learn about the history of the area, be entertained by local musicians, and enjoy some light refreshments. From here we drive to Boyd's Cove Beothuk Site to learn about the indigenous people who once lived in the province, then we will visit the "Prime Berth" fishing exhibit to learn more about the traditional way of life in 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, Harbour Lights B & B and others in Twillingate.

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

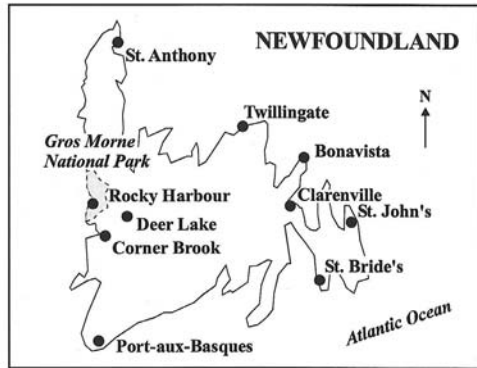
**July 12** Our destination is Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve at the southern tip of the Avalon Peninsula (conditions permitting), one of the continent's largest bird colonies. Watch in amazement as thousands of seabirds take flight all around us. This evening you can relax at the hotel or head downtown 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 13** 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 (and hopefully when), these giants swim beside our boat. This evening we will enjoy good food, comedy and song, at a "Spirit of Newfoundland" production. Breakfast and dinner are included.

**July 14** 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**

**\$3245.00 p.p. + HST (double occupancy)**



## **PRICE INCLUDES**

- ~ Return airfare from Toronto (includes baggage fee)
- ~ 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 \$575.00 + HST Three sharing - deduct \$170.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$235.00 p.p.**

**PLEASE NOTE: DEPOSIT IS DUE BY MAY 1/17 FINAL PAYMENT AND CUT-OFF DATE IS JUNE 2/17**

**Early booking bonus: Reserve by March 31/17 and receive \$50.00 p.p. off or free airbus from Niagara (only), to Toronto**

## **BOSTON & NEW YORK CITY: September 18-22, 2017 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**September 18** Upon arrival in Boston, we will take a short walk through part of Boston Common. This downtown park was established in 1634, making it the oldest city park in the United States. From here we will have dinner at the iconic "Cheers" restaurant, then drive to our nearby hotel. Dinner is included today. **Accommodation:** Comfort Inn Boston (2 nights).

**September 19** Our day begins with a visit to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum housing photographs, historical documents, campaign memorabilia and family belongings. Next is a narrated harbour cruise with the opportunity to board the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. After some free time in the Quincy Market area for lunch, a local guide will take us on a walking tour of this historic part of the city. From here we board the bus to view sights such as the TD Garden, home of the Boston Bruins and Celtics, then to the campuses of Cambridge University, Harvard and MIT. We will then tour historic Fenway Park, home of the Red Sox. Even if you are not a baseball fan going in, you will become one by the end of the tour! After free time for dinner, we will return to the hotel. Breakfast is included today.

**September 20** Today we drive to New York City. Upon arrival, we will have some free time to explore the area surrounding Rockefeller Plaza, including St. Patrick's Cathedral and the shops along Fifth Avenue. From here we will take a short walk into Central Park to better appreciate how important this green space is for the city's residents. We will then drive north along the west side of the park, to Harlem. After eating at one of the great restaurants in the area, we will attend "Amateur Night" at the famous Apollo Theatre, where Buddy Holly and Michael Jackson got their start. From here we head across the George Washington Bridge to our hotel. Breakfast is included today. **Accommodation:** Fairfield Inn, East Rutherford, NJ (3 nights).

**September 21** Our day begins with a visit to the observation deck of the new Freedom Tower in south Manhattan, followed by the 9/11 Memorial Museum. From here we head to Chinatown and Little Italy for some free time to explore and have lunch. 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 return to Manhattan and conclude the tour near Times Square. At this point you may choose to have a quick meal and purchase tickets for a Broadway play, or you can enjoy a leisurely dinner at one of the many restaurants on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, just two blocks from the bright lights. If there is interest, the bus can also drop people along 34<sup>th</sup> Street, close to the Empire State Building and Macey's for a couple of hours of independent exploration. Breakfast is included today.

**September 22** On our way home we will stop at the Crossings Premium Outlet in Pennsylvania for shopping and lunch, arriving back in Niagara by early evening. Breakfast is included today.

## **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$1345.00 p.p. Cdn. (no tax), double occupancy**

**PLEASE NOTE: Deposit is due by July 18/17**

**Final payment and cut-off is August 18/17**

## **PRICE INCLUDES**

- ~ Washroom equipped motorcoach. Fully escorted
- ~ 4 nights' accommodation and entry to Freedom Tower
- ~ Boston city tour, harbor cruise and Fenway Park tour
- ~ Tour of Queens & Brooklyn, 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- ~ Ticket to Apollo Amateur Night, entry to 9/11 museum

**Single supplement - add \$475.00 Three sharing - deduct \$150.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$220.00 p.p.**

## **MUSKOKA & OTTAWA FALL COLOUR TOUR: October 2-5, 2017 Escort: Earl Clint**

**October 2** Departing Niagara, with a possible GTA pick-up. Upon arrival in Bracebridge, we board the Lady Muskoka for a luncheon boat cruise on Lake Muskoka. Afterwards we will visit Maple Orchard Farms for some delicious treats followed by a tour and tastings at Muskoka Brewery. Lunch and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** Comfort Inn, Huntsville.

**October 3** This morning, sit back and enjoy a scenic and colourful drive through Algonquin Park, with a stop at the visitors centre. We then continue eastward to the “Diefenbunker”, Canada’s Cold War Museum. Here we will step back in time to get a sense of the tensions that were present at the height of the Cold War and which prompted the Government of Canada to build this four-story, 100,000 square foot underground bunker, designed to house 535 government officials and military officers in the event of a nuclear attack. Breakfast is included today. **Accommodation:** Hampton Inn, Ottawa (2 nights).

**October 4** Ottawa will be in a continuous celebratory mood throughout 2017, as it marks Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Today we will see some examples of this during a brief city tour. We will also have the opportunity to visit the Canadian War Museum and/or the National Art Gallery, depending on your interest. A mid-afternoon tour of the Parliament Buildings has also been arranged, followed by some free time in the Byward Market for browsing and dinner. Breakfast is included today.

**October 5** Today we drive to Kingston where our first stop will be the Public Market, located in the historic downtown. After some free time for shopping and lunch, a rather unique experience awaits. We will tour the Kingston Penitentiary which operated as a prison for 178 years, from 1835 to 2013. (Tours are conducted by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and could not be confirmed at the time of writing - alternate activities of equal value will be substituted if necessary). We will also tour the Penitentiary Museum, located directly across the street. From here we will “make a run for it”, arriving home by mid-evening! Breakfast is included today.

### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$845.00 p.p. + HST (double occupancy)**

**PLEASE NOTE: Deposit is due by August 1/17**

**Final payment and cut-off is September 1/17**

### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Washroom equipped motor coach. Fully escorted

~ 3 nights’ accommodation, tour of Parliament

~ Boat tour, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner

~ Entry to all museums as described

**Single supplement - add \$290.00 + HST Three sharing - deduct \$90.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$130.00 p.p.**

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## **NASHVILLE, LOUISVILLE & MEMPHIS: October 23-28, 2017**

**Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**October 23** We depart Toronto on a morning flight. Upon arrival in Nashville we will board our bus and drive north to Bowling Green, Kentucky. Here we will tour the National Corvette Museum which tells the story of this iconic sports car, first produced in 1953. We continue to Louisville where we will attend a comedy show at the Derby Dinner Playhouse located adjacent to our hotel. Dinner is included today. **Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel Louisville North, Clarksville, IN.

**October 24** Our day begins with a visit to Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Here we will learn about various aspects of horse racing and tour the world’s most famous track during morning workouts, to better appreciate the power and speed of thoroughbreds. Next we tour the Louisville Slugger factory which has been making baseball bats since 1884. Major league players including Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson and Derek Jeter all established themselves as stars while using Louisville Slugger bats. After lunch we walk to the Muhammad Ali Centre, commemorating the remarkable achievements (both inside and outside the ring), of this great boxer, activist, humanitarian and native son of Louisville. After a relaxing afternoon drive we will head downtown to Nashville’s lower Broadway, otherwise known as the “Honky Tonk Highway”, home of great live music and numerous restaurants. Here we will enjoy some free time for the evening. Breakfast and lunch are included today. **Accommodation:** Country Inns & Suites Opryland North, Nashville, TN (2 nights).

**October 25** This morning a local guide will take us to various points of interest including the Parthenon, a full scale replica of the original in Athens. We will tour historic RCA Studio B, once the recording home of popular music titans such as Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton and the Everly Brothers. Next is the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, one of the world’s largest repositories of country music artifacts. At the Johnny Cash Museum we will view displays, pictures and memorabilia from the life of this music legend. You may then choose to return to the hotel or spend another evening exploring the numerous downtown music venues and eateries. Breakfast is included today.

**October 26** We depart for Memphis, located on the banks of the Mississippi River and famous for the influential strains of blues, soul and rock 'n' roll that originated there. Upon arrival, we will go the National Civil Rights Museum which encompasses the Lorraine Motel, the site where Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Next is Mud Island River Park featuring a hydraulic scaled model of the Mississippi. This replica includes the main cities and explains the history

and importance of this mighty river. The museum on Mud Island presents the history of the lower Mississippi river valley, complete with a full-scale, replica steamboat. After checking into our nearby hotel, we head to the Rock & Soul Museum and then to Beale Street for dinner and live music. Breakfast and dinner are included today. **Accommodation:** Comfort Inn Downtown, Memphis, TN.

**October 27** This morning at Graceland we will tour the home of music icon Elvis Presley. In addition to the house, there is a newly opened (March 2017), \$45 million, 200,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art entertainment complex across the street, filled with his awards, memorabilia, vehicles and even his planes. From here we drive back to Nashville and check into the massive Opryland Resort, with 2882 rooms and a glass conservatory, complete with tropical foliage, a waterfall and a boat ride. This evening we will attend a live music performance at the Grand Ole Opry, founded in 1925 as a one hour radio program and today showcasing famous singers performing country, bluegrass, folk and gospel music. Breakfast is included today. **Accommodation:** The Marriott Gaylord Opryland Resort & Conference Center, Nashville, TN.

**October 28** After a buffet breakfast (included), we transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

**INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$2195.00 p.p. Cdn. (no tax), double occupancy**

**PLEASE NOTE: Deposit is due by August 21/17  
Final payment and cut-off is September 21/17**

**Single supplement - add \$475.00 Three sharing - deduct \$150.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$220.00 p.p.**

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**PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Return airfare (excludes luggage fee), and motorcoach  
~ 5 nights' hotel accommodation and entry fees to all museums as described. Fully escorted throughout  
~ 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners

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**SIGNING UP FOR A 2017 TOUR?**

If you are planning to go on more than one tour, please photocopy the registration form on the opposite page and use a separate form for each tour. **For all trips**, it is important to **state your date of birth** and to **use your legal name** as it appears on your passport (for travel outside Canada), or photo ID (a driver's license is acceptable for airline travel within Canada).

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**LOOKING AHEAD ... TO 2018**

A couple of interesting possibilities exist for **late March or early April 2018**, to escape the last gasps of winter. One of these is a **Florida Tour** which would include Cape Canaveral, the Everglades and Key West, followed by a cruise departing from either Miami or Ft. Lauderdale. Another idea is a tour of **Texas and Louisiana**, including the well known River Walk in San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Galveston, followed by a few days of exploration in and around New Orleans. In **May**, a cruise to **Bermuda** is under consideration as it is the most cost efficient way to visit this tiny bit of paradise. Other possibilities include a tour of **Western Canada** in **June** and another trip to **Newfoundland** in **July**. Late **August** is a great time of the year to visit **Chicago**, while late **September** is the ideal time to take a **Mediterranean Cruise**. Early **October** is well suited for a **New England and Maritime Fall Colour Cruise**. In late **October**, why not a tour of **California** or the **Canyons of Utah & Arizona** (or a combination of both)? Other **fall** possibilities include a trip to **North & South Carolina**, featuring the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, Charleston, and Myrtle Beach. It is unlikely that all of these tours will occur in 2018, but we are open to trying! **Lots of ideas ... is anything of interest?**

Of course doing any detailed planning this far ahead is extremely difficult due to the uncertain value of the dollar, as well as many other factors. If you would like to express an interest in any of these, or if you have other suggestions, please contact Earl or John as soon as possible. It would be nice to have a nucleus of interested people in order to move forward. **As always, your input is appreciated and useful in the planning process!**

## VERSTRAETE TRAVEL – 2017 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. **For all trips, enter your date of birth and legal name as it appears on your passport (required for U.S. entry), or government issued photo I.D. (driver's license), for air travel in Canada. I.D. used at the airport must match what is on your boarding pass (given to us).**

**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 preference when selecting one bed*  
2 double/twin beds \_\_\_\_\_  
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. \_\_\_\_\_ "Jonah" and The Gaithers in Lancaster: May 1-23 (\$695.00)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Nova Scotia Tattoo & Canada Day in P.E.I: June 28 - July 2 (\$1495.00 + HST)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Newfoundland: July 6-14 (\$3245.00 + HST)      4. \_\_\_\_\_ N.Y.C. & Boston: September 18-22 (\$1345.00)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Colours - Muskoka & Ottawa: October 2-5 (\$845.00 + HST)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Nashville, Louisville & Memphis: October 23-28 (\$2195.00)

**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. <b>Tour price</b> - based on double occupancy 1. _____ See brochure for exact price including adjustments for single, triple or quad occ. _____ Deduct for early booking (if applicable), or indicate choice of _____ free airbus _____	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Add 13% HST - Cdn. tours only (NS, NL, Fall Colours)</b>
2. <b>Include a deposit of \$300.00 p.p./trip</b> 2. _____	<b>Less deposit</b>
	<b>Balance owing</b> (See brochure for due dates)

**Make cheque payable to Verstraete Travel**

**Note: Add a 3% service charge for use of a credit card – 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:***

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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 three 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.

**Baggage Information:** Luggage size and weight must meet airline regulations. Each person is permitted one full-size piece (extra charge may apply - check inclusions for each trip listed) and one carry-on piece. For tours which include luggage handling, if more than one piece is to be handled, a surcharge will be added depending on the tour length.

**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.

**Tippling:** When meals are provided, the gratuity is included, unless otherwise specified while on tour. 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.

**What to bring:** Weather conditions are unpredictable, especially near the ocean. It is a good idea to bring a sweatshirt and rain repellent jacket. Also bring a compact umbrella, binoculars, a camera 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). A valid driver's license with photo I.D. is acceptable for use by a Canadian citizen travelling by air, within Canada.

**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 the 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 reserve early to avoid disappointment.

**Exchange Rate:** Verstraete Travel reserves the right to add a surcharge to the stated tour price, in order to cover further devaluation of the Canadian dollar from the time the brochure is written. In such a case the customer will be informed by the "deposit due date" so he/she can decide whether or not to join the tour.

**Payment/Cancellation Policy:** Unless otherwise stated, a \$300.00 per person deposit is required at the time of booking, along with a completed registration form. Check brochure for both deposit and final payment dates for each tour. In the case of cancellation, the following conditions apply: 1. Deposit is non-refundable (except for exchange rate provisions). 2. From the time a final payment is made, until departure, no refund will be given.

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

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