

Adirondack Balloon Festival & More September 17-20, 2027



September 17, 2027 (L)

Today we depart for your Adirondack Balloon Festival and More trip! Rest stops and an included lunch stop will be made along the way. We'll arrive in Lake George, NY and check into the Holiday Inn Resort for our 3 night stay. A visit to the evening festivities of the Adirondack Balloon Festival are included this evening! Dinner will be on your own at one of the many food vendors at the festival.

September 18, 2027 (L, D)

Today will be an early morning adventure to the Adirondack Balloon Festival! Watch as over 90 balloons of all shapes and sizes take flight! Local vendors will be available to grab a bite to eat "on your own" for breakfast. After experiencing the balloon festival, we'll depart for Saratoga Springs. Here, we'll begin with a Derby Tour, a step on guide will join you on the bus to narrate a two-hour tour including North Broadway, Downtown including Congress Park (where you will taste the spring water and visit the restrooms), Union Avenue, the thoroughbred track, the harness track, and the gardens at Yaddo. We'll enjoy a local included lunch. A two-hour tour of Saratoga National Historical Park is next. Here a step on guide will join you and narrate the 10 mile battlefield loop as you learn the history of where the first major British army surrendered during the Revolutionary War. You'll make a stop at a viewpoint at the end of the tour where you can get off the bus for a scenic view of the Hudson River and Green Mountains. Afterwards, return to the hotel to relax and freshen up before an included dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

September 19, 2027 (B, L, D)

Sleep in a little longer today and enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today we will have an included lunch at the nearby Fort William Henry, as well as have time to explore the quaint shops and park along the shores of Lake George. We will be joining 'The Islands of the Narrows Cruise' that will be a leisurely 14-mile afternoon trip through the many Islands of Lake George. Lake George is called the "Queen of American Lakes". Learn about Lake George's points of interest, its history, geology and ecology as you sail. We'll have dinner before returning to the hotel.

September 20, 2027 (B, L)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out. The fun's not over yet, though! Enjoy a two-hour narrated Hudson River cruise, viewing places such as Holy Cross Monastery, Vanderebilt Estate, Marist College, Culinary Institute, Cruise around Esopus Island, view of Walkway Over the Hudson (old railroad train trestle) and Mid Hudson Bridge. A boxed lunch is included on your ride. After the cruise we will take the bus to West Point Military Academy. A step-on guide will board the bus for a 90 minute combined bus and walking tour which tells the story of West Point, its role in the Revolution and its famous history. This tour of West Point makes stops at Cadet Chapel, the Plain which is the Cadet Academic area, and Trophy Point with the million-dollar view overlooking the Hudson River. This concludes our adventures. We will depart for home with a fast food stop for dinner "on your own".

***West Point is an active military installation, so visitors 18 and older must present a REAL ID, passport, or other approved U.S. identification at the visitors center.**

TRIP INCLUDES:

Transportation, 3 Nights Lodging, Luggage Handling, 2 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 2 Dinners, Balloon Festival, Derby Tour, Saratoga Springs National Historical Park Tour, Lake George Cruise, Hudson River Cruise, West Point Tour, Meal Gratuities and Taxes

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Holiday Inn Resort, 2223 Canada St. Lake George, NY 12845

Terms & Conditions

Deposit Requirements

An initial deposit of \$250 per person is required to confirm reservation. Full payment must be received by July 16, 2027. Travel Insurance must be purchased at the time of booking to cover pre-existing conditions. If cancellation is necessary, deposit is refundable until July 16, 2027. After that point there are no refunds without travel insurance.

Baggage

Portage of baggage at hotels are included in program; it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard baggage per person.

Items Not Included

Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, laundry, telephone charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel or returning home.

Gratuities

Tips for baggage handling and wait staff for included meals are included. Gratuities for the driver, escort, local guides and housekeeping are not included.

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\$1,115pp Double Occupancy/\$1,295pp Single Occupancy

\$1,050 Triple Occupancy / \$975 Quad Occupancy

Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$250pp) to secure reservation for _____ # people

I (We) wish to purchase Travel Insurance Yes _____ No _____

Insurance must be purchased within 2 weeks of deposit for pre-existing conditions to be covered.

For travel insurance please go to: www.travelsafe.com/travel-safe/travelers?agent=5307

Total Payments \$ _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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****There is a 3% fee charged for payments made via credit card payment****

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ CID Code _____

Amount to be Charged: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

\$250 deposit due with registration / Final balance due 7/16/2027