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HOTELS

Suggested Group Experience Options – Winter



St. Andrews By-the-Sea Tour with a twist (History-Mystery Tour or Tall Tales and Legends)

Saint Andrews, NB or St. Andrews By-the-Sea as it is commonly called was founded in 1783 by the United Empire Loyalists. This little seaside town is well preserved with many of the original buildings still gracing the Town Plat. Some of these buildings were barged to the area from Castine, Maine at the end of the Revolutionary War and are listed under the New Brunswick and Canadian Registry of Historic Places making it one of the best-preserved examples of colonial heritage in North America with over 300 historic buildings.

Genny Simard, Turtle Shore Adventures, coordinates and guides tours for groups with a duration of 2-3 hours). She has developed two memorable and interactive tours popular with many groups.

History-Mystery tour:

Our guide from the 1880's will take you through our historic town to see some important sites and learn some quirky stories about smuggling, ships, robbers and merchants. Be a witness to a stabbing, and try to solve the mystery as you meet some local characters from the late 1800 period. Includes a warm beverage of your choice. (2 hours; 20 people maximum)

Tall Tales and Legends:

Great stories from the past await you! Hear the tales of how this town came together, and how some families made their fortunes, while others got destroyed by greed, fires and murder. This walk will take you on a guided tour of the main streets of town, and historical sites such as the old Gaol and Courthouse, Sheriff Andrews' house, Ross Memorial Museum, and the Anglican Church. (2-3 hours; 20 people maximum)

Afterwards, delegates take a leisurely stroll through the galleries of Water Street to see work created by local artists including folk art, painted furniture, jewellery, pottery, stained glass, and the largest selection of St. Andrews prints.



Chocolate and Wine – Enjoy an afternoon in nearby St. Stephens visiting The Chocolate Museum which celebrates Canada’s oldest chocolate company, Ganong. They are happy to accommodate large groups (75-85) for private tours of this special museum including the opportunity to see Ganong’s famous hand dippers crafting chocolates after which participants will enjoy a tasting of the special chocolates. Adding a Sommelier to pair wine with the Chocolate tasting is a perfect added touch, and a visit to the company store prior to departure will complete the day. Suggested tour length is 3 ½ hours.

Located in what used to be the original Ganong candy factory, The Chocolate Museum offers an interactive way to learn about candy making in St. Stephen – a tradition that has lasted over a century. At the Museum, you will explore the history of the Ganong family and the wonder of chocolate with our hands-on exhibits, vintage chocolate boxes, and antique candy-making equipment and machines. Peek into the studio where Ganong’s famous hand dippers still craft chocolates the way they have for more than one hundred years, and learn the secret to making “Ganong’s best” chocolates.

(<http://www.chocolatemuseum.ca/>)

An artistic afternoon at Sunbury Shores Arts & Nature Centre (<http://www.sunburyshores.org>)



Print shop in downtown St. Andrews run by a Master Printmaker, a pottery studio, exhibition gallery and library, and artists and naturalists provide instruction year-round offers courses on sculpting, pottery, jewelry making, etc.

They can comfortably accommodate 25-30 people. Incorporating an **interactive and educational food demonstration** at the Algonquin Resort hosted by our Executive Chef would round off the day nicely or the group could also have **Tea with Eleanor** which is a program offered Roosevelt Campobello International Park, it allows participants to relax while enjoying afternoon tea while the entire time exploring one of the greatest humanitarians the 20th century produced. Eleanor Roosevelt was many things: a daughter, grand daughter, mother, sister, grandmother, civil rights activist, red cross volunteer, senator wife, governor’s wife, assistant secretary of the navy wife and of course the First Lady of the United States and as the headlines in the papers read on the day of her death, the First Lady of the World. Eleanor Roosevelt bravely went where no women before had gone.

Curling “Funspiel” at the W.C. O’Neill Arena

Located just a few minutes from the Algonquin Resort, the W.C. O’Neill Arena is home to the Heather Curling Club. A “Funspiel” brings out the competitive spirit in all of us whether you’re familiar with the game or a novice. The afternoon can include instruction on the game for those interested, a catered lunch from the Algonquin and team prizes to make it fun. Incorporating a theme makes it all the better.



For the Chef at Heart

Join the Algonquin Resort’s Executive Chef, Jeff MacLean, for a creative and educational cooking demonstration and hands on class as you learn how to prepare one of several Maritime specialties. “The Algonquin is surrounded by some of the world’s most abundant seas, richest farmland and talented agricultural artisans. We’re taping into those great local ingredients and showcasing them so that the meals served stand out as long as the destination itself.”

Meet the Algonquin Ghosts!

Rumour has it The Algonquin is haunted by several different ghosts! Come and find out more about our **friendly** ghosts which include a night watchman, the helpful bellman, a little boy and our most popular tale about a bride. Join us for a memorable evening guided tour. “We haven’t had a crazy, negative experience from anyone being chased out of a room.”



The most concrete piece of evidence that ghosts live at the Algonquin is this photo. You’ll notice in the first chair in the bottom left of the photo is a ghostly silhouette of a little boy looking at his ball, a boy who had passed at this very hotel in its earliest days. Photo: Courtesy of the Algonquin Resort

Turn your Ghost Tour into a “Hotel Pub Crawl” - Meet the Spirits *Throughout the Hotel*

The Algonquin is arguably one of Canada’s most luxurious and legendary resorts, celebrating 130 years of hospitality in St. Andrews-by-the Sea. The hotel holds many a story and a few secrets within its Tudor-style castle walls. Join our hotel ghost tour for a delicious and slightly spooky ‘Hotel Crawl’ featuring nibbles paired with ‘spirited’ cocktails and ghost stories as you stop at three haunted locations within the Algonquin hotel.

Other tour ideas through Destination Management Companies

Numerous DMC’s have worked with groups at the Algonquin Resort, and a great source of information in terms of putting together tour options. We will be happy to provide suggested companies when the time is appropriate.