



## **KAREELA PROBUS TOUR GROUP**

**OPTIONAL TOUR 21 JUNE TO 10 JULY, 2008**

### **Kareela Probus Eastern USA & Canada Grand Tour**

#### **21 June – Saturday – VANCOUVER TO NEW YORK CITY**

We arrive in Vancouver on the last day of our cruise. An arrival transfer has been organized to take you to the airport for your flight to New York City. Welcome to the Big Apple! Transfer to your hotel and settle in for three days in this amazing city!!

#### **22 June – Sunday - NEW YORK CITY**

Enjoy Exploring New York City. See all the sights at your own pace over the next 2 days

#### **23 June – Monday - NEW YORK CITY**

Keep exploring this fantastic city. Perhaps take in a Show tonight??

#### **24 June – Tuesday - NEW YORK CITY**

Enjoy some time at leisure to relax or do some independent exploring. Your Cosmos Tour Director is on hand this evening to answer any questions.

#### **25 June – Wednesday - NEW YORK CITY-BOSTON**

This morning explore the Big Apple, one of the world's most exciting cities. On the included sightseeing tour, visit Broadway, the Empire State Building, Greenwich Village, Chinatown, City Hall, Wall Street and Trinity Church. This afternoon, head for Boston - the 'Cradle of American Liberty' - an elegant city which combines early colonial history with modern innovation. The city has many historic landmarks, reflecting the important part it has played in the history of the United States.

#### **26 June – Thursday - BOSTON**

On your guided morning tour of Boston, see Faneuil Hall, the Old North Church (where Paul Revere was signaled for the departure of British troops to Lexington), and Boston Common. This afternoon is free for you to explore on your own. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for additional sightseeing and shopping. This evening, why not join your travelling companions for dinner at a popular downtown restaurant?

#### **27 June – Friday - BOSTON-QUEBEC CITY**

Journey north through New Hampshire, passing the state's capital dome at Concord and on to the scenic White Mountains. Capture inspiring views of mountain scenery, vast forests and innumerable lakes as we drive through northern New Hampshire and Vermont. Then it's on to the Canadian border, where you'll notice a sudden change in language and tradition as you enter the French-Canadian province of Quebec. Overnight in historic Quebec City on the banks of the mighty St. Lawrence River.

**28 June – Saturday - QUEBEC CITY**

Begin the day with a guided tour of Canada's only walled city, crowned by the great turrets of the Chateau Frontenac. Until the British victory of 1759, Old Quebec was the centre of New France and is today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the walls reside the Place d'Armes, the Laval Seminary, the star-plan Citadelle with grand vistas from its bastions, and ancient Place Royale. Also see the oldworld houses crowding narrow streets in Lower Town and the historic Plains of Abraham, where General Wolfe stormed the slopes. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight join our optional outing to an old-world French restaurant with time afterward to stroll through historic Old Town and take pictures of the Chateau Frontenac at night.

**29 June – Sunday - QUEBEC CITY-MONTREAL**

Today drive to cosmopolitan Montreal, one of the world's largest French-speaking cities. Home of Expo '67 and the 1976 Summer Olympics, the city blends historic architecture with modern skyscrapers, many enhanced with public sculpture displays. Major attractions on this afternoon's optional sightseeing tour include St. Joseph's Oratory, the lookout atop Mount Royal, once-walled Old Montreal, Notre Dame Church, the Seminary of St. Sulpice built by the first missionary settlers, and modern Montreal.

**30 June –Monday - MONTREAL-OTTAWA**

Drive west to Ottawa, Canada's beautiful capital. Your city sightseeing includes Parliament Hill with its crest of Gothic buildings, the Canadian Mint, the Rideau Canal, the hexagonal National Arts Centre, and stately residences and embassies. With your free afternoon you might want to visit the Canadian Museum of Civilization, housed in a modern building of graceful flowing lines, with panoramic views of Parliament Hill across the Ottawa River.

**01 July – Tuesday - OTTAWA-KINGSTON-TORONTO**

Trace the Rideau Canal south to the amazing St. Lawrence Islands National Park. Enjoy many wooded islands along the St. Lawrence River, sprinkled with beautifully simple to opulent summer homes on your included scenic cruise.

**02 July – Wednesday - TORONTO**

City Hall; the downtown banking district; the ultra-modern Skydome stadium; and stunning CN Tower, more than one-third of a mile high, all set Toronto's exciting architectural pace. See these and more on your morning city sightseeing tour. Spend the remainder of the day exploring the city sights on your own, including Harbourfront, Ontario Place, and Chinatown.

**03 July – Thursday - TORONTO-NIAGARA FALLS**

Travel south along the lakeshore and through the rich farmlands and vineyards of Ontario to Niagara Falls. Stop at Table Rock and hear the fury of the raging waters. Then board the MAID OF THE MIST for amazing close-ups at the base of the falls. Tonight join our optional fun-filled musical outing all about Canada. This entertaining evening includes a five-course dinner served family-style. Note: The operation of the Maid of the Mist cruise is subject to favourable weather conditions. Usually favourable conditions exist from mid-May to late October. When weather is unfavourable, a walking tour through the scenic tunnels will be substituted.

**04 July – Friday - NIAGARA FALLS-LANCASTER**

Leave Canada today and head southeast through the Appalachian Mountains and along a portion of the winding Susquehanna River into the rich Pennsylvania Dutch farm country. An optional excursion this evening combines a traditional Amish dinner with a film about growing up in an Amish community.

**05 July – Saturday - LANCASTER-PENN DUTCH COUNTRY-WASHINGTON D.C**

Lancaster County is the home of the religious Amish and Mennonite sects. This morning stop at the AMISH FARM AND HOUSE. A Local Guide explains the faith, culture, and way of life of these people, for whom tradition forbids the use of electricity or telephones in the home. Note the distinctive style of dress and the horse-drawn buggies in place of motor vehicles. Then on to Washington D.C. for an afternoon arrival.

**06 July – Sunday - WASHINGTON D.C**

The nation's capital is a sightseeing treasure-trove, and your half-day tour features the KOREAN and VIETNAM WAR VETERANS MEMORIALS, and many other well known sights. You'll also stop for photos at the White House and Capitol Hill. Then cross the Potomac River and see the graves of American heroes, including John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert, and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, in beautiful ARLINGTON CEMETERY. For the free afternoon why not visit the museums of the Smithsonian? Your Tour Director will also suggest a number of independent activities that explore different facets of this splendid city.

**07 July – Monday - WASHINGTON DC.-PHILADELPHIA-NEW YORK CITY**

This morning drive to Philadelphia, the birthplace of the U.S., where sightseeing focuses on the historic significance of the city. Major attractions to see on your own include the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed. Afterward head back to New York City via JFK Airport for your flight late evening to Vancouver. Overnight Vancouver

**08 July – Tuesday – VANCOUVER TO SYDNEY**

Sleep in this morning after your late arrival last night. A final day of shopping before heading to the airport this evening to fly back to Sydney.

**09 July – Wednesday – IN AIR**

**10 July – Thursday – ARRIVE IN SYDNEY**

Your magnificent Canada & Alaska and USA trip finishes this morning when you arrive home in Sydney.

## **Inclusions and pricing**

### **COST INCLUDES:**

#### **USA & Eastern Canada Optional Tour**

- Flights from Vancouver to New York and return with Cathay Pacific Airways in M Class. Fares may be higher if this class is not available
- 17 nights accommodation in twin rooms at the hotels listed in the room categories listed, depending on availability at time of booking. Hotel taxes, service charges and tips for baggage handling.
- Transfers and transportation on 47 – 54 passenger highway coaches with drivers as listed including highway tolls, and drivers accommodation where needed
- Services of a professional Tour Director from 24 June to 07 July, 2008.
- City Sightseeing in New York, Boston, Toronto and Philadelphia; sightseeing with Local Guide in Washington D.C., Quebec City, Ottawa
- Scenic Highlights: Quebec City, Montreal, St. Lawrence River, St. Lawrence Islands National Park, Kingston, Lake Ontario. Cruise on the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls, cruise in the Thousand Islands Visit the Amish country, Appalachian Mountains, Susquehanna River Valley, Amish Farm and House.
- Inside visits as shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable
- Optional Excursions - Customize your vacation experience with reasonably priced optional excursions. These will be offered prior to your departure from Australia.

### **COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Travel Insurance
- Excess luggage – 1 Suitcase (Max 23 Kg. allowed plus airline carry-on bag)
- Other meals than listed as included, drinks
- Other fees and admissions than listed as included
- Anything stated as optional
- All rates are based on 2008 rates
- Items of a personal nature
- Tour Manager & Driver gratuities (Recommended at \$132 per passenger)

## **Prices**

The prices below are based on initial Earlybird 2008 prices. In discussions with the operators concerned, most feel these prices will hold for 2008. Prices are subject to currency fluxuation, and can be altered at any time up to the date of departure.

**\$ 3,296 on a twin share basis**

**\$ 1,762 Single Supplement**

### **Deposit Required:**

- A deposit of **\$1,000 per person** is required to secure a space on the optional tour.
- The balance of monies due for the tour is required by **25 February, 2008.**

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