

Buffalo Garden Festival Tour!

Monday July 23rd to Wednesday July 25th, 2018

THE BUFFALO GARDEN FESTIVAL is a five week celebration of the greater Buffalo area's gardens, outstanding Victorian architecture from the turn-of-the century and fabulous tree-lined neighbourhoods.

- The **Garden Walk** is the largest private garden viewing in the world with over 350 private gardens open to the public – we will select the most spectacular gardens to include in our **visit of private gardens**
- Included is a tour of the **Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens** featuring a 1900 tri-domed glass conservatory and gardens designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.
- The **Erie Basin Marina Gardens**, located on the waterfront, are a “test” garden for floral and seed companies. Companies test their products so the gardens are beautiful plus educational as well.
- **Smug Creek Gardens** – is home to Mike and Kathy Shadrack – “Mr. & Mrs. Hosta”!!!
Author(s) of: “The Color Encyclopedia of Hostas”; “Timber Press Pocket Guide to Hostas”; “The New Encyclopedia of Hostas” and the “Book of Little Hostas”



Itinerary:

Day 1 - Monday

We set out with an early departure from Toronto and head for the border and the beginning of our discovery of the Gardens of Buffalo!

Our day starts with a stop at the Erie Basin Marina Test Gardens, after which we enjoy a lovely lunch(included), and we are then joined by Marla, our Buffalo guide, who will uncover the wonders of Buffalo and its architecture of bygone years. We then check into the Millennium Hotel, just across the street from the Walden Galleria. Dinner is on your own, with a large selection of restaurants just steps away from your hotel. (L)

Day 2 - Tuesday

After breakfast, we start our day with a tour of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. We will spend the rest of the day touring the Buffalo area, viewing spectacular and sometimes even quirky private gardens. Lunch is included at a café in the Elmwood neighbourhood. You then have a choice to tour either the famous Knox Albright Art Museum OR the Darwin Martin House (Frank Lloyd Wright).

The remainder of the day is free to enjoy. Dinner is on your own, with a shuttle to the Galleria, provided. (B, L)



Day 3 -Wednesday

After an enjoyable breakfast, we will then head south of Buffalo to discover the fabulous Hosta gardens of Mike and Kathy Shadrack – authors of numerous books on Hostas. Their Smug Creek Gardens will absolutely delight all Hosta fans.

After another quick peak at a private garden, we will make our way back to Canada – stopping at a nursery, so that you can purchase a special plant to remember your experience of the Buffalo Garden Festival. We will arrive in the GTA in the early evening. (B)

Your package includes:

- Return motor coach transportation
- 2 nights at the Millennium Hotel – close to the Galleria Mall (shuttles will be provided)
- Meals: 2 breakfasts; 2 lunches;
- All applicable taxes
- Admission and tours to gardens/attractions listed in itinerary
- Note that itinerary specifics are subject to change

COST: \$ 669. per person, double occupancy - Single occupancy is \$ 879.

Non-refundable deposit of \$ 250. Is required upon booking – balance due May 1st.

EARLY BIRD BOOKING BONUS of \$ 40. pp – if paid in full by April 1st

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We will gladly take all your personal information; fully explain the details of the excursion and go over the pick-up points and travel requirements.

Please note: All travelers must have a valid/current Canadian Passport - if not Canadian, please contact the office for instructions.

PICK-UP INFORMATION: This tour originates in the Oshawa area with pick-ups in the GTA, then travels westbound through the Golden Horseshoe. Please call the office for exact departure information.

Travelling more than 80 km from a scheduled pick-up? We will split the cost of your hotel night prior to departure – yes, we will arrange your accommodation at a departure location and pay 50% of your hotel night, prior to departure (max. allowance is \$ 50 per room). Please contact the office for more information.

CANCELLATION INSURANCE AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY INSURANCE is always recommended, please contact SANDERSON TRAVEL INSURANCE 1-877-226-8728 and tell them **HNA TRAVELS sent you!**

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