



International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

# Toronto Post Convention IFFR Fly-Away

June 28, 2018 – July 7, 2018



*Experience  
Historic New York  
and  
Quintessential New England*

## Historic New York & Quintessential New England Flyaway

**June 23 – 27 Toronto Convention:** Fly your aircraft into either Toronto City Centre Airport (CYTZ) or Buffalo Niagara International Airport (KBUF). For the pilots staging out of Buffalo, to get to Toronto, you can ask the FBO to drop you off at the main terminal. From the main terminal you can rent a car, take Niagara Air Bus to Toronto or take a taxi / Uber to Buffalo downtown and then take Greyhound bus to Toronto. Amtrak also has a scheduled train service from Buffalo to Toronto. Here again you will need to take a taxi / Uber to the train station. The train service is slow and takes over four hours... the bus is faster. The Buffalo FBO tells us that there are no rental aircraft available at KBUF.

**Thursday June 28:** First thing in the morning we all will get on our bus at the 'IFFR hotel' Westin Harbour Castle and travel the short distance to drop off the flyers at Toronto City Centre Airport. Flyers will then fly to Syracuse Hancock International Airport (KSYR) and clear customs at the airport. The bus will continue on to Buffalo Niagara International Airport, clearing customs enroute, to drop off any flyers who are staging out of Buffalo. The bus will then continue on to Syracuse. Flyers will most likely beat the bus to Syracuse, thus flyers will need to work with the FBO to arrange transportation for the 5 mile trip to the historic Marriott Syracuse Downtown hotel... or wait at the airport for the bus. For those flyers that arrive at the hotel early, you can visit downtown Syracuse (walking distance) or take a short taxi ride to *Destiny USA*, New York State's largest shopping and entertainment mega-plex. In the evening we will join Syracuse Rotary Club members at Drumlins Country Club for a casual 'Rotary social dinner' - \$20 each, cash bar.

**Friday June 29:** In the mid-morning we will take the bus for a one-of-a-kind experience lunch-cruise on the historic Erie Canal aboard the double-decked tour boat Emita II. In the afternoon, after the cruise we will return to the hotel for free time for the rest of the day and evening... another chance to visit *Destiny USA* if you did not do so yesterday or walk downtown to visit the many nearby shops and have dinner in one of the numerous restaurants.



**Saturday June 30:** Today we travel to historic Ticonderoga, NY. In the morning the bus will take the flyers to Syracuse airport and then continue on Ticonderoga to arrive early afternoon. Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (K4B6) is an unattended airport with ample tie-down spaces. The airport is only a little over a mile north of town. The flyers will again beat the bus and could take a local taxi to spend some time at the Industrial Heritage Museum or visit the acclaimed Starship Enterprise at the Star Trek - The Original Series Set Tour. When the bus arrives it will pick up flyers either in town or at the airport to take them to the hotel. Dinner is on your own this evening. A good option is the hotel restaurant – Burgoyne Grill.

**Sunday July 1:** Today we visit Fort Ticonderoga and discover the story that defined North America in the 18th century. Fort Ticonderoga is only about two miles east of town. We will take the bus to arrive at the fort just prior to 10 AM when we will receive a 'historical introduction' followed by a musket firing





demonstration. We will have an ‘up-scaled’ box lunch in the tent pavilion. After lunch you are on your own to explore the numerous tours, demonstrations, living history, historic trades, daily soldiers' life programs, etc. – all included in the pre-paid entrance fee. According to how early we decide to be complete at Fort Ticonderoga, there may be time to go to the Star Trek - The Original Series Set

Tour or visit the Industrial Heritage Museum (if you didn't do so yesterday). We will all go to Emeralds Restaurant at the local golf country club for dinner.

**Monday July 2:** This is our travel day to New Hampshire's Lakes Region. The bus will take the flyers to the airport then depart for New Hampshire through the Green Mountains of Vermont. If



members so desire we (both bus and flyers) can make an enroute stop at Concord NH's McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center with its collection of innovative, interactive exhibits of aviation and space sciences. The Center is 4 miles from Concord Airport (KCON). Flyers will fly to Laconia Municipal Airport (KLCI) where the FBO has agreed to transport you to / from The Margate on

Winnepesaukee hotel, about 2 miles from the airport. The Margate offers waterfront activities such as kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddleboard rentals at your doorstep. The 400 foot private sandy beach is perfect for sunbathing and swimming. Take a dip in the large heated indoor or outdoor pools. Pamper yourself in the oversized whirlpool or coed sauna and massage room. Or just relax at the Gazebo Beach Bar. Our casual take-out pizza, deli-sandwiches or “whatever we decide” dinner will start around 5 PM at the Margate.



**Tuesday July 3:** Today we climb to the Top of Mount Washington, the highest peak in New England. After a 90 minute bus ride to the base of Mount Washington we will take the world's first mountain-climbing Cog Railway train to the top of Mount Washington. During our 90 minute mountain top stay, if it is really clear, we will

take in stunning vistas that extend from the Atlantic Ocean to the Adirondack Mountains, then step inside The Mount Washington Observatory Weather Discovery Center to learn about extreme weather unlike anywhere else on Earth, and have lunch at the mountain top cafeteria. After returning to base camp we will take a short bus ride to the Omni Mount Washington Resort for an afternoon ‘Cider Social’ and tour of the historic luxury hotel. We will end the day enjoying the beach and dinner at The Margate.



**Wednesday July 4 (U.S. Independence Day):** We start this U.S. holiday with an exclusive morning



cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee aboard the Doris E. After the cruise we will visit the quaint town of Meredith on Lake Winnepesaukee for an afternoon of on-your-own lunch and boutique shopping... or, if you so desire, return to The Margate to relax with their lake-side amenities. In the late afternoon we will take a 40 minute bus ride to ‘Castle in the Clouds’ – a



1914 high mountain-side estate overlooking the Lakes Region. We will tour the estate then have dinner in the estate's Carriage House. Toward the end of the evening we will go out on to the veranda to observe numerous Fourth of July fireworks throughout the Lakes Region.

**Thursday July 5:** This is another travel day - to New Hampshire's historic seaport of Portsmouth. Since we will have been up late last evening to enjoy the Fourth of July, we will depart The Margate mid to late morning for the short trip to Portsmouth. Flyers will fly to



Portsmouth International Airport (KPSM) where our bus will meet them to take everyone to the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel. To get introduced to Portsmouth in the afternoon we will take a casual Walking Tour of Portsmouth. For dinner we will take a 15 minute bus ride to York Harbor, Maine for a lobster bake at Foster's.

**Friday July 6:** Today we take a boat trip to the legendary Isles of Shoals located six miles off the coast. The Isles of Shoals have had a diverse history as a mecca for fishing in colonial times, a hideout for notorious pirates, and a resort for intellectuals. We will spend 4 hours on the island for lunch and a guided tour. The late afternoon and evening are free time to explore Portsmouth and dine in one of its many fine restaurants, and even take in a theatrical show.



**Saturday July 7:** This is mostly a free day to experience the New England coast. Flyers may want to go to Rockland Maine (KRKD) to go to the Maine Lighthouse Museum. Members might choose a bus ride to Kennebunkport, a quaint coastal town in southern Maine. There are still more things to explore in Portsmouth such as the Strawberry Bank Museum, an authentic 10-acre outdoor history museum dedicated to 300+ years of American history or take a sailboat ride on a gundalow - a shallow drafted type of cargo barge, once common in the Gulf of Maine's rivers and estuaries. For some exercise, take a moderately paced 4 hour guided bike tour starting in downtown Portsmouth and sightsee the coastal communities. We will end our *historic & quintessential experience* with the Saturday evening IFFR farewell banquet at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel.

**Sunday July 8:** Today we scatter to the four-winds. Our bus will take members to the Portsmouth Transportation Center where members can take a bus to the Boston Logan Airport or New York City on the C&J bus - <https://www.ridecj.com>. Then our bus will take the flyers to their aircraft at the Portsmouth Airport. If any members want to take the Amtrak train, our bus will go to the Exeter, NH train station.

## Notes

Registration fee is \$900 person using a separate two-page registration form. Registration deposit is \$100 each by January 31, 2018 with final payment of \$800 due on March 31, 2018. The registration

form contains details on making your own hotel reservations where we have special rate blocked rooms.

The \$900 registration fee includes: Name badges, bus (including tip, driver's rooms & meals, tolls, and parking), Erie canal cruise & lunch, Ft Ticonderoga tour & lunch, Ticonderoga 2nd evening dinner, Lakes Region 1st evening pizza & deli sandwiches, Mt. Washington Cog RR, Mt. Washington Hotel cider social, Lakes Region 2nd evening dinner, cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee, Castle in the Clouds tour, July 4 dinner, Lobsterbake in Portsmouth, Isle of Shoals boat trip, and farewell banquet.

Maximum 50 participants. One bus full! Book soon—First come first served so be quick.

Remember to bring tie down straps.

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