

COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL
5 DAY PERFORMANCE TOUR TO HALIFAX, NS
FEATURING ATLANTIC BAND FESTIVAL
MAY 1 – 5, 2019
Final Itinerary – April 15, 2019

Note: It is the responsibility of all participants to be in possession of the correct documentation to travel out of the province. Failure to do so will result in participants being denied boarding and returned home at the expense of the individual. Electronic airline tickets require government issued photo ID upon check-in for anyone 18 years of age and older (see <http://www.passengerprotect.gc.ca/identity.html> for valid government issued identification documents). For travellers younger than 18, an original birth certificate or non-government issued ID (e.g. a student card) is suggested.

Day 1 – Wednesday May 1

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- transportation to Calgary International Airport arranged on own
- 7:30am - arrive at **Calgary International Airport**, where you will meet **an Ellison Travel and Tours representative to help with check in** at the **Group Check-in Counter** located on the ground level (Level G) (*we suggest you check in 3 hours prior to scheduled departures when traveling with music equipment – 2 hours minimum*)
- 10:30am - scheduled departure time of **WS Flight #226** to **Halifax, NS** (flight duration is 4 hours 46 minutes)
 - please note that no meals are included in this flight; however, you may be able to purchase an in-flight meal or snacks via credit card (cash is no longer accepted on most airplanes)
 - *remember to set your watches to local time*
- 6:16pm - scheduled local time of arrival at the **Halifax International Airport**, collect your luggage and proceed to the arrival hall
- 6:45pm - meet your **locally chartered 1- 80 passenger coach from Ambassatours Gray Line** for loading of luggage and instruments
- 8:00pm - arrive at the **Hampton Inn by Hilton Halifax Downtown** where you will check-in for **4 nights' accommodation**
 - quickly drop your bags in your rooms
- 8:20pm - walk in your chaperoned groups to **The Auction House** (walking distance is approximately 550 m or a 8 minute walk)
- 8:30pm - arrive and enjoy a **group dinner**
- 9:30pm - time to explore the area in your chaperoned groups
 - walk back to your hotel

Day 2 – Thursday May 2

B/D

- 7:00am - **deluxe continental breakfast** at hotel
- 7:30am - meet your **locally chartered 1- 80 passenger coach from Ambassatours Gray Line** for loading of instruments and boarding of passengers and transfer to **Dalhousie University**
- 8:00am - arrive where you will set up for your Band Clinic
- 8:30am - **1 hour band clinic begins**
- 9:30am - band clinic concludes; tear down instruments and load onto the coach
- 9:45am - **1 hour choir clinic begins**
- 10:45am - at the conclusion meet your coach for departure

- 11:00am - depart for the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- 11:20am - your **step on guides from Atlantic Tours** will meet you at the **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**
- 11:30am - depart on your **daytrip to Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Peggy's Cove**
 - a stop will be made in Peggy's Cove at the Sou' Wester where you will purchase lunch on your own (meals range from \$7.00 - \$15.00)
 - arrive back at your hotel where you will drop off your guide and have time to quickly freshen up
 - board your coach and transfer to the **Grafton Street Dinner Theatre**
- 6:00pm - arrive and proceed to the Stage North (3rd floor)
- 6:15pm - seating for **dinner and show**
- 8:30pm - at the conclusion of tonight's dinner theatre meet your coach and transfer to your hotel
- 9:00pm - arrive at the hotel for the evening

Day 3 – Friday May 3

B/D

- 6:00am - **deluxe continental breakfast** included at the hotel
- 7:00am - meet your **locally chartered 1- 80 passenger coach from Ambassatours Gray Line** for loading of instruments and boarding of passengers
- 7:30am - depart for **Mount Saint Vincent University, Steton Academic Centre**
- 8:00am - arrive at the University for **Atlantic Band Festival of Music** at the **Rosaria MPR Stage**
- 9:00am - **Cochrane High School Choir Adjudication** – good luck!
 - completion of your adjudication you will receive a workshop with one of the adjudicators
 - following your workshop have a group photo
 - enjoy **clinics in the Seton Academic Centre** and other adjudications on site today
 - purchase lunch on site today
- 12:30pm - meet your coach to pick up your instruments and make your way to the **Steton Stage**
- 2:00pm - **Cochrane High School Band Adjudication** – good luck!
 - completion of your adjudication you will receive a workshop with one of the adjudicators
 - following your workshop have a group photo
- 5:00pm - board coach and transfer **Sunnyside Restaurant**
- 5:30pm - **group dinner**
- 6:30pm - board coach and transfer to the **Seton Academic Centre, Mount Saint Vincent University**
 - arrive in time to find your seats for the concert
- 7:30pm - attend this evening's **Atlantic Band Festival concert**
- 8:00pm - following the concert, board your coach and transfer to the **MPR Room Rosaria Centre**
- 8:30pm - attend the **DJ Video Dance**
- 9:30pm - following the dance board your coach and transfer to your hotel
- 10:00pm - arrive at the hotel for the evening

Day 4 – Saturday May 4

B/D

- 8:00am - **deluxe continental breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:30am - meet your **locally chartered 1- 80 passenger coach from Ambassatours Gray Line** for boarding of passengers and transfer to the **Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21**
- 10:00am - arrive where you will check in for a **self-guided visit**, home to interactive exhibits, multi-media presentation, multi-cultural art display, resource centre, immigration records & artifacts, gift shop and café. Pier 21 is the last standing immigration shed in Canada (used from 1928 - 1970)
 - purchase lunch in the area in chaperoned groups
- 1:00pm - in chaperoned groups walk along the waterfront to the **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic** (approximately 1.2 km or a 15 minute walk or take your coaches as you will have access to these)
- 1:30pm - arrive where you will check in for a **self-guided visit** – the museum's collection includes artifacts, images, charts and plans relating to the marine history of Nova Scotia. Also visit the **CSS Acadia** – a veteran of both World Wars and the last floating survivor of the Halifax Explosion
- 3:00pm - at the conclusion of your visit you will be able to explore the area in your chaperoned groups

- 5:15pm - in chaperoned groups walk to **Murphy's on the Water** (walking distance is 270 m or a 3 minute walk)
- 5:30pm - **group dinner**
- 7:30pm - time to explore the area in your chaperoned groups
- 9:00pm - walk back to your hotel or take your coach as you will have access to these

Day 5 – Sunday May 5

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- 8:00am - **deluxe continental breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out (instruments and luggage to be stored until your return)
 - this morning will be at your leisure for last minute shopping, sightseeing and purchase lunch on your own in chaperoned groups
- 10:45am - as a group meet in the lobby of the hotel to collect your luggage and instruments
- 11:15pm - meet your **locally chartered 1- 80 passenger coach from Ambassatours Gray Line** for loading of instruments, luggage and boarding of passengers and depart for the airport
- 12:15pm - arrive at the **Halifax International Airport**, where you will check in at the **West Jet Counter** (*we suggest you check in 3 hours prior to scheduled departures when traveling with music equipment – 2 hours minimum*)
- 3:15pm - scheduled departure time of **WS Flight # 235 to Calgary, AB** (flight duration is 5 hours and 30 minutes)
 - please note that no meals are included in this flight; however, you may be able to purchase an in-flight meal or snacks via credit card (cash is no longer accepted on most airplanes)
 - *remember to set your watches to local time*
- 5:45pm - scheduled local time of arrival at **Calgary International Airport**, collect your luggage and proceed to the arrival hall
 - transportation from Calgary International Airport arranged on own
 - Welcome Home!!

B - Breakfast / pB – Packed Breakfast / L – Lunch / pL – Packed Lunch / D - Dinner / M – Airline Meal / S – Snack - denote meals included in tour cost

Please advise your group leader in advance of any allergy and/or dietary restriction, so that we can advise our suppliers of the request. Not every location may be able to accommodate allergy and/or meal requirements for unique circumstances.

Itinerary is Final

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