



1777: The Road to Saratoga



Proposed Dates: 4th May to 13th May 2017

9 OVERNIGHT STAYS

Québec City	2 Nights
Montréal	2 Nights
Burlington	1 Night
Lake George	3 Nights
Albany	1 Night

This itinerary generally follows the 1777 route of British General John Burgoyne from Québec City to his defeat at Saratoga at the hands of Patriots under the command of General Horatio Gates and ends with a patriotic celebration in Albany, the unachieved objective of Burgoyne's campaign. Along the way, we plan to dedicate at least two new SAR markers or interpretive signs.

DAY 1:

4TH MAY 2017

ARRIVE QUÉBEC CITY

Welcome to Québec City! You will be greeted at the Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB) by a uniformed MAGIC team member after you clear customs and escorted to waiting transportation to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to relax and acquaint yourself with this beautiful Canadian old city and get ready for our SAR opening night event.

Included Meals: Dinner
Overnight: Québec City

DAY 1:

6TH MAY 1777

SAR SIGNIFICANCE

On 6th May 1777, General John Burgoyne reached Québec City from London, where he had consulted with military and political leaders and had an audience with King George III. The objective of his 1777 campaign, agreed to in London with Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was to isolate the more troublesome New England colonies by invading the Hudson Valley from Canada while the forces of General William Howe, the British commander-in-chief in North America, moved north into the Hudson Valley from New York City. These two British armies were to meet at Albany, New York.

DAY 2:

5TH MAY 2017

QUÉBEC CITY

Guided Sightseeing of Québec City

- Stop at the Plains of Abraham, a national battlefield that served as the site of a defining 1759 conflict between France and Britain during the Seven Years' War
- Journey along cobblestone streets on a walking tour of UNESCO-recognized Old Québec City which is surrounded by 18th century fortifications
- Make stops to sample regional cheeses, maple bacon, poutine, and other traditional foods
- Enjoy a fabulous lunch together in Québec City

Included: Entrance fees at Plains of Abraham and guided visit as well as funicular ride
Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
Overnight: Québec City

DAY 3:

6TH MAY 2017

MONTRÉAL

Take in stunning countryside views as we drive to Montréal along the St. Lawrence River. Enjoy arriving in your new city with French flair.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Montréal

DAY 3:

14TH MAY 1777

SAR SIGNIFICANCE

On 14th May 1777, Sir Guy Carleton, British Governor of Québec, and General Burgoyne departed for Montréal.

DAY 4: 7TH MAY 2017 MONTRÉAL

Guided Sightseeing of Montréal.

- Photo stops at the stunning Notre Dame Basilica, an architectural landmark built in the Gothic-Revival style
- Enter Canada's largest basilica, Saint Joseph's Oratory, which is capped by a staggering copper dome
- Journey on to the Montréal Museum of Archeology and History where you will discover archeological remains from every period of the city's past
- Enjoy the French tradition of un grand déjeuner (big lunch)

Included: Entrance fees at Saint Joseph's Oratory and Montréal Museum of Archeology
 Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
 Overnight: Montréal

DAY 4: 27TH MAY 1777 SAR SIGNIFICANCE

On 27th May 1777, General Burgoyne reviewed the advance corps of General Simon Fraser at Montréal.

DAY 5: 8TH MAY 2017 BURLINGTON

Transfer from Montréal to Burlington by motorcoach stopping in Saint Jean sur-Richelieu.

- Enter Fort Saint Jean Museum to explore the fascinating history of the region
 - Enjoy lunch together in Saint Jean sur-Richelieu
- Please note: the museum is open by appointment only during the proposed dates. Therefore, entrance cannot be immediately guaranteed.*

Included: Entrance fees at Fort Saint Jean Museum
 Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
 Overnight: Burlington

DAY 5: 15TH JUNE 1777 SAR SIGNIFICANCE

On 15th June 1777, General Burgoyne embarked down Lake Champlain from Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu en route for Albany to link up with General Howe's army, which was supposed to be moving north from New York City.

DAY 6: 9TH MAY 2017 LAKE GEORGE

Transfer from Burlington to Lake George by motorcoach with stops at the Ethan Allen Homestead and Crown Point State Park historic sites.

Included: Entrance fees at Ethan Allen Homestead
 Included Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
 Overnight: Lake George

DAY 6: 30TH JUNE 1777 SAR SIGNIFICANCE

General Burgoyne reached Crown Point by 30th June 1777, and issued General Orders there, including the directive that "This Army must not retreat."

DAY 7:

10TH MAY 2017

LAKE GEORGE

In the morning we are headed to historic Fort Ticonderoga.

- We are headed to 1777 to experience the Fort's significance in the American Revolution and life in the 18th century
- Explore the Fort's gardens, museum, and walk the Fort itself
- Experience a live musket fire demonstration

Included: Entrance fees at Fort Ticonderoga
Included Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Lake George

DAY 7:

5TH JULY 1777

SAR SIGNIFICANCE

On 5th July 1777, the British begin raising a battery on Sugar Loaf (Mt. Defiance), making the defense of Fort Ticonderoga untenable; American forces begin evacuation of the fort. American forces would retake Fort Ticonderoga following the victory at Saratoga.

DAY 8:

11TH MAY 2017

LAKE GEORGE

After breakfast, we head to Fort Edward for a brief historical introduction to the history of the town.

- Experience the Old Fort House which was used as headquarters by both the British and the Americans during the Revolutionary War
- Visit the schoolhouse where Susan B. Anthony once taught

Included Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Lake George

DAY 8:

27TH JULY 1777

SAR SIGNIFICANCE

On 27th July 1777, advance parties of Native Americans allied with the British, reached Fort Edward, and murdered Jane McCrea. Although affianced to a Loyalist, McCrea's murder undermined British claims of protection for Loyalists and provided the Patriot cause with propaganda that led to successful recruiting drives in New York for several years. General Burgoyne reached Fort Edward on 29th July 1777.



DAY 9: 12TH MAY 2017 ALBANY

Transfer from Lake George to Albany by motorcoach with an excursion to Saratoga National Park.

- Guided sightseeing of Saratoga National Park
- Personally guided caravan tour of Saratoga Battlefield with an Official Saratoga Battlefield guide
- Fare-Thee-Well Reception and Dinner

Included: Entrance fees at Saratoga National Park
 Included Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
 Overnight: Albany

DAY 9: 19TH SEPTEMBER 1777 SAR SIGNIFICANCE

The first battle of Saratoga, the Battle of Freeman's Farm, occurred on 19th September 1777. A militia of sharpshooters from Virginia harassed the British, while other Patriot forces engaged the British troops. This first battle significantly weakened Burgoyne's army and contributed to his near total defeat at the hands of General Horatio Gates in the second battle of Saratoga, the Battle of Bemis Heights, on 7th October 1777. Burgoyne, outnumbered 3 to 1, surrendered his army on 17th October 1777. He would never reach Albany. But the SAR WILL reach Albany, and we will celebrate the victory at Saratoga in style!

DAY 10: 13TH MAY 2017 HOMEWARD BOUND!

Compatriots will be escorted to the Albany Airport (ALB) for return flights home!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Pricing:

Per Adult (12 years and above):	\$2999.00
Per Youth (under 12 years in room):	TBD
Single Supplement:	\$900.00
Airfare:	Priced Per Itinerary or Provided by Participant
Per Person Deposit*:	\$600.00

*Deposit is due at registration. Registration is not complete without deposit. Deposits are nonrefundable starting September 2016.

To **REGISTER**, please visit: <http://prod.GroupAndEvent.net/register/SAR>

Password: Saratoga1777 (please note capital "S" and no spacing)

Please note all deposits may be remitted via credit card or check but all final payments must be made via check, wire transfer, or other preferred method. If credit card is necessary, a 4% service charge will be assessed to the total.