



HARDING LEAVES & LANDSCAPES IN UPSTATE NEW YORK October 1-8, 2027



TOUR ITINERARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1: Arrive at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport (BUF) by 4pm. Meet the group for a transfer to the Hyatt Niagara Falls. After settling in, savor a welcome banquet and get to know your travel group. Enjoy fireworks over Niagara Falls before tucking in for bed. (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2: After breakfast at the hotel, choose your own adventure! You can choose to board the iconic Maid of the Mist for an unforgettable boat ride to the very base of Niagara Falls – expect mist (you decide how much by where you stand on the boat), laughter and plenty of photo-worthy moments – or choose to take to the skies on a tethered hot air balloon ride, soaring up to 500 feet for breathtaking panoramic views of Niagara Falls, Ontario, and the surrounding countryside. Following your chosen activity, we'll regroup at Niagara Falls State Park to enjoy a hop-on, hop-off trolley tour, the perfect way to experience the park's highlights at your own pace. Lunch is on your own, with plenty of nearby options to suit every taste. Later in the afternoon, travelers with passports can cross into Canada to view the falls from the Table Rock Centre where you'll experience a completely different perspective of this natural wonder. We'll share dinner together at a local restaurant, and afterward you may choose to join others for relaxed evening activities or turn in early to rest before tomorrow's journey to Cooperstown. (B,D)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3: Our day begins with breakfast followed by a time of worship and communion together – a meaningful way to start the morning before we check out of our Niagara Falls hotel and board the coach to head east. Our first destination is the world-renowned Corning Museum of Glass, where creativity and craftsmanship come together in dazzling displays of art and innovation. You'll have time to explore the fascinating exhibits, watch live glass-blowing demonstrations and enjoy lunch at your leisure in the museum café. Later in the afternoon, we continue our scenic drive through the Allegheny Plateau, making our way to the charming village of Cooperstown. Upon arrival, we'll share dinner at a local restaurant before checking into the Hampton Inn Cooperstown, our home for the next two nights. (B,D)



MONDAY, OCTOBER 4: After breakfast at the hotel, we'll set out to explore Fenimore Farm, an interactive museum that brings 19th-century rural New York to life. Wander among more than two dozen authentic historic buildings, visit the working farm and watch traditional skills like blacksmithing in action. We'll enjoy lunch together on the farm, surrounded by the charm of simpler times. The afternoon is yours to discover the many delights of Cooperstown, a town with something for everyone. You might visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame or Doubleday Field, considered the birthplace of baseball; sample local flavors at Fly Creek Cider Mill; play a round at the Leatherstocking Golf Course; or take a boat tour on Otsego Lake. After dinner on your own, join us back



at the hotel for baseball-themed snacks and games, or turn in early to rest up for tomorrow's adventure to the Adirondacks. (B,L)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5: If we haven't seen a brilliant show of leaves yet, today will likely be the day! After breakfast and check out, we head northeast to Saratoga Springs, known for "Health, History and Horses," reflecting its mineral springs, its crucial role in the American Revolution and its historic horse racing track. After a guided tour of town, we will turn north to Fort Ticonderoga, arriving in time for a cannon firing at this iconic symbol of U.S. military history! Significant in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, this fort overlooks Lake George, Lake Champlain and Vermont, and features dynamic exhibits, demonstrations and grounds to explore. Our final driving stretch of the day will take us into the center of the Adirondack Mountains to Lake Placid where we will check into the High Peaks Resort on Main Street of this historic town. Dinner is on your own in the hotel restaurant or at one of the many local restaurants just steps from our hotel. Enjoy good sleep in clean mountain air. (B,L)



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6: Start the day with coffee on your balcony before joining the group for breakfast in the hotel. Our first adventure of the day is a visit to the Olympic Jumping Complex, home of the 1980 Olympic Games. Watch athletes training (year round!) and ride a gondola up to the base of the ski jumps, or relax on the observation deck. If that's not high enough, you can choose to ride a glass-enclosed elevator to the top deck of one of the ski jumps for a panoramic view of the area. Our next stop is the High Falls Gorge, a spectacular park at the base of Whiteface Mountain on the AuSable River with four waterfalls and groomed walking trails to access them. We will enjoy lunch at the gorge before returning to Lake Placid for free time and dinner on your own. In the evening, engage your creativity with an art lesson followed by a devotional at the hotel and enjoy one last night in the Adirondacks. (B,L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7: Our last full day in New York will begin with breakfast and farewell to lovely Lake Placid. We will drive south to Kingston for lunch on the water in the stunning Hudson River Valley. A cruise on the river will fill us to the brim with fall foliage and our day will end with a farewell banquet at our final hotel in Albany, NY. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8: After breakfast at the hotel, a complimentary shuttle will take you to the Albany International Airport (ALB) for your flight home, "leaf-ing" upstate New York behind but sending you off with "piles" of memories and new friends. (B)





Tour Terms and Conditions

INCLUDED: The tour fare includes: 7 nights accommodation (two nights in Niagara Falls, two nights in Cooperstown, two nights in Lake Placid and one night in Albany), meals listed in itinerary (B,L,D), all entrance and activity fees for scheduled tours, luxury coach travel, gratuities and airport transfers. Worship and communion service will be offered on Sunday morning at the hotel.

TRANSPORTATION FOR TOUR START/END: Individuals are responsible for their own travel arrangements to Buffalo-Niagara International Airport (BUF) and home from Albany International Airport (ALB).

PASSPORT: A valid passport is not required for this tour. However, guests wishing to cross the Canadian border at Niagara Falls will have to show a passport.

IS THIS TRIP FOR YOU?: Harding University Alumni and Abundant Living tours are planned and hosted by university faculty and staff for the purpose of building community among participants and enjoying the comfort and safety of traveling with like-minded people. Guests are expected to participate in a manner consistent with Harding's deeply held religious beliefs and in a way as to encourage and uplift the other tour participants.

MOBILITY CONCERNS: Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate wheelchairs on this tour. Participants must be able to step in and out of kneeling coach (3-4 steps) and move comfortably down the coach aisle. All hotels are equipped with elevators. Longest required walking distance is approx. 1,000m.

MENUS: At least two options will be available at each meal. Menu selections for some of the catered meals may be requested prior to departure. If you have special dietary needs, please communicate those at time of reservation.

PAYMENT: The tour fare is \$2,600 per person based on double or triple occupancy. Single occupancy reservation fare is \$3,200 per person. A deposit of \$750 per person is due at time of reservation. The final payment is due July 1, 2027. We can accept credit cards by phone - 501-279-4276 - and checks (made out to Harding University) mailed to:

Alumni Travel
915 E. Market Ave., Box 10768
Searcy, AR 72149

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be received by email at AlumniTravel@harding.edu or by phone at 501-279-4276. The following cancellation charges will be assessed for all cancellations:

Cancellation by May 3, 2027: full refund.

Cancellation between May 3 - July 1, 2027: full refund less a fee of \$300 per person.

Cancellation after July 1, 2027: no refund is available, but your fare can be transferred to another person.

LIMITATIONS: It is possible that the daily itinerary may be adjusted because of unforeseen circumstances such as weather. All efforts will be made to stick to the advertised itinerary. Space is limited. Travel insurance is not provided but is recommended.

For reservations, contact Harding University Alumni Travel:

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