

#### Our 32nd Successful Year

## **Canada's Underground Railway Tour**

An African-American Heritage Tour



# THE UNTOLD STORY

2 Nights / 3 Days 2024

This is the definitive Heritage Tour of Ontario, covering historic sites in Niagara. Many people come from curiosity, some people come and discover a name from the past that they thought was lost. But no one comes away untouched from this story of Pride and Success!!!

We are offering the unique thrill of discovering your "American Heritage in a foreign country— Canada, the world next door!

### **NIAGARA:**

Harriet Tubman, The Black Moses, ran her Underground Railway System before the Civil War from Niagara. A complex network of safe houses and friends protected runaway slaves on their perilous journey to Canada, known as the Road to Freedom. With a pistol in one hand and a Bible in the other, Tubman led more than 10 expeditions to the South and assisted more than 300 people to escape the bonds of slavery by following The North Star to the Land of Freedom. Today you can visit her church and hear her story!







#### **Sample Itinerary**

#### Day One

5:00pm Arrive at **Travelodge Fallsview** in Niagara Falls, Ontario, just a 10-minute walk from

the Falls and in the heart of the action of Clifton Hill. Luggage Service Included.

**Day Two** 

7:00am Hotel Breakfast

10:00am Guide meets group at the hotel. While travelling to Fort Erie, your guide will introduce

herself. She is a direct descendant of a Freedom Seeker that came to Fort Erie in 1851. As well as telling the history of the Niagara area, she will also share the personal stories.

10:30am Stop at an unmarked site where continued talks of the Niagara Movement of 1905, in part,

took place. The group will be told how W.E.B DuBois and others met to discuss what to do with racism which at the time was a real problem in the U.S. One of the resolutions to this

meeting was the formation of the NAACP.

11:00am Next stop is the Crossing Point where freedom first began for the Freedom Seeker in

Canada. One of the most famous people to cross here was Josiah Henson, of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame. Author, Harriet Beecher Stowe used the character of Josiah Henson for her book. Josiah Henson made many great contibutions to Canada which will be discussed on

this tour.

11:30am Travel along the Niagara Parkway to lunch. You will drive by the Welland Canal where the

contribution of the Freedom Seekers will be explained.

12:00pm Arrive at the BME church for boxed lunch and tour. This is the church that was built by

Freedom Seekers along with the assistance of one of the most famous conductors of the

Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman.

1:15pm Drive by the site of Richard Pierpoint, former slave from Senegal, Africa. Hear about his life

in Canada and how he started the Colored Corps.

1:30pm Visit the grave of Anthony Burns, an escaped slave that was recaptured in Boston at the time

of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. His capture created riots in Boston as well as New York. He was instrumental as a catalyst in bringing about the Civil War as well as the establish

ment of habeas corpus.

2:00pm Drive through Niagara-on-the-Lake, a Colonial Village and Upper Canada's first capital.

This is where Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe, Britain's representative helped to abolish slavery in 1793 with the Anti-Slave Act (finalized in 1834) which made Canada the haven it became for runaway slaves. There will be time for shopping on the quaint main

street.

4:30pm Return to the hotel.

#### Day Three

7:00am Hotel Breakfast

9:00am Hotel check-out and luggage service.

#### **COST:**

From \$205.00 USD - Off Season per person double occupancy

From \$255.00 USD

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