



THE GRAND ADIRONDACKS

Lake Placid

Escape to the Mountains

August 26 - 28, 2024

Monday, August 26

8:30am Depart Rome - Freedom Plaza, 205 Erie Blvd. W
9:00am Depart Utica - DOT Commuter Park & Ride, off N. Genesee St.

We'll make a short break stop as we travel north into the beautiful Adirondack Park. This afternoon you can explore inside and outside at **The Wild Center**. Discover the history of the Adirondacks as you view the exhibits. Watch a film in the theater, or meet an animal during a live encounter. Head outside and walk up a trail of bridges to the treetops of the forests in Wild Walk, climb to the full-sized bald eagle's nest, and view the spider web. Back on the ground you'll want to check out Stickwork, larger than life stick forts inspired by childhood. Wander along a trail, view the pond, enjoy Forest Music and so much more. **Lunch is included.**

Late afternoon check-in to the **Grand Adirondack Hotel**, located right on Main Street in Lake Placid, within walking distance to numerous shops, restaurants, movie theater, the Olympic Museum, Mirror Lake, beer tasting, and so much more. Standard King rooms also have a sofa sleeper, and all rooms have free high speed wi-fi, Keurig Coffee Maker, mini-frig and microwave. The hotel has a roof top bar, bike rentals, and the Marcy Bar for dining. After our **Welcome Reception** you have the rest of the evening to get out and explore, have dinner on your own, and enjoy the sights.

Tuesday, August 27

A group **breakfast** is planned this morning before we travel to **High Falls Gorge** in nearby Wilmington. You'll find flat paths, handrails, fencing and seating areas making this a safe and comfortable place for all ages to view beautiful waterfalls and feel the energy of the Ausable River. There's a café, gift shop and picnic areas so you can do what fits your activity level, as you choose.

We'll then drive by some amazing **Olympic venues** and make a stop at one so you can get an up-close look. You never know when athletes will be training at these sites and the action you could see.

Early afternoon we will return to the hotel so you can continue to explore as you choose. Note: The Lake Placid Express is a FREE shuttle service (trolley) that runs between the Ski Jumps, along Main Street, and out to Saranac Avenue to a small shopping plaza, and back. This is a continuous loop and you can hop-on, hop-off and flag it down at numerous locations. If you want to get to the ski jumps (where you can take a skyride gondola and then an elevator to the top) this is a perfect option. Maybe you want to stay in town and take the paved walk around Mirror Lake (2.7 miles), or walk down the street to Mirror Lake Public Beach (there's a changing facility there and tennis courts) or do some shopping, visit the Olympic Museum, take in a movie at the Palace Theater. You sure have plenty of options. Did we mention Adirondack Chocolates and Ben & Jerry's are both nearby on Main Street?! Have fun!

Wednesday, August 28

Relax this morning, sleep in if you choose, enjoy coffee while taking in mountain views. Then it's time to depart Lake Placid. But don't worry, we have a bit more of the Grand Adirondacks to enjoy at **Paul Smith's Visitor Interpretive Center**. Walk a trail, (one of them is ADA compliant), view exhibits in the VIC, enjoy the Butterfly House, gift shop, and a small art gallery. There are even couches where you can sit and view the marsh. After getting your fill of the great outdoors and breathing that amazing mountain air, it is time to head home, relaxed and rejuvenated. You deserved that!

6:30pm **Approximate return to Utica**

7:00pm **Approximate return to Rome**

**All times are approximate, Tours By Design is not responsible for delays. Itinerary is subject to change for the comfort and well-being of passengers.*

COST PER PERSON:

TWIN OCCUPANCY \$589.00

QUAD OCCUPANCY \$529.00

TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$549.00

SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$839.00

TOUR INCLUDES:

Round trip transportation via Hale Bus, tour escort, two nights' accommodations at Grand Adirondack Hotel including taxes, welcome reception, and luggage handling, one breakfast, one lunch, and admissions to the Wild Center, High Falls Gorge, and Paul Smith's VIC. **Not included:** Optional but customary gratuity for driver and escort. Industry standards suggest \$2.00-\$3.00 per person, per day for each, based on your level of satisfaction. No envelopes are provided (or required), please handle on an individual basis.

RESERVATION/PAYMENT/CANCELLATION: \$100.00 deposit per person (or full payment) to secure reservation. Full balance by July 25, 2024 is non-refundable. Checks payable to Tours By Design, Inc. \$25.00 fee for returned checks. *(Credit cards not accepted).* All cancellations are subject to a \$5.00 service fee once any payment is made. The purchase of Travel Insurance is encouraged to protect your investment. You can purchase insurance from wherever you choose but for one option, find a link to Allianz Global Assistance on our website, or call Allianz at 1-800-284-8300 and provide ACCAM# F032835.

CONTACT: Carol Buczek, Tours By Design - PO Box 29, Hinckley NY 13352
315-831-3052 or 1-877-454-0927 E-mail: carol@toursbydesign.org

Tours By Design reserves the right to cancel tour due to low registration. If that happens you will receive a full refund of payment made.

Tours By Design, Inc. acts only in the capacity of agent in all matters connected with hotels, restaurants, tour services, attractions and transportation companies. We assume no responsibility for any damage, injury or loss resulting from any inconveniences caused by a delay, cancellation of service, strike or any other condition beyond our control. We reserve the right to modify an itinerary when necessary. We assume no risk to loss or damage of vehicles left at the departure locations.