

## Walking on the Wild Side The Adirondacks

Four Day Tour ~ June 22-25, 2022

Highlights: Three Historically Charming Nights at the Lovely Hotel Saranac, Curio by Hilton • The Wild Center • Saranac Laboratory Museum • The Carillon Scenic Boat Tour • Fort Ticonderoga Gossip Tour • Downtown Historic Saranac Lake • Sacandaga River Sculpture Park • Natural Stone Bridge & Caves • Saranac Lake Riverwalk • Pig Rock • Hoss's Country Corner • All Breakfasts • Two Lunches • One Dinner • Fully Escorted

Join us in discovering the breathtaking beauty of the Adirondacks this June! Countless adventures await as we travel north to the welcoming communities, mountains, lakes, verdant valleys, and steep cliffs of this New York region. There will be sculptures, walking on tops of trees, lake views with a cruise, nature's geology, historic forts, and if the weather permits, a clear night sky. All our adventures will be enjoyed a short distance from the charmingly, historic Hotel Saranac, housed in a renovated 1920s Adirondack style building with an outdoor terrace and mountain views.

**Day 1.** As we step foot into the sparkling mountainous region of the Adirondacks, an amazing artistic spectacle awaits. The Sacandaga River Sculpture Park features the work of internationally recognized sculptor John Van Alstein on the grounds of a 19<sup>th</sup> century wood products mill. John will lead us on a tour of the grounds containing his sculptures that are placed so that the natural setting enhances the sculpture and the sculpture adds to the nature. An included lunch will be enjoyed before our arrival. On our way north to Saranac Lake, we'll pass by some weird, wacky and unique Adirondack oddities. Don't be too surprised if you look out the window and see a rock resembling a pig! No, you're not hallucinating, it's Pig Rock, painted back in the 60s and maintained ever since. In the town of Long Lake, we'll make a quick stop at Hoss's Country Corner. This isn't just your typical run of the mill country store it has a surprise waiting for you right in the middle! The artist's haven of Saranac Lake, nestled between mountains and lakes, welcomes our arrival with its quirky and fun vibe. Here we can unpack and unwind and enjoy the mountain views then enjoy a lovely dinner out among the town or in our serene and comfortable hotel.

**Day 2.** Today we walk along the treetops at The Wild Center, a place to contemplate the interconnection of people and nature. This will be your chance to walk above it all! By strolling amongst the treetops along bridges and walkways through the Adirondack forest, we'll gain a new perspective that transforms the way we see the natural world. There will be different ways to experience this perspective, stroll as much or as little as you like, along the walkways and swinging bridges, or through a four-story twig treehouse. You can also climb inside a spider's web or you may choose a full-sized



The Wild Center



Sacandaga River Sculpture Park

bald eagle's nest at the highest point where you can sit and observe the forest below. The Wild Center is also home to a variety of Adirondack animals that you can visit in their exhibits or up close during an animal encounter. What an amazing adventure! Now we head back to Saranac Lake where we dive into the history of the town while visiting the Saranac Laboratory Museum. Built in 1894 as the first lab for research on tuberculosis, the museum is filled with interesting exhibits and rooms to explore this area's unique past. The rest of the afternoon and evening can be spent peeking through the galleries, cafes, and unique shops of Saranac Lake, strolling the riverwalk or just relaxing at our comfortable hotel.

**Day 3.** This morning it's time to immerse ourselves in a place where history was made, Fort Ticonderoga. There is opportunity to stroll through the fort discovering epic history, march with the Fife and Drum Corp, and explore beautiful gardens and have lunch on your own in the cafe. Here, we'll enjoy a wonderful scenic boat ride on The Carillon that will glide through Lake Champlain past gorgeous, sweeping vistas of New York's Adirondack Mountains and Vermont's Green Mountains. Our special tour today will take us beyond the battles where we hear the untold, adult -only stories of life at Ticonderoga, from unsolved crimes to stolen wives. Then back to Saranac Lake for one last night of delicious food in an included dinner and relaxation with scenic lake views.

**Day 4.** Before our time is over in the Adirondacks, we must visit another spectacular display of ancient Adirondack geology, the Natural Stone Bridge & Caves. The massive stone bridge we'll view is the largest marble cave entrance in the eastern U.S. and is still being carved today by the beautiful Trout Brook. Our peaceful nature walkway will take us past the old Sawmill Site Waterfalls, Artists' Gorge, incredible potholes, and several surface caves and grottos. Walk as much or as little as you like and at your own pace. There is always a place to rest among the picturesque benches along the path. If you aren't up for much walking this morning, there's a movie entitled "Under the Adirondacks" that you can view near the gift shop. As we make our way back to New Jersey, we'll stop at a lovely, riverside restaurant for lunch in a sleepy, relaxed Hudson Valley village. After, it's home, sweet, home New Jersey. © 2021 Group Tours & Travel

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Departs the Chatham Middle School at 480 Main Street, park in the non-numbered spots in lot behind the Methodist Church at 7:45 AM and returns at approximately 6:45 PM.

Departs from Ridgewood's Graydon Pool South parking lot, across Linwood Avenue on the field side at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 600 PM.

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