The Michigan State University Alumni Association Presents

Niagara Biking Tour

Sunday, July 10 - Friday, July 15, 2016

$1,795 Per Person (double occupancy), $2,295 per person (single occupancy)

Tour Inclusions:
- Welcome party & guest orientation with wine, soft drinks and pizza
- 1 night at the Clarion hotel in Fort Erie
- 1 night at the Inn at Lock 7 hotel in Thorold
- 2 nights at the Shaw Club in Niagara-on-the-Lake
- 1 night at the Old Stone Inn hotel in Niagara Falls
- 4 breakfasts, and 3 dinners, including tax and gratuity
- Accompanied by MSU Bikes Manager Tim Potter
- Services of tour manager throughout the program
- Sag wagon and trailer with water, snacks, first aid kit and tool kit
- Route map
- Parking at the Clarion Hotel in Fort Erie, Ontario

Not Included:
- Transportation to and from Fort Erie
- Lunches
- Bike Rental (Available from local vendors)
- Optional activities
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol Beverages
- Incidentsals
- Guide gratuities
- Theatre Tickets in Niagara-on-the-Lake

Take part in this riding adventure in Ontario on the Niagara Escarpment. Riding will include 125 miles spread over 5 days in southern Ontario. Travel the full length of the Welland Canal and see up-close the “Lakers” and “Salties” as they travel between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The other half of the loop will be along the Niagara River. There will be an overnight stop in Fort Erie, lunch at Niagara Falls, and two nights in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Along with the Great Lakes and rivers, there are many quaint towns along the route, and an abundance of award-winning wineries to visit. With 2 nights in Niagara-on-the-Lake there will be an opportunity to take in an optional trip to the Shaw Festival theatre. This tour is 50% on paved bike path, and much of the rest on a safe parkway.

For reservations or further information call Jim Plaunt at 248-345-6929
**Daily Itinerary:**

**Sunday, July 10th**
Afternoon arrival at Clarion hotel in Fort Erie and settle in. 5:00-7:00pm-Introductions, reception and safety orientation

**Monday, July 11th**
7:30am Breakfast at the hotel
9:00am 35 mile ride on the Waterfront Trail to Port Colborne and along the Welland Canal to Thorold
Check-in at the Inn at Lock 7 hotel
Lunch on your own
6:30pm Dinner at Johnny Rocco’s Italian Grill

**Tuesday, July 12th**
7:30am Continental breakfast at the hotel
9:00am 20 mile ride to Niagra-on-the-Lake
Lunch on your own
Check-in at the Shaw Club
Afternoon optional winery tours
6:30pm Dinner at the hotel

**Wednesday, July 13th**
Breakfast on your own
10:00am Guided walking tour of old town
Optional activities on your own
Dinner on your own

**Thursday, July 14th**
7:30am Full breakfast at the Shaw Club
9:00am 20 mile ride along the Niagra River to Niagra Falls
Lunch on your own
Check-in at the Old Stone Inn
6:30pm Dinner at Old Stone Inn

**Friday, July 15th**
7:30am Breakfast at the hotel
9:00am 25 mile ride to **Clarion hotel in Fort Erie**
Departure for home

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**MSU Host Tim Potter**

Tim Potter manages the MSU Bikes Service Center at Michigan State University, an on-campus operation owned by MSU where he organizes a host of bike-related programs and initiatives. Bicycling has been an integral part of Tim’s life since he was 8, when he learned how to ride on a little blue Schwinn Pixie. Tim has worked as a bike tour guide, mechanic, interpreter and driver in Japan for Americans and for Japanese cyclists in the Canadian Rockies. He enjoys bicycling of all types, soccer, XC skiing, photography and anything related to Japan. Tim has hosted the MSU Bike tour in Sonoma Valley, California in 2014 and the Northern Michigan bike tour in 2015.

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**Getting There:** The closet airport to Fort Erie is the Buffalo Niagara International airport. Passport required. If either flying or driving from the United States you will need a passport to enter into Canada. Local shuttles are available from Buffalo at an additional cost. **Cost:** $1,795 per person, double occupancy or $2,295 per person, single occupancy.

**Deposit and Payments:** Early reservations are encouraged to confirm your space. Reservations are accepted after having received $200 deposit per person. The trip balance is due by May 31, 2016. Failure to deliver complete payment by May 31, 2016 will be considered notification of cancellation by default and is subject to cancellation charges as stated below. Any balances are payable by credit card. Bike Tour Vacations reserves the right to deny participation to anyone whom it deems unsuitable for a trip.

**Cancellations:** Cancellation fees are based on the date your written notification for package trips is received at Bike Tour Vacations if notified: - 90 or more days prior to trip departure: $50 administration fee/person is retained for packaged trips - 60-89 prior to departure; deposit will be retained. - 59-31 prior to departure; 50% of trip cost is retained. - 30 or fewer days prior to departure; full payment is retained. Medical emergencies do not constitute a refund. If there is some concern in advance regarding a possible cancellation, then travel insurance is recommended.

A Participant Release Waiver and Assumption of Risk form must be signed and returned by each traveler before participating on this program. We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.

**Extra Costs Provision:** On all tours, weather can occasionally affect transportation. If, due to weather or other uncontrollable reasons, you are required to spend an additional night or change travel arrangements, you will be responsible for your own hotel, meals and transportation re-scheduling costs.

**Reservations:** To make your reservation, please contact Jim Plaunt, Bike Tour Vacations, 248-345-6929. A minimum of 8 persons are necessary to operate the tour.

The Michigan State Alumni Association and Michigan State University, their respective employees, officers, agents, servants and representatives (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Michigan State”) are acting only as agents for the tour participants with respect to travel services and shall not be responsible or liable for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or other reservations, damage, injury (including death), loss of baggage, accidents, delays, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies or insolvency’s, acts of God, acts or omissions of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or carrying out any other arrangements in connection with the tour, or any other event or occurrence beyond Michigan State’s control. Further, Michigan State shall not be responsible or liable for losses or additional expenses incurred by any participant due to sickness, disease, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God or any other cause or occurrence beyond its control. Michigan State shall not be responsible or liable for alterations or changes in the itinerary deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. Michigan State reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. In such an event, participant’s entire payment may be refunded without further obligation or liability of any kind on the part of Michigan State. Michigan State also reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour should the person’s health, actions or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of any tour participant. In such an event, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour. Applicants for participation in this tour accept all of the terms and conditions set forth above.

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