



**THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR AND AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
IN UPSTATE NEW YORK AND VERMONT:  
A FIELD & WALKING TOUR  
September 14-17, 2017 – based In Lake George, New York**

Our September tour will be set in the beautiful mountains and forests of upstate New York near the glistening waters of Lake George and the Hudson River as we focus on the French and Indian War and American Revolutionary War battles centered in the area.

After a **Thursday evening overview** at our hotel in Lake George, New York, we will set forth on **Friday** morning and first visit **Fort Ticonderoga** (Fort Carillon) that witnessed important engagements during both the French & Indian War and the American Revolution. At the outbreak of the Revolution, Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold both realized that Fort Ticonderoga made an easy target for the American forces. Early on May 10, 1775, only three weeks after Lexington and Concord, with only a small band of Green Mountain Boys, they captured the fort from the British. This was America's first victory of the Revolution.

Our next stop will be **Crown Point**. Well before the American Revolution the British and the French both laid claim to the Champlain Valley and the strategically important peninsula known as Crown Point. The French built Fort St. Frederic here between 1734 and 1737 and used it as a base for raids on British settlements in New York and New England. As a result, the British mounted various expeditions to take control of Crown Point, and in 1759 they were finally successful. They immediately began construction of new fortifications that they called "His Majesty's Fort of Crown Point". Enclosing over seven acres this was one of the largest built by the British in North America.

In 1775, at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, the American colonists captured the fort and secured sorely needed cannons and heavy ordnance. Crown Point was occupied by General John Burgoyne's army in 1777 after the American evacuation to Mount Independence and remained under British control until the end of the war.

From there, we will drive to **Hubbardton**, site of the only battle of the American Revolution fought in Vermont, where on the steamy morning of July 7, 1777, the Green Mountain Boys and others stayed behind as a rear guard to slow the advance of the Redcoats so the main American force would have time to retreat. On these green hills, the Americans made a defiant stand. Although outnumbered, they successfully halted the British, and retreated southward, and would win battles later that year at Bennington and Saratoga.

On **Saturday**, we will drive first to the site of the Battle of **Bennington** where, on August 16, 1777, a Patriot force of 2,000 men including members of the Green Mountain Boys, decisively defeated a detachment of General John Burgoyne's army. The battle was a major strategic success for the American cause; it reduced Burgoyne's army in size by almost 1,000 men, led his Indian support to largely abandon him, and deprived him of much-needed supplies, such as mounts for his cavalry regiments, draft animals and provisions; all factors that contributed to Burgoyne's eventual defeat at Saratoga. The victory galvanized colonial support for the independence movement, and played a key role in bringing France into the war on the American side

Then, at **Saratoga**, we will unfold the story of this battle that resulted in the major defeat of British General "Gentleman" John Burgoyne as a diverse set of Patriot leaders such as Benedict Arnold, Horatio Gates and Daniel Morgan joined together to defeat Burgoyne and force his surrender.

On **Sunday**, we will first visit the reconstructed **Fort William Henry** where the French besieged and captured the Fort in 1757 as depicted in the epic film, "**Last of the Mohicans.**"

We will also visit several other sites in the Lake George area, one rich in French & Indian War and other early American history. In September 1755, a **series of three engagements** between British and French forces broke out at the southern end of Lake George. These would collectively come to be known as the **Battle of Lake George**, which is commonly considered to be one of the first major victories for the British against the French.

This adventure promises to be a special one. We will be led by a superb tour guide as those of you who have been with **Scott Patchan** before can attest - the sites are legendary in American history - and the scenery is hauntingly beautiful (get ready to take some pictures). We Hope You'll Join us!

### About Our Tour Leader

**Scott C. Patchan** is a highly acclaimed veteran tour leader on themes of the French and Indian War, the American Revolution and the Civil War. He is the author of many Civil War books including *Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign* and *Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge*.

### Our Itinerary

#### **Thursday, September 14**

**7:30 PM** - 8:30 PM Welcome and Tour Overview - Wingate by Wyndham Lake George hotel in Lake George, NY

#### **Friday, September 15**

**8:00 AM** - 5:00 PM Tour Fort Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Hubbardton

#### **Saturday, September 16**

**8:00 AM** - 5:00 PM Tour Bennington and Saratoga

#### **Sunday, September 17**

**8:30 AM** - 2:00 PM Tour Fort William Henry and Lake George sites

### What is Included in your Registration of \$495.00:

- the services of an expert historian chosen for his knowledge and experience
- transportation to sites as indicated \* refreshments & snacks \* Friday, Saturday & Sunday lunches \* maps

**LODGING:** We will be based at the **Wingate by Wyndham Lake George**, 4054 State Route 9-L, Lake George, NY where we have arranged a block of rooms for our attendees at the special nightly rates of: Thursday, September 14 - \$99, Friday, September 15 - \$145, Saturday, September 16 - \$145, Sunday, September 17 - \$99

Those staying at the hotel will receive a complimentary buffet breakfast for each morning of their stay. To reserve a room under our block call **518-668-4884** and identify yourself as a **registrant for the CWEA tour**. Rooms are limited and demand is high in September in and around Lake George. So please reserve as soon as possible.

Complete Portion below and Mail or Fax in as Shown, or  Enroll Online at [www.cwea.net](http://www.cwea.net),

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