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Women’s Rights, Women’s History and the amazing Gift of the Haudenosaunee (Native Americans) to America’s fledgling Country and to our Nation’s women.

Program Descriptor: DNYS-HWR

Touring Dates: **2019**

Departs: Saturdays May 18, June 15, July 13,

August 10, September 7 and October 12, 2019

**2020**

Departs: Saturdays May 16, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 12 and October 17 2020

Location: The Finger Lakes Region – New York State

Rates for 2019: $000 per person based on two people sharing a room (single and triple rates available) for groups of thirty (30) or more

Included meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Total Inclusions: Five overnights at three and four star hotels,

Six days of highlighted attractions, local guide with group throughout tour, five meals, all taxes, three after dinner presentations – not included – transportation, gratuities to tour guide plus motor coach operator and meals not designated. *Important notation: If groups are flying in to Syracuse motor coach transport can be arranged at additional charge.*

Special Highlights:

* Learn about the women’s rights leader almost written out of history
* See how the Wizard of Oz is connected to women’s suffrage
* Witness two major Native American museums with plenty of time to be educated about the Haudenosaunee influence
* Enjoy the Women’s Rights National Historical Park and the National Women’s Hall of Fame, both in the same village
* Tour through the Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony homes.
* Three distinct and unique presentations by New York State women’s rights and suffrage authors

*Finger Lakes Region Logistics* – Within its 9000 square miles are the eleven Finger Lakes created as the last ice age retreated north, home to 240 wineries, breweries, spirits and cideries, famous museums such as the Erie Canal Museum and the Corning Museum of Glass as well as the major cities of Syracuse, Rochester, Corning and Elmira. The Erie Canal passed through Syracuse and Rochester and allowed these small towns of the 1800’s to grow and prosper by sending products to New York City via the Canal.

*Central New York–* the hub is Syracuse, home to the Onondaga Native American Nation, keeper of the flame and central to Iroquois Confederacy meetings.

*Matilda Joslyn Gage Home* – located in nearby Fayetteville it was a stop on the Underground Railroad, she, an adopted clan mother and also mother-in-law to L. Frank Baum who wrote “The Wizard of Oz” series in her parlor.

*Ska-Nonh Center –* is a Haudenosaunee Heritage Center focused on telling the story of the native peoples of central New York. The history is told through the lens of the Onondaga Nation and covers topics such as Creation, European Contact, The Great Law of Peace and more.

*Destiny USA –* is a six-story super-regional shopping and entertainment complex on the shore of Onondaga Lake in Syracuse. It is the sixth largest shopping center in the United States, and the largest mall in the state of New York with over 300 stores.

*Auburn –* is a city of 27,000 located at the north end of Owasco Lake in the Finger Lakes with an abundance of history and culture.

*Harriet Tubman Center –* Known as “The Moses of Her People”, Tubman settled in Auburn after the Civil War and operated her home for aged and indigent blacks. As a conductor on the Underground Railroad – a network of abolitionists that helped slaves escape to freedom – she made a dozen trips south over a period of 11 years. Tubman died in 1913 at her South Street property, and is buried at nearby Fort Hill Cemetery.

*The William Seward House –* was home to William Seward (1801-1872), one of the foremost politicians of nineteenth century America, particularly as Secretary of State under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. Enjoy masterpieces of American art and special exhibitions in both the historic house and the museum’s gardens.

*Skaneateles –* Finger Lake community at the foot of Skaneateles Lake the village with it’s population of approximately 7200 swells in the summer time hosting excellent restaurants, boat rides and access to the Lake itself.

*The Sherwood Inn* – When Isaac Sherwood won a contract to carry mail west from Onondaga Hill he started on foot, then horse, wagon and finally a stagecoach. His name lives on at the present-day Sherwood Inn, built on the site of the inn he first raised to serve his stagecoach passengers, drivers and horses. The Inn overlooks the lake and dinner is **included** here this evening.

*Geneva –* Directly in the center of the 9000 square mile Finger Lakes Tourism Region located at the confluence of US Routes 20 and 14. The city of 13,000 is at the southern exposure of the Cayuga Seneca Canal that connected to the Erie Canal. Geneva is home to Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Finger Lakes Community College Geneva Campus and is situated on Seneca Lake, the deepest and 2nd longest of the eleven Finger Lakes. The Seneca Nation’s home of over 1100 Native Americans was in present day Geneva and was completely destroyed by General \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1780’s following orders from General George Washington.

*Seneca Falls –* Located on US Route 20 and midway between Auburn and Geneva, this village is also on the Cayuga Seneca Canal that meanders through the town. Seneca Falls is home to the Women’s Rights National Historical Park featuring the church where the Declaration of Sentiments was first communicated to the public in 1848 and the National Women’s Hall of Fame is just down the street.

*Ganondagan State Historic Site –* is the only New York State Historic Site dedicated to a Native American theme and the only Seneca town developed and interpreted in the United States. This facility is the original site of a 17th century Seneca town that existed peacefully for more than 350 years. The culture, art, agriculture and government of the Seneca’s all contributed to our democratic form of government, women’s rights, ecology and natural foods. Also located on the site is the Seneca Art and Culture Center that provides an excellent story of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) contribution to art, culture and society.

*Susan B Anthony House Museum –* in Rochester, NY was the home of the legendary American civil rights leader, and the site of her famous arrest for voting in 1872. This home was the headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association when she was its president and the place where she died in 1906.

*Program and itinerary of events*

Day 1 - Saturday

3:00 pm Arrive at MJ Gage Center for lemonade and tour

4:30 Depart Gage House for hotel

5:00 Arrive and check in – group dinner **included**

8:00 Presentation on Matilda Joslyn Gage

9:00 Presentation concludes, questions, comments and book autograph session

Day 2 - Sunday

9:45 am Depart to downtown Syracuse for Jerry Rescue Story & city tour

Noon Lunch **included**

1:30 Depart for Skan 0h Center for museum tour after tour of Syracuse

Tour the Skan Oh Center Museum

4:30 Return to hotel at Destiny USA

Remainder of afternoon and evening open for shopping and/or relaxation

Day 3 - Monday

9:00 am Depart for Auburn

10:30 Arrive at William Seward House Museum

Noon Depart Seward Museum for luncheon

2:00 Arrive at Harriet Tubman Home and Museum

4:00 Depart Tubman Home

4:30 Arrive in Skaneateles for walk through village and dinner at Skaneateles Inn - **included**

7:00 Depart for hotel

8:00 Arrive at hotel in Geneva for two nights

Day 4 - Tuesday

9:00 am Depart hotel for Seneca Falls

10:00 Arrive at Women’s National Historical Park for film and tour

11:15 Walk to National’s Women’s Hall of Fame

12:15 Lunch on your own in the village

1:30 pm Visit to Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s home

2:30 Depart for drive by the Wood House where plans were made for the 1848 conference in nearby Seneca Falls church

3:00 Leave Waterloo for Geneva and overnight at hotel

Dinner on your own

8:00 Presentation on women’s history and influence

Day 5 - Wednesday

9:00 am Depart hotel for Ganondagan State Historic Site and museum

10:00 Arrive at Ganondagan for tour of the Long House and museum with traditional Native American luncheon **included**

2:00 pm Depart Ganondagan

3:15 Arrive at Finger Lake winery for tasting

5:15 Return to hotel

Dinner **on your own**

8:00 Evening presentation on Rose Hill Mansion

Day 6 – Thursday

7:30 am Breakfast **included** and review of tour program

9:00 Depart hotel

10:15 Arrive at Susan B Anthony House Museum in Rochester

10:30 Tour Anthony home

12:00 pm Tour ends

Accommodations to be utilized for this tour

Syracuse area Destiny USA hotel two nights

Geneva area Ramada Lakefront three nights

Attraction inclusions:

1. *Matilda Joslyn Gage Center* – Fayetteville, NY

2. *Jerry Rescue Story and Walk* – Syracuse, NY

3. *Ska-Nonh Center & Museum* – Liverpool, NY

4. *William Seward Home* – Auburn, NY

5. *Harriet Tubman House & Museum* – Auburn, NY

6. *Women’s Rights National Historical Park* – Seneca Falls, NY

7. *National Women’s Hall of Fame* – Seneca Falls, NY

8. *Elizabeth Cady Stanton Home* – Seneca Falls, NY

9. *The Wood House* – drive by – Waterloo, NY

10. *Ganondagan State Historic Site* – Victor, NY

11 *Finger Lakes Winery* – Geneva area, NY

12 *Susan B Anthony House & Museum* – Rochester, NY

13 *Destiny USA* – Syracuse, NY