



East Central Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

Agricultural Tour to The

Farm Progress Show, Decatur, Illinois

August 25 – 30, 2023

DAY 1 – Friday, August 25, 2023

Fair Oaks, Indiana

Good morning and thank you for joining us on our **East Central Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Tour** to the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois. Our departure from the Lindsay area will take us to the Canada-U.S border. After clearing U.S. Immigration formalities, we will continue across the state of Michigan to our overnight accommodation at the Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott in Fair Oaks, IN. Upon arrival, we will have dinner included.

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DAY 2 – Saturday, August 26, 2023

Fair Oaks Farm, Half Century of Progress Farm Show and Champaign, Illinois

This morning we have a tour of Fair Oaks Farm, one of the largest dairy farms in the United States. Here we will have a two part tour which includes the Dairy Adventure to see the future of dairy farming in the Robotic Dairy, and the Crop Adventure to learn all about modern crop farming practices, the importance of our soil and the future of farming in order to feed 7 billion people and counting. Late morning we will depart Fair Oaks Farm to travel to Rantoul, IL to visit the Half Century of Progress Farm Show. The Half Century of Progress Farm Show is the premier working vintage farm show in the U.S. Held the weekend before the Decatur Farm Progress Show, the Half Century of Progress Farm Show allows visitors to experience what farming and agriculture was like 50 years ago and beyond with live demonstrations, attractions, and fellowship. Our overnight accommodations will be at the Drury Inn and Suites in Champaign, IL where we stay for the next three nights. Each evening during your stay, you may wish to join the hotel's "5:30 Kickback" to enjoy some hot snacks and a complimentary beverage. **(B)**

DAY 3 – Sunday, August 27, 2023

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and Champaign, Illinois

Departure this morning takes us to Indianapolis, IN to visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum's mission is to preserve and share one of the world's premier collections of automotive and motor racing vehicles and artifacts, with special emphasis on the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. Located within the famed 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval, the IMS Museum collection encompasses automobiles and artifacts representing more than a century of Indianapolis 500 culture, drama and competition, plus vehicles representing NASCAR, Formula One, American short-track racing, drag racing and motorcycles. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame – comprised of drivers, team owners and personalities who have had a significant impact on IMS – is also housed at the Museum. It also houses two Indianapolis Motor Speedway gift shops. We also have a short guided tour "behind the scenes" which may include a visit to the Media Centre, the 10th floor of the Pagoda, Victory Podium and Timing and Scoring area, depending on facility availability on the day of visit. Late afternoon we arrive back at our accommodation in Champaign, IL. **(B)**

DAY 4 – Monday, August 28, 2023

FS Growmark Grain Barge Terminal, FS Growmark Fertilizer Barge Terminal, Old Red Farm Shed and Champaign, Illinois

Today we travel to Havana, IL to see the FS Growmark Grain Barge Terminal before continuing to Mapleton, IL to see the FS Growmark Fertilizer Barge Terminal, both located along the banks of the Illinois River. Our final visit of the day will be in Galva, IL to visit The Old Red Farm Shed. The Old Red Farm Shed, a Galva museum owned by Jerry Kuster features antique tractors, farm equipment, Galva-made products, and a world famous International Harvester Tractor Collection **(B)**

DAY 5 – Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois and Hammond, Indiana

This morning we travel south to Decatur, IL and the Farm Progress Show. Join us for the 70th Anniversary of the Farm Progress Show which gives farm owners and operators the chance to see the latest products, equipment, and machinery in one location. For 70 years, the Farm Progress Show has connected farmers from across the globe with agriculture's leading companies. With hundreds of exhibitors, there's no better place to engage with the latest farm products and the specialists who developed, tested and designed them. Whether you are looking to innovate with the latest ag-technology, learn from industry experts, or share your farming legacy with your family, the Farm Progress Show has it all. Depart from the Farm Progress Show late afternoon and travel north to the Hammond, IN area where we overnight. **(B)**

DAY 6 – Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Travel Back to Canada

Our departure this morning from Hammond, IN will take us back across the state of Michigan to the Canadian border. After a brief stop at Duty Free and clearing Canadian Customs and Immigration formalities, we will continue back across southern Ontario to your joining point in Lindsay. Thank you for joining us on the East Central Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's agricultural tour to the Farm Progress Show 2023. **(B)**

COST INCLUDES:

- Transportation by motor coach
- 5 nights accommodation
- Baggage handling for one large suitcase per person at hotels
- 5 Breakfasts **(B)**
- 1 Dinner **(D)**
- Fair Oaks Farm tour
- Admission to Half Century of Progress Farm Show
- Admission to Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and short behind the scenes tour
- Visit to Havana, IL to see the FS Growmark Grain Barge Terminal
- Visit to Mapleton, IL to see the FS Growmark Fertilizer Barge Terminal
- Visit to the Old Red Farm Shed
- Admission to the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, IL
- Gratuities to motor coach driver
- Blowes and Stewart Travel Group Ltd. Professional Fee

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, bottled water, etc.
- Any meals, admissions or items not specified as being included
- Trip Cancellation / Trip Interruption and Out-of-Province Medical Insurance Coverage
- New Government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases beyond our control

COST PER PERSON:

Twin/Double: \$1,995.00
Single Supplement: \$995.00

Non-refundable Deposit of \$500.00 due at time of booking.
Final Payment Due: July 17, 2023

All rates are per person including HST, and subject to change.



To Reserve your spot on this tour

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Reservations

A non-refundable deposit is due at time of booking and the amount required is shown on each tour itinerary. Please make cheque payable to Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd. We also accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Interac. Verbal authorization of the use of your credit card commits you to your reservation whether or not you have signed a credit card draft.

Final Payment

The date which final payment is due in our office is noted on each itinerary.

Cancellation Charges

All payments are non-refundable 90 days prior to departure. We strongly recommend the purchase of Tour Package Insurance. We will be happy to quote and explain coverage. We cannot be held responsible for loss of money due to cancellation. In some cases, other cancellation charges may apply, and these will be noted on each individual itinerary.

Insurance

Cancellation and Medical Insurance is highly recommended and quotes will be provided to you on booking your tour. If you decline to purchase any of the insurance plans that we have offered and explained to you, we will respectfully request that you sign a form confirming to us that you have declined our insurance coverage. Ask one of our travel professionals for full details about the insurance options available.

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All prices listed are per person in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise noted. As we need to price our tour packages using many different currencies, we reserve the right to adjust rate due to significant currency fluctuations. Prices are based on exchange rates at time of securing our space with suppliers. We reserve the right to pass along any changes to airport taxes, fuel surcharges and airline imposed taxes, and Government tax structure to the consumer. All tours may be subject to surcharge until such time as your tour is paid in full.

Not Included in the Tour Cost

All tour costs do not include items of a personal nature such as and not limited to alcoholic beverages, phone calls, airline baggage fees where applicable, and meals that are not included or listed in the itinerary, etc.

Legal Names/Copy of Passport

BST Vacations/Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd. will require a copy of your passport prior to final payment if not available at time of deposit should your passport be in the process of renewal. For all bookings, we will require your legal name as it appears or will appear on your passport. Failure to provide proper documentation at time of booking or time of final payment may result in charges assessed by our suppliers and are your responsibility. In some cases we may be able to make name changes for a fee. This is determined by the fees charged by our suppliers and will include a processing fee by Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd.

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Gratuities

Gratuities have been included in all of our tours for included meals, local guides and drivers unless otherwise noted on itinerary.

Luggage

One large piece of luggage per person with total linear dimensions not exceeding 62 inches calculated by adding together its greatest outside height, width and length – wheels and handles included – will be tagged with our special BST Vacations/Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd. luggage tag for porter service (where available) at each of our hotels. Please note that you will be responsible for carrying your own luggage at airports, cruise terminals, rail stations, etc. Each large suitcase should not exceed 50 lbs (23 kg). Although the Coach Driver and/or Tour Manager supervise the transfer of luggage to and from the motor coach and every effort is made to handle all luggage as carefully as possible, Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd. cannot assume liability for loss, theft or damage due to breakage, fire, water, etc. On all vacations, one carry-on bag is permitted which you must handle personally and carry with you at all times. If your vacation involves a flight, you will be subject to the luggage size and weight restrictions imposed by the air carrier, and these can vary widely from carrier to carrier. Full details will be provided with your final ticket package.

Tour Guarantee

Some tours require a minimum amount of participants to operate. We will do everything possible to ensure tours operate as scheduled, however we reserve the right to cancel should we not reach our required number of participants. If a tour is cancelled each passenger booked will receive a full refund, in the manner in which the customer made the payment.

Accommodations and Special Requests

Room assignments are always done by the hotel in an impartial fashion. If you have special requests such as a room near the elevator, low floor room, a room near friends traveling with you, etc., please advise us at time of booking. Group seating on airlines is assigned by the individual carrier. In some cases it may be possible to book individual seating with the airline at additional cost to the client. All requests will be forwarded to our suppliers, but these requests are not guaranteed. The hotel, cruise ship and airline names we have listed in our itineraries are published in good faith. Occasionally, substitutions may be necessary. In such a case, we will provide a substitute of a similar or better standard than those named.

Physically Challenged Passengers

Physically challenged passengers are more than welcome to travel with us, however they MUST have a capable traveling companion to assist you at all times and we must be notified of any disabilities when reservations are made. It is the responsibility of users of walkers and wheelchairs to have someone with them to load and unload these from the motor coach as neither fellow guests, our employees or those of our suppliers will be available for such purposes. Some tours may present difficulties for the physically challenged and these tours indicate this on their description.

Notice to Travelers

When you travel outside the province of Ontario, please be advised that there may be different living standards with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodations outside of Ontario. NOTE: Travelers should also be aware that your provincial health care coverage only fully covers your medical expenses within the province in which you reside, and the province for which the coverage is applicable. Ask your Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd. travel professional about out-of-province travel insurance options that are available to you.

Photos Posted to Our Website

On occasion your BST Vacations tour manager will be taking photos of group members participating in various activities. These photos may be posted on our company website or blog. If, for any reason, you do not wish to have your photo taken and published, please advise your tour manager on Day 1 of your journey.

Privacy Policy

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