

## Spouse/Companion Tour - Monday, October 25

Start your visit to Toronto by taking a two-hour guided bus tour through this fascinating city. Toronto is the fifth largest city in North America and the largest city in Canada, yet it still manages to give you a close knit neighborhood feeling. It is a vibrant urban centre made up of eclectic, lively neighborhoods. Few cities in the world bring so many diverse cultures, festivals and businesses together in a single place.

This bus tour will peek your interest by showing you some of the more popular city attractions of Toronto, such as the CN Tower, Casa Loma (castle), Rogers Centre, Trendy Yorkville, Chinatown, Queen's Park, Harbourfront, St. Lawrence Market, Eaton Centre Fashion District, as well as learn many other interesting facts about this city. Stops will be made at several spots for photos, etc.



### Itinerary

- 9:15 am Depart the Hilton Hotel  
Enjoy a professional guided tour of Toronto's sites
- 11:45 am Arrive at Black Creek Pioneer Village  
Lunch is on your own (see suggestions below)
- 3:15 pm Depart from Black Creek Pioneer Village
- ~4:30 pm Return to the Hilton Hotel

Lunch is own your own. The "Half Way House Restaurant" offers the perfect, period-inspired dining experience, or for a quick snack; and the "Event Pavilion BBQ" is an excellent alternative.

Let your curiosity be your guide as you explore the landscapes, buildings and the lifestyles of 150 years ago. Many museums and other historical resources describe the past; Black Creek Pioneer Village brings it to life. Life in nineteenth century Ontario was predominantly rural: far more people were involved in farming and related trades than any other industry. Although the Steam Age had begun and was already changing the world, where we live the primary source of mechanical power was still water. Black Creek Pioneer Village spans more than 30 acres of pristine country landscapes, and includes 40 heritage buildings from communities across south central Ontario fully furnished from a collection of over 50,000 historic artifacts. In the buildings, surrounding gardens, and farmyards visitors meet interpreters and trades people in period clothing who demonstrate, and explain, how people lived, worked and played in mid 19th century rural Ontario.

Go shopping: From flour that has been stone-ground in Roblins Mill, to hand-crafted tin lanterns from the village Tinsmith, and CDs of period music, you'll find pioneer-related items to buy at Black Creek that are difficult to find anywhere else.



**Wear comfortable walking shoes and appropriate outdoor clothes. You'll be in the city but you'll be visiting an authentic 19th century country village.**