

# VPR

## CITIZENS OF THE WORLD TOURS presents

# The Maritimes and Celtic Colours Festival



## A Folk Music Tour with VPR's *All The Traditions* host Robert Resnik October 9-18, 2013

### About Your Tour Host

Robert Resnik has been a part of Burlington's acoustic music scene for more than 35 years, and plays more than 25 different musical instruments. He has hosted *All The Traditions* on VPR since 1996, and led five previous folk music tours with VPR travelers.

Robert loves button accordions, Neolithic stone circles, eating fine chocolates, and hunting for wild mushrooms. That's all in his spare time. Robert has been a full-time librarian at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington's public library, since 1990.

Robert says, "Join us for a glorious autumn tour of the Canadian Maritimes by train or plane and bus and ferryboat, timed perfectly to coincide with Celtic Colours 2013, one of the world's great traditional music festivals, staged in venues large and small all over Cape Breton each October."

### DEPARTURE DAY: Wednesday, October 9: 2013

Depart from Montreal at 12:00 p.m. to Halifax on the overnight train in twin cabins with upper and lower beds.

*Note: Flights can be arranged from Montreal to Halifax*

### Day 1: Thursday October 10: Arrival, Halifax

Travelers will arrive by train in the late afternoon (approximately 5:00 p.m.) in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We'll meet our coach and local guide then transfer to our downtown hotel for the evening. A welcome dinner is planned this evening for us at the hotel.

Meals: Dinner

Overnight: Halifax



### **Day 2: Friday, October 11: Cape Breton - Celtic Colours Festival**

Enjoy a leisurely morning. Afterward we'll travel past communities like Truro and Antigonish and cross the Canso Causeway to Cape Breton Island – where French, Scottish and Mi'kmaq cultures all come together. Cape Breton's most famous resident, Alexander Graham Bell, once said, "I have traveled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the Andes, the Alps and the Highlands of Scotland, but for simple beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all." This evening, we'll attend the opening concert of Celtic Colours Festival at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre.

*Meals: Breakfast*

Overnight: Baddeck or nearby

### **Day 3: Saturday, October 12: Cape Breton - Celtic Colours Festival**

This morning we'll participate in one of the Celtic Colours community events. Local area weavers guild and quilt guild have teamed up on a massive display of works. The event offers sales of handcrafts by local artists working in fiber with demonstrations for the public.

This afternoon there is the option to attend Open Stage at the Bras d'Or Yacht Club in Baddeck. Musicians and listeners are invited to an informal afternoon to share tunes and songs. Please feel free to bring your instruments! This event is held on the waterfront in Baddeck overlooking Kidston Island.

Or later this afternoon, we'll step back in time to 1744 with a visit to the Fortress of Louisburg, the largest reconstructed 18th-century French fortified town in North America. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the fortress and learn of the struggle between the French and the English for control of this area. This evening, attend a Celtic Colours Festival concert at the Joan Harris Cruise Pavilion in Sydney.

*Meals: Breakfast*

Overnight: Baddeck or nearby

### **Day 4: Sunday, October 13: Cape Breton - Celtic Colours Festival**

After breakfast we'll attend one of the Celtic Colour community events this morning. Period instrument makers will be on hand with their guitars, fiddles, harps, whistles, and flutes. This is a unique opportunity to see how an instrument is made, and engage in conversation about the process.

This afternoon we'll attend a Celtic Colours Concert at the Gaelic College in St. Ann followed by a traditional Canadian Thanksgiving Dinner with a home cooked dinner of roast turkey, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings. Return to our accommodations for the evening.

*Meals: Breakfast, Thanksgiving dinner*

Overnight: Baddeck or nearby



**Day 5: Monday, October 14:  
Cabot Trail  
(Canada Thanksgiving Day)**

Today we'll have a full day to explore the incredible beauty of Cape Breton. We'll drive the 186-mile route which makes up the famous Cabot Trail, and travel through the Cape Breton Highlands National Park to visit the intriguing village of Cheticamp, famous for its crafts and Acadian culture. We plan to attend a Celtic concert this evening in Sydney.

*Meals: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch*

Overnight: Baddeck or nearby



**Day 6: Tuesday, October 15: Prince Edward Island**

After breakfast we'll bid farewell to Nova Scotia. We'll board the 75-minute ferry across the Northumberland Strait to Canada's smallest province – Prince Edward Island. You will be captivated during your visit to this island shaped by the sea. Upon arrival we'll enjoy an orientation tour of Charlottetown, the official birthplace of Canada. Afterward we'll check in to our hotel and end the day with a Maritime tradition- lobster supper.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

Overnight: Charlottetown

**Day 7: Wednesday, October 16: Prince Edward Island**

We'll begin our day with a walking tour of Charlottetown. Afterward we'll take time for lunch and then board the coach for an afternoon of exploring more of the island. We'll visit Green Gables, made famous around the world as the inspiration for the setting of the classic fiction, *Anne of Green Gables*. We'll see Prince Edward Island National Park, which is renowned for its red sandstone cliffs, fine white sand beaches and dunes, and lush green fields. We'll pay a visit to Prince Edward Island Preserve Company, recognized as Canada's finest maker of preserves, made primarily from quality island fruit. Sample many of their tasty wares and take home a bottle of preserves as a special souvenir. We'll return to Charlottetown for the evening.

*Meals: Breakfast*

Overnight: Charlottetown





### **Day 8: Thursday, October 17: Moncton**

This morning after breakfast we'll travel across the Northumberland Strait, this time by the Confederation Bridge, an eight-mile-long engineering wonder. We'll enjoy a guided visit to the magnificently eroded Hopewell Rocks in the Bay of Fundy, site of the world's highest tides. Then we'll visit another natural phenomenon, the roiling waters of the Reversing Falls in the St. John River which we'll see from a scenic viewpoint. Tonight a festive farewell dinner is planned with Robert Resnik.  
*Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner*  
Overnight: Moncton

### **Day 9: Friday, October 18: Departure Day**

This morning we'll spend time at leisure exploring Moncton before our afternoon departure by train or flight from Moncton.

*Meals: Breakfast*

*Note: flights can also be arranged from the Moncton Airport with afternoon and evening departures.*

### **LAND TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- 9 nights accommodations in comfortable hotels
- All land tour taxes, service charges and restaurant tips
- All portage of luggage
- Goodspeed Tour Escort and local guide to accompany the group
- Transportation throughout by private coach to all destinations included in the tour
- Ferry crossing from Cape Breton to Prince Edward Island
- Confederation Bridge crossing from Prince Edward Island
- Full breakfasts each morning (9)
- Dinners at hotels or restaurants (4)
- Boxed Lunch (1)
- City tour: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- Entrances fees and visits:
  - Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, The Cabot Trail
  - Cape Breton Highlands National Park
  - Prince Edward Island National Park
  - Green Gables Heritage Center
  - Bay of Fundy at Hopewell Rocks
  - Saint John-the Reversing Falls

**LAND TOUR COST** in double occupancy: \$3,369  
Single room supplement fee: \$629 USD per person

### **Land Deposit Schedule for the VPR Traveler**

\$1,000 per person deposit is required to book the tour.  
Final payment due: 65 days prior to departure.

### **Land Booking Conditions and Refunds**

120 days prior to departure: \$100 per person penalty applies.  
90 days prior to departure: \$1,000 per person penalty applies.  
65 days prior to departure: No refunds.  
Land Cancellations: You must advise of all cancellations in writing.

## Administration

This tour of the Maritimes is designed by Vermont Public Radio and Goodspeed & Bach, Inc., to give an in-depth glimpse into the culture and music of Cape Breton. VPR's Robert Resnik, host of *All The Traditions*, will lead the tour. A bi-lingual tour director will accompany the group throughout the program. A portion of the tour benefits Vermont Public Radio, but is not considered a tax-deductible contribution according to IRS regulations.

## Train or Air Travel Arrangements (not included in the tour price)

Train and flight arrangements from Montreal are offered and arranged by Goodspeed & Bach. A customized air itinerary can also be arranged for those individuals traveling from other cities or planning different travel dates. Travelers have the option to make their own train or flight arrangements.

## Not Included in the Land Tour Price:

- Trip insurance (strongly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach)
- Train transportation on Via Rail
- Flights from Montreal or other airports
- Drinks with dinners
- Tickets for Celtic Colours Festival – prices from \$25 - \$65 CAD per person pending concert venue. Artists and venues will be announced June 2013 Tickets are on sale in July 2013
- Celtic Colours Community events – 2013 prices and events TBA
- Any optional excursions
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities to tour escort, bus driver, and local guides
- Any items not specifically mentioned above
- Any tour extensions, before or after the tour

## Accommodations

During the tour, accommodations will be arranged in comfortable hotels in double occupancy rooms with private shower or bath. Single rooms can be arranged for a supplementary fee of \$629 and are based upon availability at the time of your request (space is limited). The hotels are selected to provide a balance between central location, excellent service, character, amenities and price. Each hotel has a unique character, which will result in variations in room size, breakfast menu and some amenities. Circumstances may arise between now and departure where the hotel may be changed. We will do our best to arrange a replacement hotel of the same quality.

## Changes in the Itinerary

VPR and Goodspeed & Bach, Inc., reserve the right to alter the order of events or to make changes deemed necessary for the comfort, convenience and safety of the participants. Every effort will be made to adhere to the printed itinerary, but weather conditions, transportation difficulties or other circumstances beyond the control of VPR and Goodspeed and Bach, Inc., and the local suppliers could force the cancellation or substitution of events or specific services.

## Reservation Procedure

To register for the tour, please fill out and return the enclosed registration form along with a per-person deposit of \$1,000. You may also register by phone (toll free 888-446-1789) or email [travel@goodspeedandbach.com](mailto:travel@goodspeedandbach.com). Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Space is limited.

## Payment Policy & Schedule

Tour payments may be made by check, payable to **Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.** After your **initial deposit of \$1,000, the balance payment is due by August 4, 2013.** Deposits and payments are refundable if written notice of cancellation is received 120 days or more in advance of departure, less a \$100 per person non-refundable administration fee. 90 days prior to departure - full refund less \$1,000 per traveler. We regret that refunds cannot be made for cancellations less than 65 days prior to the departure date. Travel insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased at an additional charge through Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. Cancellation charges also apply to additional accommodations reserved prior to and after the tour. Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of train or air tickets. Full terms and conditions are also available at [www.goodspeedandbach.com](http://www.goodspeedandbach.com).

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for the following individuals on VPR's "The Maritimes and Celtic Colours Festival", October 9-18, 2013. A tour deposit of \$1,000 payable to Goodspeed and Bach is enclosed.

NAME(S) (full passport names): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (days) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Room preferences (please check all that apply)

- Double occupancy with traveling companion
- I would like a single room (single supplement of \$629 applies)
- I would like to share a room (every effort will be made to help connect you to a traveler with whom to share)

Travel preferences (please check all that apply)

- I would like Goodspeed to make my train arrangements on VIA RAIL
- I would like Goodspeed to make my flight arrangements
- I would prefer to make my own travel arrangements

I (we) have read the itinerary and terms and conditions as found above and agree to abide by all the stipulations contained therein.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make tour checks payable to Goodspeed and Bach and mail registration to:  
34 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401

For more information call: 1-800-639-2192 or email Ty Robertson: trobertson@vpr.net