

CTRF Annual Conference 2018: Proposed Companions' Programme

Monday June 4: Visit to Rideau Hall, and historic centre of Ottawa

During the morning the group will be given a special private tour of the historic features of the centre by David Jeanes, the Chair of Heritage Ottawa. Lunch will be in the central Byward Market area. In the afternoon the group will be given a guided tour of Rideau Hall, the residence of Canada's Governor-General, set in splendid 79-acre grounds in Rockcliffe, just east of the City Centre.

Monday evening's Conference social programme sees the annual Bison Transport Debate, to be held from 6 pm at the Mill Street Pub, across the Portage Bridge from the Conference hotel.

Tuesday June 5 Visit to Historic Perth Ontario.

Perth is the seat of Lanark County, southwest of Ottawa, first established as a military settlement in 1816 which became the military, judicial, political and social capital of the whole of the Ottawa Valley region, until eclipsed by the new City of Ottawa in the latter part of the Century. The old centre is notable for the many substantial stone buildings and other structures build by immigrant Scottish masons.

The visit will begin with another special private tour of the historic centre, led by local celebrity and Perth Town Crier, Mr. Brent McLaren. Lunch in a central restaurant will be followed by an afternoon visit to Rock Wall Gardens, to view the display gardens and attend a private workshop on garden art by the Gardens' owner.

The highlight of Tuesday evening's Conference social programme will be the Conference Dinner Cruise on the Ottawa River, leaving at 6:30 pm from Jacques Cartier Park, along Rue Laurier east of the Conference hotel.

Wednesday June 6: Independent Visits to Local Attractions

The morning is left free for participants to visit local attractions (or shops). Major attractions within walking distance (more or less) of the Conference hotel include:

- Canadian Museum of History – with new History Hall opened in 2017 for the 150th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation.
- Holocaust Memorial – newly-created and opened in 2017.
- National Gallery of Canada – across the Alexandria Bridge in Ottawa.
- Canadian War Museum – just across the Chaudière Bridge in Ottawa.

The Conference Programme concludes with Wednesday's Awards Luncheon at Noon in the Conference hotel.