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To: Regional Vice Presidents
Branches & Facilities

## CATCA 2016 Convention 2016 – Halifax Companions Program

## DAY ONE - April 6 - Titanic Connection Highlights and Peggy's Cove

Join your kilted guide and learn about the local connection to the <u>Titanic disaster</u>. Halifax has connections to the Titanic that no other place in North America has. In fact, Halifax is the second most important Titanic city in the world and yours to discover on this tour.

- Hear stories of two Halifax natives who traveled on Titanic.
- Visit the Fairview Lawn Cemetery where 121 victims of the disaster are buried.
- Visit the <u>Maritime Museum of the Atlantic</u>, featuring the world's largest collection of wooden artifacts, including a post from the famous Grand Staircase, and the only intact Titanic deck chair in the world.

Travel along the Lighthouse Route to <u>Peggy's Cove</u>, an artists' and explorers' paradise for over 150 years! The village is located on the rugged Atlantic shoreline, standing on solid rock above the crashing surf. The coastline is famous for pirates, shipwrecks, rum-running and one of the most photographed lighthouses in the world.

- Choose between a walking tour of the cove with your guide or free time to explore on your own.
- See the weatherworn fishing shacks, colourful buoys and lobster traps still used by local fishermen, and awe-inspiring rock formations that have been carved out by the glaciers of the last Ice Age.

## **DAY TWO – April 7 – Winery Tour with Halifax Highlights**

Today your kilted guide leads you on a fun and informative **tour** through the streets of <u>Metro</u> <u>Halifax</u>. You will be immersed in the history and culture of this unique and captivating city.

- Hear of Halifax's war years and of the exploits and heroism of the citizens who lived through the devastating <u>Halifax explosion</u>.
- View Historic Properties, the Spring Garden Road area, Province House, Old Town Clock, St. Paul's Church, City Hall, Grand Parade, Government House, the busy port, Point Pleasant Park, residential areas, the view from Citadel Hill and much more.

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Next, spend a leisurely afternoon sampling some of the acclaimed <u>wines of Nova Scotia</u> and get a glimpse of the beautiful **Annapolis Valley**.

- Your outing includes tours and tastings at two of the province's premiere wineries
- One of your winery stops will be complimented by a cheese tasting of products from the local Fox Hill Cheese House and a sample of an award winning Ice Wine.

## DAY THREE - April 8 - Pier 21 and Leisure!

There are so many things to do in <u>Halifax</u> that we had to give you some free time to discover it yourself!

- Take advantage of your pass to the <u>Pier 21 Immigration Museum</u> a National Historic Site which was the gateway to Canada for one million immigrants between 1928 and 1971. Did you know about one in five Canadians can trace their roots to Pier 21?
- Halifax is the largest shopping destination in Atlantic Canada, offering malls and big box stores as well as specialty shops. Enjoy exploring unique galleries, artisans and shops along Halifax's beautiful waterfront.
- In Halifax, <u>eating fresh and local</u> isn't a choice. It's a way of life... And there's so many choices!
- Use the many CATCA provided coupons for restaurant and shopping discounts.

Your visit to Halifax and its friendly and upbeat culture will leave you charmed.

Can't wait to see you in Halifax!



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