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Czech – Slovak Fruit Producers' Ontario Tour August 20 – 31, 2018

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Day 1 – Mon., Aug. 20 – Czech-Slovak Republics – Ontario – Toronto/Niagara Falls (D)

- Arrive in Toronto.
- Met by AgriTours Representative at Pearson International Airport.
- Transfer to Niagara Falls where the group will overnight.
- Dinner at the hotel or en route to Niagara Falls, depending on arrival time. **We cannot select restaurant for this day until we receive flight arrival time information.** At that time, we will select a restaurant depending on the time of day group arrives.
- Overnight at the [Radisson Hotel & Suites Fallsview](#), 6733 Fallsview Blvd., Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 3W7, 905-356-1944.

Day 2 – Tues., Aug. 21 – Niagara Falls – Vineland – Beamsville – Niagara Falls (B, L, D)

- Breakfast.
- Travel to [Vineland Research and Innovation Centre](#) – Provincial/Federal joint research facilities on fruit and vegetables.
- Local Pick-your own Fruit farm operation.
- Lunch in [Elm Street Café](#) in Grimsby. 63 Main St W. Grimsby, ON L3M 4H1
- Visit a local tender fruit producer – cherries, peaches and other fruit. Member of the [Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Producers Association](#).
- Visit a greenhouse operation.
- Dinner at Skylon Tower.
- Overnight at the Radisson Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Day 3 – Wed., Aug. 22 – Niagara Falls –Niagara-on-the-Lake – Niagara Falls (B, L)

- **Breakfast** in the hotel.
- Visit to a local fruit market in the Niagara-on-the-Lake / Virgil area.
- Visit a local grape production farm that contract grows grapes for wineries in the area. (added)
- Lunch at the [Old Winery Restaurant](#) in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Soup or Salad – choice of sandwiches or pizza. 2228 NIAGARA STONE ROAD, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ON, 905-468-8900
- Travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake at the exit point of the Niagara River.
- Free time in the historic town, [Niagara-on-the-Lake](#), site of one of Canada's first capitals in the former Upper Canada after the War of 1812 with the United States.
- Winery tour in Niagara-on-the-Lake, in case there are any hockey fans in the group – [Wayne Gretsky's Winery and Craft Distillery](#).
- Return to Niagara Falls for free time and dinner on your own.
- Free time for **dinner on your own** at any of the local restaurants in the area or at the Tony Roma's Restaurant in the hotel.
- Overnight at the Radisson Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Day 4 – Thurs., Aug. 23 – Niagara Falls (B, L)

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- Breakfast in the hotel
- [IMAX Theatre](#) – the story of Niagara Falls – the Miracles, Myths and Magic (included).
- Morning to visit Niagara Falls, including a ride on the Hornblower Boat (included) to the base of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls.
- **Lunch** at the closest restaurant to the Canadian Falls, [Elements Restaurant](#) where the view is outstanding rain or shine.
- Free time in Niagara Falls.
- **Optional tours** to the [Niagara Parks Commission Botanical Gardens](#) (free), [Spanish Aero Car](#) (admission fee), [Niagara Helicopters](#) (group rate can be arranged and are lower than published rates), [Butterfly Conservatory](#) (group rates).
- Optional ride on the amazing giant [SkyWheel Ferris Wheel](#) with one of the best views of both the American and Canadian Falls at Niagara.
- Dinner on your own in Niagara Falls. Many restaurants to choose from.
- Overnight at the Radisson Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Day 5 – Fri., Aug. 24 – Niagara Falls – Vineland – Port Dover - Simcoe **(B, L, D)**

- Breakfast in the hotel restaurant.
- Visit a local fruit production operation in the Beamsville/Vineland area to meet another local producer.
- Visit a local greenhouse producing vegetables or a flower producer (many greenhouse vegetable producers have strict policies for disease control).
- Lunch in local restaurant the [Butcher and Banker Pub](#) in Beamsville, en route to Simcoe. The Butcher & Banker Pub, 4520 Ontario Street, Beamsville, Ontario, L0R 1B5, Canada, Phone: ((905) 563-3777
- Travel to Norfolk County and the town of Simcoe for a visit to an apple orchard near Lake Erie, benefitting from the micro-climate in the area near Lake Erie. Farm owner will be a member of the Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association.
- Strawberry farming operation visit.
- Dinner in Simcoe at the hotel restaurant the [Three West Trends Bistro](#).
- Overnight at the [Best Western Little River Inn](#) (or similar). 203 Queensway W., Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 2M9, Canada. 1(800) 780-7234. Hotel Direct Number- +1 519-426-2125

Day 6 – Sat., Aug. 25 – Simcoe Region - Simcoe **(B, L)**

- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Visit local apple producer and member of the Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association.
- Visit a [fruit packing operation](#) in Simcoe.
- Lunch in Simcoe at [Swiss Chalet Restaurant](#), just down the street from the fruit packing facility.
- Visit local vegetable production farm and/or
- Possible visit to University of Guelph Fruit and Vegetable Research Station, Simcoe Ontario.
 - The Simcoe Research Station of the University of Guelph, Department of Plant Agriculture has 86.8 hectares of land on the edge of the highly productive Norfolk sand plain in the central Erie region. Its mission is to help strengthen the fruit and vegetable industries in the potentially highly productive zone along the north shore of Lake Erie.

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- Simcoe operates research programs covering vegetables, fruits, and various alternative crops for the sandy tobacco soils of the area. The ratio of research input is about 70% vegetables and 30% fruit, which reflects the approximate distribution of horticultural production in the Lake Erie counties.
- Travel to Lake Erie and [Port Dover](#), a lake-side tourist town with a wonderful sandy beach and shallow fresh water swimming. Free time in Port Dover. Dinner on your own in Port Dover. The town has several nice restaurants including the [Beach House Restaurant](#) which features Lake Erie Perch dinners (fresh water white fleshed fish famous in this lake).
- Return to Simcoe.
- Overnight and dinner in Simcoe.

Day 7 -Sun., Aug. 26 – Simcoe - Woodstock – Kitchener

(B, L, D)

- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Visit to St. George to [Brantview Family Orchard](#), home of Apple Butter, Apple Cider and fresh apples.
- Tour a new orchard, Bickle Family Orchard near Woodstock.
- Lunch at [East Side Mario's](#), a Canadian Italian style restaurant, always popular with our groups.
- Visit [Apple Land Station](#) west of Woodstock, where entertainment farming has added incredible value to their farm and products while serving to educate urbanites as to the hard work, value and fun that can be provided by a local farm family.
- Visit an organic farm near New Hamburg, owned by German-Canadian family the [Pfenning's Organic Farm](#), one of the most successful and diverse organic farms in Canada.
- Overnight in Kitchener, [Radisson Hotel Kitchener Waterloo](#), 2960 King Street East, Kitchener, Ontario, N2A 1A9.

Day 8 – Mon., Aug. 27 – Waterloo – Thornbury – Collingwood

(B, L)

- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Visit Canada's largest Farmers' Market, the [St. Jacob's Farmers' Market and Flea Market](#) and OLEX – the Ontario Livestock Exchange.
- Visit [St. Jacob's](#), a local tourist town that is home to Canada's largest Hardware Store Head office – [Home Hardware](#) a cooperative that has thousands of stores providing home and farm equipment and tools for people in towns and in the country, [Mennonite Country](#) and Canadian arts and crafts stores.
- Buffet Lunch at the [Stone Crock](#) – buffet restaurant.
- Morning visit to an apple orchard and storage facility near Elmira – [Martin's Family Fruit Farm](#)
- Travel to Collingwood – Georgian Bay where the group will overnight at the [BLUE MOUNTAIN INN & RESORTS LP](#), 1-877-445-0231, 108 JOZO WEIDER BLVD., BLUE MOUNTAINS, ONTARIO, CANADA L9Y 3Z2.
- Dinner at the hotel restaurant, [The Pottery Restaurant](#). BBQ with Hamburgers and Tuna Steak on a bun with all the trimmings, salads, dessert, coffee, tea or soft drinks.
- Free time to explore the village next to the hotel, 7-9-minute walk on lit paths. Experience night life, pubs, bars, restaurants all in the [Village of Blue Mountain](#) at the bottom of the ski and events hills of Blue Mountain.

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Day 9 – Tues., Aug. 28 – Collingwood – Thornbury/Beaver Valley – Collingwood (B, L)

- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Visit to Apple storage facility.
- Thornbury located near Beaver Valley, a famous apple growing region and now a growing wine grape growing region. Visit to [Thornbury Craft Cider Company](#) for tasting and tour.
- Lunch in Thornbury at a restaurant – the Mill.
- Visit two farms and storage facilities in the Beaver Valley near Thornbury.
- Return to Collingwood/Blue Mountain.
- [Northwinds Brewery and Restaurant](#), located in the Village.
- Overnight and dinner.

Day 10 – Wed., Aug. 29 – Collingwood – Wasaga Beach – Midland – Holland Marsh - Toronto (B, D)

- **Breakfast** in the hotel.
- Visit Wasaga Beach this morning – weather permitting– free time to enjoy the [World’s largest fresh water beach](#).
- Lunch on your own at Wasaga Beach.
- Visit [Saint Marie Among the Hurons](#), a story of aboriginal people and their experience with the Jesuit Missionaries in Ontario.
- Travel to the [Holland Marsh](#) and visit a local farmers’ market in the Marsh. This is one of Ontario’s most productive vegetable production areas and is pure organic soil from a drained swamp region. If possible on a Saturday, visit a local producer.
- Travel to Toronto – stopping at the [Vaughn Mills Shopping Centre](#) for a chance to shop for bargains at this Outlet Shopping Centre.
- Dinner at the [Keg Steakhouse](#) located near Vaughn Mills Outlet shopping Centre.
- Check in to your downtown Toronto Hotel, the [Chelsea Hotel](#).

Day 11 – Thurs., Aug. 30 – Toronto (B, L)

- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Tour of Toronto including lunch and free time at the [Distillery Historic District](#), a re-purposed area that was once one of Canada’s largest Alcohol Distilleries. Visit several important land marks in Toronto including the Toronto City Hall, Queens’ Park Legislative Building – the Ontario Government home, University of Toronto, China Town, the Toronto Eaton’s Centre, the Queen’s Quay Waterfront area and then the Distillery District.
- Lunch at [Mill Street Brew Pub](#) in the Distillery District.
- Optional Visit to [Canada’s Hockey Hall of Fame](#) (extra fee).
- Free time in Downtown Toronto. Plenty of restaurants in the downtown core area of Toronto, within a short distance of our hotel.
- Dinner on your own in Toronto. Overnight at the Chelsea Hotel.

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Day 12 – Fri., Aug. 31 – Toronto – Prague/Bratislava
(B, L or D)

- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Free time for some last-minute shopping – check out is at 11:00.
- Visit to the [CN Tower Observation](#) Level.
- Time for lunch either included or on your own depending on the flight time. If it is a mid-afternoon flight, lunch will be included. If flight is an evening overnight flight, a buffet dinner will be offered before departure and lunch will be on your own at a local shopping mall – [Mississauga’s Square One](#), Ontario’s largest shopping centre.
- Lunch or dinner option will be at [Tucker’s Marketplace Restaurant](#), a full buffet restaurant near the airport.
- Departure from Pearson International Airport to Prague.

PRICING IN CANADIAN DOLLARS:

CANADIAN DOLLARS	Hotels (Canadian 3-star category) Half Board – fewer meals	
Number of Passengers	Price/person sharing double	Single supplement
25–29 pax Full size coach + guide	\$3780	\$1150
30–36 pax Full size coach + guide	\$3750	\$1150
37–40 pax Full size coach + guide	\$3620	\$1150

Inclusions:

- Hotels of 3 -4-star categories located in towns and cities within walking to attractions, restaurants and shopping.
- Motor coach transportation (coach size dependent on group size).
- Meals as indicated by B (Breakfast), L (Lunch), D (Dinner). Gratuities pre-paid on all included but gratuities NOT included for alcohol purchased by guests during meals.
- Attractions, as indicated in itinerary.
- Technical visits – none confirmed at this time, totally dependent on host companies time and availability to meet with the group.
- Viliam Zvalo – tour guide wage, accommodations, meals, flights to and from Toronto and PEI, etc.
- Services of AgriTours for planning and coordinating of the itinerary.

Exclusions:

- Flights international and domestically in (if applicable) not included.
- Meals on flights not included.
- Insurance for travel, baggage and health is not included but highly recommended.
- Meals that are not specifically mentioned as being included.
- Items of a personal nature such as hotel services other than meals included, rooms and taxes; such as Pay TV, laundry, in-room bar, bar charges to room, telephone calls from hotel, internet fees where not included in rate.
- Alcoholic beverages are not included except at winery.
- Items not specifically mentioned as being included.