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LAKE CHAMPLAIN: THE CRUCIBLE OF NORTH AMERICAN WARS

Historian Guide: Thomas R. Mandeville

There is no more history-rich water corridor in North America than the beautiful Champlain Valley, located between the Adirondack and Green Mountains. Even if you are familiar with American battlegrounds, chances are that Lake Champlain will not leap to mind. From 1609 through 1814, however, Lake Champlain and Lake George, together with the great rivers they flow into, were the scene of contests and conflicts the likes of which had seldom been seen in civilized lands. A fledgling American republic was forged and defended here during the French and Indian War. It was used by the rebellious colonies against an absentee British government in the American Revolution. The last time the Champlain Valley was a major wartime theater was in the War of 1812. Without question, this area has a storied past of wartime service and all it entailed; it is a story of tall ships and small boats and brave men who challenged the mightiest empires in the world. Come join us on this unique tour and revisit the valley's rich past.



Fort Chambly on the Richelieu River. The Americans occupied the fort in 1775-76, but after losing at Quebec they retreated south, allowing the British to take the fort.



Fort Lennox on Isle aux Noix was controlled by French, British and Americans at different times.

Fort Chambly
Fort Lennox

QUEBEC



Thomas Macdonough

The Battle of Plattsburgh



Macdonough's victory over the British in The Battle of Plattsburgh on September 11, 1814 was praised as equal to Commodore Perry's on Lake Erie. It was one of the decisive battles in American history and prevented the invasion and conquest of New York State.

Plattsburgh Battle of Valcour

The first naval battle fought by the United States navy took place on October 11, 1776 in a narrow strait between Valcour Island and the mainland. The battle delayed British attempts to hook up with their forces in New York so that they could cut the American colonies in half.

We spend five nights June 1,2,3,4 and 5 at the Hilton Burlington.

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Lake Champlain

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Basin Harbor VT, brings to life the stories of Lake Champlain and its people. Their mission is to preserve and share the rich history of the Lake Champlain region.



The American army wanted to seize Fort Ticonderoga at the beginning of the Revolutionary War to capture the many cannon there that could be used to defend Boston. They also worried that the British could use the fort to attack the American forces near Boston from the rear.



Basin Harbor



VERMONT

Fort Ticonderoga (Carillon)

During the French and Indian War in 1758 the British lost a pivotal battle here to the French. Abercrombie, confident of a quick victory, ignored several viable military options and decided in favor of an unsuccessful frontal assault. Although the French won the battle they had little time to celebrate, for only a few months later British General Abercrombie led an army of 16,000 British troops north towards Carillon. After seeing the invading British, the French army of 3,500 blew up the magazine and fled the Fort. General Abercrombie then rebuilt the magazine and renamed it Fort Ticonderoga, meaning land between two waters.

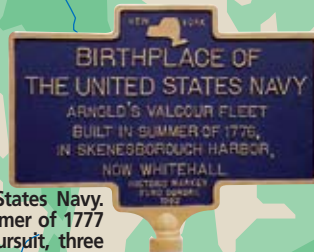


Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold surprise the British at Fort Ticonderoga.

Lake George

Whitehall

In 1776, American forces under Benedict Arnold were frantically building a fleet at Whitehall to counter a British invasion they knew would come from the north. This was the birth of the United States Navy. One year later in the summer of 1777 with the British in hot pursuit, three vessels of the American fleet were blown up at Whitehall harbor to prevent their capture.



Thomas Mandeville

Professor Thomas R. Mandeville has been teaching American History and Political Science at Clinton Community College since 1990. Tom started giving historical workshops and tours of the Lake Champlain area in 1993, and there is no one who knows more of this area and its past or is more in demand to share his knowledge with others.

TOUR INCLUDES:

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

- ★ Historian Guide: Thomas R. Mandeville
- ★ Services of a professional tour director
- ★ Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- ★ All admissions to included features
- ★ Eight nights hotel accommodations
- ★ Eight breakfasts, five lunches, and three dinners
- ★ Welcome briefing
- ★ All taxes, baggage handling, and gratuities on included features
- ★ Suggested reading list

COST:

\$2945 per person double occupancy
\$3545 per person single occupancy

Fort William Henry

We spend two nights May 30 and 31, at our hotel in the town of Lake George

Fort Edward

Roger's Island

Here in the autumn of 1777, American revolutionary forces met, defeated, and forced a major British army to surrender. This crucial American victory renewed patriots' hopes for independence, secured essential foreign recognition and support, and forever changed the face of the world.

Saratoga National Historic Park



The Saratoga Monument commemorates the surrender of the British Army under the command of General John Burgoyne to General Horatio Gates, commander of American forces on October 17, 1777.

Albany

Tour starts May 29 in Albany, NY, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

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THE AREA COVERED BY THIS MAP



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