

POST-FAM TOUR

Sunday September 14th 8am through Wednesday September 17th 10am

Participants will receive one complimentary alcoholic beverage per meal.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour includes an international border crossing and a valid passport is required.

This tour requires a minimum of 6 participants (excluding guests) and a maximum number of 18 (including guests).

Transportation will be provided for guests with a pickup at Westin Book Cadillac Hotel at 8am on Sunday September 14th. Guests will be returned to Detroit Metropolitan Airport at 11am on Wednesday September 17th.

This tour is designated an overall activity level of 1 with the exception of one portion:

- Point Pelee National park will include a 10 to 15 minute walk to the Tip (flat terrain, dirt trail). Optional: a walk up the 4 storey tall lookout tower (stairs only). For this reason Point Pelee National Park is an activity level of 3.

Pack your bags and bring your curiosity— as we're taking you on a three-day tour through Windsor and Essex County that's filled with unexpected gems, unforgettable experiences, and stories waiting to be told. This isn't your typical travel itinerary; it's a behind-the-scenes look at one of Canada's most fascinating and overlooked destinations, curated specifically for travel writers ready to uncover the next big story.

You'll explore the glitz and glamour of Caesars Windsor, Canada's largest casino resort; feel the breeze off Lake Erie as you set sail for Pelee Island, and sip your way through Pelee Island Winery, Canada's first commercial winery. Stand at the southernmost tip of mainland Canada at Point Pelee National Park, a place bursting with natural wonder and migratory magic. Taste the world's best pizza—yes, *literally*, winning prestigious awards—and walk the same streets where Prohibition-era rumrunners once ruled. Each stop is more than a photo op; it's a chance to dive into the rich culture, history, and characters that make this region unforgettable.

With luxury hotel stays and boutique rooms that blend style and comfort, immersive storytelling opportunities at every turn, and a region that prides itself on hospitality, this tour is your gateway to experiences most travelers miss. Whether you're writing for foodies, adventure seekers, history buffs, or luxury lovers, Windsor and Essex County has something unique to offer your readers.

This is your chance to discover the stories hiding in plain sight—and be among the first to share them with the world.

Sites include:

- A slice of Windsor-style pizza, voted Canada and the world's best!
- A trip to the southernmost mainland point of Canada at Point Pelee National Park
- Wineries, distilleries and breweries
- A trip to Canada's best kept secret, Pelee Island, including Canada's largest estate winery Pelee Island Winery
- Prohibition history inside Willistead Manor and step into North America's largest distillery, Hiram Walker & Sons
- A custom dining experience curated with fresh ingredients from our greenhouses and farm stands, including a wine pairing from our local sommelier
- Accommodation at Canada's largest casino resort, Caesars Windsor

Detailed Itinerary:

- **Sunday, September 14th**
 - **8am** – Pick up at Westin Book Cadillac
 - **9am** – Arrival to [Caesars Windsor](#) - Caesars Windsor defines modern luxury in the midst of timeless elegance. Rooms are beautifully appointed with modern furnishings, décor, marble accents and all the amenities of a Four Diamond resort. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **10am** – Visit to [Sandwich First Baptist Church](#) - the oldest active black church in Canada. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **12pm** – Lunch at [Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery](#) – Ontario's only beachfront winery. Offering wine tasting flights, wine by the glass, picnic and grazing lunches to enjoy on the expansive natural settings. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **3pm** – tasting at Wolfhead Distillery - Established in 2016, Wolfhead Distillery is proud to be the first premium craft distillery in Essex County. Nestled in Amherstburg, specializing in handcrafted, small-batch Vodka, Whisky, and Gin—pushing the boundaries of Canadian spirits with bold flavour and local flair. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **4:30pm** – tasting at JP Wisers - Step into the world of JP Wiser's, where a man with a bold vision embarked on a journey to put Canadian whisky on the global stage. The Hiram Walker & Sons Distillery in Windsor, Ontario is the home of Canadian whisky and one of North America's largest distilleries. Located on the banks of the Detroit River, extreme temperature changes contribute to the quality and distinct flavour of J.P. Wiser's family of whiskies. For over 160 years, our historic facility produces some of the best whiskies in Canada. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **7pm** – dinner at [Augustus 27 at Caesars Windsor](#) - The pinnacle of modern sophistication. Located on the top floor of the resort, take in breathtaking panoramic views of the Detroit skyline and waterfront. **Activity Level: 1**
- **Monday, September 15th**
 - **8am** – Depart Caesars Windsor and enjoy a boxed breakfast en route.
 - **9:30am** – arrive to Pelee Island Ferry dock and embark on the 90 minute ferry ride to [Pelee Island](#). **Activity Level: 1**

- **11:30am** – lunch at [Pelee Island Winery Pavillion](#) - At the southernmost point of Canada, you'll find 10,000 acres of idyllic vineyards, farms, beaches, parks and forests. Pelee Island Pavilion is the hub of activity on the island during the spring, summer and fall. **Activity Level: 1**
- **1:30pm** – tour of [Vin Villa](#) - Founded in 1866 on Pelee Island, the southernmost point of Canada and the largest island in Lake Erie, Vin Villa remains the most historically significant winery in North America. **Activity Level: 2**
- **3pm** – ice cream snack at [Pelee Island Coneheads](#). - Pelee Island Coneheads is a quaint ice cream stand with friendly island service. Conveniently located across from the ferry terminal, Pelee Island Coneheads serves up hand scoop Canadian-made hard ice cream including dairy free vegan ice cream options! **Activity Level: 1**
- **4pm** – arrive to Pelee Island Ferry dock and embark on the 90 minute ferry ride back to the mainland. **Activity Level: 1**
- **6pm** – dinner at [Cooper's Hawk Vineyards](#). - located on 70 acres of land in the Lake Erie North Shore viticulture region. Welcome to world-class wines, expertly crafted cuisine, and a naturalist's haven. **Activity Level: 1**
- **8pm** – arrive to overnight accommodations at [The Grove Motel](#) - Get ready to groove to the beat of the 70s and soak up some serious sunshine at the NEW Grove Motel. Located in Colchester, we promise an unforgettable stay, bursting with funky vibes and non-stop fun. With 27 individually-themed rooms. **Activity Level: 1**
- **Tuesday, September 16th**
 - **8am** – breakfast at [JOE. Hot+Cold](#) - fantastic atmospheres, along with coffee, cuisine, and delicious cocktails. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **9am** – The Grove Motel site visit. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **10:45am** – [Point Pelee National Park](#) - Situated at the southern extreme of mainland Canada, Point Pelee National Park is a tiny sanctuary supporting a mosaic of habitats from jungle-like forest to lush wetlands to open savannah. **Activity Level: 1 to 3**
 - **1pm** – lunch at [Antonino's Original Pizza](#) - In 1959, Antonino Ciaravino opened the first pizzeria in South Windsor with its thin crispy crust, distinctive and flavourful sauce, and fine cut pepperoni. His pizza legacy has truly become a staple of Windsor's restaurant culture. Still run by his family using the original recipe, you will a delicious slice of local history along with your pizza. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **2:30pm** – [Colasanti's Tropical Gardens](#) - Colasanti's is a tropical wonderland destination for the whole family. Open year-round, 361 days a year, our 3.5 acres of family fun offers cacti, succulents, exotic and tropical plants, a petting zoo, indoor 18 hole mini golf, arcade games, and unique home décor pieces. Colasanti's Restaurant specializes in our famous "Broasted Chicken," pizza, apple cider, hot homemade donuts and butter fudge. **Activity Level: 1**
 - **5pm** – dinner at [Willistead Manor](#) - a 36-room mansion nestled within a 15-acre park built in 1906 for Edward Chandler Walker, the second son of Hiram Walker, founder of the world-renowned distillery. **Activity Level: 1**
 - Arrive at Caesars Windsor at 8 p.m. for overnight stay.
- **Wednesday, September 17th**
 - **8am** – Buffet breakfast at [Caesars Windsor](#) - Caesars Windsor defines modern luxury in the midst of timeless elegance. Rooms are beautifully appointed with modern furnishings, décor, marble accents and all the amenities of a Four Diamond resort. **Activity Level: 1**

- **10am** – Depart for Detroit Metropolitan Airport