



Clan Munro USA Gathering - Halifax, Nova Scotia Thursday, August 30 - Sunday, September 2, 2018

We hope you will come to Halifax for the 2018 Clan Munro USA gathering to connect with old and new friends and explore the history of Scottish settlement in this part of North America as well as the beauty of harbor sights and coastal villages.

After our group breakfast, Annual General Meeting and group lunch on Friday, we travel to the Citadel on the hill above Halifax for a guided group tour with reenactors demonstrating life in the fort for Scottish Highland soldiers during the 1800's. Afterwards, you can board the bus for travel back to the hotel or explore further the exhibits at the Citadel, including one on trench warfare, and catch a later shuttle bus.

Within walking distance of our hotel are a myriad of sights -- harbor boardwalk, Halifax public gardens, Seaport Farmer's Market, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (excellent exhibit on the Titanic), Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Discovery Centre for children, Museum of Natural History, St. Paul's Anglican Church (built 1750), Province and Government Houses and the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. Harbor cruises are available for booking as well as a land and sea tour in an amphibious vehicle offered by Harbour Hopper.

Friday evening, pipers and drummers escort us the short walk to the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 where a cocktail reception and lobster dinner (other entrée options available) is held in the banquet room with its floor to ceiling windows overlooking the harbor. The Museum is open for tours until 5:30pm.

Saturday, coaches take us to Peggy's Cove with its picturesque lighthouse and then to the UNESCO World Heritage village of Lunenburg where you have time to walk along the harbor front, shop and have lunch in the converted historic houses. Established in 1753, Lunenburg is the best surviving example of a planned British settlement in North America.

Saturday night, a cocktail reception at our hotel is followed by our formal banquet with entertainment. Sunday's Kirkin' of the Tartan service will be led by our Chaplain, Randy Mathis, at the nearby Fort Massey United Church.

The four diamond AAA-rated Westin Nova Scotia, located just one block from the Halifax harbor, is our headquarters for the gathering.

You will need a passport for air travel to Canada, please make sure it is current. A group discount is available for flights on United - details on page three.

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Clan Munro USA Gathering 2018
Itinerary and Schedule
(subject to change if necessary)
(**Indicates item cost included in registration fee)

Thursday August 30, 2018

9:00 – 4:00 PM Clan Munro Association, USA Board Meeting -- Bedford Room

1:00 – 7:00 PM Registration in the Hospitality Suite -- Maritime Room

Friday, August 31, 2018

7:00 – 8:00 AM Registration in the Hospitality Suite -- Maritime Room

7:45 -- 8:45 AM Buffet breakfast ** -- Atlantic Ballroom

9:00 – 11:30 AM Annual General Meeting -- Atlantic Ballroom

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Buffet lunch ** -- Atlantic Ballroom

12:20 & 12:45 PM Bus shuttles to Halifax Citadel for guided group tours **

1:45 - 3:00 PM Bus shuttles from Citadel to Westin

6:00 – 10:00 PM Cocktail reception and dinner at the Canadian Immigration Museum **

Saturday, September 1, 2018

8:30 AM Board coaches for trips to Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg **

3:15 PM Arrive back at hotel

6:00 PM Cocktail hour -- Mezzanine outside Atlantic Ballroom

7:00 – 10:00 PM Clan Munro USA formal banquet** -- Atlantic Ballroom

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:30 AM Kirkin' of the Tartan Service led by Randy Mathis at Fort Massey United Church

Hotel

The historic Westin Nova Scotian opened in 1930 as The Nova Scotian, a CN Rail hotel. It is located just a block from the Halifax harbor boardwalk, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 and the Seaport Farmer's Market. A road train offering hop on/off service around the Halifax harbor area can be accessed near the hotel.

Address: 1181 Hollis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia,

Reservations can be made by phone or at the website created by Westin for our gathering.

Phone -- 888-627-8553. Please identify yourself as attending the Clan Munro event.

Website -- <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1711227047&key=1BA69F7A>

The room rate is \$169 Canadian (\$135 US based upon recent exchange rate) + taxes and fees per room per night **until July 30, 2018**, after which the rate will increase substantially. Additionally, a limited number of rooms have been set aside for our group, so be sure to **reserve early**. The room rate is available 3 days prior and 3 days after the event, subject to availability at the time of reservation.

Your package will include the following amenities

- Complimentary wifi in guestrooms and meeting space
- In-room coffee maker, safe, minibar
- Gym, indoor saltwater pool and whirlpool
- Discounted \$13 Canadian self-parking, based on availability
- 100% smoke-free
- Handicapped rooms available

Transportation

Air travel and ground transportation -- Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ) is located 24 miles from the Westin. Transfer by taxi takes approximately 35 minutes and costs about \$63 CAD. Limousine service (www.townlimo.ca - 902-456-6345) is \$58 CAD currently for 4 people and \$75 CAD currently for SUV seating 6 people (in each case depending upon luggage). Most economical is the Airport Express at \$22 CAD per person one-way and \$40 CAD return, but the shuttle runs infrequently -- you can check the schedule at <https://maritimebus.com/halifax-airport-shuttle/shuttle-schedule/>

If after searching for best price/schedule offered by airlines, you decide to fly United Airlines, a discount of 2 to 10% is available by using Z code ZEHU and Agreement code 892967 when booking online at the United website shown below, booking with a travel agent or when calling the United Meetings Reservation Desk at 800-426-1122. This discount is only valid for travel to/from Halifax in connection with the Clan Munro gathering during period from 8/23/2018 to 9/8/2018.

United website -- <https://www.united.com/web/en-US/apps/booking/specials/meetings/default.aspx>

A valid passport is required for air travel between the United States and Canada.

When departing Halifax you should allow some extra time at the airport as you will clear US immigration and customs at the Halifax airport. Upon arrival in the United States, you will go directly to your connecting flight or, if you've reached your final destination, baggage claim.

Train and ferry travel -- The Westin is connected to the VIA Rail train station which has service from Montreal to Halifax. Ferry service is also available from Portland, Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia (www.ferries.ca).

Rental cars -- Cars can be rented at the airport or at several locations in the harbor area -- including the Westin. You should make reservations in advance as availability may be limited in late August.