



TECUMSEH'S LAST DAYS

TRACING HIS
FINAL STEPS
UP THE THAMES





RETRACE THE STEPS OF CHIEF TECUMSEH

Join the great Chief Tecumseh, two armies, a future President and a Vice-President of the United States as they venture up the historic Thames River and into history. The Thames River is one of Canada's historic rivers and has witnessed some of the most important events in Canada's early history. Your costumed, knowledgeable guides will whisk you back in time to places that you will remember long after your tour is over.

One Day Tour:

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. - Meet your guide in Chatham and make your way along the picturesque Thames River where various historical characteristics of the river will be pointed out. When you arrive at the river's mouth, you will formally begin our tour in the shadow of one of the Great Lake's earliest and most charming lighthouses. Hugging the historic Thames, groups will visit the sites of the U.S., British and Native camps, hear their strategies, learn their weaknesses and get to know the personal side of such heroes as Chief Tecumseh, future President of the U.S. William Henry Harrison, future Vice-President Richard Mentor Johnson, American naval hero Oliver Hazzard Perry and the British general Henry Procter as well as the common people.

11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - Stroll Chatham's interesting and scenic Downtown area and have lunch (on your own) at one of the fine restaurants on the Thames River.

1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. - After viewing the site of a skirmish between Tecumseh and the U.S. forces in Downtown Chatham, you will continue up the Thames to spots where boats from the War of 1812 were scuttled as the British made their retreat. You will stop at the historic site of the Battle of the Thames where Chief Tecumseh was killed, the dream of a Native nation was shattered, presidential dreams were made and a British General's career was destroyed. You will also hear about the curse of Tecumseh and how it continues to play a role today. The trip will conclude at Fairfield Museum, which commemorates the Moravian mission that was destroyed by the U.S. forces after the Battle of the Thames.

Optional Evening Programs

8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. -

Toys and Games of Pioneer Days - Get ready for some good old-fashioned fun with toys and games from the past. Some of you will have played with these as a young lad or lass while for others they will be brand new. Much of this presentation is hands-on so come prepared to relive those days of your youth where everyday was play day! This unique presentation is one-of-a-kind and never fails to amuse and amaze.

OR

Ghost Walk by Candlelight -

If the spirits move you, take part in an eerie ghost walk led by lantern light through the oldest and most haunted sections of Chatham. It's easy walking but it may not be so easy to forget some of the spine-tingling true stories of ghosts and goblins recounted by your ghostly guide!



Educational Tours

Half day or full day educationally oriented trips are available at student prices. Educational tours reinforce curriculum components and feature opportunities to talk with "spirits" from the past and take part in hands-on, experiential learning activities dealing with all aspects of the War of 1812.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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*NOTE: Minimum number required.
Half day programs available upon request.*

