

# UPDATE of 2018 Clan Egan Rally in Canada

Join your family members – MacAodhagains, Egans, Eagans, Eagens, Agins and Keegans – all descendants of Aodhagáin for our once in a lifetime Canadian Clan Egan Rally. We're starting off and ending the rally in our nation's capital, Ottawa, Ontario June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. Throughout our travel route you'll come to realize that the Irish played an important role in much of Canada's history, the building of the Rideau Canal and establishment of the lumber industry are but two examples. Success often came with great hardship, as you'll find out throughout our travels. Don't forget to tell your Egan friends about this chance to get together to celebrate our common heritage!

We hope to see many of you again at the rally. Maureen Egan Kirincic and Kevin Egan

## Draft itinerary depending on the number of participants

We expect the coach will be approx. \$150 CDN per person, depending on the number of passengers on each coach.

Our "Gala" Clan banquet dinner tickets will be between \$40 - \$50 CDN a person, which includes dinner and Irish entertainers. This is to cover the hall rental, sound equipment and catered meal. The local musicians are very generously donating their time for what should be a very fun filled time.

Grosse Ile tour includes ferry to the island, park admission, guided tour and train ride through the village. The price is \$59.99 CDN per person, children 6-12 years old \$29.99 and 13-17 \$46.99 + taxes.

For most of the sites that we'll be visiting, there are no admission costs. The times on the itinerary and admission costs (if any) will be posted closer to the rally dates.

Our days are often full but there will be plenty of time for meals and, of course, stretching breaks along the way!

Please notify us of your plans for the rally (dates, number of people) so arrangements can be made for enough Gala tickets and coach space etc. at: [maureen\\_eganrally2018@protonmail.com](mailto:maureen_eganrally2018@protonmail.com) or [kevin\\_eganrally2018@outlook.com](mailto:kevin_eganrally2018@outlook.com)

Sat June 30 Ottawa ON Ottawa Marriott Hotel	Registration – PM- meet & greet
Sun July 1 Ottawa ON	Canada Day celebrations

Ottawa Marriott Hotel	A full day and night of activities
Mon July 2 Quebec City QC Hotel Chateau Laurier  Travel to Quebec City (444 km-4 hrs. 3 min)	AM- travel to historic Quebec City Afternoon- optional guided sightseeing tours, great shopping, visit local historical sites. Most within walking distance from our hotel
Tues July 3 Quebec City QC Hotel Chateau Laurier  Quebec City to Berthier-sur-Mer (ferry dock) to Grosse Ile (70 km-55 min)	Ferry to Grosse Ile. Spend the day there. Guided tour and a train ride around the Ile. Return to Quebec City for the night
Wed July 4 Montreal QC Hotel Travelodge  Travel to Montreal (263 km-2hrs. 3min)	AM -travel to Montreal Afternoon- optional guided sightseeing tours, great shopping, visit local historical sites many within walking distance from our hotel
Thurs July 5 Ottawa ON Ottawa Marriott Hotel  Travel to Ottawa (200 km-2 hrs. 3min)	AM- travel back to Ottawa Afternoon- continue to visit local sites, optional guided sightseeing tours or just a day to relax in a Pub
Fri July 6 Ottawa ON – Eganville ON Ottawa Marriott Hotel  Travel to Pontiac QC – Eganville ON (136km-1 hr. 53min) Eganville – Ottawa (132 km-1hr. 28min)	AM travel to Pontiac County QC & Eganville ON day trip
Sat July 7 Ottawa ON Ottawa Marriott Hotel	AM – Supreme Court of Canada and House of Commons tours. Local sites PM- Gala Dinner and Irish entertainment at Saint Brigid’s Centre For The Arts
Sun July 8 Dismissal	Travel home

<p><b>OTTAWA MARRIOTT HOTEL</b> 100 Kent Street, Ottawa, ON K1P 5R7 P 613.783.4233 F 613.783.4228</p> <p>Parking pass at front desk with unlimited in and out: \$23 (\$25.99 tax included) per day Valet parking with unlimited in and out: \$29 (\$32.77 tax included) per day</p> <p>I have a local person looking into an additional parking lot close to the hotel.</p>	<p><b>June 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; July 1<sup>st</sup></b> (price difference due to holiday weekend) Single \$209.00 CDN Double \$209.00 CDN Additional Person \$20.00 CDN</p> <p><b>July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b> Single \$159.00 CDN Double \$159.00 CDN Additional Person \$20.00 CDN</p>
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<p>Hotel reservation link for our first stay June 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; July 1st  <a href="https://aws.passkey.com/event/49571825/owner/8160/home">https://aws.passkey.com/event/49571825/owner/8160/home</a></p> <p>Hotel reservation link for our second stay July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup>  <a href="https://aws.passkey.com/event/49571932/owner/8160/home">https://aws.passkey.com/event/49571932/owner/8160/home</a></p> <p>Reservation under 'EGAN RALLY'</p>	<p>Plus: local taxes (currently 13% HST &amp; 4% Municipal Accommodation Tax)</p>
<p><b>HOTEL CHATEAU LAUIER QUEBEC</b>  1220 Place George- V Quest  Quebec City (QC) G1R 5B8  P 418.522.8108 *1.800.463.445 F 418.648.9929</p> <p>Parking through the hotel \$20.00 CDN daily with in &amp; out or and out privileges.</p> <p>Hotel reservation link:  <a href="http://hotelchateaulaurier.com">http://hotelchateaulaurier.com</a>  Click - Book online, Book NOW  GROUP CODE <b>24979</b> must be provided</p> <p>Reserved under "EGAN FAMILY"</p>	<p><b>July 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  Single \$164.00 CDN  Double \$164.00 CDN  Triple \$184.00 CDN  Quad \$204.00 CDN</p> <p>*children age 17 or younger stay free provided they share a room with their parents. No more than 4 guests may share a room.</p> <p>Other room categories – must be booked over the phone</p> <p>Ultra rooms - \$179.00 one double bed, glass shower and no carpet  Contemporaine rooms - \$194.00 one king or two queen beds, mini fridge in the room  Luxueuse rooms - \$314.00 one king bed, therapeutic bed, fireplace &amp; view on the Plains</p> <p>Plus: Accommodation tax 3.5%, Federal goods and service tax 5% &amp; Quebec sales tax 9.975%</p>
<p><b>HOTEL TRAVELODGE</b>  50, Boul. Rene-Levesque Quest, Montreal QC H2Z 1A2  Tel 514. 874.9090 Fax 514.874.0907</p> <p>Parking – The hotels underground parking (height of 6ft.) has limited spaces, at the daily rate of \$22.00 plus tax and are assigned on a first come first serve bases</p> <p>By email: <a href="mailto:reserve@travelodgemontreal.ca">reserve@travelodgemontreal.ca</a> (Please mention Block name: Egan Family Rally– Open Block ID: 496453  By phone: 514-874-9090, option 1 (Please mention Block name: Egan Family Rally– Open Block ID: 496453</p> <p>Toll free: 1-800-363-6535, option 1</p> <p>Cancellation policy: free cancellation up to 24 hours prior to arrival</p> <p>Preferred rates are valid up to June 4th, 2018 and subject to room availability.</p>	<p><b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>  Single/double - 1 double bed  Twin -2 twin beds  Triple – 2 twin beds + bunk  Quad – 2 twin beds + 2 bunks  Queen (+\$10) 1 queen bed  Corner (+\$20) – 1 queen bed + 1 double sofa</p> <p>All above \$129.00 CDN single//double occupancy (+\$10.00 /additional person)</p> <p>Includes buffet-style continental breakfast</p> <p>Plus: Lodging tax 3.5%, GST 5%, PST 9.975%</p>

## Irish sites within the City of Ottawa

1. Rideau Canal - constructed mainly by Irish navvies along with some Scottish stone masons, French Canadians and First Nations peoples. Over 1,000 Irish died building the canal primarily from malaria. The canal runs from Ottawa to Kingston.
  2. Celtic Cross Memorial at the first lock on the Rideau Canal near the Ottawa River.
  3. Plaques along the canal to commemorate various historical events among the Irish community.
  4. Corktown Bridge that crosses the Rideau Canal at the settlement of Corktown where the families of the canal workers lived.
  5. Sparks Street where the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee took place.
  6. The Old Ottawa Gaol where the Patrick Whelan was hung for the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee.
  7. Saint Patrick's Basilica on Kent Street, the Roman Catholic church where many Irish worshiped.
  8. Barrack Hill where bodies of Irish canal workers and families were recently exhumed at the corner of Sparks and Metcalfe Streets. These bodies were re-interred October 1st in Beechwood Cemetery in the east end of Ottawa.
- All these locations are within walking distance of the hotels.
- 9/ Aylmer Quebec is now part of the City of Gatineau. John Egan is one of the founders. There is a street named after him there. Aylmer is about 5 km from downtown Ottawa.

## Sites in Quebec City

1. Within the walls of Old Quebec, Fortifications of Quebec City and World Heritage Site

Montmorency Park, site of the Parliament Building during John Egan's years as a member:

The Notre-Dame de Quebec Cathedral, the Anglican Cathedral and churches of other religious communities;

St. Patrick's Church on McMahan Street, in service from 1833 until 1962 and whose walls are now incorporated into the Hôtel-Dieu Research Centre;

St. Patrick's School on McMahan Street, in service from 1884 until 1918 and now used as a part of the Hôtel-Dieu Oncology Research Centre;

The Celtic Cross on McMahon Street donated in 2000 by James Callery and the Strokestown Park Manor and National Famine Museum of Strokestown, Ireland  
The former St. Patrick's Parish Presbytery on St-Stanislas Street and the epigraph to Father Patrick McMahon;

Buildings within the walls of Quebec City with elements that reflect the Irish presence e.g. Old Court House on Place d'Armes, Chien d'Or Tavern, Leonard roof sign, Canadian coat-of-arms on the Porte St-Jean (St. John's Gate).

Chalmers-Wesley Church on Ste-Angele street

2. Below the walls of Quebec, Notre-Dame-des-Victoire Church, also used by the Irish community before the construction of St. Patrick's Church;

Little Champlain Street, home to many Irish families;

Champlain street, site of the rockslide that killed 45 people in 1889;

3. Elsewhere in Quebec City Promenade Samuel-de-Champlain, a park inaugurated in 2008 for the 400th anniversary of Quebec City and integrating many of the timber coves used during the 19th century to store the square timber to be shipped overseas.

## **Grosse Ile PQ**

The Grosse Ile and the Irish Memorial National Site of Canada emphasize the importance of Irish immigration to Canada, especially through the port of Quebec, from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to the First World War.

Grosse Ile also commemorates the tragic events experienced by Irish immigrants mainly during the 1847 typhoid epidemic.

Grosse Ile was the quarantine station for the port of Quebec, from 1832 to 1937 and was, for many, the principal gateway to Canada for immigrants.

[www.pc.gc.ca/grosseile](http://www.pc.gc.ca/grosseile)

- Taken from the Parks Canada Discovery Map

## **Sites of interest within Montreal**

1.The Irish Commemorative Stone on Bridge Street. It is in an out of the way place close to the Victoria Bridge. This giant boulder on an island in the middle of a busy street has been there since 1859. The area was a burial site for those who succumbed to typhus during the Great Famine. There were also fever sheds erected

in the area to house those who recently came ashore, many already showing signs of typhus.

2. St. Patrick's Basilica. It is a gem of a building, opened on March 17, 1847.

3. Thomas D'Arcy McGee's crypt in Cote des Neiges Cemetery. 2018 is the 150th anniversary of McGee's assassination so this might be something you would like to visit. There are other notable Montrealer's of Irish descent buried there as well.

4. Montreal City Hall - What's interesting about City Hall and a connection to the Irish is the stained-glass windows created by noted artisan John Patrick O'Shea. City Hall is in itself a great place to visit.

### Pontiac County QC & Eganville ON

We'll travel to Pontiac County QC (Province of Quebec) where John Egan was a partner in the Union Forwarding Company that ran steamboats on the Ottawa as well as a horse railway at Pontiac Bay. John Egan & company also ran sawmills in the area and rafted timber rafts to Quebec City for export to Liverpool. As a member of Parliament for the County of Pontiac, Egan secured funding to construct a canal to Pontiac which was intended to link Ottawa with Georgian Bay on Lake Huron. "The Friends of Chats Falls" in Pontiac will host us for 2 hours and we'll be given a light lunch and a presentation on John Egan's connection there.

We'll then proceed to Eganville for a couple of hours. We'll be greeted by the Mayor, Jennifer Egan Murphy, and other town officials, visit the Bonnechere Museum's, John Egan exhibit. Michael McBane (author) will continue with his presentation on John Egan's life. Professor Mark McGowan (author) is a professor at the University of Toronto. He has a special interest in the Irish Famine migration to Canada and in levels of Irish recruitment during the Great War. In 2009, his book Death or Canada was the basis for a joint Canada-Ireland docudrama on the Famine. Mark's books have won numerous awards. He will provide insight into the Irish and their historic contribution to the Canadian fabric.

Optional guided tour of the Bonnechere Caves.

Chapter meetings and a meal before heading back to Ottawa.