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UPPER CANADA VILLAGE SERVES UP THE IDEAL SETTING FOR A THANKSGIVING WEEKEND GET-TOGETHER – 1860S STYLE!

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Looking for the ideal setting for a Thanksgiving Weekend get-together with family or friends? Upper Canada Village in all its fall glory is wrapping up its season in style, offering a special Thanksgiving Weekend celebration on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11. As part of the event, which is the last in a series of "Flavours of Autumn" festivities held at the Village this season, visitors will discover a "cornucopia" of harvest fun and activities, including traditional Thanksgiving dinners dished up at Willard's Hotel.

There will be fun for the whole family at Upper Canada Village on Thanksgiving Weekend with **old-fashioned games** of ring toss, tug-o-war contests, sack races, and more! Visitors will also be able to try their hand at some **19th century fall activities**, such as stuffing mattresses with straw, building model rail fences, quilting, candle making and stringing apples and pumpkins to dry for winter use.

Special activities depicting "fall on the farm" will also be taking place over the course of the weekend, where visitors will be invited to see a range of 19th century harvest activities such as **pickling, preserving, making apple cider and sauerkraut, stooking corn and horse-powered threshing.**

A family can make the most of their visit and save on arduous holiday dinner preparations at home by planning to have a traditional **Thanksgiving Dinner** right on site. Willard's Hotel is now taking **reservations for dinner at 613-543-0660**. It will be open on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, until 5:00 p.m. (Willard's will also be open for dinners on Monday, October 12 until 4:00 p.m., and although not fully operational, the Village will be offering guided tours with a select buildings open in the afternoon as well.) The Harvest Barn Restaurant will also be serving dinner on both Saturday and Sunday.

The **Village Store** will be offering some great fall specials, and for this weekend only, there will be other fall products, food sampling and more just **outside the Village Store!**

Thanksgiving Weekend activities are included in the general admission fee to Upper Canada Village for the day. Visitors wishing to come for both days may purchase a special 2-day pass at the gate for only \$20 per adult/senior, \$10 per student/youth and \$5 per child.

The Village's Thanksgiving Weekend event reflects the St. Lawrence Parks Commission's continuing efforts to celebrate Canadian heritage as it strives to engage, enrich, entertain, and educate visitors. Heritage events are an excellent way for guests to be immersed into life of a bygone time and are popular with a wide range of tourists and residents alike.

Upper Canada Village is one of Canada's foremost award-winning living history attractions, featuring costumed interpreters and more than 40 heritage buildings on 66 acres along the St. Lawrence River. Considered a "gem" by AAA/CAA and the recipient of the "highest distinction" 3-star rating by the Michelin Travel Guide, Upper Canada Village immerses guests daily in 19th century life, with more than a dozen demonstrated trades, a working 1860s flour mill and bakery, cheese-making, heritage farming, including 19th century plant varieties, as well as Canadian horses and Berkshire pigs, both rare breeds.

Open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until October 11 and located in Morrisburg, at Exit 758 off Highway 401, 60 minutes southeast of Ottawa and 90 minutes west of Montreal and east of Kingston, Upper Canada Village is operated by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, an agency of the Government of Ontario. For more information, visit www.UpperCanadaVillage.com or call 1-800-437-2233 (613-543-4328 locally).



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