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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region.

AARCH IS HEADED ABROAD...AGAIN

One of our favorite opportunities that we organize for folks to support our mission is through a variety of international tours to explore, experience, and learn about a wide variety of architectural, cultural, and historical wonders across the globe!

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Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood in St. Petersburg, Russia. See this and more on our trek across the Baltics States of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and the regal city of St. Petersburg!

ADVENTURE, PRESERVE, AND LEARN ACROSS CONTINENTS

Over the last few years, AARCH has had several wonderful opportunities to travel abroad, to places featuring an array of architecture, historic preservation projects, and mountainous landscapes that we can both learn from and enjoy alongside our time living in, working in, and visiting the Adirondacks.

We have had the great fortune of hosting an annual international tour since 2016, including a visit to Cuba that year and in 2017, Armenia in 2018, and Slovakia in 2019. At the start of a new and exciting decade, we've upped the ante and will be hosting TWO upcoming international adventures - to the Baltics and St. Petersburg in September 2020 and Guatemala in Spring 2021!

These tours are a vital and significant way to support AARCH at a higher level, while also offering our close-knit and intrepid community the opportunity to travel abroad with fellow members, friends, and companions. If you are interested in these outings, please read on!

Image: A group of AARCH travelers visiting Bratislava in Slovakia last

year.

THE BALTICS & SAINT PETERSBURG
September 17-27, 2020

There's no clear-cut way to explain why our international tours have so far drawn us to former Soviet republics (Armenia and Slovakia) and satellites (Cuba) aside from their stunning mountainous terrain which gives us a reminder of where we came from, but all of these places share fascinating histories, architecture, food, and culture, and are a bit more off-the-beaten-track then many other parts of the world. Each place also feature compelling stories of renewal since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

So once again, we're off on an adventure to explore the **Baltic states of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia** (all former Soviet republics), and visit the regal and magical **Russian city of St. Petersburg** where, over **11 days**, we'll experience, enjoy, and learn from the rich cultural heritage, architectural marvels, food, music, art, and uniquely place-based history of this part of the world.

We are delighted to once again be traveling with**Peter Blazicek**, the excellent guide we worked with to share our Slovakia tour in 2019, and, making this an even more special trip, we'll have the good company of fellow AARCH members and friends.

*Visit the **Baltics and St. Petersburg tour page** on our website for an extended itinerary and further details!*

GUATEMALA
February 26-March 8, 2021

Guatemala is one of the most diverse and beautiful countries in Central America with its extraordinary landscapes and a civilization-spanning culture that reaches back centuries. On this **11 day outing**, AARCH will explore the best that this vivid, special country has to offer adventurous travelers, including the rich architecture and cultural life of the Spanish Colonial capital of **Antigua**, the **Mayan ruins of Tikal, Iximché**, and **Uaxactun**, and scenic villages around stunning **Lake Atitlan**.

We will be led by author, guide, and preservationist**Elizabeth Bell** and her professional staff, and you'll be in the good company of fellow AARCH members, friends, and staff.

*Visit the **Guatemala tour page** on our website to view a full itinerary and further details!*

SUPPORT

Annual Appeal - The Final Stretch

In 2019, we shared with you the stories and places that really mattered to us in sharing the unique, deep, and rich history of our region. We told you about former slave turned prolific builder and stone mason **Isaac Johnson**. We considered the impact of **indigenous landscapes** and architecture in our region. We also brought our popular tour groups to about 40 additional communities in our region where we shined a bright light on the **people, places, and buildings** that make these communities so special. All the while, we continued giving**lectures,** writing **National Register** nominations, and answering hundreds of**technical assistance questions**.

We could never do our good work without **YOUR** continued support.

Now in 2020, please consider continuing to support our work across the region with your gift to our Annual Appeal. We cannot thank you enough for encouraging, and making possible, our work.

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Preserving the architecture and communities of the Adirondack region through education, advocacy, and action

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