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The 250th anniversary of our nation's founding is fast approaching in 2026, and with it, numerous opportunities to commemorate pivotal moments in American history. One such moment is the first Revolutionary War victory at Fort Ticonderoga, where Ethan Allen, the Green Mountain Boys, and Benedict Arnold secured a crucial victory on May 10, 1775. This itinerary offers a blend of history, nature, and culture to celebrate the occasion:

1. **Fort Ticonderoga - 250th Anniversary Exhibit / [Reenactments](#)**

Step back in time with immersive exhibits, reenactments, and special events commemorating the 250th anniversary of Fort Ticonderoga's capture. There are numerous opportunities to witness historical reenactments at Fort Ticonderoga. Below is the calendar for 2025, but special offerings are available in 2026 as well.

May 9, 10, & 11 - No Quarter

The 250th Anniversary reenactment of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and the Green Mountain Boys, as well as the immediate aftermath.

June 21-22 - Benedict Arnold's Command

Explore the politics, egos, and unclear authority surrounding Fort Ticonderoga as representatives from Massachusetts force Benedict Arnold to resign.

August 30-31 - Onward to Canada

The dramatic first muster of the Northern Continental Army will be recreated as regiments of New Yorkers, Connecticut Yankees, and the Green Mountain Boys assemble for the invasion of Canada. This event will showcase Ticonderoga's role on Lake Champlain as a supply and naval base, with participants rowing to and from Ticonderoga as part of a fleet of bateaux and vignettes throughout the weekend.

October 25-26 - British Prisoners of War at Ticonderoga

British Prisoners of War and their families arrive from St. Jean & Chambly. Captive at Ticonderoga, these soldiers, women, and children prepare to march south to prisoner camps, with the hope of being exchanged for American Prisoners of War.

2. **Crown Point Historic Site**

Explore the ruins of this significant British fortress, a strategic stronghold during the Revolutionary War. The site features a museum and offers stunning views of Lake Champlain, bringing history vividly to life.

3. **Historic Dining Experiences**

Dine where history comes alive. The Deer's Head Inn in Elizabethtown, the oldest tavern in the Adirondacks, dates back to 1808 and has served as a hospital, a Prohibition-era liquor cache, and a gathering place for notable figures, including U.S. presidents. At War Cannon Spirits in Crown Point, enjoy craft whiskey and cocktails in a restored 200-year-old sawmill, where Adirondack history meets culinary artistry.

4. **Champlain Area Trails (CATS)**

Discover 60 miles of low-elevation trails through farmland, forests, and wetlands, offering breathtaking views of Lake Champlain, the Adirondack High Peaks, and Vermont's Green Mountains. These trails provide a serene way to connect with the natural beauty and historical landscapes of the Champlain Valley, with many vistas unchanged for over 250 years.

5. **Stay at the Essex Inn & Explore Historic Essex**

Nestled in "New York's Most Historic Hamlet," the Essex Inn offers charm and history, surrounded by the largest intact collection of pre-Civil War architecture in the U.S. Stroll Essex's streets to admire early 19th-century buildings, including Dower House (pre-1793), Wright's Inn (1798), and the Old Brick Schoolhouse (1830). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Essex is a living testament to America's architectural and cultural heritage.

