

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

MONTREAL, QUEBEC CITY & OTTAWA

SUN-SAT AUG 19 - 25, 2018

Departures, as applicable, from Elyria, Avon, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood, Willoughby, Ashtabula.

We are Canada-bound, traveling east through Pennsylvania and New York State, and then crossing into Ontario. This trip does require a passport or a passport card so be sure you have it readily available when we go through Customs. Along the way we will be visiting Petersborough and seeing the Hydra Lift, a mechanical device that lifts boats out the water and elevates them to a higher or lower level, in lieu of a lock-system. Afterwards we will be arriving in Ottawa, Canada's capital with an enjoyable dinner awaiting us at Tucker's Marketplace; many of the dishes are "made from scratch" at this popular dining establishment. Following dinner, we will check into the Courtyard by Marriott.



We will be enjoying many of the sights in the Ottawa region with a local guide, seeing the Bank of Canada, Rideau Canal, the Supreme Court, the National Museum, and the residence of the Prime Minister. Stops will be made today and we will be touring the Parliament Building with a government guide leading us through it. Lunch will be on our own at ByWard Market in the heart of the Capital City, the city's #1 tourist attraction. It is home to both a local farmers' market and artisans with over 260 stands, as well as over 600 restaurants, shops, and businesses.

Then it's off for a two-night stay in Montreal, the largest city in Canada's Québec province. Our rooms are at the Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel, located right on Boulevard Rene-Levesque. Staying in the heart of the downtown, you'll be able to get a feel for Quebec's rich history and the city's "joie de vivre" (a French phrase used to express "joy of life", or similar), since you will not be too far from great shopping, dining and entertainment.



Montreal is set on an island in the Saint Lawrence River and named after Mount Royal, the large triple-peaked hill (aka small mountain). We will tour Montreal on Tuesday, with our Guide showing off a number of neighborhoods, some with cobblestoned streets and yet another boasting the Gothic Revival Notre-Dame Basilica. A dinner is included in Montreal at a special restaurant and, on the second evening, some free time has been included so that you can have dinner "on your own", given the number of dining opportunities found in this city. We'll be

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seeing many of the most popular sites such as Notre-Dame Basilica, Chinatown, Crescent Street, Dorchester Square, Old Montreal, Old Port, and Mount Royal Park.

You will have two evenings to take a cab over to Casino du Montreal, the largest casino in Canada. Located on Notre Dame Island in the borough of Ville-Marie in Montreal, it is open 24 hours a day and allows patrons who are aged 18 and older. Two of the interconnected buildings, formerly the French and Quebec Pavilions, were originally built for Expo 67. It boasts over 3,200 slot machines, 115 gaming tables and Keno facilities, among its various gaming opportunities. It has been a non-smoking casino since July 2003 with the enactment of the new provincial law. The casino is famous for its “unconventional features, such as its numerous windows and low ceilings”. It has four restaurants, three bars and a cabaret.

On Wednesday, you may have additional “time on your own” or, for those who would like to join us, your Tour Director has included tickets for the Biodome de Montreal; we will be here about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. This fascinating facility, whose name means “house of life”, is part of the largest natural science museum complex in Canada; it is located in a building originally constructed for the 1976 Olympic Games as a “velodrome”, hosting both track, cycling and judo events. You would never recognize it today. Opened in 1992, the facility allows you to walk through replicas of four ecosystems found in the Americas. These include the Tropical Forest (replica of the South American rainforest), the Laurentian Maple Forest (replica of the North American wilderness that changes with the seasons), the Gulf of St. Lawrence (an estuary habitat modelled on the Gulf of Saint Lawrence) and the Sub-Polar Regions of the Americas (a habitat that is divided into Labrador Coast and Sub-Antarctic Islands).



Just a couple of hours’ drive and we will arrive in Quebec City, also in the country’s French-speaking province. This capital of the Province of Quebec, is the only remaining entirely-fortified city in North America. Founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain, Quebec was the first permanent European settlement in New France. A number of places you’ll be seeing date back to 1608, such as the Walled City and Place Royale, with its narrow streets and stone buildings. We will also be seeing the Plains of Abraham, the National Assembly and the Citadelle. We generally take a walking tour of Place Royale, weather-permitting.

The group will be staying two nights at the Courtyard by Marriott. We will be touring sites along the Saint Lawrence River, visiting both the 274-foot Montmorency Falls and the Basilica of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre and, possibly, a bread oven along the way. Enjoy the charm of Old Quebec and experience it during our two meals, one at the towering Chateau Frontenac, named after the governor of the colony of New France. This dining just may already be on your “bucket list” and we think that you’ll find our meal at this historic hotel most enjoyable.

On Friday, we will be departing and traveling through Cornwall and Brockville enroute to the Thousand Islands area for a one-night stay. Many islands, islets and peninsulas dot the St. Lawrence River between Kingston and Brockville. These “lusciously-vegetated islands, ranging from tiny rock formations to cascading mountains and fields, many with small abandoned settlements on them”, are scattered throughout the St. Lawrence River National Park. We will be enjoying a tour of Brockville and then an early-evening/late-afternoon dinner boat cruise on the Saint Lawrence River. We depart the dock in Brockville, capping off a great visit to the Ontario and Quebec provinces, as Captain Andy gives a fascinating narration as we cruise the river.



We will be making our last stop in Canada at the 1000 Islands Duty-Free Store. Passengers are generally able to save up to 50% on fragrances, liquor, tobacco, gifts and clothing, subject to customs regulations. This evening we will be staying in the Hampton Inn Watertown.

On Saturday, we continue our trip homeward with a wonderful midday dinner awaiting you.

Ten meals are included in this French-Canadian Tour Package:

- Dinner and breakfast in Ottawa.
- Dinner in Montreal; second night on own to enjoy a restaurant of your choice.
- Two breakfasts and one dinner in Quebec City; second night, time on your own to select.
- Dinner-cruise on St. Lawrence River.
- Breakfast in Watertown area.
- Farewell midday dinner enroute home

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\$1640 per person in a double
\$1610 per person in a triple
\$1580 per person in a quad
\$2185 per person in a single



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