

EXPLORE QUEBEC

October 4th-15^h, 2023

Tour level: active-designed for people who are physically fit and capable of walking fairly long distances at a reasonable pace, and able to negotiate stairs easily and rough terrain on a busy schedule.

There is so much history, unique French Culture, amazing architecture, and beautiful landscapes throughout this province, giving this tour a unique flavour.

Wednesday, October 4th - We depart at 8AM from **Walmart** North parking lot, with stops on route for coffee and lunch as we make our way to **Pembroke** for the overnight.

Meals: not included

Thursday, October 05th - After our included breakfast, we depart for **Orford**, Quebec. Along the way we travel through the Eastern Townships (Magog), with a scenic diversion on **Quebec's wine route**. We will enjoy a visit to an award-winning winery for a tour and tasting! Our day ends at our lakeside hotel in Orford with dinner included. We will spend 2 nights here.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Friday, October 06th - Today starts with a visit to **St. Benoit Abbey** where we learn about the lives of the more than 50 cloistered monks living under the rule of St. Benedict. We then continue on to the town of **Stanstead**, home of some magnificent 19th century buildings - considered to be one of Quebec's most beautiful villages. There will be some free time to enjoy the village and enjoy lunch on your own. Our last stop will be a visit to the **Colby-Curtis Museum**, which is a heritage house built in the 19th century. We have included an English Tea at the museum before we make our way back to the hotel. We will coordinate a dinner option this evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Saturday, October 07th - This morning we will depart for Quebec City. We will have lunch on your own. We will have a 3NT stay at **Hotel Manoir Victoria**, our hotel is located inside the fortification walls and is within walking distance to the city **center**. We will have dinner included this evening.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Sunday, October 08th - We will begin our day after breakfast with sightseeing with **Step on Guide** around Old Quebec and of the surrounding area with beautiful landscapes. We will have a visit to **Chez Marie Bread Oven** to sample their famous maple butter and bread. Lunch will be included on the **Island of Orleans**. A tour is at the **Bilodeau Orchard**, on the Ile d'Orleans where cider making is an art form with a tasting. We then return to Quebec City and the balance of the day is yours to explore Old Quebec's enchanting streets and the local shops all within walking distance of our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Monday, October 09th - Day at leisure to wander and explore **Old Quebec** and visit places such as **Citadelle, Plains of Abraham, Quebec Parliament** and do some shopping and much more on your own as we give our driver the day off.

Meals: not included

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Tuesday, October 10th Breakfast included. This morning we do a short drive to **Montmorency Falls**. Then we board a train journey that takes us **along the St. Lawrence River and through the Charlevoix Region and stop at Baie-St-Paul** which is a charming little town of artisans. You will have free time to browse the many shops and enjoy lunch on your own at one of the quaint bistros. Later we board our coach and travel to **Tadoussac**, which includes a very short ferry ride onto the island, for 2NT stay.
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Wednesday, October 11th Breakfast included. This morning we enjoy a visit to the **Marine Mammal Interpretation Centre**. After lunch we will board a **whale-watching cruise boat on the St. Lawrence River**. Balance of your day will be at leisure to enjoy one of the walking trails by our hotel.
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Thursday, October 12th - This morning we depart for **Montreal** travelling on the first road ever built in New France called the "**Le Chemin du Roi**" where you will see some of the area's oldest homes. travelling to **Montreal** lunch on you own. Dinner is included today.
Meals – Breakfast & Dinner

Friday, October 13th Today starts with a sightseeing tour of **Montreal** with a local **step-on guide**, followed by lunch included. This afternoon, a visit to **Montreal's Botanical Gardens & Biodome** which is ranked as the world's largest and most spectacular. We will end our tour after an included visit to the **Notre Dame Basilica**. The balance of the day is free, enjoy one of the city's many unique museums, do some shopping or just simply enjoy the sights and sounds of this great city, visit the Montreal Canadians Bell Centre Arena or try your luck at the casino.
Meals: Lunch

Saturday, October 14th Today we begin our journey home, as we travel back to **Pembroke** for our last overnight.
Meals: Breakfast

Sunday, October 15th Breakfast included at our hotel and then we head for home to **Sault Ste Marie** with our usual stops and drop offs and chance to share pictures and memories of our adventure on the bus ride home. We are expecting an early evening arrival.
Meals: Breakfast

Tour includes: Deluxe motor coach transportation, fully escorted with a Sunshine Travel Club Tour Director, 11nts accommodation, 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, whale watching cruise, Charlevoix train journey, wine tasting, entrance fees and admissions as stated, luggage handling.

Insurance protection recommended, but not included in this tour. Coverage can be purchased separately through an insurance provider.

Tour Director: Gail Rebek

Tour cost: Occupancy: Double \$3695.00 Single \$4810.00

\$200 deposit at time of booking, balance due August 4th, 2023