

Day 1

Arrival in Toronto

Arrive at Pearson International Airport, Toronto, and transfer independently to your downtown hotel. The Roadbook you received will have all the information needed for your holiday/trip/journey. The Remainder of your day is at leisure, perhaps shopping at the Eaton Centre or sampling the fine cuisine and nightlife of Toronto.

Overnight Toronto

Duration 2 Nights

Day 2

Toronto / Niagara Falls Excursion (260 km / 162 miles)

The day is free to discover Toronto at your own pace. You won't be able to see it all in one day, but St. Lawrence Market, the Hockey Hall of Fame and the CN Tower are near the Harbourfront (from where you can take a ferry to Toronto Island) and that's a great start. North of downtown are Kensington Market, Chinatown and Queen Street West, all great areas too. Maybe you just want to do a bit of multi-level shopping at the Eaton Center, or realize that Toronto has an amazingly varied restaurant, bar, and restaurant scene. Instead, you might opt to visit Niagara Falls, about an hour and a half drive south of Toronto. Your route takes you through Ontario's wine-growing region and a stop in the picturesque town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is highly recommended.

Overnight Toronto

Day 3

Toronto to Ottawa (402 km / 250 miles)

Leaving Toronto, drive east along Lake Ontario as you make your way to Ottawa, the nation's capital city. Enter the captivating Thousand Islands region and explore the magnificent scenery of the islands on a relaxing one-hour cruise before continuing to Ottawa. This wonderfully lush island landscape is dotted with luxurious cottages and vast estates. Referred to by the Iroquois Nations as the "Garden of the Great Spirit", the tranquility of the area belies a history of adventurers, wars, and rebellions. The cruise will take you past Boldt Castle, Zavikon Island and Millionaire's Row.

Overnight Ottawa

Duration 1 Night

Day 4

Ottawa to Montréal (199 km / 124 miles)

Today there is more time to enjoy Ottawa's attractions. Parliament Hill Pass with the residences of the Prime Minister and Governor General are popular stops, but a stroll along the Rideau Canal, which in winter becomes the world's longest skating rink, is also highly recommended. The city has some superb museums and galleries, the National Gallery is fabulous, and ByWard market is a vibrant neighborhood in downtown Ottawa with fabulous bars, pubs, and restaurants.

Overnight Montréal

Duration 1 Night

Day 5

Montréal to Québec City (263 km / 163 miles)

Your next stop is Montréal, a fascinating city, where you can savor its French-Canadian flavor walking on its original cobblestones through historic Old Montréal. Marvel at the architecture of Notre Dame Basilica or enjoy magnificent views of the city from the observation point at the top of Mont Royal. Then you are off to see another French jewel, driving north along the St. Lawrence River to Québec City.

Overnight Québec City

Duration 2 Nights

Day 6

Québec City

Spend a full day in Canada's oldest city. Founded in 1608, Québec City is the only walled city in North America and a designated United Nations World Heritage Site, a treasure trove of historic sights and colonial grandeur. The Fortifications, the famous Plains of Abraham, the Place Royale, and the Basilica make for a captivating day of discovery as you walk in places that are dominated by cobblestone streets, historic buildings, and a lively arts-focused community. Outside the city are natural wonders such as the spectacular Montmorency Falls and the beautiful Ile d'Orleans.

Overnight Québec City

Day 7

Québec City to Chicoutimi (via Tadoussac) (350 km / 217 miles)

Drive along the alluring Beaufré coast on your way to Chicoutimi via Tadoussac. Set at the confluence of the majestic Saguenay and St Lawrence Rivers, the area is an excellent spot for whale watching excursions.

Overnight Chicoutimi

Duration 1 Night

Day 8

Chicoutimi to Lac St. Jean Region (145 km / 90 miles)

An interesting stop, shortly after departing Chicoutimi, is the St. Felicien Zoo. This preserve is home to many species of wildlife such as bison, elk, bear, deer, and wolves living in their natural habitat. You can observe them from the safety of your car with the aid of a radio-broadcasted commentary. Continue afterwards through a landscape of forests, lakes, and rivers to the Lac St. Jean region. The north shore on the edge of the Laurentian Hills displays granite outcrops and glacial debris as high as three-story buildings. Meanwhile, the south shore is defined by dairy farms on gently rolling, fertile hills. The day is yours to enjoy hiking, boating, fishing, climbing and horseback riding around the circular lake.

Overnight Lac St. Jean Region

Duration 1 Night

Day 9

Lac St. Jean to Mauricie Region (292 km / 181 miles)

Today you depart Lac St-Jean and travel to the Mauricie region on the very picturesque route from La Tuque along the St. Maurice River. You are staying in the area for two nights and have great opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in a wonderful nature area.

Overnight Mauricie Region

Duration 2 Nights

Day 10

Mauricie Region (417 km / 259 miles)

The region is called 'La belle d'à côté' (the pretty one next door) and its wide-open spaces dotted with lakes, rivers and forests are truly enchanting. Needless to say, there are numerous outdoor activities you can pursue to explore the natural wonders around you, many of which are available through your place of accommodation.

Overnight Mauricie Region

Day 11

Mauricie Region to Kingston (260 km / 162 miles)

Today you follow the north shore of the St. Lawrence River as it winds through the small towns that lead up into the subdivisions of Montreal. Continuing west, you cross the border into Ontario and enter the splendid tranquility of the Thousand Islands region. If time permits, consider a visit to Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg and Old Fort Henry.

Overnight Kingston

Duration 1 Night

Day 12

Kingston to Toronto (263 km / 163 miles)

Today continue west along the shores of Lake Ontario through the fertile lands of Prince Edward County, replete with historic communities boasting former residences and summer homes of Canada's British-era governors and magistrates. The area contains several successful small vineyards and cheese makers, inviting visitors to stop in small villages such as Picton for a taste of the local fare. The day ends back in Toronto to either relax after a great road trip or enjoy the city's nightlife.

Overnight Toronto

Duration 1 Night

Day 13

Toronto

Return to Toronto's Pearson International Airport to check in for your return flight, or your hotel if you plan to extend your stay.