

## 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)

Explore the Niagara Peninsula today, skirting the shores of Lake Ontario and passing many vineyards and orchards. The region is known for its excellent wines and some of the wineries will offer tours and tastings. Stop in lovely Niagara-on-the-Lake, home of the Shaw Festival, which has carefully preserved its 19th-century charms. Then, follow the scenic Niagara Parkway to the spectacle waiting for you in Niagara Falls: the mighty Horseshoe Falls.

### Overnight Toronto

## Day 3

### Toronto to Kingston (265 km / 165 miles)

Drive east along Lake Ontario to Rockport where you board a comfortable ship to enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Thousand Islands on a relaxing one-hour cruise as the vessel weaves gracefully between the chain of small islets. Afterwards, make your way to historic Kingston, home to the grand halls of Queens University and dozens of magnificent limestone mansions and public buildings that harken to the days of colonial Canada.

### Overnight Kingston

Duration        1 Night

## Day 4

Kingston to Ottawa (196 km / 122 miles)

Follow the path of the St. Lawrence River for a short time through the picturesque county of Gananoque, providing a stunning backdrop to your day's travels. Turning northwest, you'll arrive in the national capital of Ottawa, home to Canada's federal government. Magnificent Neo-Gothic halls sit on acres of manicured grounds, stretching to inviting parks and wonderful walkways along the Rideau Canal.

Overnight Ottawa

Duration        1 Night

## Day 5

Ottawa to Trois-Rivières (317 km / 197 miles)

Passing north of Montréal, pick up the path of the St. Lawrence River again as it widens into the open waters of beautiful Lac-St. Pierre. Arrive in Trois-Rivières where the rest of the day is free to explore this quintessential Francophone town. Explore and delight in its historic neighborhoods, art galleries and waterfront restaurants.

Overnight Trois-Rivières

Duration        1 Night

## Day 6

Trois-Rivières to Québec City (129 km / 80 miles)

Today's adventure starts with a memorable drive on the "King's Highway", passing numerous small French-Canadian villages that have been the painted by some of Canada's finest artists. Passing through the walls that encircle Quebec City, enter this magnificent UNESCO Heritage Site, still dominated by cobblestone streets, historic buildings, and a lively arts-focused community.

Overnight Québec City

Duration        2 Nights

## Day 7

### Québec City

Québec City is Canada's oldest city and exhibits a strong French Canadian cultural and linguistic heritage. The Fortifications, the famous Plains of Abraham, Place Royale, and the Basilica make for a captivating day of discovery. Outside the city are natural wonders such as the spectacular Montmorency Falls and the beautiful Ile d'Orleans.

Overnight Québec City

## Day 8

### Québec City to La Malbaie/Bais Saint Paul (123 km / 76 miles)

Today you depart Quebec City and journey up the north shore of the St. Lawrence River through small towns and villages until you enter the beautiful Charlevoix region. This area has been designated a biosphere by UNESCO and is dominated by imposing massifs carpeted in forest, meadows and small valleys nestled between the mountains and the St. Lawrence River. This grandiose and tranquil landscape has long attracted visitors from far and wide and has inspired generations of artists who have made Charlevoix their subject of choice.

Overnight in La Malbaie/Baie Saint Paul.

Duration        1 Night

## Day 9

### La Malbaie/Baie Saint Paul to Rimouski/Mont Joli (204 km / 127 miles, Land Only)

Heading east towards the river, travel through the small villages that are the spiritual heart of Quebecois culture. Take the ferry to Rivière-du-Loup on the south side of the St. Lawrence River, the jagged shoreline pleasantly dotted with islands and sandy beaches. Continue on to Rimouski/Mont Joli and take some time to discover the charms of this small town.

Overnight in Rimouski/Mont Joli.

Duration        1 Night

## Day 10

Rimouski/Mont Joli to Bonaventure/New Richmond (335 km / 208 miles)

This morning, leave the St. Lawrence behind and cross the base of the Gaspé Peninsula to the Baie des Chaleurs. The route follows the salmon-rich Matapédia River through the lush Matapédia Valley, flanked by vast forests and mountain ranges.

Overnight in Bonaventure/New Richmond.

Duration        1 Night

## Day 11

Bonaventure/New Richmond to Percé (136 km / 85 miles)

Before setting out, why not visit the seawater therapy center for a rejuvenating experience? The winding coastal road offers a scenic drive past sheltered bays and traditional fishing communities. En route, stop to admire the sweeping panoramic views of the St. Lawrence before reaching the picturesque village of Percé.

Overnight Percé

Duration        2 Nights

## Day 12

Percé

Percé and its natural treasures beckon today. Visit one of Canada's most recognizable natural attractions: the Percé Rock (at low tide, you can walk to this massive geological phenomenon). Among the other activities are coastal cruising, visiting the bird sanctuary on Bonaventure Island and touring Mont Ste-Anne where you can enjoy panoramic vistas of nearby villages and offshore islands.

Overnight Percé

## Day 13

Percé to Riviere-du-Loup (546 km / 339 miles)

Today, follow the coastal route along the rugged northern coastline or cross Gaspésie Park in the remote heart of the Gaspé. The park's serene woodlands, inhabited by herds of caribou, moose, and deer, form

a stark contrast to the forbidding backdrop of the towering Chic-Choc Mountains. In Matane, observe the salmon runs and sample some fine French-Canadian cuisine.

Overnight Riviere-du-Loup

Duration        1 Night

Day 14

Riviere-du-Loup to Montréal (431 km / 268 miles)

The drive passes Kamouraska and St. Jean-Port-Joli, the woodcarving capital of Québec. The numerous islands in the St. Lawrence River are frequented by large colonies of seabirds and shorebirds. Your final stop is Montréal, a fabulous and truly thriving city where you can indulge in some unique shopping, French cafés, superb restaurants, and exuberant nightlife.

Overnight Montréal

Duration        2 Nights

Day 15

Montreal

The day is at leisure for exploring Montréal, which boasts a vibrant, cosmopolitan flair and a unique combination of the founding cultures of Canada. Stroll through the Old Port, visit the Notre Dame Basilica, return to the 1976 Olympic Games at Olympic Park, and relax in Mount Royal Park. Enjoy the joie de vivre in one of Canada's most exciting cities.

Overnight Montréal

Day 16

Montréal

The day is at leisure for exploring the sights of Montréal before driving to Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport to check-in for your flight unless you plan to extend your stay in the city.