



## Châteaux of Ontario and Quebec

There's never been a more important time to discover Canada, and we're here to reconnect you to the joy of travel and give you a new appreciation for your own backyard. Sleep like royalty and absorb the nostalgic atmosphere during your stay at the historic properties of the Royal York, Fairmont Château Laurier, Fairmont Le Château Montebello, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac and Fairmont Queen Elizabeth.



9 days/8 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Arrive Toronto

Your immersive journey through Eastern Canada's enchanting châteaux begins in Toronto, the provincial capital of Ontario. This multicultural metropolis is an international centre of business, finance, arts and culture. Ease into your guided holiday with a two-night stay at the luxurious châteaux-style Fairmont Royal York, which celebrated its 90th birthday last year. Your hotel is just steps away from Canada's Hockey Hall of Fame and historic Union Station; a short stroll to the CN Tower and Roger's Centre, home of the Toronto Blue Jays, Canada's only MLB team; or the Toronto Eaton Centre, a shopper's paradise. During your free time, dive into Toronto's diverse neighbourhoods and explore the restored Distillery District, an area renowned for its Victorian industrial architecture. Absorb the views of Lake Ontario during a stroll along the Harbourfront, or listen to live music while sipping a coffee in the vibrant Junction. After an inspiring and energetic walk around one of Toronto's many neighbourhoods, enjoy a refreshment at your landmark hotel where you will meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers during a Welcome Reception. Hotel - Fairmont Royal York

#### Day 2: Niagara Falls

Start your day with a scenic ride along the Golden Horseshoe to Niagara Falls, one of the most visited new Wonders of the World. Niagara boasts the highest flow rate of any waterfall on the planet and is a top honeymoon destination for international travellers. Get up close to the falls on an exhilarating boat ride past the Canadian Horseshoe Falls and American Niagara Falls. Sit back and enjoy the ride along the Niagara Parkway, passing through the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, one of the most charming and picturesque old capitals of Upper Canada. This quaint town is also known for its world-class theatre at the annual Shaw Festival, attracting thousands of visitors every year. The Niagar Peninsula is one of Canada's main wine producing areas. We'll be visiting a locally-run winery for an unparalleled wine



and food experience. Our host will explain the challenges of adapting European grapes to the Canadian climate while we enjoy award-winning wines. Savour lunch made from local ingredients in the historic Carriage House, and admire the beautiful views of the Niagara escarpment, nestled between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch

### **Day 3: Toronto - Kingston - Ottawa**

Today we'll embark on a historical visit to Kingston, another former capital of Upper Canada and a historically important place, home to the Royal Military College of Canada and Fort Henry. Stroll through this university town, home to one of Canada's most renowned schools, Queen's University. Enjoy a walk along the waterfront of the Saint Lawrence River which served as a key route for Samuel de Champlain as he explored this North American land. We'll continue our journey to Ottawa and drive into the centre of Canada's national capital. Our amazing home away from home in Ottawa is the Fairmont Château Laurier, built in 1912, to promote railroad travel across our vast land. Nestled between the locks of the Rideau Canal and across the street from the main train station, Fairmont Château Laurier is bursting with political intrigue and photos of well-known historical personalities. A short walk from Parliament Hill and mere steps away from the ByWard Market, this charming chateau is surrounded by Ottawa's local artisanal shops and restaurants. Visit the seat of Canadian federal politics, stately homes and residences and appreciate the parks, canals and rivers of Canada's capital city. Included meals - Breakfast / Hotel - Fairmont Château Laurier

### **Day 4: Ottawa - Montebello**

A quick hop over the Ottawa River brings us to Quebec, "La Belle Province," for a private, exclusive experience on the grounds of the Canadian Museum of History. Enjoy a continental breakfast followed by a lively and colourful interactive performance of a traditional Pow Wow. Your Indigenous Cultural Ambassadors will lead you on a guided visit to the onsite Indigenous village where they will outline the diversity of native cultures across Canada. Take part in an interactive beading workshop using authentic and traditional materials. We will then learn about the Manitobah Mukluks Storyboot Project, which aims to revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans.

Our love affair with French-speaking Canada begins today as we head through Quebec along the Ottawa River to the historical Fairmont Le Château Montebello. A splendour in itself, this hotel is recognized as one of Canada's most majestic and luxurious. An opportunity to visit a piece of British Columbia on 17th-century French royal land, this historic chateau boasts the largest log cabin in the world, and was purchased by the Papineau Family in 1801. The grand manor house still stands today and is recognized as the Manoir-Papineau National Historic Site of Canada. Built from over 10,000 western red cedar logs, this infamous chateau has hosted individuals such as former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, Prince Rainier, and Princess Grace of Monaco. Located on over 65,000 acres of pristine nature, this incredible property offers a true Canadian Lodge experience. The fireplace in the central lobby offers the perfect spot to cozy up and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with fellow travellers. Included Meals - Breakfast / Hotel - Fairmont Le Château Montebello

### **Day 5: Montebello - Quebec City**

After breakfast, visit a local fromagerie where an array of cheeses from the four corners of Quebec will be offered for you to sample. Indulge in a local specialty, poutine, made from Canadian potatoes mixed with squeaking cheese curds and covered in steaming gravy. Items available to purchase include cheese, breads, jams and pates and support local producers. Continue your journey along the waterway to the provincial capital, Quebec City. Learn more about the historical roots of French-Canada from a local specialist while visiting the oldest square in French Canada, Place Royal. Next, we'll visit the Plains of Abraham where the famous battle between the French and British armies took place. Relax and unwind at the most iconic of Canada's grand railway hotels, Fairmont Château Frontenac. Explore the hotel (which is a destination unto itself!), enjoy the view of the Saint Lawrence River while sampling some great Canadian whiskey at the famous 1608 Bar. We then head to L'Île D'Orléans and share a traditional French-Canadian meal and music. Included meals - Breakfast, Dinner / Hotel - Fairmont Château Frontenac

### **Day 6: Quebec City - Montmorency Falls**

Before your daily exploration starts, take a leisurely stroll along Terrasse Dufferin, and absorb the views of the old city of Quebec with its beautiful 17th-century architecture and quaint bistros and stores. We'll then drive across the river on the way to see majestic Montmorency Falls. Upon our return, explore the unique cobblestone streets of The Historic District of Old Quebec, a UNESCO World Heritage treasure. Immerse yourself in the old city with its antique stores, bistros, cafes and charming galleries. Meals - Breakfast

### **Day 7: Quebec City - Montreal**

Visit a local farmers' market outside of Montreal and experience the flavors of the region during a food tasting paired with local wine and cider. Tonight, stay at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, the largest hotel in the city of Montreal, situated right above the central station. The architecture of this building introduced the new era of railway châteaux. For many years, the most prestigious hotel in Montreal, the Queen Elizabeth hosted many dignitaries including Yoko Ono and John Lennon who held their famous "Beds-In for Peace", a two week-long non-violent protest against wars. Located a short walk from famous Crescent Street where many notable Montrealer's enjoy social evenings and fine art gazing. This well-known street is where iconic singer and songwriter, Leonard Cohen had his art gallery. Meals - Breakfast, Lunch / Hotel - Fairmont Queen Elizabeth



### Day 8: Montreal

Dig deeper into the fascinating history and rich culture of Montreal through the eyes of our local specialist who will reveal the secrets of the ornate Notre Dame Basilica and Old Montreal. You'll wind your way through the narrow streets of the colourful Old Port area, juxtaposed against bustling, modern Downtown Montreal. Gain a deeper appreciation for the city's French-Canadian roots, exploring the city at your leisure before joining your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner celebration in a celebrated classical French bistro, located in the heart of Old Montreal. The menu takes a creative twist on French cuisine, all prepared with local ingredients. Meals - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

### Day 9: Depart Montreal

Bid a fond au revoir to your newfound friends before your transfer to the airport.

## Details

**Group Size:** max. 26

### 2020 Departures:

September: 24

October: 09

### 2020 Prices:

From CA\$4,425 to CA\$4,495 - twin

Prices are "starting from" rates, shown in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin room. Single rooms may be available on request, upon payment of a single supplement.

### Trip Code:

002044-R15

## INCLUDED

- Transportation by coach
- 8 nights of chateaux accommodation
- 13 Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Variety of sightseeing as listed
- Tour leader throughout

## NOT INCLUDED

- Flight to Toronto/from Montreal
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities to Tour Leader and local guides
- Optional activities
- Passport and visa fees, vaccinations as required
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

## TOUR NOTES

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