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Autumn in French Canada

featuring Montreal, Quebec and the Scenic Eastern Townships

Tour Dates: September 12th – 19th, 2025



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DAY 1 Arrive in French Canada: Arrive in Montreal, Canada today and settle into your conveniently-located hotel before meeting your Tour Manager at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

DAY 2 Montreal Sightseeing and Notre-Dame Basilica: Embark on a narrated tour of Montreal, one of Canada's vibrant cities known for its rich French-Canadian heritage. Your local guide shows you Old Montreal with its narrow streets lined with a mixture of buildings dating from the 17th-century, Place d'Armes, St. Joseph's Oratory, Mount Royal and Olympic Park, site of the 1976 summer Olympics. Also visit Montreal's sacred Notre-Dame Basilica, one of the crown jewels of Quebec's rich religious heritage. On the Mont Tremblant gondola, be whisked away to the top for breathtaking views of the surrounding autumn foliage. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 3 Ride VIA Rail and Quebec Sugar Shack: This morning, Canada's VIA Rail service takes you to Quebec City. The only walled city in North America, Quebec's Grande-Allee is alive with many quaint shops and sidewalk cafes. On your touring today, pass through the famed Saint Louis Gate which leads into old Quebec. We arrive at the banks of the St. Lawrence River and Place Royale, the oldest settlement in the region. See the majestic Parliament Buildings before arriving at the Plains of Abraham, the site of the famous battle

of 1759. Tonight, a special Sugar Shack dinner will introduce you to Quebec's unique culture complete with a maple syrup making tour, musical entertainment and traditional French Canadian cuisine. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Basilica-Cathedral Notre-Dame, St. Anne de Beupre and Montmorency Falls: Begin the day at St. Anne de Beupre. This beautiful shrine is the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. Continue to Manor Montmorency, once the summer home of the Duke of Kent, for a breathtaking view of Montmorency Falls. Higher than Niagara, Montmorency is Eastern Canada's highest waterfall. In the heart of Quebec sits Basilica-Cathedral Note-Dame de Quebec, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 5 Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Our Lady of the Cape Shrine: Learn the intricacies of copper art at the Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio with a tour and hands-on workshop to make your own copper work of art. In TroisRivieres, visit Canada's National Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape. Built in 1714, it is one of the two oldest churches in Canada. With its magnificent stained-glass windows and unique 5,425-pipe Casvart organ, the shrine welcomes over 250,000 pilgrims a year. **Meals: B, D**



Quebec City and take a guided tour including Old Quebec, Place Royale and the Citadelle

DAY 6 Honey Bees, English Teas and Saint Michel: Begin at Miellerie Lune de Miel Honey Farm where this family-run business produces honey products. Learn its production and taste the sweetness. Then, stop for English High Tea in Quebec's fashionable Eastern Townships. In Sherbrooke, a local guide conducts a tour of the city's sites including the immense frescos highlighting the region's rich heritage and visit the Basilica-Cathedral of Saint Michel, a Gothic masterpiece. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 7 Abbey Saint-Benoit-du-Lac and Farewell Dinner Cruise: This morning visit beautiful Abbey Saint-Benoit-du-Lac, a Benedictine Monastery. Follow in Saint Benedict's footsteps and learn about daily Monastic life, admire the beautiful architecture and understand how the monks support the needs of the community. Perhaps you will purchase some of the cheeses, cider and fruit compotes made here. Tonight, a special farewell dinner cruise on the St Lawrence River highlights this French Canada adventure. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 8 Depart for Home: After breakfast depart to Montreal's Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport for flights out anytime today. **Meal: B**



Tour Highlights

- 14 Meals: 7 breakfasts and 7 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend two nights in Montreal, French Canada's most vibrant city
- Take a guided tour of Montreal including Old Montreal, St. Joseph's Oratory and Jacques Cartier Square
- Visit Montreal's Notre-Dame Basilica
- Take the Mont Tremblant Gondola for fantastic views
- Ride Canada's VIA Rail service from Montreal to Quebec
- Spend two nights in Quebec and take a guided tour including Old Quebec, Place Royale and the Citadelle
- Enjoy dinner and entertainment in a real Quebec Sugar Shack
- Visit the sacred St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine and marvel at the beautiful Montmorency Falls
- Marvel at the Basilica-Cathedral Notre-Dame de Quebec, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio hands-on experience
- Travel the historic "King's Road" along the St. Lawrence River
- Visit Canada's National Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape, with its magnificent stained-glass windows and 5,425-pipe Casavant organ
- Spend one night in historic Sherbrooke and visit Lune de Miel Honey farm
- Enjoy English High Tea in Quebec's Eastern Townships and see the Basilica-Cathedral Saint Michel
- Visit the grand Abbey de Saint-Benoit-du-Lac
- Enjoy a special farewell dinner cruise on the St. Lawrence River

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Visit the sacred St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 and 2** – Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal, Quebec
- Days 3 and 4** – Hotel Chateau Laurier, Quebec City, Quebec
- Day 5** – Gouverneur Hotel, Trois-Rivieres, Quebec
- Day 6** – Hotel OTL Gouverneur, Sherbrooke, Quebec
- Day 7** – Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites, Montreal, Quebec

2025 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
September 12	\$4,349	\$1,139

Pricing includes roundtrip airfare from Chicago.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

COMPLIMENTARY LOCAL PICKUP SERVICE AVAILABLE.

With 10 or more travelers, on the same departure date, the travelers will be picked up at the Fitchburg Senior Center (pick up is in the back of the senior center building). Fewer than 10 travelers, the pickup will be at the Madison Dutch Mill Park and Ride.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$349 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days and more - deposit amount
- 60 - 31 days - 20% of the tour cost
- 30 - 15 days - 30% of the tour cost
- 14 - 1 day prior - 40% of the tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour - 100% of the tour cost
- No refund on unused portion

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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