Old Quebec City
A UNESCO designated World Heritage Site and capital of French speaking North America

Heritage Adventures

Nine Day Coach Tour, June 17-25, 2017
Departing Morgantown and Shepherdstown, WV
Day 1: Departure
Our coach departs from the Old Morgantown Mall in Morgantown, WV making a stop at the Hagerstown Mall in Hagerstown, MD to pick up additional passengers. Heading north we will stop in the area of Scranton, PA for lunch before reaching our final destination of Plattsburgh, NY. In Plattsburgh we will stay at the Plattsburgh Comfort Inn.

Day 2: Old Québec City
On day 2 we arrive in Québec in time for lunch at the famous Québec café/boulangerie Paillard, a favorite of tourists and residents alike. Afterwards we check in to the three-star Hôtel Champlain Vieux Québec where we will lodge during our stay in Québec. Our hotel sits on a quiet side street in the very heart of the old walled city and rates four and a half stars by TripAdvisor based on almost 1200 reviews. Afterward we take a short stroll to the nearby Tourist Information Center where we can exchange currency, meet the friendly staff, and visit the information and reservation desks. Across the street is the charming Place-d'Armes, a small park located next to the iconic Château Frontenac, reputedly the most photographed hotel in the world. From this spot we can orient ourselves to the layout of the upper town so that we can wander the old city without fear of getting lost. Crossing the street again we will visit the Musée du Fort (Fort Museum). There, in a small theater overlooking a large model of Quebec, a multi-media program is used to explain the strategic importance and military history of the city. You are now free to spend an hour or two exploring the nearby shops, historic sites, and the Terrasse Dufferin (Dufferin Terrace) which affords stunning views of the St. Lawrence and Charles Rivers, the historic Lower Town, and the city of Lévis on the south shore. Later in the evening we make our way to the lower town by the Funiculare (incline) or by the famous Breakneck Stairs to Spag & Tini where we will have dinner under the lights of the romantic skyline of Upper Québec.

French in 1690 under plans approved by the famous French military engineer Vauban. But these proved inadequate and Québec was captured by the English in 1759 after the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. After two attempts by their American neighbors to the south to capture Quebec during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, the English decided to strengthen their defenses by constructing ramparts around the city, a series Martello Towers to the west, and the huge star-shaped fort now know as La Citadelle. After our tour of this impressive fort we board our bus for a guided tour of the Plains of Abraham in the company of General Louis-Joseph de Montcalm. We next turn our attention and our appetites to the Grande Allée, the main boulevard leading into the old city through Porte Saint-Louis (Saint Louis Gate). Here you are free to choose from among the dozens of restaurants, cafés, and bistro lining both sides of the street offering a wide variety of cuisine and a choice of indoor or outdoor dining. There are moderately priced choices available and by law, all restaurants must post menus and prices outside. After lunch your afternoon and evening are free to explore, shop, visit museums, stroll, or sight-see. We will also offer a couple of organized activities for anyone interested.

Day 3: Old Québec City
We start day 3 with a guided tour of La Citadelle de Québec (the Citadel), a massive fort occupying the high ground overlooking the old city. Construction of fortifications on the site were completed by the

Day 4: Day trip east of Québec
Day 4 takes us on our first venture outside the city. Our first destination is the Basilica-Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré which sits on the Côte-de-Beaupré (Beaupré Coast) on the north shore of the St. Lawrence about 30 minutes east of Québec. Initially
built as a shrine to Sainte Anne in 1658, a reputed miracle took place when a crippled worker was cured of his ailments after he had laid a few foundation stones. Pilgrims began arriving and a the shrine was soon replaced by a chapel, then a church, and eventually in 1876 by a basilica. This burned in 1922 and soon construction began on the current basilica which attracts half a million pilgrims each year including a visit by Pope John Paul II in 1984. After our visit we turn west and the cross the river to the bucolic Île d’Orléans (Orleian Island). In 1535 Jacques Cartier landed here although native peoples had long occupied the island. Later, 500 French families would settle here from which it is said half of present-day Canada’s French population can trace their ancestry. Our route traces the shore along the western end of the island passing through charming villages, most notably the isle’s first settlement of Sainte-Pétronille which dates from 1659. Turning east along the south shore we stop for lunch at the charming Moulin St-Laurent, a former mill situated next to a small waterfall. Our appetites sated, we proceed to the Manoir Mauvide-Genest. This house was constructed in 1734 for Jean Mauvide, surgeon to the king. Here costumed guides share the history of the house, the island, Monsieur Mauvide, and his wife Marie-Anne-Genest. Departing the manor we cross the center of the island and the river to arrive at Montmorency Falls which at 272 feet is nearly 100 feet taller than Niagara. A suspension bridge for pedestrians hangs over the falls and a visitor’s center, gift shop, and small museum are located in the Manoir Montmorency (1780) located next to the falls. There is also a cable car that carries visitors to the base across a small lake for a better view and vantage point for photographs. Leaving Montmorency, we return to our hotel. Your evening is free.

Day 5: Free day in Québec
Day 4 is a free day to explore the city on your own. Whether shopping along the busy Rue St. Jean or the tourisly Rue du Petit Champlain in the lower town, exploring the battlements that encircle the upper town, wandering through the historic Place-Royale, taking a river cruise for lunch, or visiting one of the many museums like the Musée des Forts-et-Château-Saint Louis (ruins of Chateau Saint Louis) beneath the terrace, the possibilities are endless. Again, we will also offer some organized activities for those seeking suggestions.

Day 6: Whale watching at Tadoussac
On day 6 we again leave the city for an excursion along the Côte Nord (North Coast) of the St. Lawrence to the charming village of Tadoussac 130 miles to the east. Our drive will take us through bucolic countryside of farms and forest until we reach our ferry that will take us across the Saguenay River to Tadoussac. Here the warm waters of the Saguenay Fjord flows south to mix in the cold, salty waters of the St. Lawrence creating perfect conditions for krill which in turn attracts more than a dozen species of whales including pilot, fin, minke, humpback, the occasional blue whale, and lots of belugas, rarely seen outside the arctic. The whales arrive in April and stay until October feeding on krill and breaching the surface to the delight of whale watchers. Upon arrival we will stop for lunch before departing on a three-hour whale watching cruise with Croisiere AML. Returning to shore we board our coach for the trip home.

Day 7: Excursion to Wendake, a Huron-Wendat Reserve
We depart Québec for a short drive north to Wendake, a reserve of the Huron-Wendat Nation. Here we visit the Hotel-Musée Premières Nation (First Nation Museum) where we learn about the native peoples who first inhabited this region. We will take a guided tour of the museum, the reconstructed longhouse and village, and the nearby Kabir Kouba Falls, a sacred indigenous site on the Charles River. Afterwards we stroll to Sagimite, a restaurant that serves native American cuisine before heading back to Québec. In the afternoon we take a guided tour of Parliament and then the rest of the evening is free.

Day 8: Free morning and departure
Early this morning we check out of our hotel and our luggage is loaded onto our coach. The morning is free to take a last look around the old city and then we meet for our departure lunch at the Côte-a-Côte restaurant in the lower town. After lunch we pose for a group photo with the old town and imposing
Chateau Frontenac as background. We then board our bus for the trip home. We stop in Albany, NY where we will spend the night at the Comfort Inn, Albany.

Day 9: The final leg home
We depart Albany for the final leg of our trip home stopping for lunch along the way. We arrive in Hagerstown in the early afternoon and in Morgantown a couple hours later.

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* 1 Night Plattsburgh Comfort Inn
* 6 Nights Hotel Champlain Vieux Québec
* 1 Night Albany Airport Comfort Inn
* Admission to all scheduled destinations, tours, and activities (does not include optional activities)
* Baggage Handling
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