

# GTC GREENHILLS TRAVEL CENTRE

## Eastern Canada Autumn Leaves, New York & Las Vegas

19 September 2018



### 29 Day Small Group Tour

**Day 1** - 19 Sep 2018 Transfer to Sydney airport hotel for our overnight stay.

**Day 2** - Fly Sydney to Toronto, transfer to hotel for 1 night pre tour.

**Day 3** - 21 Sep **Toronto** - Welcome to Toronto, Canada's largest and most cosmopolitan city. At 6 pm, meet your travelling companions for a welcome drink. Your Tour Director prepares you for your upcoming adventure.

**Day 4** - This morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour. Highlights include the Legislature Building; the ethnic neighbourhoods; the University of Toronto; and Eaton Centre, the city's number-one tourist attraction, with more than 300 stores for world-class shopping. The tour concludes with lunch atop the 553-metre-tall (1,815-foot-tall) CN TOWER, where you'll enjoy incredible views of the city and harbour below you. (B,L)

**Day 5 - Toronto-Niagara Falls.** Leave bustling Toronto and travel along the shores of Lake Ontario to Niagara Falls. For the adventurous, your Tour Director will suggest optional flightseeing over the falls. Then, board a sightseeing CRUISE for a thrilling ride to view the thundering falls from river level. Later, visit picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake, where there is time to browse the shops of Main Street and visit a local WINERY for a tour and tasting. Tonight, you may wish to see the illumination of the falls as they are lit in every colour of the rainbow. A special treat not to be missed! (B) NOTE: The

Niagara Falls sightseeing cruise is subject to favourable weather and/ or river conditions. Favourable conditions normally exist from May to November. When conditions are unfavourable, a walking tour through the scenic tunnels will be substituted.

**Day 6 - Niagara Falls-Thousand Islands National Park- Ottawa.** Travel this morning to Gananoque, where you'll board your boat for a lunch CRUISE through the waterways of THOUSAND ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK. Continue to the nation's capital of Ottawa, pleasantly framed by the banks of the Ottawa River and the Rideau Canal, for a 2-night stay. For dinner, maybe visit lively and colourful Byward Market and THOUSAND ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK choose from its array of specialty restaurants. (B,L)

**Day 7 -Ottawa.** Morning sightseeing includes the Canadian Mint, the residences of the Governor General and Prime Minister, and Parliament Hill. Enjoy a delicious Canadian specialty, a BEAVERTAIL, a pastry stretched to the shape of a beaver tail with toppings added. The balance of the day is free. You may wish to visit the world-renowned Canadian Museum of History, shop for souvenirs, or spend time at the National Gallery of Canada. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**Day 8 Ottawa-Cap-De-La-Madeleine-Quebec City.** Drive north this morning to Cap-de-la-Madeleine for a visit to the BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, a national shrine famous for its fine stained-glass windows. Time to stroll through the grounds of the sanctuary and see the miraculous Madonna in the old chapel. Continue your journey to romantic Quebec City, one of the most historic and best-preserved cities in North America. This evening, enjoy regional FRENCH CUISINE at a special dinner in Old Town Quebec. (B,D)

**Day 9 Quebec City.** This morning, enjoy an included guided tour of Canada's only walled city. Until the British victory of 1759, Old Quebec was the centre of New France; today, it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the walls are Place d'Armes, Laval Seminary, and ancient Place Royale. Also see the Old World houses crowding the narrow streets in Lower Town by the St. Lawrence River and historic Plains of Abraham. This afternoon is free for independent activities. Maybe explore the historic sites, take a carriage ride, or stroll the streets of Old Quebec City. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for additional sightseeing, shopping, and dining. This evening, consider an optional dinner that includes a visit to 84-metre-high (274-foot-high) Montmorency Falls and takes you over to Ile d'Orleans, where you'll enjoy a delightful dinner at Le Moulin de Saint-Laurent, a restored 17th-century flour mill. (B)

**Day 10 Quebec City - Montreal.** Before leaving Quebec, we'll stop at a SUGAR SHACK for a guided tour to learn the art of making maple syrup and to enjoy a traditional sugar shack breakfast. On to Montreal, where sightseeing with a Local Guide takes in NOTRE DAME BASILICA, the Old Seminary of St. Sulpice, and a drive to the top of Mount Royal to enjoy a panorama of the city. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner in the heart of Old Montreal—the perfect ending to your holiday! (B,D)

**Day 11 Montreal (embarkation) - Scenic cruising: Saint Lawrence.** Morning at leisure. This afternoon, transfer to the pier to embark on your Holland America ship, the MS Rotterdam (B,D)

**Day 12 Quebec City 7.00 am - 5.00 pm (B,L,D)**

**Day 13 Scenic cruising: Gulf of Saint Lawrence Canada (B,L,D)**

**Day 14 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island Canada 8.00 am - 5.00 pm(B,L,D)**

Charlottetown is the capital of Canada's smallest province, Prince Edward Island, as well as its largest city, though it has fewer than 35,000 residents. Despite its modest size, the city has an impressive number of Victorian houses and buildings and great parks waiting to be explored. For Canadians, it is perhaps most famous as the Birthplace of Confederation. It was here, mostly at Province House, that an 1864 conference led to the creation of the Dominion of Canada.

Prince Edward Island is linked to New Brunswick on the mainland of Canada by the 13-kilometer (eight-mile) Confederation Bridge that soars over the Northumberland Strait. A remarkable feat of engineering, the bridge opened in 1997 and is the longest in the world over icy waters.

Sites within downtown Charlottetown include the lovely Victoria Row, which becomes a pedestrian mall each summer, and other historic buildings, some of which are now museums. Nearby Prince Edward Island National Park is home to white-sand beaches and hiking and biking trails—plus fans can see the house and farm that inspired the beloved book *Anne of Green Gables*. During your visit, you can also learn about the daily lives, past and present, of residents on lighthouse and boat tours.

**Day 15 Sydney, Nova Scotia Canada 8.00 am - 4.00 pm (B,L,D)** Sydney is the largest city on Cape Breton Island, which is linked by causeway to the rest of Nova Scotia. Sydney's attractions start at the harbor, where visitors can shop for locally made crafts and see the world's largest fiddle, which towers beside the port's cruise pavilion. Some of the city's historic houses and churches date back to the

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1700s and 1800s and are open for tours. Restaurants often provide live music (expect fiddles and sea chanteys) along with meals of seafood fresh-caught in nearby waters. Sydney's galleries give visitors a chance to meet local artists and purchase their work.

Cape Breton's natural wonders include the spectacular scenic drive known as the Cabot Trail. Hikers in Cape Breton Highlands National Park will find stunning vistas around every turn, while a boat ride on massive Bras d'Or Lake, which is ringed by wild hills, offers a different perspective on the province. Explore the region's past with a visit to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, and learn about the area's First Nations communities at Membertou Heritage Park. If you decide to go deep underground at the Cape Breton Miners Museum, your tour guide is likely to be a man who toiled for years in the island's coal mines and has many stories to tell. Another must-see: the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, where the famous inventor made his summer home.

**Day 16 Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada 8.00 am - 4.00 pm (B,L,D)**

Located on a rocky inlet on the Atlantic Ocean, Halifax—Nova Scotia's provincial capital—is defined by its maritime geography. It's a spirited mix of world-class history and nautical-themed museums alongside bunkers and fortresses that guarded the harbor, plus striking public art and sights, funky shops and excellent pubs serving up folk music (and good pints). Explore the Halifax waterfront where steamships once anchored to drop off arriving immigrants at Pier 21. Savour the low-key but classy culinary scene for fresh seafood and Nova Scotia specialties—the city has both street vendors and casual joints catering to university students and upscale eateries with elegant settings. Along Nova Scotia's southern shores, the city is surrounded by lush greenery and charming villages that are worth the trip from downtown proper. Snap photos of attractions in the charming fishing village, Peggy's Cove, with its picturesque lighthouse on a rocky outcropping. Or wander the streets of Lunenburg, whose colourful Old Town is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can also soak in the charms and sights of Mahone Bay, home to artists' studios and a trio of steeped churches.

**Day 17 Bar Harbour, Maine USA 8.00 am - 5.00 pm (B,L,D)**

Located on Mount Desert Island in Maine, Bar Harbor is the quintessential New England coastal town. Picturesque and charming, it is a scenic and walkable town with streets lined with restaurants and boutiques. Dining on lobster is a must, as is a scoop or two at one of the town's homemade ice cream shops. Boat tours explore the waters and islands that surround Bar Harbor, with seasonal opportunities to see wildlife—including whales—and lighthouses along the way. Bar Harbor is surrounded by the magnificent Acadia National Park, making the area an adventurer's playground. The park, which is celebrating its centennial in 2016, is home to sites such as Cadillac Mountain, the tallest mountain along the eastern coast of the United States and the first place in the country to see the sun rise. Guests can hike, bike or take a horse-and-carriage ride to explore Acadia's lakes and striking coastline. Take advantage of the best bargain in Bar Harbor during your visit: The free Island Explorer buses take guests to Acadia's major sites and to other nearby destinations.

**Day 18 Boston** 6 Oct Arrive in Boston this morning. After Disembarking transfer to your Hotel.

Commence using your 48-hour hop on Old Town Hop on Hop Off Trolley Tour (B)

Day 19 Boston Free Day. Dinner tonight is at a place we should all know. (B,D)

Day 20 8 Oct Boston-New York. This morning depart Boston for New York on the Acela Express Fast Train. Sit back relax and enjoy the beautiful countryside as we are whisked to New York in comfort.

On arrival at Penn station we will be transferred to our hotel for the next 4 nights. (B, D)

**Day 21 New York.** City Tour. Tonight, we are off to the theatre to see BEAUTIFUL the Carole King Musical (B)

**Day 22 New York.** Morning Manhattan Island Cruise afternoon free. (B,D)

**Day 23** Free Day (B) Today Free. You may want to consider a day trip to Washington. (B)

**Day 24** Morning Free. Afternoon transfer to the airport for our flight to Las Vegas. (B)

**Day 25 Las Vegas** Las Vegas City Tour (B,D)

**Day 26** Early morning departure for a Scenic flight to the Grand Canyon. Tour of the South Rim and fly back to Las Vegas in the afternoon. 7.00pm This evening something special, Human Nature "JUKEBOX" show. (B)

**Day 27** Morning free. 5.00pm transfer to airport for flight home.

**Day 28** In flight

**Day 29** 19 October 2018 Arrive Sydney and transfer back to Maitland

**Inclusions:**

All flights and taxes  
Accommodation  
Coach Tour and Gratuities  
Cruise Outside Cabin  
Fully Escorted from Maitland  
Transfers to and from Sydney  
Meals as per the itinerary.  
Porterage and Tips to Transfer Drivers.  
Entrance fees where applicable.

**Not included:**

Gratuities on Board Cruise Approximately \$100 USD  
Canadian and USA Visa Approximate cost \$25  
Lunches except for on the Cruise  
Optional Excursions on the Coach and Cruise (Toronto to Boston.)

**Total Cost \$17,999 per person twin share**  
**Single Supplement \$4,750**