

INDEPENDENT RAIL TOUR – ROUND-TRIP FROM TORONTO





If you want to see the major points of attraction in Eastern Canada and experience the different lifestyles in the provinces of Ontario and Québec, then this is the programme for you.

VIA Rail's train system connects Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal and Québec City, and you will see Canada's most populous region by travelling comfortably in VIA Rail's modern rail carriages. You will experience the exciting ambiance of multicultural Toronto before you visit world famous Niagara Falls where you will marvel at its natural spectacle. Then you will be on your way through rural Ontario to see the nation's capital. Don't miss the numerous museums, galleries and boutiques in charming Ottawa. Then hop back on the train and head for the Laurentians and the provincial capital. You will discover Québec City with its historic heart, European flavour and distinct French-Canadian character. Your final destination will be bustling Montréal for an unforgettable experience of the modern French-Canadian lifestyle with an historic flavour. You will return to the cosmopolitan setting of Toronto for your return flight.

# **Key Facts**

- \* 10 Days / 9 Nights
- \* 2019 Departure Dates: Daily from 24th April 2019 – 23rd April 2020 (some restrictions apply)
- \* Upgrades Available









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### DAY 1

### Arrival in Toronto

Arrive in Toronto's International Airport and transfer independently to your downtown hotel for a three-night stay. Pick up your information kit at the front desk upon check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Canada's commercial and cultural centre. Overnight in Toronto.

### DAY 2

### **Toronto**

Discover the many identities of this cosmopolitan city on a sightseeing tour of Toronto. Highlights include the provincial Parliament Buildings, City Hall, the financial district, Chinatown, residential areas and the waterfront. Admission to the CN Tower, standing 335.33 metres tall, is included. Ride the glass-fronted elevators to the top and take in unforgettable views of Toronto and Lake Ontario. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration, shopping or simple relaxation. Overnight in Toronto.



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### DAY 3

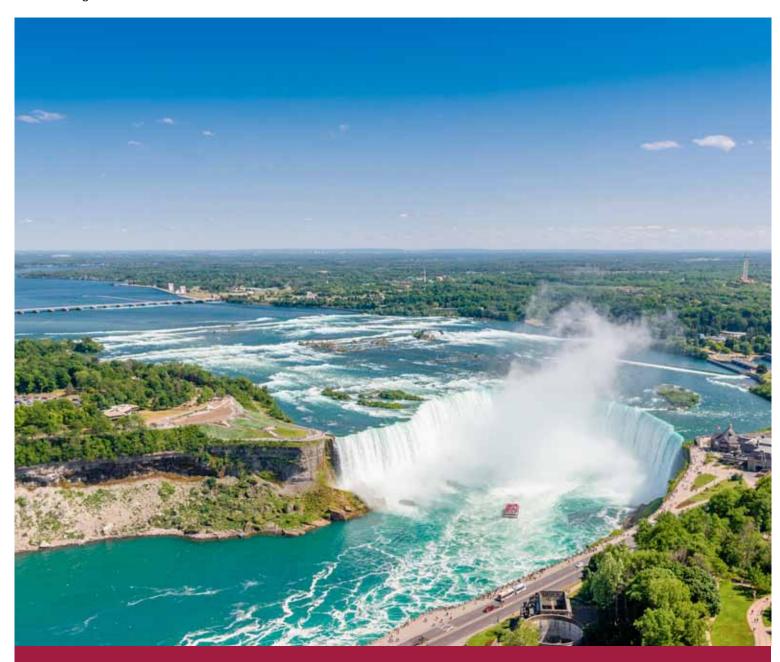
## Niagara Falls Excursion

Enjoy a full-day sightseeing excursion to Niagara Falls. The route takes you through the lush fruit-growing district and wine region of the Niagara Peninsula. Marvel at the spectacle of the famous Niagara Falls and step aboard the Hornblower Niagara Cruises 'Voyage to The Falls' boat tour for a fantasti trip to the foot of the Horseshoe Falls. You will have ample time at the Falls to take pictures and admire the thundering waters or stroll into town. Highlights include a meal and a trip along the beautiful Niagara Parkway, which winds its way along the Niagara Gorge. Pass through the historic community of Niagara-on-the-Lake before returning to Toronto for the evening. Overnight in Toronto, Lunch included.

#### DAY 4

### VIA Rail / Toronto to Ottawa onboard *The Corridor*

This morning, transfer independently to Union Station to board VIA Rail's *The Corridor* train to Ottawa. You will be passing quaint little towns along Lake Ontario, the historic city of Kingston, and the Thousand Islands region. From Brockville, you'll be travelling north towards the capital region. Upon arrival in Ottawa, the remainder of the day is free for you to explore the charms of Canada's capital city. Take a stroll along the famous Rideau Canal (designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site) or discover what the bustling Byward Market has to offer. Overnight in Ottawa.





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### DAY 5

### Ottawa

Enjoy a Hop on/Hop off sightseeing tour of Ottawa today. You will see the Parliament Buildings, Embassy Row, the Royal Canadian Mint, the National Gallery of Canada, the National Aviation Museum, the residence of the Prime Minister and Governor-General, the RCMP Museum and Stables, the National Arts Centre and much more. You will drive through scenic gardens and parklands and along the Rideau Canal. This comprehensive sightseeing tour is special as it allows you to step on and off at any of the stops along the route to fully experience the nation's charming capital. The remainder of the day is free to explore the city's many museums, galleries and boutiques. Overnight in

Please Note: If the sightseeing tour is not operating, it will be substituted with admission to the National War Museum and the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau including an audiotour commentary headset.

### DAY 6

## VIA Rail / Ottawa to Québec City Onboard *The Corridor*

Today is your departure from Ottawa to Québec City onboard VIA Rail's *The Corridor*. You'll be leaving the capital region of Ottawa behind and heading for the Laurentians. Past Montréal, the train will be travelling along the southern shore of the St. Lawrence River, passing charming little towns and villages in the beautiful French-Canadian countryside. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore fascinating Québec City and experience its energetic nightlife. Overnight in Québec City.



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### DAY 7

# Québec City

Today you will explore historic and modern Québec City on a morning sightseeing tour. Québec City is the only city in North America with city walls and gates, earning it a United Nations World Heritage Site distinction in 1985. Discover the historical treasures and wonderful 'joie de vivre' atmosphere of Québec. Your guide provides narration while you see the Latin Quarter, the Plains of Abraham, the Fortifications, the National Assembly, Place Royale, the Basilica and many more points of interest. The rest of the day is at your leisure to further explore the city or indulge at one of many fine restaurants. Overnight in Québec City.

#### DAY 8

## VIA Rail / Québec City to Montréal Onboard The Corridor

Hop on the train today for a short ride to Montréal. This time, you'll be travelling along the northern shore of the St. Lawrence River passing historic Trois-Rivières and charming Cap-de-la-Madeleine with its national shrine to the Virgin Mary. Upon reaching the bustling metropolis of Montréal, prepare for an afternoon of exploring the second largest French-speaking city after Paris. Walk down lively St. Catherine Street with its numerous shops and cafés. Sample the fine cuisine and exuberant nightlife. Overnight in Montréal.

#### DAY 9

### Montréal

Today, you will be going on a three-hour sightseeing tour of Montréal. You will see numerous highlights, such as the Notre Dame Basilica (admission not included), the financial and residential districts, historic Old Montréal, the charming Latin Quarter and much more. You will visit the Olympic Complex, travel through the campus of McGill University and savour the panoramic views from an observation point on top of Mont Royal. Overnight in Montréal.

### **DAY 10**

### **End of Tour**

Arrangements end upon check out from your hotel. Transfer independently to Toronto's International Airport to check in for your flight home.



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## Accommodation (Subject to availability, similar hotels may be substituted)

Day (s)	Location	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
1 – 3	Toronto	Holiday Inn Toronto Downtown Centre or Courtyard by Marriott Toronto	Chelsea Hotel	Fairmont Royal York Hotel
4 & 5	Ottawa	Delta Ottawa City Centre or Best Western Plus Ottawa Downtown Suites	Lord Elgin Hotel or Radisson Hotel Ottawa Parliament Hill	Fairmont Chateau Laurier
6 & 7	Québec	Hotel Le Concorde Québec or Hotel Chateau Laurier Quebec	Delta Québec or Hotel Chateau Laurier Québec	Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac
8 & 9	Montréal	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Lord Berri or Hotel Faubourg Montréal	Delta Montréal or Marriott Chateau Champlain	Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth or Marriott Chateau Champlain

### VIA Rail Business Class Upgrade

An upgrade is available to enjoy the service of Business Class travel (Business Class is not available on Tuesday departures).

## 2019 Departure Dates

Daily departures: 24th April 2019 – 23rd April 2020

### Restrictions (all categories)

- \* 20th 23rd May are not available due to Ottawa Race Weekend
- \* 29th May 2nd June, 5th 9th June and 12th – 16th June are not available due to Grand Prix in Montréal
- \* 25th 28th July are not available due to Osheaga Festival in Montréal
- 26th 28th June are not available due to blackouts in Ottawa (Canada Day)







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## What's Included?

- \* Accommodation for 9 nights
- \* 2-hour sightseeing tour of Toronto
- \* CN Tower admission
- \* Full-day excursion to Niagara Falls including lunch and Hornblower Niagara Cruises 'Voyage to the Falls' boat tour (substituted by 'Journey Behind the Falls' in off-peak season)
- \* Toronto to Ottawa rail transfer on VIA Rail's *The Corridor* (Economy Class)
- \* 2-hour sightseeing tour of Ottawa\*
- \* Ottawa to Québec City rail transfer on VIA Rail's *The Corridor* (Economy Class)
- \* 2-hour sightseeing tour of Québec City
- Quebec City to Montréal rail transfer on VIA Rail's The Corridor (Economy Class)

- \* 3-hour sightseeing tour of Montréal or Grevin Montréal Museum\*\*
- \* Montréal to Toronto rail transfer on VIA Rail's *The Corridor* (Economy Class)
- \* Travel and information kit

#### Please Note

- \* 24th April 9th October departures include Discover The Capital Tour (Hop on/Hop off) on Day 5.
- \* 10th October 23rd April departures include admission to the History War Museum, Ottawa/Hull on Day 5
- \*\* 21st October 23rd April departures include the Grevin Montréal Museum.

### What's Not Included?

- \* Transfers, unless otherwise specified
- \* Airport improvement fee
- \* Meals and attractions unless otherwise specified

## The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

All details and inclusions are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice.

