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Rail & Cruise in Eastern Canada

INDEPENDENT RAIL & CRUISE TOUR – TORONTO TO MONTRÉAL

EST. 1989

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Discover the historic cradle of Canada with visits to colonial and present day capitals.

We have combined the excitement and romance of rail travel and city tours with a captivating cruise from Kingston to Québec City. This itinerary explores the St. Lawrence River from the wide decks of a comfortable, full-service cruising vessel along the continent's most significant waterway from its source to the doorstep of the Atlantic Ocean. Green riverbanks, small villages and towering cathedrals decorate the shoreline, while fascinating ports of call give passengers a taste of Canadian culture.

Key Facts

- * 15 Days / 14 Nights
- * 2020 Departure Dates: Various dates available from May to September
- * 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. The remainder of the day is yours to explore at leisure Canada's commercial and cultural centre. Overnight in Toronto.

DAY 2

Toronto

Today enjoy a Hop-on/Hop-off city tour and experience Toronto at your own pace. 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.

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 fantastic boat 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.



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DAY 4

VIA Rail / *The Corridor* Toronto to Kingston & St. Lawrence River Cruises

This morning, transfer independently to Union Station to board VIA Rail's *The Corridor* train to Kingston. After the scenic journey that travels through the townships and villages north of the shores of Lake Ontario, you arrive in the historic city of Kingston and the 1,000 Islands region. Afterwards, you are transferred to the port lands and board your cruising vessel for an early evening departure. After a welcome reception and refreshments, learn a little about the ship before enjoying a delicious dinner and evening of entertainment. Dinner included. Overnight on board St. Lawrence River Cruises vessel.

DAY 5

St. Lawrence River Cruises / Cruising – Brockville

This morning the ship raises anchor to cruise the 1,000 Islands, Wanderer's Channel and Admiralty Group of Islands while en route to Gananoque. Passengers disembark at Gananoque for a tour of the Heritage Museum of the 1,000 Islands. Afterwards, board the ship and continue on to cruise Millionaires' Row across the United States border. Sail past Boldt Castle and St. Laurens Statue on the way to Ivy Lea and disembark for a coach transfer and visit to the 1,000 Islands Tower. After returning to the ship and the cruise, the ship arrives in Brockville in the afternoon. Relax or stroll along the park walkways in the evening after dinner. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea (schedule permitting) included. Overnight onboard St. Lawrence River Cruises vessel.

DAY 6

St. Lawrence River Cruises / Cruising – Upper Canada Village

This morning disembark and transfer by bus for a tour of Fulford Mansion. Return to the ship for departure to Prescott with views of Windmill Point, the Blue Church, and Ogdensburg, New York. Disembark at Prescott for a tour of Fort Wellington (National Historic Site). Depart Prescott and arrive in the afternoon at Upper Canada Village for the evening. After dinner, perhaps take a stroll around the marina and grounds. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea (schedule permitting) included. Overnight on board St. Lawrence River Cruises vessel.



DAY 7

St. Lawrence River Cruises / Cruising – Coteau Landing

This morning after breakfast, disembark the ship and board a miniature train for a short journey before loading on to horse-drawn wagons for a tour of Upper Canada Village. Afterwards, it's back on the ship to continue on to Coteau Landing, Quebec. The scenic route passes through Eisenhower and Snell Locks on the American side of the marine border. Crossing back into Canadian waters, the ship arrives at Coteau Landing, Quebec in the afternoon. Enjoy some free time to relax or stroll along the park and old canal pathways after dinner. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea (schedule permitting) included. Overnight on board St. Lawrence River Cruises vessel.

DAY 8

St. Lawrence River Cruises / Cruising – Montréal

Today the cruise departs Coteau Landing bound for Port of Montréal. The route travels through Beauharnois Locks into Lake St. Louis. Looking down the river, Montréal grows larger in the distance as the ship passes through St. Catherine and St. Lambert locks. Embark on a short tour of the historic harbour. Disembarking at the Port of Montréal, take a fascinating bus tour of this city that blends English and French cultures. Afterwards, there is free time before and after dinner to further explore the port lands and charms of the city. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea (schedule permitting) included. Overnight on board St. Lawrence River Cruises vessel.

DAY 9

St. Lawrence River Cruises / Cruising – Trois Rivières

This morning depart Montréal bound for Trois Rivières, Québec. Arriving at Trois Rivières, enjoy a brief bus tour including a visit to the Shrine at Cap de la Madeleine. Returning to the marina, you may enjoy a self-guided walking tour of the historic 'Old City' if time permits. After dinner, the entertainment for the evening includes an exciting 'Big Band' instrumental and vocal performance and night of dancing. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea (schedule permitting) included. Overnight on board St. Lawrence River Cruises vessel.



DAY 10

St. Lawrence River Cruises / Cruising – Québec City

Depart Trois Rivières early morning and soon watch the shoreline transition to the scenic approach to romantic Québec City. The ship sails past the dramatic spectacle of Montmorency Falls. Arrive in Québec City where we enjoy a final gathering at the tour Closing Ceremonies in the Grand Saloon. Disembark the ship and transfer independently to your Québec City hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Breakfast, lunch and morning tea (schedule permitting) included. Overnight in Québec City.

DAY 11

Québec City

Today you will explore the 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 UNESCO 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 the many fine restaurants. Overnight in Québec City.

DAY 12

Québec City

Today is at leisure to further explore the sights and sounds of Québec City. The Old Walled City is pedestrian-friendly and is replete with history and cultural significance that helped shape modern Canadian society. This part of the city is not just an artifact to be studied, but continues to be a dynamic environment with shops, eateries and other contemporary businesses. Overnight in Québec City.



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DAY 13

VIA Rail / *The Corridor* Québec City to Montréal

Hop on the train today for a short ride to Montréal. This time, you'll be travelling along the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. 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 and sample the fine cuisine and exuberant nightlife. Overnight in Montréal.

DAY 14

Montréal

Today, you are free to explore the sights and charms of Montréal. Included in your package is admission to the Grevin Montreal Museum. Celebrities, politicians, historical figures and other famous personalities come to life as realistic, accurate representations are set amongst pop and modern art displays. Afterwards, you may wish to independently visit other highlights of the city such as the Notre Dame Basilica, the financial and residential districts, historic Old Montréal or the charming Latin Quarter. Overnight in Montréal.

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End of Package

Arrangements end upon hotel check-out.



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

Day (s)	Location	Standard	Superior
1 – 3	Toronto	Holiday Inn Toronto; Downtown Centre; or Courtyard by Marriott Toronto	Chelsea Hotel
4 – 9		Onboard St. Lawrence River Cruise	
10 – 12	Québec City	Hotel Le Concorde Québec or Hotel Chateau Laurier Québec	Delta Québec or Hotel Chateau Laurier Québec
13 & 14	Montréal	Hotel Le Faubourg or Le Mouvel Hotel & Spa	Delta Montréal or Marriott Chateau Champlain

St. Lawrence River Cruises Accommodation

The St. Lawrence River Cruises ship, Canadian Empress featured in this package offers a stateroom on either the Ottawa or St. Lawrence decks. All cabins are outside cabins with opening windows and screens.

ALL CABINS FEATURE:

Two twin beds – lower berth with one being a Pullman style that folds into the wall during the day, a total space of approximately 8.3 sq metres (3.6m x 2.4m), private washroom and water closet combination (for showering) and a wash basin, a small closet or storage area for luggage, adjustable climate control.

The ship is comprised of 3 decks. Facilities on each deck are as follows:

ST. LAWRENCE DECK

Staterooms, corner store (gifts, toiletries and other small personal sundries) and Purser's office.

OTTAWA DECK

Staterooms, 2 outdoor observation decks, Grand Saloon where all meals are served and all nightly entertainment is presented.

SUN DECK

Deck chair lounge, shuffleboard court, games table and 1 observation deck.

2020 Departure Dates

- * May 18th
- * June 17th
- * July 24th
- * August 11th
- * September 6th & 22nd

VIA Rail Business Class Upgrade

An upgrade is available to enjoy the up-graded service of Business Class travel.



What's Included?

- * Accommodation for 14 nights (includes 6 nights onboard ship)
- * Hop-on/Hop-off tour of Toronto, including CN Tower admission
- * Full-day excursion to Niagara Falls including lunch and Hornblower Cruise
- * Toronto to Kingston rail transfer on VIA Rail's *The Corridor* (Economy Class)
- * Transfer from Kingston train station to Kingston cruise docks
- * 7-day cruise from Kingston to Québec City onboard St. Lawrence River Cruise ship

Cruise Inclusions:

- Welcome reception
- Daily ports of call during cruise, including coach tours and self-guided tours
- Meals: Full-board starting with dinner on Day 4 and ending with lunch on Day 10
- Onboard evening entertainment
- Farewell ceremony
- * 2-hour sightseeing tour of Québec City
- * Québec City to Montréal rail transfer on VIA Rail's *The Corridor* (Economy Class)
- * Admission to the Grevin Montréal Museum
- * Travel and Information kit

What's Not Included?

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

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.