



Region: Atlantic Canada

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2024 - 10 Days Double SingleJuly 27 \$5,395 \$6,595
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Canada's Maritimes

Down east hospitality, coastal vistas, and personal connections with Canada's history.

New Brunswick charms with deep wilderness, quaint Acadian villages, coastal islands, the rarest whales in the world, and the highest tides on earth. In Nova Scotia, candy-striped lighthouses, quaint fishing villages, and stunning vistas are only some of the postcard-worthy moments you may experience. Although Prince Edward Island may be Canada's smallest province, this amazing island, the birthplace of Confederation, offers beautiful rolling hills, red sand beaches, fabulous seafood, the heritage of Anne of Green Gables, so much more! Salty ocean air, scenic walking tours, and ample free time make this tour of Canada's East Coast provinces a must-do!

Why This Tour Is Great

It's all about the people ... You will feel like family

Welcome to the kitchen party! Appreciate the energy and sense of fun in the music and feel a personal connection to moments in Canada's history through the stories. Although the vistas are spectacular, it will be the experiences with the people: their hospitality, culture, music, food, and stories that will be featured in your memories of the Maritimes.

Get Acquainted with some Special Canadian Cities

Enjoy guided tours of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and with the 15-day option, Québec City, Québec, exploring the settings where history was made and stories are told. Four of these cities are provincial capitals, and Lunenburg is a UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

Choice of Arrival

For guests who prefer to fly, arrangements can be made to join the group in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and thus guests from anywhere can experience the flavour of the Maritimes! For guests selecting the 15-day, motorcoach only option, additional experiences in Québec are included.

Fitness Scale: 4

15-day Pickup Route: <u>C1</u> 10-day tour includes air:

Start: <u>Fredericton, NB</u> End: <u>Moncton, NB</u>

Highlights

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Miramichi Kitchen Party
- Hopewell Rocks
- Lobster Dinner Cruise

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

- Confederation Bridge
- Green Gables Heritage Centre

NOVA SCOTIA

- Scenic drive of the Cabot Trail
- The Halifax Citadel & Garrison dinner
- Peggy's Cove

Price Includes

10-Day (airfare included)9 nights of accommodation9-Breakfasts, 6-Lunches, 5-Dinners

15-Day (motorcoach only option)14 nights of accommodation14-Breakfasts, 7-Lunches, 8-Dinners

- Our unique Connections Program
- Private coach transportation
- all entry fees, and passes and the services of local guides
- Services of a Professional Tour Director

Prices are in Canadian dollars, are per person, and include HST. *See the* <u>Terms</u> <u>and Conditions</u> – *Prices*.



DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY



Canada's Maritimes

Day 1 Arrive in Trois-Rivières, QC

Our motorcoach takes you through Ontario. Stop in Trois-Rivières for an overnight stay and welcome dinner with your fellow travellers.

Stay: Best Western

Drummondville, Drummondville, QC (1

night)

Meals: D

Day 2 Grand Falls, NB

Continue your journey into New Brunswick. Stop at the Malabeam Center to admire the mighty <u>Grand Falls Gorge</u>, millions of years in the making, carved by the majestic Saint John River. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers this evening.

Stay: Best Western Plus

Grand-Sault, Grand Falls,

NB (1 night)

Meals: B, D

Day 3 Fredericton, NB (10-day Guests Join the Group)

Travel to Fredericton this morning. Enjoy free time downtown before your guided city tour of this delightful city, with time to explore on your own.

Stay: Crowne Plaza, Fredericton,

NB (1 night)

Meals: B, L (10-day guests only)

Day 4 Confederation Bridge & Kitchen Party!

Today you'll cross the Confederation Bridge, at more than 12 kilometres long, it is the longest of its kind in the world. Enjoy a traditional Kitchen Party lunch with your hosts Paul & Connie. Next, arrive in Summerside with its tree-lined streets, stately heritage homes, historic murals and harbourfront where you will settle in for the next two nights. Enjoy dinner and entertainment tonight at Acadian Musical Village.

Stay: Quality Inn, Summerside,

PEI (2 nights)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 5 Fisherman's Wharf, Green Gables Heritage Place

The charm and history of PEI are yours to discover on this day of leisurely sightseeing. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Charlottetown where you'll learn about the Charlottetown Conference and the history of the city. Enjoy a jam tasting at the PEI Preserve Co. followed by lunch at Fisherman's Wharf - a gastric treat. Embark on a tour of the Green Gables Heritage Centre where you can stroll the trails, learn about early Victorian life and see the setting that inspired L. M. Montgomery to create her beloved tale of Anne of Green Gables. Return to your hotel this evening with a free evening to explore or just relax in Summerside.

Meals: B, L





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Day 6 Travel to Cape Breton Island

What happens after breakfast depends on the ferry schedule. Our first choice is to enjoy the adventure of the Wood Island Ferry ride to Caribou, Nova Scotia, but if that's not possible, we'll take the scenic drive through Pictou, Nova Scotia for lunch and some sightseeing, and then continue on our way to Cape Breton Island. In Baddeck, we'll tour the <u>Alexander</u> **Graham Bell National Historic Site** and then enjoy a fun evening with traditional Cape Breton fiddle music, song and dance provided by The Baddeck Gathering Ceilidhs (if available)

Stay: Inverary Resort, Baddeck, NS

(2 nights - July) Auberge Gisele's Inn, Baddeck, NS (2 nights -Sept)

Meals: B, D

Day 7 Cabot Trail

Today, we experience the striking beauty of the <u>Cape Breton</u>
<u>Highlands National Park</u> as we travel Canada's most scenic and photographed drive, the <u>Cabot Trail</u>. With our local guide, we'll receive insightful explanations and stories of the region while enjoying spectacular views of the coastal wilderness.

Meals: B, L, D

Day 8 Guided tour of Halifax, Halifax Citadel, Garrison Dinner

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to Halifax, arriving in the afternoon for a guided city tour. Afterwards, embark on a guided tour of the Halifax Citadel, followed by a private Garrison Dinner in this venue steeped in this city's rich heritage.

Stay: Westin Hotel, Halifax, NS (3

nights)

Meals: B, D

Day 9 Free day in Halifax, NS

Having had a guided tour of the city, this is the day to venture out and explore Halifax on your own. The city is filled with museums, attractions, restaurants & shops, being such a walkable city there is something for everyone.

Meals: B



Day 10 Lunenburg & Peggy's Cove

After breakfast, we'll explore
Lunenburg, a historic town that has
been declared a UNESCO World
Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided, scenic
walking tour of Lunenburg,
followed by a guided tour of the
Fisheries Museum, with lunch at the
Old Fish Factory restaurant. The
journey will continue, following the
scenic shoreline with a stop at
Mahone Bay, and then arrive at
Peggy's Cove with its famous
lighthouse. The evening will be free
for more exploring.

Meals: B, L

Day 11 Hopewell Rocks & Shediac Lobster Dinner cruise

This is sure to be a memorable day! Visit the stunning **Hopewell Rocks** and admire these incredible formations sculpted by the highest tides in the world. After an included lunch we continue on to Moncton. and there'll be time to relax before our evening adventure. For dinner, we journey to the Lobster Capital of the World, Shediac, to embark on a lobster dinner cruise. Designated a "Canadian Signature Experience" the cruise incorporates information about lobster fishing, the beautiful scenery of the bay, traditional Acadian music, and a delicious freshly cooked lobster feast!

Stay: Delta Beausejour, Moncton, NB (1 night)

Meals: B, L, D



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Day 12 Rivière-du-Loup, QC (10-day guests depart from Moncton)

Travel from Moncton to Rivière-Du-Loup. Along the way, enjoy a few interesting stops including the world's longest <u>Covered Bridge</u> in Hartland, NB. At the hotel, cozy accommodations and a locally inspired dinner await.

Stay: Hôtel Universel, Rivière-Du-

Loup, QC (1 night)

Meals: B, L, D



Day 13 Guided tour of Québec City, Free Evening

This is a leisurely paced day of travel. After some free time for lunch, enjoy a guided tour of Québec City with its narrow streets, stone buildings, and European feel. After checking in at the hotel, enjoy a free evening to explore the city's plethora of restaurants for dinner!

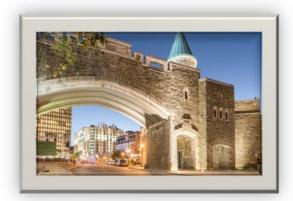
Stay: Delta Hotel, Québec City, QC (2 nights - July) Hôtel Clarendon, Québec City, QC (2 nights -

Sept) *Meals:* B

Day 14 Free day in Québec City, QC

Having had the guided city tour, after breakfast, relax, shop or explore as you wish on this free day in historic Québec City.

Meals: B





Day 15 Travel Home

Say "au revoir" to Québec City as we begin the journey home. Our lunch stop will be at Sucrerie de la Montagne, an authentic sugar shack nestled in the forest of Rigaud. This is a Quebec Heritage site with century-old buildings and rustic dining rooms in which authentic country fare is served. Their gift shop offers an interesting variety of maple products - perhaps you'll select a little bit of maple something to bring to mind sweet memories of the Maritimes.

Meals: B, L





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HIGHLIGHT DETAILS Canada's Maritimes



Visit the Highest Tides on Earth

The sandstone <u>Hopewell Rocks</u> guard the Bay of Fundy like top-heavy Dr. Seuss soldiers. These red cliffs were part of a massive mountain range millions of years ago that were older than the Appalachians and larger than the Canadian Rockies. Erosion did its best work here! Around the world, the tides change by an average of 3ft, but the Hopewell Rocks get hit with changes of up to 50ft, the height of a four-story building!

When the tide is out, walk the ocean floor, touch the striations of the "flower pots," (so called for the greenery that clings to their tops) and stand beside dinosaur fossils. When the tide comes in, climb the stairs, breathe in the salty sea air, watch kayaks paddle about and trollers come and go, and take a picture of the 2.5 million shorebirds that arrive in July on their journey south!

Party in the Kitchen

Immerse yourself in Miramichi tradition and step into the kitchen for some singing, dancing, and of course, food.

Cruising for Lobsters

Get a closer look at Acadian culture and discover all there is to know about lobsters, with a <u>Shediac Bay Lobster</u> <u>Cruise</u> with Captain Ron. Learn the old fishing techniques that lobster fishermen have perfected over the years and taste the bounty of the ocean.

Take the Scenic Route

Travel the <u>Cabot Trail</u>, Canada's most breathtaking and photographed drive. Lead by a local guide, experience lush glens, white gypsum bluffs and headlands pounded by surf. Seldom far from the sea, always breathtakingly lovely the trail is at its best in September and October when the highlands are bright with autumn colours. End your relaxing ride at Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

Visit a UNESCO World Heritage Site

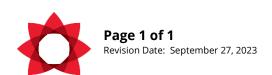
The colourful town of <u>Lunenburg</u> sits snug on the shore of southern Nova Scotia. Named the most beautiful small town in Canada, see original colonial buildings, their facades freshly-painted in candy apple red, cobalt, and lemon. The past has been preserved here like a museum.

A guided walking tour of Lunenburg starts at the Academy and finishes at the <u>Fisherman's Memorial</u>. As you stroll, you might hear a blacksmith's hammer echo through the streets from the wharf, or possibly see the iconic Bluenose II which is sometimes anchored there.

Enjoy a Feast in a Fortress

<u>The Halifax Citadel</u> is a National Historic Site of Canada and played a key role in the growth of Halifax and Canada. Originally built as a military fortification to protect the British from enemies, the Citadel now watches over the city's downtown and serves as a reminder of Halifax's past.

Learn how this site was built and what life was like for soldiers in the late 1800s with your guide, a kilted soldier of the 78th Highland Regiment. Afterwards, enjoy dinner in one of the historically converted rooms surrounded by beautiful high brick walls, period paintings and fine woodwork.





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Canada's Maritimes



Accommodations (* additional accommodations for the 15-day tour)

Best Western Drummondville, Drummondville, QC (1 night) *

Expect the essentials and more at the <u>Best Western Drummondville</u> including spacious guest rooms and cozy accommodations.

Best Western Plus Grand-Sault, Grand Falls, NB (1 night) *

Enjoy a stay at the newly built Grand Falls, New Brunswick Hotel, The <u>Best Western Plus Grand-Sault</u> Hotel & Suites offers a heated indoor salt water pool with hot tub and fitness center.

Crowne Plaza, Fredericton, NB (1 night)

With a convenient location on the waterfront in downtown Fredericton, the <u>Crowne Plaza</u> is the perfect "home base". Enjoy the amenities at the hotel, or go exploring in the nearby shopping and restaurant district.

Quality Inn, Summerside, PEI (2 nights)

<u>Quality Inn</u> & Suites is locally owned and operated hotel centrally located on Prince Edward Island in the picturesque city of Summerside.

Inverary Resort, Baddeck, NS (2 nights – July departure)

The <u>Inverary Resort</u> is family owned and operated, located on the shores of the Bra d'Or Lakes, and provides comfortable accommodations and amenities in a beautiful setting.

Auberge Gisele's Inn, Baddeck, NS (2 nights – September departure)

European charm and sophistication meet warm Cape Breton hospitality at <u>Auberge Gisele's Inn</u>. All rooms are well appointed with deluxe furnishings and amenities.

Westin Halifax, Halifax, NS (3 nights)

Located in the Halifax Seaport District, minutes from Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 and the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market, Westin Halifax, offers modern, upscale rooms with contemporary amenities.

Delta Beausejour, Moncton, NB (1 night)

Combine comfort and convenience for a restful stay with contemporary rooms and plush bedding at the <u>Delta</u> <u>Beauseiour</u>, located in the heart of downtown Moncton.

Hôtel Universal, Rivière-Du-Loup, QC (1 night) *

The <u>Hôtel Universal</u>, Rivière-du-Loup warmly welcomes you in one of its 301 rooms and suites, completely renovated for your comfort. On site, quality services will ensure you have a most enjoyable stay.

Delta Hotel, Québec City, QC (2 nights – July departure) *

Situated near Old Québec, the Delta Hotel is a short walk to all of the city's attractions.

Hôtel Clarendon, Québec City, QC (2 nights - September departure) *

Located inside the walls of Old Québec, the 4-star comfort of <u>Hôtel Clarendon</u> is just steps away from the city's activities and attractions. Inaugurated in 1870, it is the oldest continuously operating hotel in the city.





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Important Info for This Tour

We make joining our tours easy. Both the 10-day and the 15-day options include our Connections Program.

The 10-Day tour option starts in <u>Fredericton</u>, New Brunswick and concludes in <u>Moncton</u>, New Brunswick. Please contact us to discuss your airfare and pre-and post-tour accommodation <u>options</u>.

The 15 Day tour follows route C1, with the following pickup locations:

Brampton	→	Markham	→	Whitby	→	Bowmanville	→
Lindsay	→	Peterborough	→	Port Hope	→	Cobourg	→
Trenton	→	Belleville	→	Napanee	→	Kingston	→→

We recommend comfortable rubber-soled shoes for the walking tours as well as for the ferry and the cruise. Worth noting, depending on where you are exploring, the terrain in Halifax can be quite hilly.

This itinerary includes a ferry ride and a dinner cruise. Although for most people medication is not required, there may be some who may want to bring along a remedy for motion sickness. You don't want to let a little thing like that spoil these amazing experiences.

Optional Additions

The 10-Day tour option starts in <u>Fredericton</u>, New Brunswick and concludes in <u>Moncton</u>, New Brunswick. Guests can join this tour from anywhere in the world! Please contact us to discuss your airfare and pre-and post-tour accommodation <u>options</u>.

For the days with free time, you may want to research interesting things to do in advance. Your tour director will certainly be able to provide some suggestions, but here are some ideas:

Day 9 Free Time in Halifax Here are some ideas:

- Pier 21 Canadian Museum of Immigration
- The Halifax Waterfront Boardwalk is one of the world's longest downtown boardwalks and features a variety of eateries and stores.
- Alexander Keith's Brewery
- Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
- HMCS Sackville Canada's Naval Memorial
- The Nova Scotia Glass Company









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Day 14 Free Time in Old Québec City Here are some ideas:

- Tour the Chateau Frontenac
- Stroll Dufferin Terrace
- Go shopping in the boutiques on Petit-Champlain
- Go on a Food Tour of Old Québec City
- Visit Artist Alley
- Visit the Museum in the Monastery of St. Augustine

