



Region: Québec

7 Days

\$4.195

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2024 Dates **Double Single** July 6 \$3,195 August 24 \$3,295

Saguenay, Québec

Discover splendid villages and breathtaking vistas!

Québec's picturesque Saguenay region is a combination of proud heritage and rugged beauty. Travel through the Laurentians admiring the rocky Canadian Shield until the pines divide and the earth plummets down a sheer rock face at the Rivière Saguenay Fjord. Formed during the last ice age, the fjord empties into the St. Lawrence River at Tadoussac, the first French trading post in New France. Stay in the landmark Hôtel Tadoussac and cruise the St. Lawrence to spot the largest mammals on earth. Enjoy beautiful panoramic views from the gondola and see the waterfalls that John Keats describes as "the monstrous steep of Montmorency".

The journey homeward presents the opportunity to linger and explore the historic district of Québec City. Bask in the European charm of this UNESCO World Heritage treasure. Stroll the cobblestone streets and discover old-world architecture, charming boutiques, and exquisite cuisine. Beautiful landscapes, a rich history and French-Canadian culture ... such is La Belle Province!

Why This Tour Is Great

Spectacular Saguenay Scenery

From the rugged beauty of the Canadian Shield to the spectacular Saguenay Fjord, the stunning scenery of Saguenay awaits. The panoramic views near the waterfalls from the air and sightings of the whales from the water will take your breath away!

Uniquely Canadian History & Culture

A visit to Val-Jalbert historic village is a Canadian Signature Experience, a "once-in-a-lifetime travel experience" offered by Canadians passionate about sharing their part of the country. La Sucrerie de la Montagne is a sugar shack serving up Québec heritage experiences year-round, and in old Québec City, re-discover and explore the rich history and culture of New France.

Fitness Scale: 4

Pickup Route: C1

Highlights

- Val-Jalbert: village visit with guided trolley tour
- Saguenay Fjord river cruise
- Whale watching cruise on the St. Lawrence River
- Tadoussac
- Sainte Anne de Beaupré Basilica
- Montmorency Falls gondola ride and lunch
- Centrally located hotel in Québec
- Québec City guided tour
- Free time in Québec City
- Tour of a traditional Sugar Shack and lunch

Price Includes

- Private coach transportation
- Our unique Connections Program
- 6 nights of accommodation
- 6-B, 4-L, 5-D
- all entry fees, and passes
- Services of a Professional Tours in Canada Tour Director

Prices are in Canadian dollars, they are per person and include all applicable taxes.



DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY



Saguenay, Québec

Day 1: Saint-Maurice River

Travel east along the St. Lawrence River toward Montreal, to the confluence of the Saint-Maurice River and the St. Lawrence. Stop for overnight accommodation and get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.

Stay: Delta Hotel, Trois-Rivières

(1 night)

Meals: D

Day 2: Val-Jalbert

Scenic vistas abound while heading north through the rocky Canadian Shield and the Laurentians. Explore local history at Val-Jalbert, a restored lumbering village from the 1920s. This genuine company town has forty original period buildings, including a convent school, general store and pulp mill. While there, enjoy an included lunch and a guided trolley tour of the village. This was an ultramodern village in its time: they had the luxury of electricity and running water 25 years before the rest of the province! The reason is the powerful Ouiatchouan Falls, which can be viewed from a glass overlook. Arrive in the Saguenay region this evening and stay in longuiere.

Stay: Delta Saguenay Hotel, longuiere (1 night)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Tadoussac

Travel to the waterfront community of Ste-Rose du Nord and cruise along the precipitous cliffs of the Saguenay Fjord. Learn about the history of the area and see the statue of Notre Dame du Saguenay. You will also want to keep a lookout for the fjord's abundant wildlife on this 2-hour cruise. Disembark in picturesque L'Anse-Saint-Jean for lunch. The panoramic journey continues along the Saguenay's south shore to Tadoussac, France's first trading post in Canada established over 400 years ago. Enjoy your stay at the Hotel Tadoussac, a landmark resort on one of the nation's most beautiful bays.

Stay: Hôtel Tadoussac, Tadoussac

(2 nights)

Meals: B. L. D

Day 4: Whale Watching

After breakfast, depart for the dock to embark on a whale-watching cruise of the St. Lawrence. This area was once the fishing grounds of Basque whalers, and today, the marine area around Tadoussac is protected by park status. During this 3-hour cruise, learn about the many species of whales that have made the area their summer home including minke, blue, beluga, humpback and fin whales. Learn how to spot and follow these graceful mammals. The afternoon is yours to explore the village of Tadoussac: visit the Whale Interpretive Centre, the Tadoussac Chapel, the oldest wooden church in Canada, or take your time to leisurely explore the quaint boutiques of this charming village.

Meals: B, D





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Day 5: Basilica Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Montmorency Falls, Québec City

Travel a leisurely route along the north shore of the St. Lawrence, stopping to visit the Sainte-Annede-Beaupré Basilica. Situated along the St. Lawrence River, at this beautiful shrine to Sainte Anne, learn about the extraordinary history of the lady who was Jesus' grandmother and the important role she played in the faith of the people. Enjoy a relaxing lunch at the Montmorency Falls. These falls are over 90 metres higher than those in Niagara. With a gondola ride, take in spectacular views of the falls and the region from the air. Then, the journey continues to Québec City, one of the oldest European cities in North America. You'll arrive in time to do some exploring and discover an amazing place for dinner.

Stay: Hôtel Clarendon, Québec

City (July - 2 nights)

Stay: Hotel Manoir Victoria, Québec City (August - 2

nights)

Meals: B, L



Day 6: Québec City Tour & Free Time

After breakfast at the hotel, head out on a guided tour of this historic city with a local step-on guide. Following this overview of the city, enjoy a free afternoon to do some more exploring. Québec City has a lot to offer! Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner in this charming old city.

Meals: B, D

Day 7: Travel Home

There's one more treat in store! Our final taste of Québec at La Sucrerie de la Montagne includes a tour and a traditional, hearty sugar shack lunch. There will be time to shop at the gift shop for maple products before we say "au revoir" to La Belle Province and continue the journey homeward.

Meals: B, L







HIGHLIGHT DETAILS Saguenay, Québec



Experience the Saguenay Fjord

Breathe in the fresh air as you cruise one of the longest fjords in the world. Admire the highest rock formations in the Fjord-du-Saguenay National Park, see beautiful coastal villages, and gaze at the iconic <u>Our Lady of the Saguenay</u> statue.

Watch Whales on the St. Lawrence River

One of Québec's best-kept secrets is that Tadoussac is one of the premier places in the world to see <u>whales</u>. During the summer, up to 13 species of cetaceans are drawn to the cold krill-filled waters of the St. Lawrence.

Visit a 1920s Lumber Village

Travel back to the 1920s with a visit to <u>Val-Jalbert</u>, a restored lumber village complete with over 40 buildings and costumed interpreters. Take the trolley and hear about the village's history and what life was like for the workers. A tour highlight includes a visit to the <u>Ouiatchouan Falls</u>, the energy producer for the papermills machinery. Walk across a glass platform that provides amazing views of the 236-ft-high waterfall, which is taller than Niagara Falls. Ride the cable car to the summit of the mountain and discover the breathtaking views of Lake St-John.



Sainte-Anne-de Beaupré

The <u>St. Anne Basilica</u> is one of the four major shrines in Québec. For more than 350 years people have gathered at the shrine making it the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. The impressive front doors of the church were made by the famous sculptor Albert Gilles.

Dining with a View

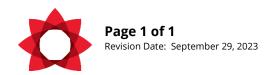
Enjoy the spectacular view of <u>Montmorency Falls</u> and the beautiful gardens with lunch at Manoir Montmorency. Restored after a fire, <u>Manoir Montmorency</u> showcases the original English architecture and chic country style of a summer home built in the late 18th century. See the breathtaking Montmorency Falls via gondola ride, walk the suspension bridge, or climb the panoramic staircase along the cliffs.

Time in Old Québec

<u>Get acquainted</u> with this magical city with a guided tour. Meander the cobblestone streets wandering in and out of shops and boutiques. Whether you're in the mood for traditional Québec fare or looking for something more European, there is something to appeal to any appetite.

Traditional Sugar Shack

Cozy cabins nestled in the heart of an ancient maple forest, <u>La Sucrerie de la Montagne</u> (Candy of the Mountain) is a Québec heritage site. Celebrating over 40 years as an authentic Québec experience, founder Pierre Faucher and son Stefan are committed to honouring the traditions of Québec. Smell the aromas from the wood-fired bakery, learn how sap is turned into syrup, and enjoy a hearty Québecois meal.





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Saguenay, Québec



Accommodations

Delta Hotel, Trois-Rivières (1 night)

<u>Delta Hotels Trois-Rivières</u> is a business-class hotel with comfortable rooms and amenities with the traveller in mind.

Delta Saguenay Hotel, Jonquière (1 night)

Located in the heart of the Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean region, <u>Delta Hotels Saguenay</u> is a business-class hotel offering comfortable, welcoming rooms and amenities.

Hôtel Tadoussac, Tadoussac (2 nights)

Experience the old-fashioned elegance of this <u>famous landmark hotel</u>. Located on the St Lawrence River at the mouth of the Saguenay Fjord is one of the most beautiful bays in the world. The town of Tadoussac is renowned as one of the best marine mammal observation sites in the world.



Hôtel Clarendon, Québec City (2 nights, July)

150 meters from the fortifications and in the heart of the tourist area of Old Quebec, the <u>Palace Royal</u> <u>hotel</u> welcomes you in a decor that harmonizes perfectly with the European character of the district in which it is located.

Hôtel Manoir Victoria, Québec City (2 nights, August)

This historic 4-star property dates back to 1830 and has gone through many changes throughout the years. The most recent renovations traded traditional décor for a new contemporary design. <u>Hôtel Manoir Victoria</u> is located in the heart of Old Québec and offers guests style, comfort, and convenience.



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Important Info for This Tour

This tour includes our unique <u>Connections Program</u>, and follows travel route <u>C1</u>, picking up in the following locations:

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

There are a couple of boat tours on this itinerary, and some people may want to bring along their remedies for motion sickness. You don't want to let a little thing like that spoil these amazing experiences.

Here are some ideas for your free time during the trip:

Tadoussac: https://tadoussac.com/en

Québec City: https://www.quebec-cite.com/en

Optional Additions

It is possible for guests from anywhere in the world to join this tour by flying into Toronto with <u>connections</u> to a pickup point. Please contact us to discuss your airfare and pre-and post-tour accommodation <u>options</u>.

