



Region: Québec

5 Days

**2021 Dates Double Single** December 9 \$1,595 \$2,095

# **Sherbrooke Christmas Market**

#### Christmas Markets, Museums, and Memorable Moments!

Christmas magic awaits! By day, attend a Christmas "high tea", and visit Christmas markets in both Sherbrooke and in Ottawa, where local artists and artisans will offer unique, thoughtful gift items in a festive atmosphere. At night, enjoy the Sherbrooke Scintillating Trail: "an illuminating competition" to help create enchanted and heartwarming trails of Christmas lights. Discover the rich history of Sherbrooke. During a daytime city tour, the fun, artistic side of the city will be revealed in the immense murals that create a street museum, and guests can learn about the history of the region in the History and Fine Arts museums. A fun bit of Sherbrooke's culture involves the juxtaposition of railroad history with a local micro-brewery, and we'll get a tour, a lunch and a tasting! With this getaway to Sherbrooke, the culture and history of the region are beautifully combined with the sights and flavours of season.

# Why This Tour Is Great

#### **Christmas Spirit, simple pleasures**

Rejuvenate your Christmas spirit! While browsing the Christmas markets, catch the spark of seasonal enthusiasm with festive music and a cup of hot chocolate. Be inspired with ideas for the perfect unique gifts for the special hard-to-buy-for people on your list .... or perhaps you'll find a perfect gift for yourself! Step back in time, slowing down for a traditional British tea, and enjoy the simple pleasure of a drive a night to view amazing Christmas light displays.

#### **A Nice Getaway**

Escape the ordinary and take a break from the "to do lists" and let us whisk you away for this short getaway. Be refreshed with a change of pace, a change of scenery, and friendly, fun personalities.

#### Discover a delightful destination

The "Heart of the Townships / Cœur des Cantons", <u>Sherbrooke, QC</u> is a vibrant city in the heart of nature.

Fitness Scale: <u>3</u> Pickup Route: <u>C1</u>

## Highlights

- Sherbrooke City Tour
- Craft Brewery Tour & Tasting at Siboire
- Scintillating Trail Light Tour
- Sherbrooke Christmas Market
- Sherbrooke History Museum
- Uplands Christmas Tea
- Moment Factory
- Ottawa Byward Market
- Originals Christmas Craft Sale

#### Price Includes

- Private coach transportation
- Our unique Connections Program
- 4 nights of accommodation
- 4-B, 3-L, 4-D
- Local professional guides and entry fees for listed highlights
- Services of a Professional Tours in Canada Tour Director

Prices are in Canadian dollars, they are per person, and include HST and TVQ.





# **DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY**



# **Sherbrooke Christmas Market**

## Day 1 Travel to Sherbrooke, QC

Board the coach and relax as we make our way to Sherbrooke. Upon arrival, settle in, and we'll have a relaxing dinner.

**Stay:** OTL Gouverneur Hotel,

Sherbrooke, QC (3 nights)

Meals: D

#### Day 2 Tours of Sherbrooke

After breakfast, be prepared with comfortable shoes or boots for walking. A Sherbrooke city tour will provide a good introduction and overview of this unique city, and will include a fun Elf Hunt! Then, explore the downtown to see the murals. All that exploring is likely to work up a hunger and a thirst, and our visit to Siboire for a craft brewery tour, tasting, and lunch, will both! Late afternoon, we will embark on the Scintillating Trail Light Tour to see Christmas lights, and this tour conveniently concludes at our destination for dinner.

Meals: B, L, D

### Day 3 Museums & Markets

Enjoy the personalized full breakfast at the hotel, then head out to explore Sherbrooke's museums, slowing down for a traditional Christmas tea for lunch. The afternoon will be filled with shopping at the Sherbrooke Christmas Market, and then experience a very special Christmas presentation by the Moment Factory at Jacques Cartier Park. After a busy day, the relaxing dinner will be appreciated.

Meals: B, L, D

### Day 4 Ottawa Christmas Markets

Today, after breakfast, the tour departs for Ottawa. This is another day for shopping at unique markets, starting with The Ottawa Originals Christmas Craft Show, and then the Byward Market for the Ottawa Outdoor Christmas Market. There will be time to freshen up back at the hotel before dinner.

**Stay:** Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Ottawa, Ottawa,

ON (1 night)

**Meals:** B, D

### Day 5 Ottawa City Tour & Homeward

After breakfast, be sure to have comfortable footwear on, since we'll explore this beautiful city one more time. It's a good thing it's a morning tour, since with this "Haunted Walk" you'll see Ottawa in a whole new light! The tour does have a sweet ending at the Byward Market with a beaver tail. Gananoque will be our next stop for a farewell lunch. Then it's onward and homeward, with some unique gifts, and memories of fun holiday experiences with new friends.

Meals: B, L





# HIGHLIGHT DETAILS Sherbrooke Christmas Market



#### **Get acquainted with Sherbrooke**

Located at the confluence of the Magog and Saint-François rivers in the Heart of the Eastern Townships is Sherbrooke. The guided city tour will provide a great overview of the city, a nice way to get your bearings and put your surroundings into context. A fantastic feature of Sherbrooke is the downtown murals, 18 immense frescoes that pay homage to the rich heritage of the urban landscape of the city's old neighborhoods.

#### **Craft Beer Tour & Tasting at Siboire**

Located in the heart of downtown Sherbrooke in a heritage building that once housed a train station is <u>Siboire</u>. Enjoy a visit to the Siboire microbrewery where you'll learn about their history, learn about beer-making, and get a chance to taste a few new unique flavours. Their food menu is also worthy of mention. They do have a variety of dishes, but their fish and chips truly deserve to be famous!

#### **Christmas Lights Everywhere!**

With the <u>Scintillating Trail Light Tour</u> all of Sherbrooke comes together to put on an enchanting holiday display, as residents and businesses present spectacular shows of lights, animated scenes and holiday music. In these exceptional times, Destination Sherbrooke and Commerce Sherbrooke are proud to offer these enchanted and heartwarming Christmas trails.





#### **Sherbrooke Christmas Market**

The magic of the holiday season comes alive at the Sherbrooke Christmas Market. Local artisans, producers and merchants gather in the festive atmosphere where you can shop for holiday gifts and discover local products.

#### **Sherbrooke History Museum**

The <u>Sherbrooke History Museum</u> (Mhist) invites visitors to explore the rich history of Sherbrooke and the Eastern Townships. Understanding the contribution of the cultural communities for more than 200 years provides greater appreciation for their legacy. The permanent exhibition, <u>Memories of Sherbrooke</u>, provides the history of Sherbrooke in a different way through the testimonies of those who dreamed, chose, lived and built it." The Mhist also offers a schedule of special exhibitions, and from November to January, the holiday exhibition, <u>Stories of Christmas</u>, "invites you to discover a dozen traditions that shape our holiday season and to immerse yourself in the famous magic of Christmas."

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#### The Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre Invites You to tea.

<u>Your tea is served!</u> Enjoy a traditional British tea featuring tea, scones, pastries, cucumber sandwiches, jam, Devonshire cream and much more. Housed in a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> Century Victorian home, amazing Christmas decorations made from recycled materials are showcased.

#### **Moment Factory**

New to Sherbrooke, <u>The Moment Factory</u> will delight visitors with a special Christmas presentation in Jacques Cartier Park.

#### **Ottawa Byward Market**

Serving Ottawa for nearly 200 years, the <u>Byward Market</u> has been a premier destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. The Christmas season is a wonderful occasion to explore the market and the stands of artisans with their unique offerings.

#### **Originals Christmas Craft Sale, Ottawa**

The <u>Originals Christmas Craft Sale</u> is a marketplace offering uniquely Canadian, handmade works of over 200 artists and artisans from across Canada. Since 1974, the show has been the premier holiday shopping in the Nation's Capital, providing an annual tradition for visitors to meet passionate creatives in person, hear their stories, and feel their works first-hand.







# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Sherbrooke Christmas <u>Market</u>**



#### **Accommodations**

#### OTL Gouverneur Hotel, Sherbrooke, QC (3 nights)

The <u>OTL Gouverneur</u> is a 5-star, modern hotel with "soul and comfort". With many amenities, and a full, personalized breakfast, the OTL will provide guests with an incomparable getaway experience.

#### **Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Ottawa, Ottawa, ON (1 night)**

In Ottawa, stay at the <u>Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Ottawa</u> which is located in the heart of the famous Byward Market. Ottawa's number one tourist attraction, this premier destination for shopping, dining, arts, and entertainment, with over 260 stands as well as over 600 businesses including unique boutique shops and restaurants.

## Important Info for This Tour

This tour follows pickup route C1, and includes our unique Connections Program. The pickup locations are:

Brampton	<b>→</b>	Markham	<b>→</b>	Whitby	<b>→</b>	Bowmanville	<b>→</b>
Lindsay	<b>→</b>	Peterborough	<b>→</b>	Port Hope	<b>→</b>	Cobourg	<b>→</b>
Trenton	<b>→</b>	Belleville	<b>→</b>	Napanee	<b>→</b>	Kingston	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$

There will be a fair amount of walking outdoors, while on the city tours and while browsing the markets. Be sure to be prepared for winter weather with warmer coats, hats, and gloves and comfortable boots or shoes.

While on the tour of the Sherbrooke Murals, download the Muralis app to see the artwork come to life.

# **Optional Additions**

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







