"Three Pines" Tour

Dive into the literary world of Canadian author, Louise Penny, in Québec's Eastern Townships

Saint-Benoît-du-Lac Abbey, Fall

2026 DATES	Double	Single
May 12	$2,395	$2.995
July 23	$2,495	$3,095
October 5	$2,495	$3,095

TOUR DETAILS	
Duration	5 Days
Fitness Scale	Level 3
Connections Pickup	Route C1

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Québec's beautiful Eastern Townships are a tapestry of vineyards, pastoral country vistas, mountains, small cities and towns, each with their own charm. This tour visits this beautiful region with a novel twist.

Murder is never far from Three Pines, the fictional town with numerous unforgettable characters from Louise Penny's Chief Inspector Gamache series of mystery novels. Visit the distinctively beautiful Québec Eastern Townships for an insight into the region and its people. Through the "Three Pines" lens, meet the inspiration for the complex, and sometimes quirky characters, and the town where they work and live. Visit the Saint-Gilbert-entre-les-Loups Monastery, Mr. Beliveau's General Store and Myrna's eccentric bookstore, and with insights gleaned, you will want to read or re-read all eighteen novels, in order! Haven't experienced this murder mystery series, yet? Take the tour, become intrigued by this Canadian treasure, and see why fans from all over the world are mesmerized by "Three Pines."

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What's Included

- Our unique Connections Program
- Private coach transportation

- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Local professional guides and all entry fees and passes for the listed highlights
- Services of a Professional Tour Director

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

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided tour of the region with local raconteur and “Three Pines” expert
- Guided tour of Abbaye de Saint-Benoît-du-Lac
- Guided visits to historic towns such as Knowlton, Magog and North Hatley to see their contributions to the “Three Pines” lore
- Lac-Brome Museum
- Visit Manoir Hovey, the inspiration for “Manoir Bellechasse”
- Bury Your Dead Tour ***NEW!***
- Free time in Old Québec ***NEW!***
- Free time in Old Montréal

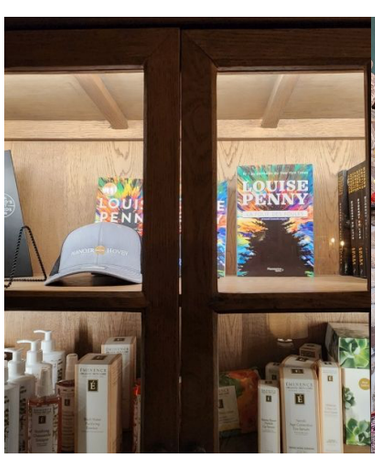
Why This Tour is Great

NEW 2025: Bury Your Dead Tour*
We have extended this tour by a day to see the inspirational sites of Old Québec. Embark on a walking tour through this historic city with a local guide who will tie each site back to the world of Three Pines.

Explore The Area Around Three Pines
The fictional village of Three Pines, from Louise Penny’s signature Inspector Gamache mystery novels, does not exist as one distinct town to visit. It is possible to experience well-known places such as the Manoir Hovey in lovely North Hatley, and Boulangerie Sara because Three Pines is a compilation of numerous places in the Québec Eastern Townships.

A Delightful Getaway!
This is your opportunity to be whisked away from the ordinary and be immersed in a picturesque setting from a bygone era. Enjoy the lovely countryside of rural Québec, bringing a friend or fellow book club members to indulge in a few days of stress-free leisure.

Free time in Old Montréal
Wander the narrow cobblestone streets and explore the historical architecture, visit the beautiful Notre Dame Basilica, or get immersed in the museums, art galleries and boutiques.



Bookshelf at Manoir Hovey | The study at Manoir Hovey | Knowlton Library
Credit Sebastien Larose

Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Travel to Québec Eastern Townships
Enjoy the passing scenery as we leave Ontario and head east towards the Eastern Townships of Québec. Arrive at our accommodations and feel free to unpack and settle in, since we'll stay here for three nights. Timing will allow you to become acquainted with the resort, walk the grounds or rest and freshen up after the day's journey. Join fellow travellers and Chief Inspector Gamache fans for a welcome dinner.
Stay: Manoir des Sables, Orford, QC (3 nights)
Meals: D

Day 2: Three Pines Exploring - Day 1: The Abbey and The Manor
After an enjoyable breakfast at the hotel, board the motorcoach and take a short drive through some lovely countryside to "Saint-Gilbert-Entre-Les-Loups" (Abbaye de Saint-Benoît-du-Lac), the fictional abbey setting for the book, "The Beautiful Mystery". A guided tour (July date is self-guided) will introduce us to the lives of past and current monks and includes a visit to their boutique showcasing their award-winning cheese. Our raconteur will link aspects of the abbey to the novel, bringing the story to life. After lunch, visit Manoir Hovey in the quaint town of North Hatley, the location inspiration for "The Murder Stone". This manor is the place Armand and Reine-Marie go each year for their anniversary and is seen in the Three Pines video series. After enjoying the beautiful grounds of this manor, referred to as "Manoir Bellechasse" in the novels, embark on an afternoon program that visits additional locations that combine to create Three Pines as described in the book, "The Cruelest Month".
Meals: B, L

Day 3: Three Pines Exploring – Day 2: Knowlton and area
A gem of the Eastern Townships, Knowlton is the home of the author Louise Penny. With a population of only 5,600, it maintains its charm with both English and French traditions. Knowlton inspired "Still Life" (book 1), and "How The Light Gets In". Visit the Lac-Brome Museum. Our local raconteur will provide context, connecting the local geography to Three Pines. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore Knowlton's boutique shops, and then it's back aboard the coach to visit a few more places of interest with contributions to the Three Pines businesses and characters. Dinner at the hotel provides another opportunity to share your favourite insights and observations.
Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Old Québec & "Bury Your Dead" Tour
In the morning, say goodbye to the rural side of Québec as you head to historic Old Québec City. After an included lunch, the group will be split into smaller groups for an exciting two-hour walking tour based on the novel, "Bury Your Dead". Follow in the footsteps of Chief Inspect Gamache as he tries to solve the murder of a local archaeologist, who was found in the cellar of the Literary and Historical Society of Québec (The Morrin Centre). Wander the narrow streets of Old Québec and witness the inspiration for this novel come to life. Enjoy a free evening in Old Québec at the end of the tour.
Stay: Hotel Clarendon, Old Québec City, QC
Meals: B, L

Day 5: Old Montréal, Journey Home
After breakfast at the hotel, we begin our journey westward. We'll stop in Old Montréal for lunch and free time to explore and wander the old streets with its many historic sites and shops. After lunch, the journey continues homeward, eager to crack open our Chief Inspector Gamache novels with new insight into the characters and the village called "Three Pines."

Meals: B

Important Info for this Tour

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

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

While this tour is based in Québec, our Connections Program allows us to welcome guests to join from anywhere in the world! Please contact us to discuss your travel alternatives, airfare and pre-and post-tour accommodation options.

We recommend comfortable rubber-soled shoes for the walking tours of the sights.

Who is Louise Penny? Do I need to have read the books?
For those unfamiliar, she is the Canadian author of the award-winning, bestselling series of Chief Inspector Armand Gamache mysteries. In 2017, she received the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. A mini-series, Three Pines, based on the books, is available for viewing on Amazon Prime Video. The Chief Inspector Gamache series novels presently total 18 books, translated into 29 languages, and are read by fans around the world.

While knowledge of the mystery novels will provide an added dimension to the experience, prior reading of the books is not necessary. This short tour exploring scenic Québec Eastern Townships, becoming acquainted with its history and English-French culture makes a lovely getaway.

Guest Feedback

"Nice to have the planning all done. Good balance of planned and free time."
- Anonymous

"Came for the 3 Pines Tour and it was amazing! My first experience with DeNure and I will be back. Everything was fantastic. No complaints!"
- N. Zara

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