



This year's tour includes one night in Northern New Brunswick, three nights in Quebec's Gaspésie Region (Percé & Matane), home of the famous Percé Rock and one night in Rimouski. Join us as we discover the natural wonder of the Percé Rock, the breathtaking Jardins de Doris and learn about the devastating history of the Empress of Ireland. Fill your lungs with the fresh sea air of the Gaspé Peninsula and admire the incredible view along the way. After a review of the following itinerary, I'm sure you'll agree we have organized another thrilling tour. Sit back, relax, and enjoy Quebec's stunning Gaspé Peninsula.

*Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO*

### Day 1 – Tuesday, July 7 - Campbellton NB – Quality Inn Hotel, (Welcome Dinner with Wine)

- Board the motor coach at your scheduled location and departure time as noted below. Please ensure that you arrive at least 10-15 minutes before departure, giving you ample time to get comfortably seated and your luggage properly stowed on the motorcoach.
- Stops for passenger pickups will be brief and we ask that you remain on board while new guests join us.

#### Final Pickup Times:

##### Nova Scotia Locations:

- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – 7:15am
- Halifax Airport Hotel – 7:35am
- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 8:15am

##### New Brunswick Locations:

- Shuttle to meet main coach Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonalds:
- Saint John, Route 1 Irving – 7:00am (Shuttle to Lincoln)
- Lincoln Big Stop Irving – 8:10am (Shuttle to Moncton)
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald's – 9:50am

##### **Prince Edward Island Location:**

- Royalty Crossing, Superstore entrance – 7:40am (Shuttle to meet main coach Magnetic Hill McDonalds)

- Lunch (on own) is at approximately noon at a restaurant en route to Campbellton.
- Following lunch, we continue our drive for our late afternoon arrival at the Quality Inn Hotel. Relax as your tour manager handles the groups check-in, distributes your room keys, and has your bags delivered to your room (one per person) – all a part of the Collins Tours Signature check in process you will receive throughout the tour.
- Take some time to freshen up before joining your tour manager and fellow travellers for a group welcome dinner this evening, with a glass of wine / beer included (**meal and beer / wine included**). Time to toast to your adventures ahead!
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure and your expense.

## Day 2 – Wednesday, July 8 – Campbellton - Percé, QC – Ritel Percé Hotel (B, Welcome Lobster Dinner)

- Enjoy a continental breakfast this morning before we get set to cross the J.C. Van Horne Bridge over the Restigouche River to Pointe-a-la-Croix Quebec. Don't forget to set back those watches by one hour as we enter Eastern Standard Time (EST)!
- Prepare for a fascinating morning of history at the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site. Discover the story of the last naval battle fought between France and Great Britain for control of territory in the New World. Often regarded as the final chapter of New France, this pivotal conflict marked the beginning of British rule over the region.
- Lunch today will be on your own (your expense).
- This afternoon we will arrive in Percé, Quebec. This town is perched at the tip of the world famous Gaspé Peninsula granting you a breath-taking view of the Percé Rock.
- We check in to the Ritel Perce Hotel for our 2-night stay, located in the centre of the village, right on the water's edge and opposite the Parc National de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé. The hotel rooms offer an unmatched view of the stunning Percé Rock and the Bonaventure Island; and with its breathtaking view of the sea, the dining room serves as an unforgettable feast for all the senses. Breathe in the fresh sea air and relax and take those memorable pictures.
- This evening, join your tour manager and fellow travellers a lobster dinner (substitute available for those with allergies) at a near by restaurant (**included**).
- Following dinner, the remainder of evening is free for you to enjoy at your leisure.

## Day 3 – Thursday, July 9 – Percé (B, Group D)

- Enjoy a full hot breakfast that is included this morning at your hotel.
- Following breakfast, we take a short drive into the village of Gaspé to enjoy some of the local boutiques and lunch (your expense) before departing on our scenic boat cruise.
- This afternoon we are scheduled for an exciting adventure on a boat cruise! (**Included**). The highlight of the tour - this is your chance to see Percé Rock up close during our scenic boat ride to the rock and neighbouring Bonaventure Island to learn about the numerous birds who call this island home.
- Once ashore, take time to further explore this friendly coastal village, complete with colourful boutiques, studios, restaurants, and charming cafés. If you wish you may return to the hotel for a relaxing afternoon in your beautiful seaside hotel!
- Join your tour manager and fellow traveller as we gather again this evening for another group dinner at a nearby restaurant (**included**).
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure.



## Day 4 – Friday, July 10 – Percé – Ritel Matane, Matane, QC (B, Group D)

- Enjoy another delightful American breakfast this morning.
- We will make stops for breaks and lunch today along our route (your expense).
- Today we will explore the Jardin De Doris (Doris Gardens) entrance fees **included**. At the Jardin De Doris we will spend approximately 2 hours exploring the over 185,000 square feet of gardens with a wide variety of flowers & plants to enjoy. Maybe you would like to spend some time by the duck and goose pond or try your hand telling time at the large sundials throughout the garden. Enjoy the garden at your leisure.
- We then board the coach for our short drive to the Ritel Matane Hotel. Your Tour Manager will once again check the group into the hotel, distribute your rooms keys and have your bags delivered to your rooms.



- Take some time to freshen up and meet your tour manager and fellow Collins Tours friends for another group dinner. Our restaurant is conveniently located beside our hotel with fantastic views of the Gaspé! **(included dinner)**
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure (your expense).

## Day 5 – Saturday, July 11 – Matane – Le Navigateur Hotel, Rimouski, QC (B, Farewell D)

- After enjoying your American breakfast (included) this morning we will depart Point-au-Pere for our visit to the National Historic Site of the Empress of Ireland. Here you will enjoy 1 hour and 30 minutes approximately, in the Museum and viewing of the film of the Empress of Ireland tragedy. The sinking of the Empress of Ireland was the second largest shipwreck in the history of the Maritimes, next to the Titanic, of course. You will also get a chance to see “Father Point,” one of the tallest lighthouses in Canada.
- This afternoon, enjoy some free time and lunch on your own in the town of Rimouski (your expense).
- We make our way for our afternoon arrival at our hotel for the night, Le Navigateur in Rimouski. Your hotel is located Downtown, near the Promenade de la Mer and the Rimouski Convention Center. You can enjoy impeccable comfort, updated facilities, and genuine service for the evening.
- Join the tour manager and fellow passengers for your final meal - a delicious, “Farewell Group Dinner” with wine or beer **(Included)**. Let’s raise our glasses to an incredible journey to the province of Quebec!
- The remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy, as you please (your expense).



## Day 6 – Sunday, July 12 – Rimouski – Home (B)

- After our hot breakfast (included) we check-out and head for home.
- We will make rest stops and a stop for a lunch along our route today (your expense).
- You will be returned to the same location you were picked up. The following times are our approximate return times home.

### Tentative Drop Off Times:

#### New Brunswick Locations:

- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – 3:00pm (15 min stop)
- Saint John, Route 1 Irving – shuttle from Lincoln  
Arrive Route 1 Irving at 4:15pm
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald’s – 4:45pm  
with 30-minute dinner break if needed.

#### Nova Scotia Locations:

- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 7:00pm
- Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel – 7:50pm
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – 8:15pm

#### Prince Edward Island Location:

- Charlottetown, Royalty Crossing – 7:15pm  
shuttle from Magnetic Hill McDonalds

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd operations or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, construction, changes to concert or sporting event times, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, travel vouchers, or liable for costs associated to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due from any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above.**
- Seat rotation policy is in effect for this group motor coach tour. Front seats are not guaranteed; however, the front rotation of motorcoach can be accommodated with notice from physicians.

- We ask that everyone respects timelines, as determined by your tour manager, as well as keeping scents to a minimum due to some passengers having allergies. This will help ensure **ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.**
- Tour prices do NOT include people’s incidental room charges, such as movie rentals, internet, phone calls, etc. Give the front desk your credit card information to cover these fees.
- Collins Tours is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage or personal items. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delay, motor coach delays, ferry delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above yet may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind for these additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate person’s travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage. It is highly recommended to purchase trip interruption or cancellation coverage in case of any interruptions once travel has begun. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.
  - **REMEMBER:** Your Tour Manager handles hotel check in/checkout procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at events, hotels, ferry terminals, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or their experience to the fullest.
  - **Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
    - **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
      - Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$6.00 - \$7.00 per person, per day.
      - Bus driver - \$5.00 - \$6.00 per person, per day.
      - Private city tour guides - \$3.00 per person, per day

**Hotel Contact Information:**

Quality Hotel & Conference Center	157 Water St., Campbellton, N.B.	Ph: 506-753-4133.
Riotel Perce	261 QC-132 W, Perce, QC	Ph: 800-463-4212
Riotel Matane	250 Avenue du Phare E, Matane, QC	Ph: 418-566-2651
Hotel Le Navigateur	130 Avenue Belzile, Rimouski, QC	Ph: 888-724-6944