

Tentative Tour Itinerary



This year's second 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 – Monday, August 31 - Campbellton NB - Quality Hotel, (Welcome Dinner with Wine)

- Board the motor coach at your scheduled location and DEPARTURE time. See table with departure details. 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.
- Stops for passenger pickups will be brief and we ask that you remain on board while new guests join us.

Tentative Pickup Times:

Nova Scotia Locations:

- Halifax, Sobey's Lacewood Dr – 6:45 am
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – 7:15 am
- Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel – 7:35 am
- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 8:15 am

Prince Edward Island Location:

- Royalty Crossing, near Superstore entrance – 7:40 am

New Brunswick Locations:

Shuttle meet main coach in Moncton;

- Lincoln Big Stop Irving – 6:45 am
- Saint John, Route 1 Irving – 8:00 am
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald's – 10:00 am, 25-min rest stop

- Lunch (on own) is at approximately noon at a restaurant en route to Campbellton.
- Relax while we check the group into the Quality Hotel, distribute your room key, and have your bag delivered to your room (one per person).
- Join your fellow travellers and your tour manager for a group welcome dinner this evening, with a glass of wine / beer included.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure and your expense.

Day 2 – Tuesday, September 1 – Campbellton - Percé, QC – Ritel Percé Hotel (B, Group Lobster Dinner)

- Enjoy a continental breakfast this morning before crossing 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!
- Get set for a morning of history during our visit to the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site. Learn about the last naval battle between France and Britain for possession of New World territory, considered the closing chapter of New France, which from that day forward belonged to Great Britain.
- Lunch today will be on your own.

- This afternoon we arrive in Percé, Quebec. This town is perched at the tip of the world famous Gaspé Peninsula granting you the breath-taking view of the Percé Rock.
- We check in to the Riotel Perce, 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. L'hôtel Le Mirage has unbeatable views! 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 an unforgettable feast for all the senses. Breathe in the fresh sea air and relax. Time to take those memorable pictures.
- This evening, join the group for a lobster dinner (substitute available) at a near by restaurant.
- The rest of evening is free for you to enjoy at your leisure.

Day 3 – Wednesday, September 2 – Percé (B, Group D)

- Enjoy an American breakfast that is included this morning at your hotel.
- We then take a short drive into the village of Gaspé to enjoy some of the local boutiques and lunch on your own before departing on our scenic boat cruise.
- Be sure to plan some time for a light lunch prior to meeting for your boat cruise.
- This afternoon we are scheduled for an exciting adventure 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. 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 at your beautiful seaside hotel!
- We will gather again this evening for another group dinner at a nearby restaurant.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure.



Day 4 – Thursday, September 3 – Percé – Riotel Matane, Matane, QC (B, Group D)

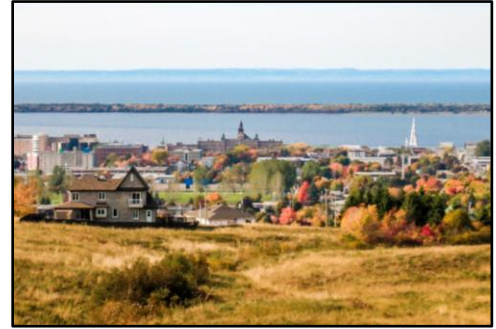
- Enjoy another delightful American breakfast this morning.
- Lunch today will be on your own.
- Today we will explore the Jardin De Doris (Doris Gardens) entrance fees included. At the Jardin De Doris we will spend approximately 1 hour exploring the over 185,000 square feet of gardens with a wide variety 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.
- Board the coach for our short drive to Riotel Matane. Your Tour Manager checks you in and has your bags sent to your room.
- Tonight, meet your tour manager and fellow Collins Tours friends for another group dinner at the hotel overlooking fantastic views of the Gaspé!



Day 5 – Friday, September 4 – Matane – Hotel Navigateur, Rimouski, QC

(B, Farewell D)

- After enjoying your hot 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 45 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.
- We will arrive this afternoon 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 a delicious, “Farewell Group Dinner” with wine or beer included. **(Included)**. Let’s raise our glasses to an incredible return to the province of Quebec!
- The remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy, as you please.



Day 6 – Saturday, September 5 – Rimouski – Home (B)

- After our hot breakfast (included) we check-out and head for home.
- We will stop for a brunch stop at Grey Rock Casino on route. We then continue and say goodbye to our friends who depart for the rest of drop-off points as indicated in the schedule below.
- *Tour itineraries are **ONLY a guideline (estimate)** and may need to be modified by your tour manager.

Tentative Drop Off Times:

New Brunswick Locations:

- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – 2:30 pm 20 min stop
- Saint John, Route 1 Irving – shuttle from Lincoln
Arrive Route 1 Irving at 4:25 pm
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald’s – 4:35 pm
with 30-minute dinner break if needed.

Nova Scotia Locations:

- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 6:30 pm
- Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel – 7:15 pm
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – 7:40 pm
- Halifax, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 8:15 pm

Prince Edward Island Location:

- Royalty Crossing – 7:00 pm

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, or liable, due to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due to 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 \$7.00 - \$8.50 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 Quebec G0C 2L0, Ph: 800-463-4212
- Riotel Matane, 250 Avenue du Phare E, Ph: 418-566-2651
- Hotel Le Navigateur, 130 Avenue Belzile, Rimouski G5L 3E4, Ph: 888-724-6944