



Time for another celebration of Canada's natural beauty and historical wonder! This adventure takes us from the Maritimes to Quebec for a cultural and historical tour that includes two nights in charming Old Quebec City, two nights in Tadoussac (Saguenay region), sightseeing and whale watching in the Saguenay fjord, and a night in Rivière-du-Loup after crossing the mighty St Lawrence River by ferry. Immerse yourself in the history as you travel back in time at Quebec City. Tour the world-famous shrine at St. Anne De Beaupre, stay in the first French trading post in North America - Tadoussac.. Outlined below is the daily itinerary for this adventure. Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and delivering a well-managed and enjoyable escape.

*- Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO*

**Day 1: Saturday, Sep 5 – Home- Hotel Palace Royal, Quebec, QC (Welcome Dinner)**

- Your Quebec Fall Fjords Adventure begins today! Meet your coach or shuttle at your designated meeting point listed in the table below.
- All stops for passenger pick-up/drop off will be brief (10-15 min.) and we ask that you remain on the motorcoach unless it is a scheduled coffee break or lunch stop. **Times are tentative until final itinerary is released.**

**Nova Scotia:**

- Halifax Airport Quality Inn – 6:30am
- Dartmouth Crossing Hampton Inn – 6:50am
- Halifax Airport Hotel – 7:15am
- Truro Heights Irving – 7:50am

**Prince Edward Island:**

- Charlottetown. Royalty Crossing, near Super Store entrance – 6:30am

**New Brunswick:**

- Aulac, Irving Big Stop – 8:25am – 8:50am (25 min. rest stop)
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald's – 9:25am
- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – 11:10am – 12:10pm (1 hour lunch break)
- Saint John, Rte 1 Irving Big Stop – 9:45am

- For your convenience, today's drive includes two coffee breaks and an hourlong lunch stop at the Lincoln Big Stop (**your expense**).
- We will arrive at the Hotel Palace Royale this evening, which will be your home for the next two nights.
- Relax while your tour manager checks you in, hands out your key card, and has your bag (one per person, please) sent to your room; all part of our signature Collins Tours group check in service, included with each hotel stay. One of the many perks to group travel (fees included).
- Tonight, we've scheduled a "Welcome Dinner," for our guests complete with a complimentary glass of wine or beer (**included**). Take time to get to know your fellow travelers as you prepare to embark on an incredible journey together.



## Day 2: Sunday, Sep 6 – Hotel Palace Royal, QC (B, Group D)

- Wake up in Quebec City to a delightful hot breakfast before a leisurely day ahead (**Full Hot breakfast included**)
- Gather with your fellow travellers and tour manager for a professionally guided city tour this morning of Old Quebec by motorcoach featuring the Parliament, Old Quebec and much more! (some light walking is required due to roadways and areas within the walled city).
- Lunch and the afternoon can be spent how you choose. Perhaps shopping and further exploring Old Quebec is your style!
- Join us tonight for another Collins Tours Group Dinner (**included**) at a local favourite French restaurant in one of the oldest buildings in Québec, located in the heart of Old Quebec. Following dinner, you will be transferred back to your hotel, and you can enjoy the evening as you please.



## Day 3: Monday, Sep 7 – Quebec City – Hotel Tadoussac, QC (B, Group D)

- Enjoy another delicious breakfast before heading out for an exciting day ahead after checking out of the hotel this morning (**Full Hot breakfast included**). Be sure to cover any personal incidental charges (i.e., phone calls, in-room movie rentals) before leaving the hotel.
- Get set for an exciting day along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River with stops at the Albert Gilles Copper Boutique & Museum, and in Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre at the famous shrine to Saint Anne, mother of Mary Magdalen (**admission and tour included**). Enjoy an hour on your own to explore the magnificent architecture and detailed 350 plus years of history of the Basilica!
- Following our visits, we will break for lunch (**meal is your expense**) at a restaurant convenient to our location.



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- This afternoon we continue our scenic drive along the St. Lawrence River to Tadoussac, the site of the first French trading post in New France and the village where the St Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers converge. A hot spot for whale watching any time of year!
- Enjoy our signature group check-in service upon arrival (late afternoon) at your 4-star accommodations, the Hotel Tadoussac.
- This evening meet your tour manager for another delicious Collins Tours group dinner in the hotel's dining room.

#### Day 4: Tuesday, Sep 8 – Hotel Tadoussac, QC (B)

- Start another day off with a fabulous buffet hot breakfast (**included**) before unforgettable adventures in this historic port with ties back to many First Nations groups including the Iroquois, Mohawk and Mi'qmaq then the earliest French-speaking settlers.
- The highlight of the day (and possibly your tour) is our whale-watching expedition this morning with our partners at Croisieres AML (AML Cruises). Tadoussac is known worldwide for its abundance of whale species, with Humpbacks, minke, blue whales and the more unique white beluga (**price of whale watching tour included**), all regularly sighted at this time of the year. Be sure to bring extra clothes in case the weather changes. After your whale watching cruise return to your hotel for some downtime or more time exploring the community's rich collection of unique shops and restaurants by foot.
- Lunch and dinner are on own today. Relax at the beach, explore the beautiful grounds, visit local art galleries, and wood carving shops, and see more of what many say is one of Quebec's most beautiful villages!



#### Day 5: Wednesday, Sep 9 – Tadoussac, QC – Hotel Universel, Rivière-du-Loup, QC (B, Farewell D)

- Enjoy your complimentary buffet breakfast (**included**) before our check-out and our drive to the ferry terminal at Les Escoumins, QC to cross the mighty St. Lawrence River.
- Be sure to keep watch for more of those amazing marine mammals during the 1-hour, 45-minute ferry crossing across the St. Lawrence (**Tickets and fees included**).
- After we disembark in Trois-Pistoles, QC we'll have a lunch-stop along our route to our hotel in Rivière-du-Loup, the Hotel Universel.
- Upon arrival at the hotel your tour manager will have your suitcase delivered to your room once again.
- Join your fellow travellers this evening for your “Farewell Dinner” (**Included**). A complimentary glass of wine or beer is included this evening. Time to say goodbye to your new Collins Tours friends!
- Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

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## Day 6: Thursday, Sep 10 – Rivière-du-Loup, QC - Home (B)

- Take time to enjoy another buffet breakfast (**included**) before we board the coach for home.
- Time to make our way home, enjoying more fabulous fall colors along the way (weather permitting). Remember to set your watches forward 1 hour as we cross back into New Brunswick.
- We will stop for coffee breaks and rest stops during the drive today as well as an hour for lunch at a location along the way (your expense)
- Please be sure to check your seat for all valuables and carefully check any parcels and suitcases before leaving. We are not responsible for articles left behind.

**All travellers will be returned to their original pick-up locations.**

### **New Brunswick Drop Offs**

- Lincoln Big Stop – 11:45am – 12:45pm lunch break
- Saint John, Rte 1 Irving Big Stop – 2:00pm
- Moncton McDonald's – 2:30pm
- Aulac Irving Big Stop – 3:05pm 20 min rest stop

### **Prince Edward Island Drop Offs**

Shuttle from Aulac Big Stop – 6:00pm

### **Nova Scotia Drop Offs**

- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 4:35pm
- Halifax Airport Hotel – 5:30pm
- Dartmouth Crossing Hampton Inn – 6:00pm
- Halifax Sobeys, Lacewood Dr. – 6:25pm

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ***\*Tour itineraries are ONLY a guideline (estimates) and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times are subject to change due to various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, road closers, emergencies, "Acts of God," and other events which may cause similar delays in our schedule changes. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd. is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events as described above or other occurrences not mentioned yet causing similar outcomes. No refunds, credits or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.***
- Bring along your favorite music CD's and DVD's. Our Motor Coach has capabilities for both!
- Please remove all personal belongings from your seat, as well as any luggage or parcels stored under the bus. Collins Tours is not responsible for items left behind.

### **Hotel contact information:**

Hôtel Palace Royal, 775 avenue Honoré-Mercier Québec QC G1R 6A5 Ph: Tel- 418-694-2000

Hotel Tadoussac, 165 Rue Bord de L'Eau, Ph: (418) 235-2525

Hotel Universal, 311 Boul. de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Rivière-du-Loup, QC G5R 5S7 Ph: (418) 862-9520

- AML Cruise Whale warranty- If the \*captain considers that no whales were sighted during our whale-watching cruise, Croisieres AML will give you a ticket for another whale-watching cruise or any other AML cruise, province-wide. Conditions apply and are the policies of AML Cruises and not under control of Collins Tours.
- What to wear when whale watching: Close-toed shoes (not sandals), long pants, a long-sleeved sweater, gloves, and a hat are recommended as weather on the water can change rapidly.
- Covid-19 Protocol. Guests who contract Covid-19 while traveling with the tour may not be able to continue with the tour depending on the itinerary of each tour. If symptoms are mild, fully boosted and vaccinated

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- **REMEMBER:** Your Collins Tours manager handles your bags, hotel check-in /checkout, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary development) ...All this to ensure that you enjoy your experience to the fullest! Gratuities for your Tour Manager/ driver are NOT included in your tour price.

**Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:**

- *Private tour guides for city tours - \$3.00 - \$4.00 per person per day*
- *CTC Tour manager: From \$6.00-\$8.00 per person. per day*
- *Bus Driver – from \$5.00-\$6 .00 per person per day*



Thank you for choosing to travel with Collins Tours.  
We look forward to assisting you with all your future travel

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