

Canada - Montreal & Quebec Tour 212

6 Days

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Montreal · Quebec



YOUR TRIP INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport
- book without airfare (land only option)
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- Centrally located hotels: (or similar)
- 2 nights: Ville-Marie Best Western, Montreal
- 1 night: Pilgrim House Maison de la Madone, Trois - Rivieres
- 2 nights: Hotel Chateau Laurier, Quebec City
- Continental Breakfast daily
- 4 Lunches / 3 Dinners
- Wine with dinner
- Assistance of a professional local guide(s)
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Catholic Priest available for Spiritual Direction
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & portfolio of all travel documents

NOT INCLUDED:

Airline fee of \$25. per each suitcase / checked in luggage. Meals not mentioned, Tips to your guide & driver.

OPTIONAL Travel Insurance

Providing you coverage for both pre-existing conditions and those that may arise during your trip, including medical and dental emergencies, loss of luggage, trip delay, and so much more.

SUPPLEMENTAL CANCELLATION PROTECTION

A Cancellation Waiver - allowing you to cancel your trip and receive a refund anytime - up until 24 hours prior to departure. The "Waiver" expires once you are within 24 hours of departure.

ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Journey to Canada to tour breathtaking Basilicas and Shrines like St. Josephs Oratory and the Notre Dame Basilica, witness marvels in nature, learn about rich Canadian history and get a taste of French culture.

Canada - Montreal & Quebec:

Arrive in Montreal to begin your 6-day Pilgrimage through Canada where you will experience the breathtaking St. Joseph's Oratory, the world's largest shrine to St. Joseph whose dome is second in height only to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, visit the Notre Dame Basilica home to North America's largest pipe organ, and pray over the beautiful gardens by the St. Lawrence River at the Pilgrim House at Our Lady of Cape Shrine. You will continue to Quebec and tour the city and various important historic and Catholic sites in what is referred to as the cradle of French culture in North America. On your final day in Canada you will visit the national Shrine of Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre which attracts over a million visitors each year and even tour Montmorency Falls Park. Journey to Montreal and Quebec to make wonderful memories, new friends, and renew your spirit from your Canadian Pilgrimage.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Montreal, Canada

Make your way to your local airport to board your flight(s) to Montreal International Airport. Arrive in Montreal, the second largest French-speaking city in the world. Upon your arrival you will be greeted by your tour escort and driver, and then transferred to your hotel. Enjoy free time before celebrating Mass and dinner. Overnight in Montreal.

Day 2: Montreal

The morning begins with a continental breakfast at your hotel. We will drive to the top of Mount Royal for a spectacular panoramic view of the city of Montreal. Your day will include a visit at St. Joseph's Oratory, the world's largest shrine dedicated to St. Joseph; which was founded by St. Brother André in 1904 as a modest chapel. Annually, this pilgrimage center receives over two million visitors who come to meditate and pray in this peace-filled setting. St. Joseph's Oratory grew from a small chapel on beautiful Mount Royal to the premier Shrine of today. The Basilica's dome reaches 97 meters and is second only in height to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The primitive chapel, votive chapel, crypt and Basilica presents a variety of architectural styles as the construction began in 1904 and finished in 1966 with a number of architects over the decades. During our tour we will visit the reliquary where the relics of St. Brother André are displayed and view the two great pipe organs along with the carillon of 56 bronze bells that are played

often throughout the week. We will celebrate Mass and you may participate in the Way of the Cross on the mountainside before we continue our journey. Next, we will visit the seat of the Archdiocese of Montreal, the Basilica Marie-Reine-du-Monde (Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral), the third largest church in Montreal after St. Joseph's Oratory and the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. This Basilica was visited in 1951 by Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, the future Pope Paul VI and in August of 1969 Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II visited. He returned in 1984 as the first pope to visit Canada. Our next stop will be the 350 year old Notre Dame de Bon Secours Chapel and Marquerite Bouygeoy's Museum. The chapel built in 1771 over the site of the original stone chapel was often visited by sailors to pray before they were shipped out for duty. The story of Marguerite-Bourgeoy's exceptional life as a woman of action along with the early settlers who built Montreal is beautifully presented as we visit the museum named after her. The tower offers a spectacular view of Old Montreal and the Old Port. This evening relax with dinner on your own and stroll through the city. Overnight in Montreal.

Day 3: Montreal - Our Lady of the Cape Shrine

Wake to a continental breakfast at your hotel. Our day begins with a guided tour of Montreal. Visit the Notre Dame Basilica, which plays a significant part in Montreal's religious heritage. Constructed from 1824 to 1829; it dominates Old Montréal with its imposing size. The neo-gothic architecture and richness of its decoration inside and out - make it shine like a jewel in comparison to the modern buildings nearby. Special attention should be given to the magnificent pipe organ, the largest in North America and the French stained glass windows, modeled after Sainte Chapelle Cathedral in Paris, France. We will continue to the Shawinigan region to visit the Ozias Luduc Church. Ozias Luduc (1864-1955), a Canadian artist painted murals and masterpieces for more than 30 churches during his career. You may wish to enjoy a relaxing break with a musician here before we continue to the Pilgrim House at Our Lady of the Cape Shrine. This shrine is located in the majestic region of Mauricie and is Canada's National Shrine to Our Blessed Mother. Standing on the shore of the St. Lawrence River, Our Lady of the Cape Shrine welcomes pilgrims annually to pray at the oldest standing Canadian chapel built in 1714 or the large modern Basilica which was inaugurated in 1964. The Basilica is adorned with magnificent stained glass windows and a Casavant organ with 5425 pipes, one of the largest in Canada. With its beautiful gardens overlooking the river, the shrine reveals an oasis of greenery and inspires peace and tranquility. The atmosphere of this Shrine and surrounding landscape invites you to spend time in spiritual reflection. The Way of the Cross, Adoration,

prayer walk and a torch-lit procession (weather permitting) will all be available to you while you relax in this serene setting. Dinner and Mass included, overnight at Pilgrim House.

Day 4: Our Lady of the Cape Shrine - Quebec

After morning breakfast we will depart for Quebec City, the cradle of French culture in North America. Today enjoy a city tour with the theme of "The Three Founders of Québec City"; where you will learn more about the role of religion in the history of Quebec. Our exploring will include the Basilica-Cathedral Notre-Dame de Québec with a visit to the crypt and the François de Laval Center; the Ursulines Monastery, which was started by a missionary group of Ursuline nuns in 1639 (the oldest institution of learning for women in North America); followed by a visit of the Marie-de-l'Incarnation Center. Our journey will take us to the St. Augustine's Monastery and the Catherine de Saint-Augustin Center - dedicated to the co-founder of the Canadian Church who also dedicated her life to caring for the sick and destitute. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica Notre Dame de Quebec. You are free to enjoy the remainder of the day to explore this beautiful city and have dinner at one of the many wonderful restaurants you will find in Quebec! Overnight in Quebec.

Day 5: Quebec

After continental breakfast at your hotel we will visit the National Shrine of Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre, which welcomes over a million visitors from all over the world annually. Learn the fascinating history through artistic masterpieces such as beautiful mosaics, stained-glass windows, stone and wood sculptures throughout its many chapels. Enjoy a visit to the St. Anne museum. There will be free time to explore the Shrine with its old stone Church, outdoor Way of the Cross, and Scala Santa. We will celebrate Mass at the Shrine before visiting the Albert Gilles Copper Art & Museum nearby. View exclusive pieces and learn about the art of embossing copper, how it is extracted and used around the world. Our travels today will take us to Montmorency Falls Park where the waterfalls are 272 feet tall, that is 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls! You may admire the view from the cable car, suspended bridge, lookout points, or climbing stairs up the side of the cliff. Return to Quebec for your farewell dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Quebec - Transfer for Departure

Continental breakfast at your hotel before check-out. Transfer to the airport for your departure with wonderful memories of new friends and renewed spirit from your Canadian Pilgrimage.