American Celebration of Music in Canada
Montréal & Québec City, Québec

Suggested Tour #4 (6 nights / 7 days)

Day 1 **Montréal** **(D)**

Upon arrival into Montréal, meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a Montréal sightseeing tour
Enjoy a guided tour at St. Joseph Oratory, the world's largest sanctuary dedicated to Saint Joseph. Located in the heart of Montréal, in the lush and historic Mount Royal district, this internationally renowned pilgrimage destination is steeped in history and culture. In 2004, on the 100th anniversary of its founding, it was declared a National Historic Site by the Canadian Government
Check-in to the full service hotel
Dinner included at the hotel, or nearby, and overnight

Founded three and a half centuries ago, Montréal is the second largest French speaking city in the world. For visitors, Montréal's greatest attraction is its cosmopolitan, almost European atmosphere. The meeting of French and English cultures and the addition of other ethnic influences have created a unique blend. Its varied and vibrant neighborhoods, such as Old Montréal with its picturesque cobbled streets and historic grey limestone buildings, or the "Latin Quarter" of St. Denis Street with its lively outdoor cafes, provide a refreshing, every-changing urban panorama.

Day 2 **Montréal** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Enjoy a guided tour of Montréal including Old Montréal, Mont Royal, Jean-Drapeau Park (Saint Hélène and Notre-Dame Islands), site of 1967 World Fair, Expo 67. There, you will see the beautiful floral park, the Gilles-Villeneuve Racetrack for the Formula 1 Canada Grand Prix, the Montréal Casino and La Ronde Amusement Park
Lunch, on own
Performance or clinic as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada
Afternoon guided tour of Notre-Dame Basilica. Notre-Dame Basilica is a masterpiece of Gothic revival architecture. Built between 1824 and 1829, the magnificent décor, in sculptured wood, paint and gold leaf captivates hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Paintings, sculpture and stained-glass windows illustrate biblical passages and parish history of Montréal society
Remainder of the afternoon on your own for shopping
Dinner included at a local restaurant in Montréal's Old Port area
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 3 **Montréal** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for a visit to the Montréal Tower Observatory for a unique view of the city
Next, visit the Botanical Gardens and Insectarium. The Botanical Gardens rank as one of the world's largest and most spectacular, and has a collection of 22,000 plant species, 10 greenhouses, and over 30 gardens. The Montréal Insectarium offers you a fascinating world, buzzing with life. Beetles as bright as precious stones, giant stick insects, multicolored butterflies and impressive spiders will thrill visitors young and old
Lunch, on own
Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada
An oasis in the heart of the city, the Montréal Biodôme recreates some of the most beautiful ecosystems of the Americas: the lush and humid Tropical Forest, warm even in the depths of a Montréal winter, the Laurentian Forest, changing with the seasons, the St. Lawrence Marine ecosystem, replicating the Estuary and the Gulf, and the Polar Worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic
Dinner included in Montréal at the Spaghetti House (or similar)
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4 **Montréal / Québec City** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Depart for Québec City this morning (150 miles, 3 hours). Drive along the mighty St. Lawrence River to Québec City, the only walled city in North America
Lunch, on own
Enjoy a guided tour of Québec City's La Citadelle. This national historic site is a walled fortress of the city. The one-hour guided tour will highlight the American attacks, the construction of the fortress and its buildings. The visit of the Royal 22 Régiment Museum located in an old French powder magazine (1750) and a former military prison (1842) is included in the tour
Then wander Dufferin Terrace and view le Chateau Frontenac, on own
Hotel check-in
Dinner included at a local restaurant
Return to the hotel for overnight

Québec City is the capital of the Canadian province of Québec. It is the second largest city in the province, after Montréal. Québec's Old Town (Vieux-Québec), the only North American fortified city north of Mexico whose walls still exist, was declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1985 as the "Historic District of Old Quebec." It is also one of the oldest cities in North America

Day 5 **Québec City** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Guided tour at the Capital Observatory from the 31st floor. You will receive a full tour with a guide who will provide historical, architectural, military heritage, and geographical information on the landscape below, including the St. Lawrence River, Ile d'Orleans, Laurentian Mountains and more
Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada
Depart with coach and guide for a journey along the St. Lawrence River to the village of Sainte-Anne and tour one of the country's most beautiful

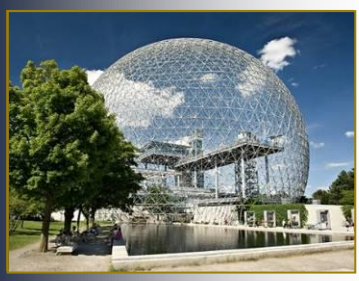
cathedrals, Basilica St. Anne de Beaupre
Stop at a 150 year old bread oven and enjoy fresh baked bread with maple butter
Visit Montmorency Falls and ride the cable car here to get different views of the falls, twice as high as Niagara Falls
Dinner will be at a typical French Sugar Shack. Your menu here includes French Canadian Pea Soup, pickles and bread, baked beans, meat pie, warm maple ham, boiled potatoes, sausages, sugar pie and fruit punch and of course, taffy on snow (shaved ice in summer). Enjoy live folklorique music during your meal
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 6 **Québec City** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Meet a local English-speaking guide for a tour within the walls of the Old City, visit Lower Town, Battlefields Park, Place Royale, see the Museum of Civilization, Chateau Frontenac, Dufferin Terrace, the waterfront and the ornate city gates of Upper Town
Lunch, on own and free time to explore the lower city
Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada
The rest of the afternoon is free for last minute souvenir shopping
Evening dinner and overnight

Day 7 **Depart for home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Depart for home or transfer to Montréal for return flight home

***<u>This is a very flexible itinerary</u>**. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.*

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