

# ~THE MAPLE LEAF~

**ITINERARY NIGHTS:** Montreal (2), Québec (3), Montreal (2)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Montréal City Tour • Abraska • Maple Syrup Sugar Shack • Biodome de Montréal • Botanical Garden • Insectarium • Montréal Tower • Québec City Tour • Funicular Ride • Le Chateau Frontenac • Artillery Park • Tea Ceremony • Plains of Abraham • Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré • Montgomery Falls • Cable Car Ride • Honey/Bee Museum • Copper Art Museum • Cap-de-la-Madeleine

**DAY 1 AIR** Board your international flight to Montreal, Canada.

**DAY 2 MONTREAL** Welcome to Montreal! Upon arrival, your group will be met by an **English Speaking Courier**, who will remain with you throughout the program. After local airport assistance, you will transfer into the city aboard a deluxe motor-coach for your guided **Montreal City**

**Tour.** Drive through the City Center and marvel at its main shopping areas, the Underground City, Old Montreal and Place Jacques Cartier including

a stop to see Notre Dame Church, trendy St. Denis Street and Mt. Royal with its exclusive residential areas. Other sights often included on the way are Place des Arts, McGill University, Museum of Arts, Mary Queen Cathedral of the World, the Montreal Stock-exchange, City Hall, Ile Ste. Helene and Notre Dame Islands, Waterfront along the St. Lawrence River and the Olympic Stadium and Botanical Gardens. Dinner tonight will be within close proximity of the hotel.

**OPTIONAL:** Consider eating dinner tonight in the **Maison Hantee**. This Haunted House is a unique theatrical restaurant where guests experience an evening of dreams, fantasy and mystery. The spirits of the house invite you to an unforgettable interactive evening of chills and thrills.

**DAY 3 MONTREAL** After breakfast, transfer to Rigaud, a small city approximately 45 minutes West of Montreal. Arrive at **ABRASKA**, the Forest of Adventures. Swing among the trees with the help of rope bridges, ladders, zip lines, and foot bridges. Equipped with a harness, you will evolve through different levels of the course appropriate to one's age

and strength. This afternoon, take a short drive to a **Maple Syrup Sugar Shack** for a Typical Québécois Meal. Your afternoon at the sugar shack will include, a ride in a horse-drawn buggy, guided tour of the sugar shack and fieldstone bakery, all-you-can-eat lunch, singing and dancing to traditional music, Maple-taffy-on-snow tasting, and a visit to the General Store before departure.

**DAY 4 QUÉBEC** After breakfast at the Hard Rock Café this morning, depart for a half day excursion with admissions to **Montreal's Biodome, Botanical Garden, Insectarium and Montreal Tower.** This afternoon, begin your transfer to Québec City. Take a guided **Québec City Tour** and see many highlights including Place d'Armes, Dufferin Terrace, Grande Allee, Plains of Abraham, the Citadel, Parliament Hill, and Place Royale, which includes Cote de la Montagne, rue du Petit-Champlain, Our Lady of the Victory's Church & Paris Place. Take a ride on the **Funicular** gliding up on a 45 degree angle over Québec City. Following the city tour, spend some time on a guided tour of **Le Chateau Frontenac.** Charmed by a character right out of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, you will discover the luxurious interior of the World's

Most Photographed Hotel. Dinner tonight will be at **La Petite Italie Restaurant.**

**DAY 5 QUÉBEC** Begin the day with a short drive to the Villages-Hurons (Wendake), a traditional Huron site and Native-Canadian village, where you will experience the tribe's ancient way of living. Enjoy a traditional **breakfast** at the village. Afterwards, travel to **Artillery Park** which has played an important role in defending Québec since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Participate in an official **Tea Ceremony**, which takes place in the luxurious setting of the British Officers' Mess. Sip on a cup of Earl Grey while learning about 19<sup>th</sup>-century etiquette. Continue on to the **Plains of Abraham** and participate in The Battle Of The Plains Of Abraham. Under the command of both generals Wolfe and Montcalm, revisit the soldier's living conditions during this 1759 battle. Go over the strategies, load rifles and guns, become an expert in artillery, and treat your wounded soldiers who fell on the battlefield. **Dinner** tonight at a local Restaurant.

**DAY 6 QUÉBEC** Following breakfast at La Vieille Maison du Spaghetti, travel to **Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré.** On the way, stop for a visit of **Montmorency Falls.**



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Scale to the top of the waterfalls by **cable car ride** for a breath-taking view. Upon arrival in **Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré**, you will see one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in North America, the Basilica Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. The tour continues with a visit inside **Canyon Ste-Anne.** On the way back to Québec, stop at a **Honey/Bee Museum** and as well as a **Copper Art Museum.** Dinner tonight will be at **Restaurant Le Bonaparte.**

**DAY 7 QUÉBEC** Start the day at Au Petit Coin Breton for breakfast. Then depart Québec City for Montreal. Stop in **Cap-de-la-Madeleine & Trois Rivières**, which are located at the confluence of the Saint-Maurice and St. Lawrence rivers. Trois-Rivières is the site of Lavolette Bridge, the only bridge to span the St. Lawrence River between the cities of Québec and Montréal and is home to several educational institutions, including the Université du Québec.

**DAY 8 MONTREAL** Enjoy a leisure morning and breakfast at the hotel before heading out to Montreal's Old Port for a Cruise. The Bateau-Mouche is an amazing ride in Montreal's history as you glide down the majestic Saint-Lawrence River. Dinner tonight is at the **Brasserie La Mère Clavet.**

**DAY 9 DEPART** Jet home with fabulous memories of your maple leaf adventure in *la belle* Canada!

