



Canadian Roots & Remembrance

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The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily.

Sightseeing: Montréal; Québec City; Ottawa.

Entrances: Montréal Science Centre; Evening Activity in Montréal; Notre-Dame Basilica; Insectarium and Botanical Gardens; Sugar Shack Experience; Plains of Abraham Workshop; Morrin Centre; Canadian War Museum; House of Commons or Senate Tour; Canadian Museum of History; Haunted Walk of Ottawa; National Gallery of Canada.

Overnights: Montréal (1); Québec City (2); Ottawa (2).

NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR:

Optional excursions; Insurance coverage; Beverages and lunches; Transportation to free-time activities; Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Any applicable baggage-handing fee imposed by the airlines; High-Season Surcharge; Single-Date Departure Supplement; Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or other events beyond EF's control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees.



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Montréal

Guided Sightseeing of Montréal

With a licensed local step-on guide, discover the cultural and historical highlights of Montréal. Ascend Mont Royal to the expansive green park at its summit, designed by American landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, mastermind of New York City's Central Park. The 98-foot cross at its peak commemorates the 1643 climb by de Maisonneuve, founder of Montréal. Take in Jacques Cartier square, a car-free zone during summer and an entrance to the city's Old Port. See also the British-influenced quads and buildings of McGill University, founded in 1821. Then visit the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Montréal, a magnificent example of French-Canadian architecture that once hosted national separatist rallies and is the largest church in Canada.

Visit the Montréal Science Centre

Explore the many permanent and temporary exhibits of the Montréal Science Centre. Among them, experience science from A to Z in the Science 26 exhibit, help save humanity in the Mission Gaia and travel into the future with the Imagine exhibit.

Evening Activity in Montréal

Spend the night doing an obstacle challenge, bowling, or experiencing an IMAX movie. You may be familiar with IMAX, but did you know that the IMAX motion picture projection system was invented by a group of Canadian filmmakers and entrepreneurs? They created the first IMAX for Montréal's EXPO '67.

Overnight in the Montréal area

Professional Overnight Security in the Montréal area (10pm - 5am)

Day 2: Montréal | Québec City

Visit Notre-Dame Basilica

When it was founded in 1642, the village, then known as Ville-Marie, had its first wooden chapel inside the palisade at Pointe-à-Callière, today the site of Montréal's major archaeological museum. The Notre-Dame Basilica possesses some of the finest Gothic Revival architecture in North America, where it was the first full example of this major style. Come and take in the splendor of one of the most significant parts of the Catholic heritage in Montréal.

Visit the Insectarium and Botanical Gardens

Ranked as one of the largest of its kind in the world, the Montréal Botanical Garden is a veritable living museum of plants from the four corners of the Earth. Visit the Insectarium which aims first and foremost at showing visitors the wonders of the insect world, and explaining how insects play an essential part in ensuring the Earth's ecological balance.

Transfer to Québec City

Sugar Shack Experience (Dinner is Included)

Join a festive visit to the Sugar Shack, where you'll dine in the hearty manner of early French-Canadian loggers. Set deep in the pine forests of rural Canada, the Sugar Shack offers a memorable evening of traditional feasting, songs, games and dancing.

Overnight in the Québec City area

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Day 3: Québec City

Take Part in a Workshop at the Plains of Abraham

Steeped in Canadian history, the Plains of Abraham was the site of a battle that shaped Canada's destiny. In 1759, British General Wolfe defeated French troops under the command of General Montcalm. Though the British defeated the French, both Generals were mortally wounded during the battle. Go over the strategies, load rifles and guns, become an expert in artillery, treat your wounded fellows who fell on the battlefield.

Photo Stop on the Dufferin Terrace

Stop for a group photo in front of the Château Frontenac.

Guided Tour of the Morrin Centre

Built over 200 years ago as the city's first prison, the Morrin Centre now also houses one of the world's most beautiful libraries. This National Historic Site is yours to discover. Walk through the sinister jail cells. See graffiti carved into the floors by inmates and the iron rings used to chain them down and the place where the condemned were hanged. Unlock the stories hidden in the magical Victorian library, housing unique masterpieces dating from the 16th century. Join our professional tour guides and unlock the stories hidden in the bones of this historic building.

Guided Sightseeing of Québec City

A licensed local guide leads today's exploration of historic Québec City. View the regal baroque-style Château Frontenac; here, President Roosevelt met with Churchill and other leaders of the Allied Nations during World War II. Continue into the Basse Ville to the well-preserved Place Royale, site of Samuel de Champlain's original French colony. Cross the Plains of Abraham, where General James Wolfe's British army defeated the Marquis de Montcalm's troops in 1759, thereby ending French rule in Québec. Then, stop at the Citadel. Perched above the St. Lawrence River, this magnificent fortress is still used by Canadian troops. Near the Citadel you'll see Porte St-Louis, a wide medieval gate in the city walls constructed in the late 1800s.

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Day 4: Québec City | Ottawa

Travel by Train to Ottawa

Visit the Canadian War Museum

Learn about Canada's involvement in conflict, both here and abroad. Covered in the museum exhibitions are disputes ranging from those involving the First Nations peoples during the formation of the country, through the two World Wars and our more recent role as peacekeepers. The museum emphasizes the devastating human cost of war.

Overnight in the Ottawa area

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Your Itinerary

Day 5: Ottawa

Free Time for Remembrance Day Ceremonies

On Remembrance Day, November 11th, Canadians honour veterans and all those who served Canada during war, armed conflict and peacetime. In Ottawa veterans gather at the War Memorial on Elgin Street for the annual Remembrance Day National Ceremony along with the Prime Minister, Governor General and thousands of Canadians.

Experience Parliament through a House of Commons or Senate Tour

Get ready to spend some time exploring the place where the most important functions of government take place, the Parliament Buildings! See where the fiery debates between the parties take place and just think of all the important Canadian history that's occurred here since the buildings began functioning as a government centre in 1859. Just think, you'll be one of more than 3,000,000 people that visit Parliament Hill each and every year!

Visit the Canadian Museum of History

Preserving the heritage of Canadians and showcasing the culture of Canada and the world, the Museum of History invites you to explore its two main halls. The Grand Hall, built in the shape of an enormous canoe, features the façades of six Pacific Coast native dwellings, linked by a shoreline and boardwalk, and a large collection of totems. The First People's Hall displays histories of the First Nations, their cultural identities, artistic expressions and traditional and contemporary ways of life.

Haunted Walk of Ottawa

This lantern-lit evening walking tour of Ottawa ghost stories and darker history features the haunting of the Bytown Museum, the Fairmont Château Laurier, Friday's Roast Beef House and more! Explore the hidden side of the Nation's Capital.

Overnight in the Ottawa area

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Day 6: Ottawa | Depart for home

Guided Sightseeing of Ottawa

Today, you'll discover Canada's capital with your Tour Director. Head over to Sussex Drive for spectacular views of the city and the Ottawa and Rideau rivers. Here, you'll see the Prime Minister's residence. You'll also see the impressive Ambassador's Row and tour the striking copper roofed Gothic Parliament buildings. The heart of Canadian political life, Parliament houses the Senate and House of Commons. Then pass by Dow's Lake and the 1,200-acre Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa's home to numerous farm animals, an ornamental flower garden and an arboretum.

Guided Tour of the National Gallery of Canada

Examine the artistic treasures housed at the National Gallery of Canada, a crystal palace constructed of rose granite and considered as much of a work of art as the art it houses. This world-renowned institution offers exhibitions of Inuit, other Canadian artists (including the Group of Seven) and contemporary works from around the globe.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

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—Rachel K, Group Leader



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