

# Canada's Capital Cities plus Niagara Falls

Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City with a local perspective

10 DAYS FROM \$4,990 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

# 1. Arrive Toronto

**Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Fairmont Royal York.** A transfer is included from Toronto International Airport to Fairmont Royal York, located in the heart of the city. Join us for a welcome reception and private dinner at the Royal Ontario Museum, a leading cultural institution and Canada's largest museum – with galleries devoted to art, archaeology and natural science. Your evening is an exclusive private event for Tauck guests only. **Meals D** 

# 2. The power of Niagara Falls

Journey to thundering Niagara Falls this morning and bring your raincoat. On your catamaran cruise near the plunging waters and misty spray of the waterfalls, getting wet is a distinct possibility. Have lunch as you please in the quaint Victorian village of Niagara-on-the-Lake amidst its



# **Uniquely Tauck**

- Attend a private evening in Toronto that features a reception and dinner in the Royal Ontario Museum, where collections showcase art, culture and nature from around the world and across the ages
- Explore the Thousand Islands aboard a private charter luncheon cruise on the St. Lawrence River and hear stories of the merchant princes, Prohibition kings, and families who have called them home
- On a locally guided tour and gondola ride, experience one of the world's great natural wonders during a visit to Montmorency Falls, 98 feet higher than Niagara Falls, and just a short drive from Quebec City
- A visit to a Québecois sugar shack gives you a taste of the maple sweetness that is collected here and a look at how the locals create a range of flavors



Take a boat ride that brings you close to thundering Niagara Falls, witnessing in person the power and majesty of this natural wonder.

flower-filled, tree-lined streets, before returning to Toronto for free time and dinner at leisure back at the hotel. Meals BD

# 3. Boating among the Thousand Islands

En route to Canada's capital city of Ottawa this morning, enjoy a private charter cruise and lunch on the St. Lawrence River, navigating through the Thousand Islands; this is a region of postcard-perfect island escapes, dotted with charming cottages and opulent mansions, nestled in forested settings. Disembark in Rockport, and continue on to the heart of Ottawa, arriving late afternoon. Spend the next two nights at the Fairmont Château Laurier; constructed between 1909 and 1912, it is reminiscent of an elegant French château and boasts original Tiffany stained-glass windows and hand-moulded plaster decorations dating to 1912. Dine tonight at leisure. **Meals BLD** 

# 4. The elegance of Ottawa

Sightseeing in Ottawa includes guided visits at the west block of the Gothic Revival Parliament buildings. Set on Parliament Hill overlooking the Ottawa River, vaulted ceilings, marble floors and stone walls with hundreds of gargoyles and reliefs create a grand feel. Next, delve into the stories of Canada and its people on a locally guided tour at the Canadian Museum of History. View authentic and artifact-rich exhibitions introducing Aboriginal and First Peoples cultures, Viking streetscapes, whaling ships, and more. The rest of the day is free. Meals B

# 5. Multicultural Montreal

Depart for French-speaking Montreal this morning, located in the province of Quebec. Enjoy lunch at the privately owned Château Vaudreuil, a historic hotel set in sumptuous gardens on the shores of the Lake of Two Mountains. Afterward a local guide provides an introduction to life in the province as you tour the city. Dinner tonight is at leisure at your regal landmark hotel. **Meals BLD** 

# 6. A taste of Old Montreal

Join us for a walking and tasting tour in the oldest part of the city, Vieux-Montréal (Old Montreal); its cobblestone streets lit by gas lamps and city squares graced with 18thand 19th-century buildings will remind you of the history and romance of Old World Europe. Sample epicurean delights for which Vieux-Montréal is famous. Pursue your own special interests this afternoon. There are outdoor plazas, museums and historic churches to explore and a revitalized waterfront that's perfect for strolling. Join us for dinner tonight at a restaurant in Old Montreal. Meals BD

# **Canada's Capital Cities**



#### Toronto

On the northwestern edge of Lake Ontario, Canada's largest city is a vibrant mix of markets, museums, green parks, great eating and jazz. A two-night stay at one of the city's most popular hotels puts you at the center of it all.



#### Montreal

Montreal is total cultural immersion. It's French. It's artistic and gastronomic. It's jazz clubs, ballet, rock and opera. It's old world meets new world, a city that must be visited at least once, preferably more than once.



### Ottawa

Picturesque architecture, magnificent gardens, broad boulevards, historic river locks and a regal bearing are just part of the story in Canada's stately capital city; learn more as you take a guided tour with Tauck.



#### **Quebec City**

You'll feel like you've stepped into a 17th-century European village as you stroll along Old Quebec's cobblestone streets and enjoy a taste of the royal life during your three-night stay in your château-hotel overlooking the St. Lawrence River.



Cruise through the Thousand Islands to view opulent summer mansions and cottages gracing picturesque shores.

# 7. From a sugar shack to a city château

Head for Quebec City, following the mighty St. Lawrence River to Trois-Rivières; stop to visit a traditional Québecois sugar shack. In springtime, these cabanes à sucre collect the natural bounty of local trees to produce pure maple syrup, adding nuances of caramel, wood and smoke to achieve mouth-watering flavors. Continue on to majestic Montmorency Falls – 98 feet higher than Niagara Falls! – for a guided tour and a gondola ride. Montmorency is not far from Quebec City, your home for the next three nights. Your hotel, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, sits up high on a bluff above the mighty St. Lawrence River; below lies historic, walled Old Quebec. Tonight enjoy dinner at leisure at your castle-like hotel. **Meals BLD** 

# 8. Farms of Île d'Orléans

On a city orientation tour, see Quebec's landmark historical sites, including La Citadelle de Québec, the largest British fortress built in North America – overlooking the St. Lawrence River – and the Plains of Abraham. Today a city park, this was the site of a 20-minute battle between French and British troops in 1759 that changed the continent's destiny. Venture outside the city to Île d'Orléans, an island of red-roofed farm houses and fields of agricultural produce, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. The rest of the day is free for you to indulge in the amenities of your newly renovated hotel, including a spa renowned as the best in the area. Outside, the views of the Old City and the St. Lawrence River are equally rewarding, adding to the many delights of your stay here. **Meals BL** 



## 9. Cultural charms of Quebec City

Enjoy a guided tour of your hotel and its colorful past dating to the 19th century; international luminaries have always been drawn here. The rest of the day is yours to see the city at your own pace and according to your own inclinations. In Old Quebec – once the capital of New France – cobblestoned, pedestrian-only streets still feel like 17th-century Europe. This remarkably preserved historic district consists of the Upper Town's citadel, ramparts and gates, and Lower Town, lined with 17th- and 18th-century houses. The only fortified city north of Mexico, historic Quebec is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You may wish to visit a museum, relax and do some people-watching at a French café, or explore the sights by horse and carriage (at an additional cost). Join us for a farewell dinner with musical entertainment at your hotel. **Meals BD** 



FEATURED HOTEL

#### Fairmont Le Château Frontenac

Feel like royalty during a three-night stay at this recently renovated regal landmark hotel, holding court over the St. Lawrence River and the Old City since 1893. And discover why this is one of the world's most photographed hotels.

#### 10. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Quebec City, Quebec.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Fairmont Le Château Frontenac to Quebec City International Airport. Allow a minimum of two hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 

#### 2022 DATES

Go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

#### 2022 PRICE PER PERSON

May 22		
Double \$ 4,990	Single \$ 6,277	Triple \$ 4,711 (double with rollaway)
May 31 - October		

Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$5,590 per person double. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save \$200 on the single room price.

#### 2022 PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and porterage.

#### 2022 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK	Toronto, ON
Night 3,4	FAIRMONT CHÂTEAU LAURIER	Ottawa, ON
Night 5,6	FAIRMONT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH	Montreal, QC
Night 7-9	FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC	Quebec City, QC

Airfare is additional. For activities marked with an asterisk (\*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2

#### Upgrade to a Gold River View Room in Quebec City

A Tauck Exclusive upgrade option to a limited number of Gold River View Rooms at Fairmont Le Château Frontenac in Quebec City (nights 7, 8 and 9) is available at additional cost per person below; ask for details at booking.

Double \$350 Single \$645