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# CANADA & NEW ENGLAND IN THE FALL

GULF OF ST LAWRENCE CRUISE

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Tour Length: 32 Days

Tour Departs: 21 September 2022

Tour Ends: 24 October 2022

## OVERVIEW:

For well over 30 years now, we have been operating tours focusing on the spectacular scenery of Eastern Canada and New England during “The Fall” season. The itinerary for the past few years has reflected some changes and these enhancements have delighted our travellers and continued the tradition of relaxed touring, wonderful scenery and great company. Add in a magical 14-night cruise down the St Lawrence Seaway, through the Canadian Maritime provinces and down the Atlantic coast and you have a great tour.

Seeing Eastern Canada and New England in The Fall is seeing nature at its best and most colourful. Our relaxed coach touring programme commences in Toronto and we then travel to the magnificent Niagara Falls before crossing the border and heading off through New York State to Massachusetts and historic Boston. In New Hampshire, the grandeur of the White Mountains and Mt Washington contrast with the gentility of the small villages and towns that dot the landscape. Enjoy the country roads, red barns and covered bridges of Vermont before we cross back over into Canada for a special treat with an overnight stay at the wonderful Chateau Montebello. Then on to the nation’s capital, Ottawa, across into Quebec and Montreal before we reach Quebec City where our coach touring finishes.

But it's not over yet...

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Vancouver for a 2-night stay
- Toronto
- Niagara Falls for a 2-night stay
- Boston for a 3-night stay
- Touring Vermont & New Hampshire
- A night at the magnificent Chateau Montebello
- Ottawa for a 2-night stay
- Montreal for 2-night stay and Quebec City
- 14 nights aboard the Holland America “NIEUW STATENDAM” cruising the Gulf of St Lawrence and Maritime Provinces

**The “icing on the cake” is the 14-night cruise which takes us down the St Lawrence River and into the Gulf of St Lawrence, visiting the Maritime Provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.**

**Then down the Eastern seaboard of the USA before disembarking at Fort Lauderdale in Florida.**



## TOUR COST PER PERSON

Sharing Twin/Double Room  
OCEAN VIEW AUD \$17,800.00  
BALCONY AUD \$18,500.00

Supplement for Single Occupancy  
OCEAN VIEW AUD \$6,400.00  
BALCONY AUD \$7,150.00

## TOUR COSTS INCLUDE:

- Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane.
- All prepaid airline/government taxes and fuel surcharges as at December 2021
- First Class or Superior Grade accommodation throughout
- A choice of Ocean View or Balcony staterooms available on cruise
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary
- Tips and gratuities to coach driver, guides and cruise staff
- Baggage handling of one piece per person
- Fully escorted by a Maher Tours Leader Escorted by Maher Tours Leader

## TOUR COSTS EXCLUDE:

- Shore excursions available on cruise
- Any meals and sightseeing not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Canada and USA Entry fees and travel Insurance (advice and assistance supplied if required)
- Items of a personal nature e.g. room service, laundry, drinks, telephone calls



BOOKING CONDITIONS: Deposit of AUD \$1000.00 per person is due upon confirmation of the booking.

Final Payment Date: Tuesday 21 June 2022

To register for this tour please contact us on 1800 358 741 or [info@mahertours.com](mailto:info@mahertours.com)



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### Wednesday 21 September

Home – Vancouver (D)

On arrival in Vancouver, we are met and transferred to our hotel for a 2-night stay. This evening we get together for dinner.

### Thursday 22 September

Vancouver (B)

This morning, we enjoy a relaxing sightseeing tour of Vancouver, rated the world's most liveable city. Highlights include the lovely Queen Elizabeth Park, Stanley Bay and Park, English Bay, Gas Town, Granville Island and the downtown area. The afternoon and evening are free.

### Friday 23 September

Vancouver – Toronto (B)

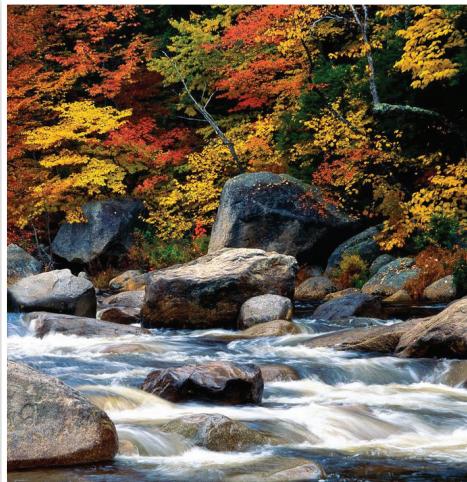
This morning, we are transferred back to Vancouver Airport in time to join our flight to Toronto. On arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel.

### Saturday 24 September

Toronto – Niagara Falls (B, L)

This morning, we enjoy a sightseeing tour of this cosmopolitan city. Toronto is a city of towers and spires where the old blends in with the new. Cultural institutions, theatres, parks, restaurants, fine stores and an intriguing variety and mix of peoples are making this city one of the great cities of the world. A short drive from Toronto takes us to the Niagara Peninsula, Ontario's premier wine-producing region to Niagara-on-the-Lake, one of Canada's prettiest towns. 27 wineries are scattered amidst a landscape of vineyards and orchards stretching along the picturesque Niagara River Parkway. Culinary excellence is a trademark of this town, from the abundance of local produce and world-class wineries to the many renowned restaurants and Signature Kitchens. We will visit the Vinelands Estate for our lunch. Enjoy a two night stay at our hotel overlooking the falls.





### Sunday 25 September

Niagara Falls (B,D)

We enjoy a tour of the Niagara Falls area including the famous floral clock and the "Hornblower" cruise that takes us right up to the falls. Formed by melting glacier water over 12,000 years ago, Niagara Falls flows majestically at the crossroads of the United States and Ontario, Canada. On the Ontario side, the Horseshoe Falls span nearly 0.8 km, stand 17 storeys high and push 155 million litres of water per minute over the brink into the raging Niagara River below. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together with the illuminated falls as a backdrop.

### Monday 26 September

Niagara Falls - Albany (B,D)

We cross the border into the USA and enjoy a day on the road, travelling through rural farmlands and fruit growing areas skirting the Erie Canal. Our overnight stop is in Albany, capital of New York State. There is time to see the Empire State Centre with a diverse range of architecture exhibited in the government buildings before we check-in to our hotel.

### Tuesday 27 September

Albany – Mohawk Trail – Boston (B,D)

A lovely drive today as we sit back on our coach and enjoy the autumn colours of the Mohawk Trail. We travel through many small towns and colonial villages including Williamstown, known as the prettiest village in America and snugly nestled amongst the rolling hills of the Berkshire Mountains. At Shelburne Falls visit the only Bridge of Flowers in America. We will also enjoy a guided tour at a Shaker Village to learn about their way of life. Later this afternoon, we arrive into the great city of Boston for a 3-night stay.

### Wednesday 28 September

Boston – Freedom Trail (B)

Our morning tour shows us Boston City, the capital of Massachusetts and the most liveable large city in the USA. It is the cradle of independence, rich in history and culture, and it still retains much of the charm from



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an earlier age. We visit North Church, associated with the immortal Paul Revere and the Freedom Trail, and visit areas that in the past we have only read and heard about - "The Boston Tea Party", Bunker Hill, Boston Pops Symphony Hall, Boston Common, and Beacon Hill.

### Thursday 29 September

Boston – Cape Cod (B)

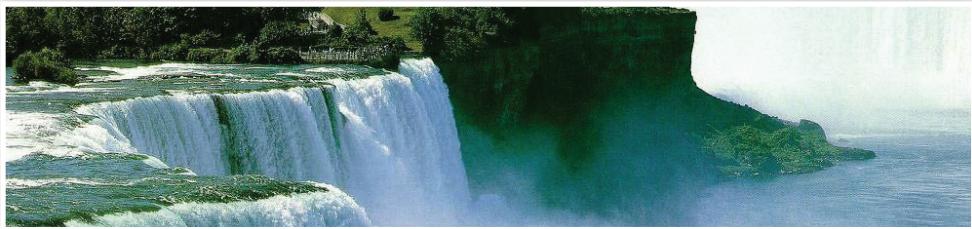
Our tour today takes us down to Cape Cod - "Kennedy Country" and home to the rich and famous - along the rugged coastline through fishing villages and coastal estates. During the morning we visit Plymouth Plantation, a recreated village depicting life at the time of the Pilgrim Fathers. After lunch, we see Plymouth Rock at the harbour's edge, commonly regarded as the stone on to which the "Mayflower" passengers first stepped ashore when they disembarked, and we visit a full-scale replica of the "Mayflower". Then it's down to Cape Cod and Hyannis and the JFK Memorial before we return to Boston late afternoon.

Keep an eye out for the cranberry bogs which are a common sight in the area.

### Friday 30 September

Boston – White Mountain National Park (B,D)

After a good breakfast to start us on our way, we continue our journey with a stop at the historic town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire's only seaport. This is a delightful town with many vintage Georgian mansions and colonial structures dating back to the 1690s and the time of the original English settlers. Our lunch stop is Concord and we have time for a visit to the State House, which at almost 200 years old is the oldest in the country where the state legislature still meets in the original chambers. We continue to our overnight stay in beautiful White Mountains.





### Saturday 01 October

White Mountain National Park – Burlington, Vermont (B,D)

Our journey today takes us through White Mountain National Park. Spreading across New Hampshire into Maine, the White Mountains are the biggest in New England, noted for their spectacular scenery and many natural attractions - especially in the autumn. Dominating the rest is Mount Washington at nearly 7000ft. Then it's across the border into Vermont where a "must do" is a stop at a maple syrup factory shop. We spend the night at Burlington located on the shores of Lake Champlain. Dinner tonight will be onboard the Harvest Moon Dinner Cruise, hopefully watching the moon rise over Lake Champlain.

### Sunday 02 October

Burlington – Cornwall - Ottawa (B,D)

Today, we return to Canada via Cornwall. Our first stop is the Kinsmen Farmer's Market, an all local, producer-only market which means everything for sale is grown or made by the people selling it. Come on out and visit fresh seasonal farmers' market offering locally grown produce, fresh meats, homemade preserves, baked goods, and artisan vendors. After a lunch break (not included), we continue to Ottawa for an evening at leisure. Settle into our hotel, which is located in the heart of Canada's capital next door to the Parliament



Buildings. Dinner is included at a local restaurant.

### Monday 03 October

Ottawa (B)

We enjoy a sightseeing tour of Ottawa. The wonderful autumn colours in the parks and gardens, the grounds of the Prime Minister and Governor General's residences, the Houses of Parliament and the embassies make a wonderful display. At the end of the tour, why not enjoy a lunch break at the Fruit Markets with a wide range of restaurants and coffee shops. The remainder of the day is free to explore this beautiful city.

### Tuesday 04 October

Ottawa - Montebello (B,D)

Today is a full day of adventure. We start with a trip to the Canadian Museum of History for a special cultural exchange. Indigenous Experiences is situated on the grounds of the Canadian Museum of History on the shores of the Ottawa River, within



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the traditional territory of the Algonquin people. Afterwards, we have some free time to experience the museum on our own. Afterwards, we travel to Omega Park, located just outside of Montebello. From the comfort of the "Omega Bus", experience Canada's wildlife up close. A nature guide will accompany and help to spot elk, bison, moose, wolves, bears, beavers, eagles and foxes in their natural habitat. Feed local deer carrots, attend an animal presentation, and consider an easy walk through one of the many nature trails. Consider walking the First National Trail to view totems, inukshuks and more. We arrive at our historic hotel, modeled after a hunting chateau. Our dinner is included at our hotel.

### Wednesday 05 October

Montebello – Montreal (B,D)

With massive grounds for hiking, gorgeous lakes for canoeing and yachting, a full service spa and golf course, the Chateau Montebello has so much to offer. This afternoon, we depart our hotel for Montreal where we will have ample free time in old town for lunch in local cafes. After lunch, we start our Montreal city tour with a local guide in charming Old Town. We start our sightseeing at the magnificent Notre Dame Basilica with its wood interior and stained-glass windows illustrating biblical scenes as well as the city's history. The Old Town area offers a range of buildings covering the centuries since the foundation of the

city and our drive-up Mont Royal provides panoramic views over the city and the St Lawrence River Valley.

### Thursday 06 October

Montreal (B,D)

Founded in 1642, Montreal is decidedly "French", yet it is also very cosmopolitan with many immigrants from all over the world who have made the city their home. We have left the day at leisure, a chance to explore the underground city which protects the locals from the harsh conditions of the northern winters.

### Friday 07 October

Montreal – Quebec (B,D)

From Montreal, it's just a 3 hour drive through to Quebec City, the capital and "soul" of this French-Canadian province. The city is one of the oldest and most historic in North America with its preserved walls and Old Town that is so reminiscent of 17<sup>th</sup> century Europe. The city is dominated by Chateau Frontenac which sits atop the cape overlooking the St Lawrence River. This afternoon, we enjoy a sightseeing tour of both the Upper and Lower Old Town before checking into our hotel for an overnight stay.

### Saturday 08 October

Quebec – Commence Gulf of St Lawrence Atlantic Coast Cruise (B,D)



After check-out from our hotel this morning, we venture out of the city to visit Isle d'Orleans. The island located in the middle of the St Lawrence River offers beautiful pastoral landscapes of traditional rural Quebec and during the fall seasons, wonderful autumn colours. Back on the mainland, we continue up the Beaupre coast and visit the magnificent Basilica of Ste Anne-de-Beaupre, the second most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in North America and credited with many miraculous cures. On our return to the city, we stop to view the Montmorency Falls, at 270 feet height, over twice the height of Niagara Falls. Then, this afternoon, it's time to join our home for the next 14 nights, the Holland America ship Nieuw Statendam.

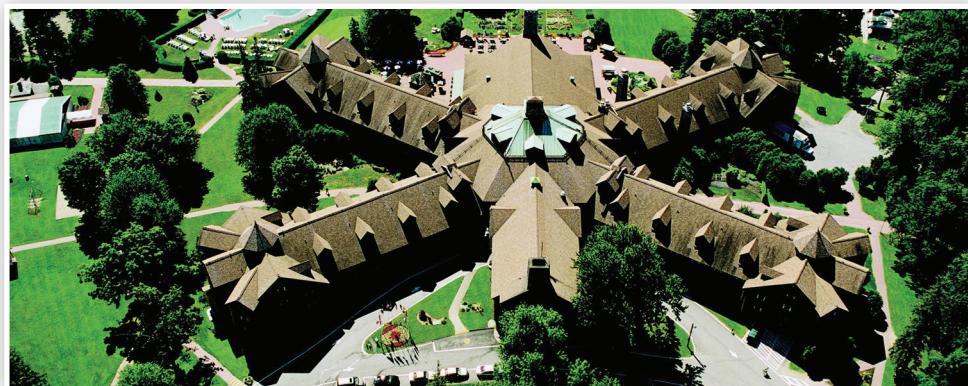
**Sunday 09 October**  
Quebec (B,L,D)

A day of leisure today. There is time if you like to join a tour, or just relax on board and get to know your new home before we set sail at 4pm.

**Monday 10 October**  
Saguenay Fjord (B,L,D)

The quaint waterfront town of Saguenay is situated in Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean—a stunning region named after two standout geographical features that were formed by glaciers: Lake (or Lac) Saint-Jean and the Saguenay River, which winds through one of the longest fjords in the world.

Saguenay is also a gateway to whale-watching opportunities along the majestic





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St. Lawrence River at Tadoussac, where you have the chance to see up to 13 species of whales. Or maybe you would prefer to explore La Route des Artisans (Craftsmen Road), home to 90 small local artisans that specialize in different fields, including paper, textiles, glassblowing, and ceramics.

### Tuesday 11 October

Cruising Gulf of St Lawrence (B,L,D)

The largest estuary in the world, the Gulf of Saint Lawrence fringes the shores of half the provinces of Canada and is a gateway to the interior of the entire North American continent. Geographically, the Gulf is defined by stunning coast line and

beautiful islands, including Prince Edward Island and the Magdalen Islands. Thousands of migratory birds make this area their home during the spring and fall migration period.

### Wednesday 12 October

Gaspé, Quebec (B,L,D)

The Gaspé Peninsula's dramatic coastline is punctuated by Percé Rock, an iconic limestone formation that has inspired artists, writers and poets for years and remains one of the country's top tourist attractions. The name Gaspé is thought to come from a word in the native Mi'kmaq language for "Land's End," not surprising because Gaspé's biggest challenge—and the secret to its unspoiled landscape—is its lack of accessibility. Located





hundreds of miles from Montréal and Québec City, Gaspé is in the Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine region of eastern Québec where the Gulf of St. Lawrence meets the Gaspé Basin. Observe the world's largest northern gannet colony on Bonaventure Island, hike part of the International Appalachian Trail and admire the Cap Bon Ami sea cliffs in Forillon National Park.

#### **Thursday 13 October**

Charlottetown PEI (B,L,D)

Canada's smallest province is an island that seems to be tethered to New Brunswick by the 8-mile-long Confederation Bridge lest it drift into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Leave the mainland, cross the bridge, and make a right for Charlottetown. The largest city on Prince Edward Island as well as its capital, its Victorian architecture, abundance of parks, and harbourside location make it an idyllic stop for cruise visitors. Walk the cobblestones of Victoria Row, see the house that inspired "Anne of Green Gables," or explore the wild shore of Prince Edward Island National Park.

#### **Friday 14 October**

Sydney, Nova Scotia (B,L,D)

A hundred thousand Gaelic welcomes await you in Nova Scotia, Latin for "New Scotland." At the northeast end of the province sits Cape Breton Island, whose wild and lovely topography includes Cape

Breton Highlands National Park, Bras d'Or Lake, and miles of rugged coastline. Sydney is the gateway to it all. There are highland villages for visitors to see, the scenic Cabot Trail to explore, golden inland seas to sail, and the Fortress of Louisburg to inspect - where every barn, barracks and pipe and drum corps appears just as it did when King Louis' troops occupied the site in 1744.

#### **Saturday 15 October**

Halifax, Nova Scotia (B,L,D)

It's big enough to be the economic and cultural capital of eastern Canada, but small enough to be easy-going and hospitable. Halifax residents have it good, the city is located on one of the planet's great natural harbours and adorned with landmarks like the Citadel fortress, Pier 21 (Canada's Ellis Island), and the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Outside the city, cruise visitors can discover the weather-beaten landscape of Nova Scotia's south shore. See craggy coastlines, the bouldered topography of Peggy's Cove, and the German village of Lunenburg, so meticulously restored it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### **Sunday 16 October**

St John, New Brunswick (B,L,D)

Saint John, on the southern coast of New Brunswick, is Canada's oldest incorporated city as well as the only city on the Bay of



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Fundy.

Give your stroll through uptown Saint John a little focus by taking the self-guided Loyalist Trail walking tour, which visits historic attractions like the 1784 Burial Grounds, the 1876 Old City Market, a general store and the Jewish Historical Museum. The New Brunswick Museum, also along the Loyalist Trail, tells the story of the town and exhibits cover some of its natural history, too, with an 80,000-year-old mastodon skeleton. The Martello Tower has been part of Saint John's identity since it was erected for the War of 1812; it was even used to house prisoners during World War I.

### Monday 17 October

Portland, Maine (B,L,D)

Modern Portland, first settled in 1633, carries the marks of both subsets of Mainers. The restored brick buildings and warehouses of the Old Port and the fine upright houses of prosperous captains, merchants and shipbuilders make the city's past a living part of its present. And the waterfront is a going concern, not a museum: Fishing boats chug into and out of their berths, buoys clang, harbour seals bark. Wander through the terrific art museum, take a tour of one of the city's historic homes or maybe head to the coast—craggy, windswept, dramatic—a glorious and undeniably New England panorama.

### Tuesday 18 October

Boston (B,L,D)

Today sees us back in one of America's favourite cities. There is something nice about Boston, a big city but with a sense of small-town parochialism that is never more evident than when their sports teams like the Red Sox, Patriots or the Celtics are playing at home. There is a lot more to see that you may have missed in our first visit. Maybe enjoy a leisurely lunch at Quincy Markets, get lost in the Prudential Shopping Centre or again stroll the grounds of Harvard with the "freshmen".

### Wednesday 19 October

At Sea (B,L,D)

Two days at sea to relax and unwind as we travel down the East Coast and near journey's end.

### Thursday 20 October

At Sea (B,L,D)

### Friday 21 October

Port Canaveral, Florida (B,L,D)

Port Canaveral, on Florida's Space Coast, is an ideal launching spot to get to the nearby Kennedy Space Centre. Guests get to see NASA treasures and experience a space-shuttle-launch simulator and even have the chance to meet a veteran astronaut among the adventures at the Kennedy Space



Centre. Tonight, we have our final dinner together with our fellow travellers.

#### **Saturday 22 October**

Cruise Ends - Fort Lauderdale - Home (B)

Our cruise comes to an end in Fort Lauderdale this morning. We have a city tour this morning before we transfer to the airport and join the flight to commence our journey home.

#### **Monday 24 October**

Arrive Home





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