

# *Treasures of Montreal & Quebec City by Rail*

*Presented by Rocky River Senior Center  
6 Days ~ September 3-8, 2022*

Enjoy first class tour features as we travel through Canada on VIA Rail's ultra-modern LRC train. This unique getaway combines the excitement of Quebec City and Montreal with the beauty of the Saint Lawrence Seaway and The Thousand Islands. Experience delicious meals, first class service, fine hotels and unforgettable sightseeing on this great summertime tour to French Canada. ALL ABOARD!

## **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

Montreal – Basilica of Notre Dame – Mont Royal – St Lawrence Seaway – Old Port – Quebec City  
French Quarter – National Battlefields Park – Citadel – Montmorency Falls – Parliament Buildings  
Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre – The Thousand Islands Boat Cruise – VIA Rail Canada  
Watertown, New York – Casino de Montreal – Montreal's Underground – Expo '67 Biosphere

## **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ❖ All deluxe motorcoach & first-class rail transportation
- ❖ Five nights lodging
- ❖ Six meals – three dinners & three breakfasts
- ❖ All sightseeing, admissions & baggage handling
- ❖ Professionally escorted

## **TOUR FARE:**

\$1749 per person based on double occupancy  
\$2129 per person based on single occupancy

**Payment Policy:** A \$200.00 per person deposit is now due to secure your reservation with the balance due by July 20, 2022. Make checks payable to Wendt Touring and send to:

Rocky River Senior Center, 21014 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116. Attention: Deb Huff.

For more information contact Rocky River Senior Center (440) 333-6660. All are welcome!

**Refund Policy:** Full refund on all monies paid (including insurance payment) on cancellations made by July 20, 2022. Optional trip cancellation insurance is available for \$125 per person double occupancy or \$155 per person single occupancy and is **due with deposit**.

*Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring*

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1: Cleveland – VIA Rail – Montreal, Quebec:**

Travel aboard a deluxe highway touring motorcoach into Canada. Upon arrival in Toronto, climb aboard VIA Rail's sleek, comfortable, high-speed train for an exciting ride to Montreal. Enjoy plush reclining seats and large observation windows as we travel into Quebec. There is something magical about train travel. Enjoy spectacular views that can be seen only by train. Delight in a full-course dinner along with all the special amenities of VIA 1 first-class service as we travel along the northern shore of Lake Ontario. Arrive in cosmopolitan Montreal this evening for a delightful two-night stay at a downtown hotel. As Canada's second largest city, Montreal is a commercial and financial center plus a major seaport.

### **Day 2: Old Montreal/Old Port Sights – Basilica of Notre Dame – Mont Royal:**

Today we explore Montreal on a comprehensive sightseeing tour. Enjoy the remarkable 18<sup>th</sup> Century architecture along with the many boutiques, sidewalk cafes and public places that are alive with activity. Visit one of the most magnificent French-Canadian churches and one of the largest churches in North America, the Basilica of Notre Dame. Renowned for its opulent décor, the Gothic Revival Notre Dame Basilica features spectacular stained-glass windows. Continue past St. Joseph's Oratory and enjoy a scenic drive to the summit on Mont Royal for a spectacular panoramic view of Montreal and the St. Lawrence River against the backdrop of New York's Adirondacks. Enjoy a special dinner this evening. Optional visit to Casino de Montreal; located near the Expo '67 Biosphere.

### **Day 3: Montreal – Quebec City – French Quarter:**

Today we depart Montreal. Relax as we travel through beautiful rural communities en route to historic Quebec City. Regally carved into the bluffs overlooking the St. Lawrence River, Quebec City is a proud and vibrant landmark. Capital of the province, Quebec reflects an old-world charm and grace of another era and is the only walled city north of Mexico. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided tour through old Quebec featuring the historic French Quarter, Parliament Buildings, National Battlefields Park and the Citadel – official residence of the governor-general in French Canada. Enjoy the next two nights in Quebec City

### **Day 4: Basilica of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre - Montmorency Falls – Quebec City at leisure:**

Travel the scenic shore of the St. Lawrence River to visit Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre, a world-famous shrine that annually attracts more than a million pilgrims and visitors and has been the site of countless miraculous cures since the chapel was built in 1658. Later today we see Montmorency Falls (which is higher than Niagara Falls), located at the confluence of the Montmorency and St. Lawrence Rivers. Enroute we visit the Gilles Copper Art Museum. This afternoon we return to Quebec City with free time to explore on our own. Visit the many boutiques, galleries and shops of Old Town. Items such as antiques, leather goods, Eskimo and Indian art, books and native handicrafts are for sale. Take a relaxing stroll along Dufferin Terrace for a lovely view of Old Lower Town and its remarkable European architecture.

### **Day 5: Quebec City – St. Lawrence Seaway – Thousand Islands Boat Cruise – New York State:**

This morning we depart Quebec City and head south along a picturesque route following the mighty St. Lawrence Seaway into Ontario. In Alexandria Bay, New York, we embark on a scenic cruise through the lovely Thousand Islands which are like brilliant jewels throughout the sparkling waters of Lake Ontario. Special farewell dinner included. Final overnight in quaint Watertown, New York.

### **Day 6: Watertown, NY – Cleveland:**

Depart upstate New York. Early evening return home. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically.