



The Traveling Professor Presents

CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF MONTRÉAL AND QUÉBEC CITY

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Québec City

Arrive and check-in at the world-famous Fairmont Château Frontenac, the most-photographed hotel in the world. It is majestically perched overlooking the St. Lawrence River within the largest walled city in North America. Let's meet in the lobby to say "bonjour!" this afternoon. Then, our professional guide takes us on a behind-the-scenes tour to tell the stories of the chateau's history and famous guests like Princess Grace, Queen Elizabeth, Celine Dion, Charles de Gaulle, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Let's get together for a welcome dinner (not included in the price of the trip) and get to know each other.

Hotel: Le Chateau Frontenac

Day 2: Québec City and Beyond

After breakfast, A private coach tour takes us into the countryside. The giant waterfalls of Montmorency, taller than Niagara Falls, reveal scenery only to be found in this part of the world. The Sanctuary of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré is a destination for pilgrims from all over the world. Visit while it is in all its glory, decorated in full for the Christmas season. We plan a visit to Cidrerie Verger Bilodeau for holiday treats made from local produce. Then, a delightful lunch (included with the tour) on Île d'Orléans overlooking Québec City. Rounding out the day is a visit to Le Grand Marché de Québec. There you will find a wide range of local foods, Christmas gifts, and seasonal crafts. We are back in Old Québec with the rest of the day to enjoy the charms of the old city.

Hotel: Le Chateau Frontenac

Day 3: Québec City the Christmas Markets

This morning, follow your professional guide off-the-beaten-path to be charmed by Old Québec, all dressed up for Christmas. This UNESCO World Heritage city is the site of fine old buildings and proud monuments that line winding streets and picturesque places such as the National Assembly and Parliament Hill, the Battlefields Park, the Citadel, Notre-Dame-de-Québec Basilica and Place d'Armes. A stop will also be made at Place Royale, the cradle of French civilization in North America, in the heart of the old Lower Town along the St. Lawrence river front. After the tour, go out on your own to experience charming Québec City decorated with Christmas delights. It's like going back to a time you knew from long ago. All 5 Christmas Markets are open day and night until 9 pm and are within easy walking distance of the hotel.

Hotel: Le Chateau Frontenac

Day 4: Departure from Québec City to Montréal by Scenic Rail

Relax and enjoy breakfast at Le Chateau Frontenac. Just after noon, we board the high-speed luxury train from Québec City to Gare Central (Montréal Central train station). Enjoy lunch (included) on the train. Arrival time in Montréal is about 4 pm. The train station is located directly under the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, accessible to us by private entrance. After check-in, let's head over to Notre-Dame Basilica for a tour and experience "Aura", the dynamic Christmas multi-media show.
Hotel: Fairmont The Hotel Queen Elizabeth.

Day 5: Montréal

A full day in this fascinating city. Our private coach, accompanied by a professional tour guide, allows the traveler to delve deep into this sprawling city. We plan to see Dorchester Square, Square Victoria, Mount Royal, Place Ville Marie, Chinatown, the Latin Quarter, Quartier des Spectacles, Fine Arts Museum, and Saint Joseph's Oratory. After the tour, do some shopping on your own or return to the Christmas Markets for a full day and evening of exploring and shopping.
Hotel: Fairmont The Hotel Queen Elizabeth.

Day 6: Montréal

Enjoy another bountiful breakfast at The Hotel Queen Elizabeth. Steve and Linda will help you get to your next destination. Au revoir!

ABOUT OUR SMALL GROUP TOURS

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in "off the itinerary" sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with a small group of 12-20 active adults. This offers the flexibility to do what we want to do, on our own schedule.

A bountiful breakfast is included each day of the tour. Every day we plan a relaxing lunch and dinner. Please join us or go out on your own - we are glad to offer our best recommendations.

Our guide is with us during the day. Tour leaders are with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at 9:30 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Before departure date, each traveler is supplied with a "final" detailed itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, passports, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared. And of course, we are always available to personally answer any questions you may have.

Extra nights in Montréal and Québec City are available upon request.

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