**Canada’s Cultural Cities:**
**Ottawa, Quebec City, and Montreal**

**Spring, Summer, and Fall**
**8 Days/7 Nights**
**Passports Required**

**Day One—Dinner**

Arrive in Toronto early afternoon. Enjoy lunch on your own at a sidewalk café in the financial capital of Canada. After lunch, visit Canada’s majestic castle, Casa Loma. Step back in time to a period of European elegance and splendor. The former home of Canadian financier Sir Henry Pellatt, Canada’s foremost castle is complete with decorated suites, secret passages, an 800-foot tunnel, towers, stables and beautiful 5-acre estate gardens.

Next, visit Edwards Gardens. Explore the brilliant floral displays and rock gardens, walk across wooden arch bridges and witness the fall flowers as they begin to bloom.

Check into your downtown Toronto hotel. There will be time to relax and refresh before dinner this evening.

Dinner this evening is served in a 600-seat warehouse! Originally a blacksmith shop built in 1898, this huge old warehouse was converted into a restaurant in 1971. It is filled with a fabulous collection of antiques and truly unique artifacts and is now known as the famous “Old Spaghetti Factory”.

**Day Two—Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast in the hotel, pack your bags, board your motor coach and begin your travels to Ottawa. With a comfort stop along the way, arrive early afternoon in Ottawa at the Byward Market, Canada’s oldest and largest public market. The Byward Market is Ottawa’s premier destination for shopping, dining, arts and entertainment. Enjoy lunch on your own while exploring this fabulous market, that is home to the local farmers’ market and artisans with over 260 stands, as well as over 500 businesses.

After lunch, embark on a guided tour of Canada’s Parliament Buildings. This gorgeous Gothic-style structure overlooks the Ottawa River and sits on top of Parliament Hill. There are hundreds of individual gargoyles, grotesques, reliefs and bosses carved into the stonework of the buildings. Walk to the top of the Peace Tower for an incredible view of the city.

After, check into your downtown Ottawa hotel. From the tall picture windows and bold tulip inspired artwork, to Biedermeier-style luxury furnishings; you will feel pampered the minute you walk in. There will be time to refresh before dinner.

Dinner this evening is at locals’ favorite restaurant, located in Ottawa’s downtown.

**Day Three—Breakfast, Dinner**

After a full, hearty breakfast buffet served at the hotel, join your local guide for a 2 1/2-hour city tour of Ottawa. The costumed guide, portraying a historical character, will show you the nation’s capital, the changing of the guard ceremony, the Eternal Flame, the lookout at the Museum Civilisation in Hull, the Prime Minister’s residence, Rideau Hall, the Rockcliffe District and more. Have lunch on your own after the tour then, begin your travels to Quebec City.
Arrive in the “walled city” late afternoon. Check into your European style, 4-star hotel located in the heart of the historic and culturally vibrant Old Quebec City. Upon arrival, there will be time to relax and refresh or take a stroll around the Old City before dinner.

Your welcome to Quebec dinner is uniquely served in a “Cabane a Sucre,” or Sugar Shack, affording an experience that will give you an authentic taste of life in Quebec. Dinner is followed by traditional music and a chance to play the wooden spoons!

**Day Four—Breakfast, Dinner**

After a full, American breakfast, served in the hotel, join your local guide and embark on a full day of Quebec discovery. Visit the Island of Orleans, located in the middle of the St. Lawrence River and about the same size as Manhattan.

Arrive at Marie’s Breadoven, where you will see a 150-year-old bread oven and a 1652 stone dwelling, that houses the fourth generation of Marie’s family. Sample a slice of fresh-baked bread with maple butter.

Next, visit the Ste-Anne Basilica. St. Anne is known for performing many miracles, and people from all around the world come to visit the Basilica. Have lunch on your own at a restaurant near the Basilica.

The Grand Canyon Sainte-Anne is your next stop. Explore the imposing 74-meter high Sainte-Anne waterfall, walk across one of the highest pedestrian bridges in Quebec. Your last visit is at the Cooper Studio, where you may watch the artists and make a special craft of your own. After a busy day, return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

You are in for a real treat with dinner at Manoir Montmorency. The restaurant stands atop a hill overlooking Montmorency Falls and is renown for its fine-dining and breathtaking surroundings. Montmorency Falls is the highest point in Quebec.

**Day Five—Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast in the hotel, join your local guide and discover Quebec City. During your 2 1/2-hour tour, witness the Plains of Abraham, Cape Diamond, The Joan of Arc Garden, Place d’Armes, Old Quebec, Chateau Frontenac, Place Royal and much more! Enjoy lunch on your own along the way before departing for Montreal.

After the tour, begin your travels to Montreal where you will arrive late afternoon. Embark on a guided tour of Pointe-a-Calliere Museum. This National Historic site rises above the city’s birthplace. Discover native artifacts and learn how the French and British regimes influenced the history of this territory over the years. The Museum’s building is linked by an underground passage to Ancienne Douane, Montreal’s first Custom House and an archaeological crypt beneath the raised portion of Place Royal.

Check into your Montreal hotel. After you have refreshed, gather for dinner in one of Old Montreal’s most popular French restaurants. The stoned walls and cozy fireplaces of this historic building surround you in old-world charm while you dine on fabulous cuisine.

**Day Six—Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast, join your local guide for 3-hour fascinating tour of the city. Your tour includes admission to the Notre-Dame Basilica, and sites such as Ste-Catherine Street, St-Helen Island, Mont-Royal, St-Joseph’s Oratory, The Old Port, Jacques Cartier and more!

The tour will end at the renowned Jean Talon Market, where you can enjoy lunch on your own. This European-style market has over 300 vendors. The open-air market is surrounded by other food businesses: meat, fish and cheese stores, bulk food emporia, dealers in spices and imported goods and bakeries. The displays, aromas and tastes will amaze you.
Next, visit the **Biodome**, an oasis in the heart of the city that recreates some of the most beautiful ecosystems of the Americas. Witness a **Tropical Rainforest**, the **Laurentian Maple Forest**, the **Gulf of St. Lawrence** and Subpolar Regions of the Americas.

Visit one of the most beautifully unique destinations in the city, Montreal’s **Botanical Gardens**. With its collection of 22,000 plant species and cultivars, 10 exhibition greenhouses and some thirty thematic gardens, the Garden ranks as one of the world’s largest and most spectacular botanical gardens.

There will be time to return to the hotel to relax and refresh prior to the evenings activities.

Get ready to be entertained at **Le Cabaret due Roy**, an interactive 18th century feast. Meet lively traditional musicians and exciting historical characters. In a warm and authentic environment, taste today’s Quebec rural products in dishes inspired from yesteryears’ fine French and American culinary arts.

**DAY SEVEN—breakfast**

After breakfast served in the hotel, pack your luggage and say “Au Revoir” as you board your coach and begin your travels home. With a lunch on your own and comfort stops along the way, arrive in Niagara Falls, NY early evening.

Check into your **Niagara Falls** hotel, adjacent to the Seneca Casino. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the 3 restaurants located in the casino. Then, try your luck at the slot machines, the blackjack table or any of the other games.

**DAY EIGHT—breakfast**

After breakfast served in the hotel, pack your luggage and prepare to checkout.

Before departing Niagara Falls, board the **Maid of the Mist** and journey into the heart of one of North America’s most powerful waterfalls.

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