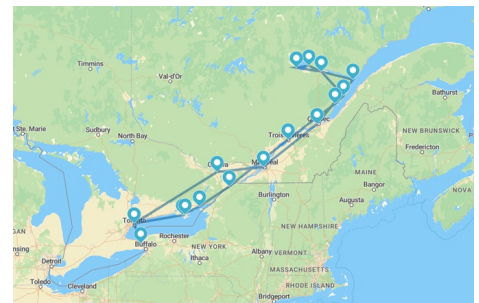




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Canada from North to South Route

One of the best ways to get to know a country is to tour it from top to bottom. That's why we've designed a packed self-drive tour that will take you to the most impressive destinations in Canada. A trip that will take you around Lake Saint Jean on one of the most magical days in the itinerary. You'll also be fascinated by the area of Saguenay where you'll visit its fjord and glacier, as well as a boat trip to observe whales and Greenland sharks. Canada is a country to enjoy in and out of the water. As optional trips, we suggest the ferry to Toronto Islands, a tour of Thousand Islands, an excursion to the island of Newfoundland, or water sports off Prince Edward Island, to name just a few. On dry land, don't forget that Canada is synonymous with nature with a capital N. So much so that during your stay in the country you'll have the chance to explore spectacular natural oases such as Charlevoix, Jacques Cartier or Mauricie, and marvel at the Chutes-Montmorency, the most impressive waterfalls in the country. You'll also have time to enjoy Omega Park, one of the most spectacular animal reserves in the world. An experience-packed, scenic and cultural trip that is rounded off with a visit to Canada's four major cities. The ultra-modern Toronto, the lively Montreal, the exquisite French-styled Quebec, and the traditional and laid-back Ottawa welcome travellers with open arms. And let's not forget Baie Saint Paul, the birthplace of the Cirque du Soleil. What's more, throughout the tour you'll be able to savour delicious typical dishes, discover amazing traditions and take part in unique experiences. Head over to Canadian lands, you definitely won't regret it.



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DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - TORONTO

Flight departure from the city of origin to Toronto. Upon arrival at the airport and, after collecting your luggage, head to the car rental offices to sign the contract and pick up your car. The rest of the day is at your leisure to start exploring this cosmopolitan city. Soak up the many facets of this destination with its fascinating melting pot of multicultural neighbourhoods: from Chinatown and Little Italy to Greektown and Little Portugal, you'll discover many worlds within a single city. In the evening, make sure you visit the theatre district, which is the third largest in the world and the venue for modern musicals and traditional plays. Overnight stay in Toronto.

● DAY 2 · TORONTO - NIAGARA FALLS - TORONTO

Today, you can continue exploring the city of Toronto or head southwards, skirting the rugged Niagara Escarpment and cutting through the orchards and vineyards of the Niagara Peninsula. Toronto is one of the country's most interesting cities, so it's important to organise yourself well to take advantage of your time here. That's why we recommend going first to the Niagara Falls, one of the world's most famous natural attractions, and then planning out your visit to the city depending on the time that you have available. To give you an idea, it takes just over an hour to drive to the Niagara Falls. The time you spend here will depend on whether you want to experience the Maid of the Mist, which usually lasts around two hours. (Note: The Maid of the Mist is a boat that takes you (sensibly) close up to the Falls. You can also admire this impressive place by helicopter, service not included). Tip: get up early to be the first there, enjoy the waterfalls without hundreds of tourists and their cameras, and then head back to Toronto for lunch. (Note: On your way back, you can stop off to discover the historic village of Niagara-on-the-Lake and explore its fantastic shops and boutiques). Back in Toronto, there are endless options that will complement yesterday's visit. You could have lunch in Chinatown or a bite to eat at Kensington Market or St. Lawrence Market. If you want to take advantage of your time in the city to go shopping, the most original purchases can be made at probably the most fascinating store you'll have ever seen: Honest Ed's. Meanwhile, the most modern part of the city is located in the financial district. This is located in Downtown, around King St and the Waterfront. However, if you've come in the search of art, make sure you visit the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Whether you're travelling in winter or any of the other seasons, a must-see is the PATH. Obviously, in the colder seasons you'll spend more time strolling around Toronto's underground city, which is also perfect for covering short distances without taking the car. If you love castles, you'll find a fascinating one in Toronto. Yes, you heard right. The Casa Loma is a mansion with outstanding gardens which, amid so much modernity, reminds visitors of how people lived in the city not so long ago. There are also many evening attractions in Toronto. Check out beforehand whether your visit coincides with a baseball game at the Rogers Centre or an ice hockey match at the Air Canada Centre, to watch the Maple Leafs win at home in the country's national sporting obsession. Tickets for both sports are neither cheap nor easy to get hold of, but they will open the door to one of Canada's biggest social and sporting spectacles. The sunset is one of the best moments to admire the impressive city skyline. There are a few options for this, such as taking the Toronto Islands ferry or heading up to the CN Tower observation platform. When you've marvelled at the sun going down, you can head over to the Distillery District. It's popular because its once-derelict old buildings have now become the place to be in the city. You can have a drink alongside the coolest people in Toronto. Overnight stay in Toronto.

● DAY 3 · TORONTO - OTTAWA (OPTIONAL VISIT TO TORONTO ISLANDS)

The journey to Ottawa is quite long. In fact, you'll need around 4 hours or so to cover the 450 kilometres between the two cities. So, before leaving Toronto, we suggest you choose one of the options on offer today. You could, for example, head out to the Toronto Islands, a trip that will make you a lifelong lover of this city. You can visit at any time of the year, but the best months are between April and October, when you can enjoy all the attractions and when the weather is usually kind to the visitor. The main island is Centre Island, so, knowing that you have to drive to Ottawa later, it's good to choose the ferry schedule that best suits you. It departs every 15 minutes from the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal, where there's also a convenient car park. The most typical thing is to rent a bike once on the island and cycle to the places that interest you the most. Remember that one of the best ways to see the Toronto skyline is from the ferry to the Toronto Islands, so if yesterday you chose to go up to the CN Tower, make sure you charge up your phone today, as there'll be hundreds of photo opportunities. And also take your swimwear with you, as there are beaches over there. You can rent a kayak if you want to explore the coastline of the island. It's a wonderful experience. Whether you've hired a bike or decided to hike, you'll have access to the lighthouse, to the jetty, and to forests, parks and gardens that you'll never forget. Enjoy everything at a leisurely pace (you're on holiday, after all), but do keep an eye on the time, though. It's a good idea to be at the port 20 minutes before your boat leaves to make sure it's not full, and to return your bike if you've rented one. In just under 15 minutes you'll be back in Toronto, ready to have a bite to eat and hit the road over to Ottawa. Whether you've chosen the Toronto Islands option or not, on the way to your final destination of the day you'll be skirting Lake Ottawa at all times, home to the greatest attraction of this tour: the Thousand Islands. This is the second choice for the day. If you wish, you can take a boat from Kingston, Gananoque or Brockville. All three options are good. There are ninety-minute cruises and other three-hour cruises, but the most important thing is that they'll give you the chance to discover some of the most beautiful islands on this northeastern shore of Lake Ottawa. This isn't really compatible with a visit to the Toronto Islands for questions of time, so unless you're super-organised, you'll have to leave it until your visit to Kingston nearer the end of the tour. Whether you decide on this trip or continue on your journey with a stop-off, you'll arrive in the capital of Canada late in the day. (Note: From Toronto, you can drive north along the Rideau Heritage Route and intermittently skirt the Rideau River. This will take you through riverside villages such as Smiths Falls and Edmond's Lock. Many of them have locks that let boats navigate the natural elevation change along the river). Overnight stay in Ottawa.

DAY 4 · OTTAWA

Today, we're waking up in Ottawa.

When you step out of the hotel, you'll instantly see a clean and well-organised city. This is Ottawa, a true reflection of what the country is like. Modern and open to the world, but embracing the most beautiful nature you could ever imagine. As you'll soon notice, the city is pretty big and you'll appreciate being able to drive around. Even though many of its sights are in relatively close proximity, you have to walk a lot and at a brisk pace to be able to see everything. So, get in the car and... Let's kick the day off! One of the best ways to do this is by heading towards the legislative and political heart of the city. The buildings on Parliament Hill, aka Wellington St, are known as Centre Block, East Block and West Block (an example of how everything is perfectly ordered) and house the Parliament, the Senate and the Prime Minister's office, among other ministries. You can visit them, but we recommend arriving early, as you must get a (free) admission ticket and the queues can be quite long. Most of this area is pedestrianised, so you can park your car nearby and enjoy the stroll. Depending on the month you visit, you'll see the changing of the guard at 10 am, the mapping display on the facade, or other fascinating activities. After this, you can head over to the Rideau Canal. In summer, you can take a boat or wander along either of its two banks, while in winter you can skate on the world's longest ice rink! Very close to here are the Alexandra and the Macdonald Cartier bridges, which will take you to Gatineau. This will give you a fascinating vista of the city. In fact, on this side of the river you'll find the Canadian Museum of History. It is very interesting indeed. Other must-visit museums are found around Sussex Street, such as the Canadian War Museum and the Ottawa Art Gallery. What's more, in different parts of the city you'll come across spectacular mega-sculptures. To eat, head over to ByWard Market. This is a buzzing market with a truly amazing culinary offering. You'll also love the area as it's full of action. Musicians, street artists and bars all pump life into this part of the city. To walk off lunch, nothing better than a stroll around Major's Hill Park, one of the countless green spaces in the city. As well as many golf courses. And some of them are even open to the public. If you're a golfing enthusiast, make sure you check some of them out. In the afternoon, you can take a walk through the pedestrianised area of Sparks Street. There are loads of quaint stores and bars to explore. For dinner, we suggest researching the places to be and booking ahead to make sure you get a table.

Overnight stay in Ottawa.

DAY 5 · OTTAWA - MONTREAL

After the relaxing day you had yesterday, today we recommend an early start to head straight to Montreal.

You'll cover the 200 kilometres in little more than two hours. The 417 is a very pleasant road without great difficulties, so it will be a straightforward drive to today's destination. We've prepared a selection of the best things to do in Montreal so you can leisurely see as many attractions as possible in the city. If you want to feel like a star-struck conqueror admiring your recent gains, head straight up to the Montreal Tower. It's the world's tallest inclined tower, so you can already imagine that from the top you'll be rewarded with some unparalleled views. Soaring 175 metres and with an awe-inspiring 45-degree angle, fortunately there's a lift that will whisk you up to the top floor. Another highlight of Montreal is La Ville Souterraine, a mammoth underground shopping centre that runs through the depths of the city, designed for when the overground weather is at its most inclement. You can also spend some time today visiting some of Montreal's most characteristic neighbourhoods, such as Chinatown, the Latin Quarter or Boulevard Saint-Laurent; all cultural melting pots. A great option for lunch, weather permitting, is to buy a take-out and have a picnic somewhere on Mount Royal. If you happen to be there on a Sunday, don't miss the Tam Tams drumming session. It's mind-blowing! A great place to walk off lunch very close to the park is Plateau-Mont-Royal. It's a laid-back, fairly hipster neighbourhood, brimming with culture and art. On Queen Mary Road, and with its own car park, you'll find Saint Joseph's Oratory, the largest church in Canada and which has the second-largest dome in the world after Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. You'll be bowled over by the candle room! On the other side of Mount Royal, you'll also be taken aback by the multicoloured atmosphere of the Gay Village, the largest LGBTQ district in the whole country. It's full of life and action, so there's no way you'll ever get bored. If you're travelling with children, very close to here, around Rue Port-de-Montreal, there are several theme parks and some fascinating museums, such as the Biosphere, a unique centre dedicated to water and the environment. You'll love it! As soon as night falls, jazz clubs, pavement terraces and bistros bloom like flowers in spring. Crescent or Saint-Denis streets are a safe bet.

Overnight stay in Montreal.

● DAY 6 · MONTREAL - QUEBEC CITY

We'll leave Montreal today to head north. Quebec awaits us! There are several routes you can take. The shortest one is along the Trans-Canada Highway. However, if you want to follow the Saint Lawrence River, you can take Highway 440 and then turn off at the 720 W. It will take approximately three hours by car. You won't get tired of admiring it, or Lake Saint Pierre, which you'll come across just before reaching the town of Trois-Rivières. It's breathtakingly beautiful and, if you're fond of fishing, is the ideal place to see what you can catch. Today's drive ends in Quebec City. When you're settled, make sure you treat yourself to two of the signature dishes of Canadian cuisine: the Tourtière and the Poutine. After that, you will be ready to discover Quebec City. This is the most French city that you'll have visited so far, and you'll probably agree that it's one of the most elegant and beautiful. It even has its own Notre-Dame! In fact, you'll remember what we're saying here at some point in the day when you think that you could easily live here. It's a very active city, with heaps of life and many street artists that entertain the city both day and night. So, you'll definitely have something to look at while you're strolling between the main sights. Enjoy, you're on holiday! A good starting point for the day is the Citadelle de Québec, the walled city. Quebec City is the only one in all of North America to have a walled historic quarter. Once in the old town, you can visit the largest citadel on the continent, although its appeal not only lies in its content, but also the fantastic surroundings ideal for leisurely strolls. Remember that you're in the oldest city in Canada. Founded in 1608, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. And get ready to experience the contrast between the traditional old quarter and the more modern and cosmopolitan side of Quebec City. Besides its attractive contrasts, the city definitely has a European feel to it. This will become absolutely clear when you amble through Place Royale or the Petit Champlain quarter. You'll feel like you're in Paris! But there are more influences from the French capital. You'll see why when you first set foot on Rue du Trésor. In fact, you'll think you're in the Sacré-Coeur district. Another French influence is the world's most photographed hotel: the Château Frontenac. It's an 18th-century castle where only a lucky few can stay due to its sky-high room rates. Very close to here is the Terrasse Dufferin. This is a decked terrace that overlooks the Saint Lawrence River. At one end, there's a cable car that will whisk you over to the other coast, in the area known as Lévis.

Overnight stay in Quebec City.

DAY 7 · QUEBEC CITY (OPTIONAL VISITS: CHUTES-MONTMORENCY FALLS, JACQUES-CARTIER NATIONAL PARK OR BOAT TRIP TO NEWFOUNDLAND)

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, it's time to get to know Quebec City. And if you're one of those people who feels that you haven't visited a city until you've seen its museums, then today will be a great day for you. You're in one of the world capitals of art. You could spend hours and hours at the MNBAQ, hypnotised by its 38,000-plus pieces of art. Equally addictive and attractive is the Museum of Civilisation, where a truly interactive approach makes it a great place to visit with kids. The city's temples and churches are another draw. Besides Notre-Dame, we recommend the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. Its exterior is elegant, and its interior is spectacular. The frescoes in its arches are outstanding, as are the stained-glass windows. A great place to eat is the area around Rue Saint-Louis and Rue Saint-Jean. It's a really pleasant place, packed with cute boutiques, bars and a wide range of restaurants.

But the attractions are not just in the city centre. Its surroundings are also well worth exploring. Take note of this name: Chutes-Montmorency. They're waterfalls, although we should say they are "THE waterfalls". They're just 15 minutes away from Quebec City and 30 metres higher than the Niagara Falls. Although not as popular, their 83-metre plunge make them even more spectacular than their Ontario cousins. Another attraction of the area - and one of the advantages of driving - is the Jacques-Cartier National Park. Besides being a natural reserve stretching over more than 600 square kilometres, it's the ideal setting to have a go at adventure sports. The whitewater rafting is magnificent, as is the kayaking, although the park is even more famous among hikers, who criss-cross its trails surrounded by breathtaking nature. If you're not a nature lover but rather a fan of theme parks, then no worries, as Quebec has something very special for you: the Village Vacances Valcartier complex. It's open both in summer and winter and features water in all its shapes and forms. Not just in a liquid state, but also in a solid one, as you'll be able to visit the only ice hotel on the continent. And speaking of water, another family-friendly destination in Quebec City is the Aquarium. It's home to more than 10,000 species, including polar bears and seals. (Note: If your trip coincides with Les Grands Feux, you're in luck as they are one of the most impressive pyromusical shows in the world). Another totally different option when in Quebec City is to book a whale-watching cruise zipping through the icebergs off Newfoundland. It's a fascinating experience and unlike any other.

Overnight stay in Quebec City.

DAY 8 · QUEBEC CITY - TADOUSSAC - CHICOUTIMI - SAGUENAY

Although today you'll be leaving the beautiful Quebec City, you'll still enjoy views of the Saint Lawrence River as you drive northwards to Tadoussac, located more than three hours away. And, of course, a bit longer if you decide to stop off in one of the stunning villages that dot the Saint Lawrence riverbank. Tadoussac is one of the very best experiences on this trip. Not just thanks to the village itself, brimming with maritime flair and colourful houses, but also because it lies at the mouth of the Saguenay river fjord, where the sighting of Greenland sharks and beluga whales is usually incredible. You can be one of the lucky ones when you take the ferry that links the south bank to the north bank! The best time to spot them is from May to September, when they can even be seen from the shore, although it's always a great adventure to hop on one of the boats that offer excursions to admire these immense animals in their natural habitat. (Note: Trip not included). The sensation that you'll have upon seeing them will leave you speechless. And all thanks to the combination of warm waters from the Saguenay River and cold waters from the Saint Lawrence, which are home to an enormous amount of krill, the favourite food of whales. That's in Tadoussac, but the journey to Chicoutimi (two hours away on the 172) will be full of spectacular landscapes around the Saguenay Fjord. It was created approximately four billion years ago, when the water of today's Saguenay River flooded the cracks left behind by glaciers as they retreated inland. En route, you'll be skirting the Saguenay River at all times and a great stop-off before arriving in Chicoutimi is Sainte-Rose-du-Nord. You'll love its quaint wooden houses, but there are loads of other pretty villages on the road to Chicoutimi. When you arrive, enjoy a stroll in the Rivière du Moulin park or climb up to the top of the St. Anne Cross, where you will be rewarded by fascinating views of the area. Chicoutimi was first settled by French colonists as a trading post in the fur trade, while a Scotsman actually set up the village which by then was dependent on the paper industry. Nowadays, tourism is the economic driving force of a place that has successfully exploited its virtues while respecting the environment. Try to get to bed early for a good night's sleep, because tomorrow you'll experience one of the most incredible days of the trip. Overnight stay in Saguenay.

DAY 9 · SAGUENAY - LAC ST. JEAN - SAGUENAY

After staying overnight in Saguenay, today you'll enjoy one of the most magical days of the entire trip. After driving through a landscape of forests, lakes and rivers, you'll reach the Lac Saint-Jean region. Fed by four rivers, the huge Lac Saint-Jean is one of the largest lakes in Canada and is perfect for salmon fishing. The most typical route is to start off the journey in the town of Alma and then skirt the 256-kilometre perimeter to enjoy the lake from all possible angles. This isn't the only option, as you can also head directly to Desbiens or Roberval, but the most common way is to start out from Alma. It's a fairly interesting town, especially its museum of beekeeping, but given the spectacular nature of the lake and its surroundings, we recommend not hanging around here for too long. On the 169, you can head towards the Pointe-Taillon National Park, but you'll have to park up if you want to explore it, as cars are prohibited within its borders. However, you can get around on electric bicycles so you don't end up exhausted from walking. If you fancy taking a dip in the lake, this is one of the best gateways. Although you'll have to pay the entrance fee to the Park, this is one of the few accesses to the beach. Oh yes. Yes, you heard right! Inland Canada has a beach! From here, just keep driving along the 169 and stop off wherever you fancy. You're in one of the most beautiful places on the planet, so it's definitely a good idea to make as many stops as you wish. You'll pass through wonderful municipalities such as Sainte-Monique, Péribonka or Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc. In the latter, there are some interesting barns on both sides of the road. Next to come are Saint-Félicien, Saint-Prime and one of our favourite stops of today: Roberval. Strolling through its harbour is a real treat. In fact, you'll want time to stand still here and maybe get taken in by a villager. Very close is the historic town of Val-Jalbert, now turned into a tourist attraction. It may seem strange that the shores of the lakes are privately owned, but direct access to water was one of the conditions laid down by the original settlers when they set up home here. Actually, this tradition still exists today and at some lakes it is difficult to find a public space on the shore. When you finish your visit to Roberval, you can keep going down until you connect with the 170 and return to Saguenay. (Note: If travelling as a family, an interesting trip could be to the zoo of St. Félicien, which features natural habitats that are home to a multitude of wild species, such as bison, elks, bears, deer and wolves, which you can observe from the safety of your car). Overnight stay in Saguenay.

DAY 10 · SAGUENAY - LA MALBAIE - BAIE-SAINT-PAUL AND SURROUNDING AREA (CHARLEVOIX REGION)

Today's journey is straightforward. In fact, if you don't stop off along the way, you'll complete it in less than 3 hours. But don't rush, because one of the biggest attractions of the day are the views you'll get when you enter the Charlevoix region. It includes several villages, but today we'll focus on just two: La Malbaie and Baie-Saint-Paul. The first one is less than 2½ hours from Saguenay. You can take the 170 or the 381, it doesn't matter which one. Two different ways to get to the same place, but if you plump for the 381, you'll venture into the heart of Charlevoix National Park. If you are fond of fishing or kayaking, you can stop off here and simply enjoy. Whichever road you choose to reach La Malbaie, you also have the option to set off on one of the most magical excursions in Canada. It lasts five hours, so you'll have to make sure it fits in with your plans, but we can't stress enough how amazing the experience is. It's basically a ten-kilometre round trip that takes you up 800 metres. But it gives you access to one of the most outstanding panoramic views in the whole world. Both on the 170 and the 381, you'll be permanently surrounded by tundra and picture-postcard scenery. Much of the ground you'll cross in this area is part of the crater caused by a plunging meteorite of more than 15,000 tons approximately 400 million years ago. Most of its surface is covered by the water of the Saint Lawrence River, but en route to Baie-Saint-Paul you can head over to the Mont des Éboulements and see some traces there. When you arrive in La Malbaie, you'll notice that it's a pocket-sized place. Approximately 9,000 people live there, but don't underestimate it at all. As well as having one of the most important casinos in the country, it is the perfect harmony of sea and mountain. Well, not so much the sea, as it's actually the Saint Lawrence River, which - as you'll have seen in previous days - is a sanctuary for various marine species. And in the winter months, La Malbaie becomes the capital of skiing and snowmobile routes. But whenever you go, set aside a few hours of daylight to enjoy the road between La Malbaie and Baie-Saint-Paul. To round off the day, there's nothing better than heading into Baie-Saint-Paul. It is a cute yet vibrant town, with a great culture scene. So much so, that it's the inspiration of hundreds of artists and the birthplace of the famous Cirque du Soleil. In fact, you can visit the group's hotel in the town. It's an attraction in itself. The name is Hotel la Ferme and it's a must. A few minutes from here is the town centre. You'll find all the hustle-and-bustle on Rue Saint-Jean-Baptiste and Rue Saint Joseph. In fact, you can dine at any of the bars and restaurants in the area. And a true discovery is the local craft beer. Overnight stay in Baie-Saint-Paul and surrounding area.

● DAY 11 · BAIE-SAINT-PAUL AND SURROUNDING AREA - SAINT-MAURICE - TROIS-RIVIÈRE (MAURICE REGION)

One of the most positive aspects of travelling by car is that you can go at your own pace. And today is perfect for that. What's more, on the road from Baie-Saint-Paul to Saint Maurice are two national parks and Quebec City. Jacques Cartier National Park is sublime, but if you have to choose between the two, we'd plump for La Mauricie National Park. You'll need around 2½ hours to get there, or a bit longer if there are hold-ups in and out of Quebec City. (Note: If you prefer, you can stop in Quebec City and see something you missed on your first visit. Once past Quebec City, you'll be driving along the Saint Lawrence River on the 40 until you reach Saint Maurice). From there, there are 45 minutes to the national park on the 359. This is the easternmost gateway to La Mauricie National Park, allowing you to cross it entirely (a total of 73 km), exit at the western entrance and take the 155 back up to Highway 40, which will take you directly to Trois Rivières. If you're there in the summer, pop on your swimsuit and enjoy some time on the beach. Yup, you read correctly, there's a sandy beach inside the park. Oh! and mosquito repellent is also a must. The park boasts hundreds of hiking trails and you can climb up to the famous Chutes Waber falls. There's an amazing range of animal and vegetable life, so you'll see a whole load of species each step of the way. To get a general view of the park, head up to Le Passage lookout, an idyllic viewing point where you can take some wonderful panoramic photos. When you've seen everything, take the western exit and then the 155 straight to Trois Rivières, on the shores of Lake Saint Pierre. It's nature at its purest, a haven for trout fishermen, a place of pilgrimage for foodies and a whole kingdom of waterfalls and more waterfalls. When you arrive, make sure you put on your driving glasses (if necessary) to see the seventy-or-so information panels explaining the history of every street, building or illustrious resident. You'll soon realise that this town, home to just 10,000 people, mainly lives off the land. Less tourism-focussed than others, its main source of income is the sale of vanilla, coffee and bananas. Even so, few places in the world can say that they're lapped by three rivers. But Trois Rivières can. What's more, the town houses a fair few petroglyphs. Not sure what a petroglyph is? Don't worry, because we only found out when we visited the Engraved Rock Archaeological Park. This place is home to around twenty rocks which bear more than 230 engravings made by the "Arawak" Indians some seventeen centuries ago. Pure history. As for the town itself, one of the greatest pleasures is to stroll along Lawrence River Street and enjoy some of its bars and restaurants, and, if you're in luck, take in a show at the Cogeco Amphitheatre. It is worth it. Overnight stay in Trois-Rivières.

● DAY 12 · TROIS-RIVIÈRES - OMEGA PARK - MORRISBURG - KINGSTON (417KM)

There's a fascinating day ahead today. We suggest getting up early to "hit the road", as you'll need about 2½ hours to reach Omega Park. (Note: Admission not included. It's best to buy tickets on the park's official website to guarantee availability). You'll probably have heard of it. It's simply amazing, whichever way you look. The park is divided into five spaces, each home to a particular species. This means that each habitat is well-balanced and representative of natural life in freedom. You'll need at least four hours to enjoy the park to the fullest. When you finish, head over to Morrisburg. It's less than 2 hours away. Its most famous attraction is Upper Canada Village, which will take you on a fascinating journey back in time to the mid-19th century. Here, you can learn how a blacksmith, a baker or a school teacher used to live. All the authentic elements remain and each tradesman or woman works with the tools and resources of the era. It's a really interesting experience. Once in Kingston, make sure you visit Fort Henry, a military construction dating back to 1830. There's a military parade every day with soldiers wearing costumes from the time. More recommendations? Visit the colonial buildings and facilities of Queen's University, or the museum of the Royal Military College, Canada's oldest military academy. What's more, the city lays on a pub crawl to take you to a selection of on-trend venues. It lasts two hours and is for over-19s only. Overnight stay in Kingston.

● DAY 13 · KINGSTON - PRINCE EDWARD - PICTON - TORONTO

If en route to Ottawa you didn't take the Thousand Islands cruise, today you'll have another chance to do so. The three-hour crossing will take you past the summer houses of Canada's elite and give a fascinating insight into the local flora and fauna. An unforgettable trip through the countless islets (not included). You can leave your car at the ferry company offices at 248 Ontario Street. When you're back on dry land, you can continue westbound along the shores of Lake Ontario, traversing the fertile fields of Prince Edward County, with a wealth of historical communities containing the former residences and summer homes of governors and magistrates of the British era of Canada. You'll cover the 80 kilometres between Kingston and the Prince Edward region in an hour by taking Highway 401 and then Highway 62. Prince Edward - not to be confused with Prince Edward Island - is a true gem because you can do anything here. From relaxing on the beach and enjoying water sports to playing golf, chilling out in a spa, visiting museums, hiking or simply enjoying nature. You're also in one of the country's culinary heartlands. This area is home to a number of renowned vineyards and cheese makers, making it a great idea to stop off at the small villages along the way. There's a huge range of gastronomic delights on offer, whether at restaurants or as part of the local government's "farm-to-table" experience. Bloomfield, Wellington and Picton all play host to local food fairs where you can buy products sourced directly from the land. Actually, Picton is a great place to stop off before going to Toronto. It's a small community, with single-storey houses each with a porch and garden, and its strategic setting in Picton Bay makes it truly unique. You'll love taking a stroll through the harbour, that goes without saying. Then it's time to hit the road again en route to Toronto. The journey will take just over two hours on Highway 401, a road that you already know because you took it in the opposite direction towards Ottawa. Once in Toronto, you can spend the time before dinner to visit what you didn't manage to see the first time round. At sunset, make sure you take a photo in front of the Toronto Sign in Nathan Phillips Square. If you've got a decent selfie stick, then you'll be sorted. Otherwise, you could always ask a fellow tourist to help you capture one of the city's most typical snapshots. And if you want the second most famous image of Toronto, pop over to Yonge-Dundas Square. Overnight stay in Toronto.

● DAY 14 · TORONTO - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

● DAY 15 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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| ✓ Return flight. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Toronto. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Toronto. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Ottawa. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Ottawa. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Montreal. | |
| ✓ Selected meal plan in Montreal. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Quebec. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Quebec. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Saguenay. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Saguenay. | | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Baie Saint Paul. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Baie Saint Paul. | | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Trois-Rivieres. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Trois-Rivieres. | | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kingston. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Kingston. | | ✓ Rent-a-car. |

Your trip doesn't include

✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in Canada.

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Insolvency protection.

✗ Entrance to historic buildings, museums, natural parks, activities and attractions mentioned during itinerary (some are free).

✗ Boat to the island of Newfoundland.

✗ Boat trip on the Saguenay River.

Destinations Visited

Toronto



Niagara Falls



Ottawa



Montreal



Quebec



Tadoussac



Saguenay



Soul



Roberval



La Malbaie



Baie Saint Paul



Trois-Rivieres



Morrisburg



Kingston



Prince Edward



Picton



Important remarks

- Tips in Canada are a common practice.
- Generally in Canada the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- Suggested round-trip ferry rides are optional and not included in the final price. If you intend to take the car on a ferry, please let the rental company know at the time of pick-up to receive authorisation. Depending on the conditions agreed to in the rental contract and the company you choose, you might be charged a fee payable at the destination.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.