


Eastern Canada Explorer – Itinerary



Highlights - 16 days, 35 hrs, 3400 nm

This tour brings you many Canadian icons: Toronto, Montreal, the Canadian Shield, the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Niagara Falls to name a few. Our hotels range from an island lodge in northern Ontario to historic Chateau Frontenac overlooking the St. Lawrence River. In the Maritimes we will enjoy a traditional lobster dinner on Prince Edward Island and fly the scenic Cabot Trail of Cape Breton Island. And on our final day, you even have the option of taking a joy ride in one of only two AVRO Lancaster bombers still flying. Discover warm Canadian hospitality at its best - you will want to come back for more!


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1 Fri	<p>TORONTO</p> <p>Welcome to Canada and the beginning of your adventure vacation! You have already been welcomed at the airport and driven to your hotel. You have had a chance to settle in, maybe even seen some sights. In late afternoon we will meet in the hotel for welcome cocktails followed by dinner. You will meet your lead pilot, your tour director and your fellow adventurers. At this time you will also receive all the charts and materials you will need for the trip.</p>	<p><u>Harbour Castle</u></p> <p>Toronto, ON.</p>
2 Sat	<p>TORONTO</p> <p>After breakfast we will have a briefing from the Lead Pilot and check rides will be completed. All tour members are encouraged to attend the briefing but there are other touring options available in town. Your Tour Director will be able to provide suggestions.</p>	
3 Sun	<p>TORONTO TO MANITOULIN</p> <p>We depart from Toronto City Centre, picturesquely located on Centre Island, beside the downtown core. On takeoff you will be able to take some dramatic pictures of the city skyline.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Our northwest track will take us up the Bruce Peninsula, with its white rock cliffs rising out of the coral green waters of Georgian Bay. A short water crossing then takes us to Manitoulin Island, the largest fresh water island in the world. We will land at a small airstrip before taking a short boat ride to our overnight stay, a traditional Ontario island resort with cabins that combine luxury with a rustic feeling. Before dinner, at the main lodge, take some time to wander about and enjoy the beautiful setting. You might even go for a paddle in a canoe or kayak!</p>	<p><u>The Island Lodge</u></p> <p>Manitoulin, ON</p>


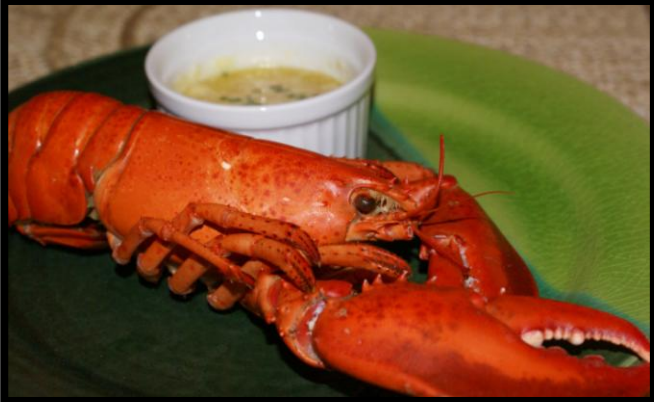
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4 Mon	<p>MANITOULIN TO MONT TREMBLANT</p> <p>Today we will awaken to the crisp, clean air of Northern Ontario. After a hearty breakfast and a morning briefing we continue our flying over the Canadian shield, an area rich in lakes, rivers and forests. We cross the Ottawa River to enter the Laurentian Highlands of Quebec, which has long been a favourite summer playground for Montevalers. We will land at Mont Tremblant, the largest and most popular resort in the region. We will stay in the resort village where you will get your first taste of the unique culture of Canada's French-speaking province.</p> <p>During our stay here, there are many activities including taking a gondola ride to the top of the mountain, wandering about the village or just enjoying the comfort of our resort. The outdoor hot tub is particularly pleasant! You can also talk to your Tour Director for more ideas.</p>	<p><u>Fairmont Mont Tremblant</u></p> <p>Mont Tremblant, PQ</p>
5 Tue	<p>MONT TREMBLANT TO QUEBEC CITY</p> <p>A short flight brings us to Quebec City, one of Canada's earliest settlements and one of only two walled cities in North America. Here we will stay in the grand Chateau Frontenac with its commanding view of the St. Lawrence River. Truly a unique hotel, rich in history.</p> <div data-bbox="277 1052 1101 1675" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>After check-in and before dinner you will have some time to explore. We recommend a walk along the boardwalk with its magnificent view of the St Lawrence followed by a bit of wandering about the hotel. And don't miss the welcome drinks with the group in the St. Laurent Bar. In the evening we will enjoy dinner at the hotel.</p>	<p><u>Chateau Frontenac</u></p> <p>Quebec City, PQ.</p>


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6 Wed	<p>QUEBEC CITY</p>  <p>The best way to experience Quebec City is on foot, so we will have a private, guided walking tour which will show us the highlights of the old city and introduce us to the local cuisine.</p> <p>You will still have some unscheduled time after the tour to shop for souvenirs or to just explore a bit more on your own.</p>	<p><u>Chateau Frontenac</u></p> <p>Quebec City, PQ</p>
7 Thu	<p>QUEBEC CITY TO GASPE</p> <p>We have a longer flying day today as we follow the St. Lawrence River. You will have some wonderful photo ops of Montmorency Falls, Le Massif, Manoir Richelieu, the Saguenay River and the Gaspé Peninsula. Our destination is the town of Percé, a traditional Quebec town beside dramatic Percé Rock. After checking in, enjoy a drink at the hotel lounge before we dine in the inn.</p> 	<p><u>La Normandie</u></p> <p>Percé, PQ</p>



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8 Fri	<p>GASPE TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</p> <p>Today's route continues our daily diet of spectacular coastal scenery. On departure we will loop back to get some photos of Percé Rock in the morning light before flying south along the shore of the Northumberland Strait en route to Prince Edward Island.</p>  <p>After arrival we will be driven to our hotel in Charlottetown, the birthplace of Canada's Confederation.</p> <p>In the evening we will have cocktails at the hotel and then dinner in a downtown restaurant. Feel free to wander about and enjoy the warm atmosphere of this friendly maritime town.</p>	<p><u>Delta Prince Edward,</u> Charlottetown, PEI</p>
9 Sat	<p>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</p> <p>We will make good use of our full day on the island as we take a tour which includes highlights of Charlottetown, the Green Gables site, some of the beautiful sandy PEI beaches and a typical fishing village. At the end of the day we will finish with a traditional lobster dinner. So bring your appetite for this event! During dinner we will even be joined by some members of the local flying community, schedules permitting of course. So you will have a great opportunity to share stories and to make some new friends.</p> 	



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<p>10 Sun</p>	<p>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TO ST. ANDREWS BY-THE-SEA</p> <p>After a full breakfast we say goodbye to PEI and travel east to Cape Breton Island. Initially we follow the coast north before circumnavigating the island as we parallel the Cabot trail, considered one of the most beautiful drives in Canada – but we get to see it from the air!</p> <p>Along the way we will fly over the Fortress of Louisbourg, a restored 18th century town and military base originally built by the French to keep the English out of Canada.</p> <p>After our lunch stop, we will continue to follow the Nova Scotia coast, with its numerous inlets and historic fishing villages, past Halifax and famous Peggy’s Cove before crossing over to the Bay of Fundy, which has the highest tides in the world.</p> <p>Our ultimate destination is St. Andrew’s by-the-sea, where we will stay in the Fairmont Algonquin, another grand railway hotel.</p>  <p>After arrival you are encouraged to explore the hotel, the tidal flats at low tide or wander the beach of Kay’s Cove to name a few of the options. Dinner will be in the hotel.</p>	<p><u>Fairmont Algonquin</u></p> <p>St. Andrews, NB</p>
<p>11 Mon</p>	<p>ST. ANDREWS BY-THE-SEA TO MONTREAL</p> <p>After an early start, we fly over the forests of New Brunswick and rejoin the St. Lawrence River to arrive at Montreal, Canada’s largest French speaking city, which is famous for its “joie de vivre”. Our downtown location conveniently puts this exciting city at your doorstep.</p> <p>This evening we will dine at a select local restaurant.</p> <p>Talk to your tour director for suggested evening activities.</p>	<p><u>Queen Elizabeth Hotel</u></p> <p>Montreal, PQ</p>



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12 Tue	<p>MONTREAL</p> <p>There is much to see and experience in Montreal. Our half day tour will introduce you to the many of the highlights of the city, including old Montreal. After lunch you will have the remainder of the day to further explore on your own.</p>  <p>Dinner tonight will also be at your leisure so you can select one of the city's many excellent restaurants.</p>	<p><u>Queen Elizabeth Hotel</u></p> <p>Montreal, PQ</p>
13 Wed	<p>MONTREAL TO THE KAWARTHAS</p> <p>After departing Montreal, we again follow the St. Lawrence River, Canada's main "highway" in its early years. En route we will have a fabulous view of the Thousand Islands region of the St. Lawrence River before we enter yet another cottage region. Needless to say you are beginning to appreciate how rich Canada is in vacation areas!</p>  <p>After arriving at Peterborough airport we are driven to our Kawarthas resort with ample time to settle in and relax before we dine.</p>	<p><u>Westwind Inn,</u></p> <p>Buckhorn, ON</p>

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14 Thu	<p>THE KAWARTHAS / RICE LAKE</p> <p>After a hearty breakfast, you have the option of staying at the Westwind to enjoy the resort, or you can fly to nearby Rice Lake to do a little float flying. The float flying experience includes a full briefing and up to 2 hours of flying with an instructor. At the end of the session you should have successfully completed a landing or two and have something special to add to your logbook and bragging rights in the pub! Please note that this is an optional extra.</p>  <p>If you prefer to stay at the resort, please talk to the Tour Director regarding available activities.</p>	<p><u>Westwind Inn</u>, Buckhorn, ON</p>
15 Fri	<p>THE KAWARTHAS TO TORONTO (VIA NIAGARA FALLS)</p> <p>Our last flying day takes us over the farmlands of Southern Ontario. Subject to weather and clearances, we will overfly Toronto en route to Niagara Falls where we will do a scenic flight before heading north again to return to Toronto City Centre Airport.</p> 	<p><u>Harbour Castle</u> Toronto, ON.</p>

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16 Sat	<p>TORONTO / LANCASTER RIDE</p> <p>For a grand finish, you can choose between a tour of Toronto or a joy ride in an AVRO Lancaster bomber. This is the only “Lanc” in the world available for such use. If you do opt for the Lancaster ride, please tell us of your interest as soon as possible, as we must book this aircraft well in advance due to its limited number of annual flying hours. And please note that here is an extra charge for this option. In the event of a cancellation, Sunday is the alternate day.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>In the evening we will have our farewell dinner during which we can reminisce and re-live the trip’s highlights. This is also a good time to get phone numbers and emails from the other members of the group so you can stay in touch with your new friends.</p>	<p><u>Harbour Castle</u> Toronto, ON.</p>
17 Sun	<p>TORONTO</p> <p>Departure day. Bon voyage and don’t forget to tell your friends!</p>	