

Eastern Canada Explorer



Highlights - 16 days, 35 hrs, 3400 nm

This tour brings you many Canadian icons: Niagara Falls, the lakes and forests of the Canadian Shield, and the UNESCO site of Old Quebec City, to name just a few. Our hotels range from traditional summer lodges to majestic chateaux. Savour a traditional lobster dinner, learn about the country's early history. After the tour, you will even have an opportunity to sign up for a joy ride in an AVRO Lancaster bomber. Throughout the trip discover warm Canadian hospitality at its best!

Day 1 - Toronto to Kitchener-Waterloo

Welcome to Canada and the start of your adventure vacation!

Our first stop is Kitchener-Waterloo airport, our aviation base and home of Waterloo-Wellington Flight Centre. Briefings from your Tour Director and Lead Pilot will prepare you for your trip and let you know about the planned activities. Pilots will receive all charts and materials for the trip.

The evening's dinner will be a special treat as we will dine at Langdon Hall whose chef is renowned for his cuisine.



Langdon Hall

Day 2 - Kitchener-Waterloo

Today the pilots will continue their briefings and complete their check rides. Passengers are welcome to attend or visit some local attractions including:

- A picturesque living-history pioneer village
- The famous Kitchener Farmer's market
- Take a steam train ride to a local village
- The Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory

Day 3 - Toronto to Killarney

Our flying begins!

We stop at Midland to visit Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons, a reconstruction of an 18th century Jesuit priest settlement built amongst the native Hurons. This full-scale museum is a great introduction to the history of the interaction between the French and First Nations people.

Our afternoon leg follows the beautiful north-east shore of Georgian Bay. You will quickly understand why it's such a popular summer playground for the locals. Killarney, our overnight stop, is a town that was, until fairly recently, only accessible by seaplane.



Georgian Bay Coast

Here we will stay in a traditional Ontario summer resort.

Day 4 - Killarney

Today's highlight is a boat cruise into Baie Finn, rated as one of the world's best cruising areas. Baie Finn is a 10 km Scandinavian-type fresh water fjord, the only such water body in the world. We will pass between brilliantly white quartzite cliffs, some reaching 800 feet in height. In addition to the beautiful scenery, the day's trip includes a swim in it's pristine waters, a cookout lunch and a guided hike along a forest trail.



Days 5, 6, 7 - Quebec City

Awaken to the crisp, clean air of Northern Ontario before we depart eastward over the Canadian Shield with its vast forests and thousands of lakes, Quebec City is our destination, one of Canada's earliest French settlements and the only walled city in North America. It has a unique ambiance that one can feel almost instantly upon arrival in the old city.

After dinner on our arrival day, you will have some time to explore this UNESCO World Heritage site. We recommend a walk along The Promenade to see the magnificent view of the St Lawrence. Our hotel will be the historic Chateau Frontenac, one of Canada's grand railway hotels, conveniently located in the centre of the walled town.

The best way to see Quebec City is on foot, so on one of our two full days there we will have a guided walking tour to show us the highlights of the old city

Day 8 - Quebec City to Gaspé

We continue to follow the St. Lawrence River as it widens on its way to the ocean. Highlights include Montmorency Falls, Le Massif ski resort, Manoir Richelieu, the Saguenay River and the Gaspé Peninsula. You will want to have your camera ready!

Our destination is Gaspé and a traditional Quebec town beside dramatic Percé Rock. A refreshing drink is welcome after a long day of flying. Enjoy the wonderful view of the gulf and the nearby rock formation from your hotel room.



and to introduce us to its history, architecture and cuisine. After lunch you will have the afternoon free to continue to explore at your leisure. This is a great place for photos, sketches made by sidewalk artists, local crafts and souvenirs.

On the other day you will be free to shop and wander about. And talk to your Tour Director about day trips which might be of interest.



Day 9 - Gaspé to Prince Edward Island

We continue to feed our appetite for spectacular coastal scenery! Percé Rock in the morning light is very photogenic as are the shores of Northumberland Strait en route to Prince Edward Island.

Our hotel is in Charlottetown, the birthplace of Canadian Confederation. Take an after-dinner walk and enjoy the warm atmosphere of this friendly seaside town.

Days 10, 11, 12 - Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown will be our base for an in-depth exploration of the maritimes.

Highlights include:

- A tour of Charlottetown and the island of PEI with its beautiful sand beaches and scenic fishing villages
- A traditional lobster dinner and sailing trip
- Meeting members of the local flying community - a great opportunity to share stories and to make new friends
- A sightseeing flight around Cape Breton Island and the spectacular coastline of the Cabot Trail
- A scenic flight to the southern tip of the Nova Scotia mainland, along the Atlantic shore with its many picturesque coastal towns
- And enough free time to make some discoveries on your own.



Prince Edward Island



Cape Breton Island

Day 13 - Charlevoix

We say farewell to the maritimes and head west to rejoin the St. Lawrence River. Tonight we will stay at one of the most spectacular resorts in Eastern Canada; Manoir Richelieu, located right on the St. Lawrence River in the beautiful region of Charlevoix. We will arrive early enough for you to explore at your leisure, enjoy the spa or maybe even get in a bit of golf. Please talk to the Tour Director to pre-book any activities you may wish to do.



Ready to depart

Day 14 - Montebello

Our track today takes us by Montreal, Canada's largest French speaking city, and then along the Ottawa River to Gatineau.

From there, it's a short drive to Chateau Montebello, the largest log-cabin hotel in the world, an Ottawa Valley icon and a favourite getaway resort.

Time permitting, we will also take a few moments to see the incredible collection of Vintage Wings at Gatineau Airport.



Day 15 - Montebello to the Kawarthas

The Kawartha Lakes region is our next destination. Known locally as "cottage country" we will overnight in a classic resort on popular Lake Buckhorn, a quintessential Canadian summer experience! En route we again follow the St. Lawrence River, Canada's "canoe highway" in its early years.

We will have time for a sunset paddle and, with a bit of luck, hear the haunting night calls of the Great Northern Loon.



Day 16 - The Kawarthas Niagara Falls & Toronto

Our last flying day will take us past downtown Toronto before we track to Niagara Falls for a scenic flight over this world famous attraction.

In the evening we will have our farewell dinner in the CN Tower with its 360° rotating restaurant and unsurpassed view of the Toronto downtown financial

and entertainment districts and the Lake Ontario shoreline.

Time to reminisce, to re-live great moments of the trip and to get contact details from other members of the group so you can stay in touch with your new friends!

Day 17 - Toronto

Departure day. We say our farewells after breakfast.

Thank you for choosing Air Safaris International to help you make wonderful memories!

And bon voyage as you carry on to your next destination. Do tell your friends and we look forward to you joining us again soon!

Day 18 - Optional Excursion: AVRO Lancaster Joy Ride

For a grand finish to your Canadian trip, sign up for a flight in Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum's famous AVRO Lancaster bomber. This opportunity is truly unique in that this aircraft is the only "Lanc" in the world offering joy rides to the public.

If you do wish to sign up, please let us know as soon as possible. We must book this aircraft well in advance due to its limited number of annual flying hours.

This is a tour extra in which we are happy to coordinate all the logistics related to the excursion but all payments will be made directly to Canadian Warplane Heritage Group.

