

Dear Virginia Tech Alumni and Friends,

We are excited to present Montreal & Quebec City Christmas, a six-day travel experience full of wonder, nostalgia and holiday spirit. This vacation features fantastic hotels, wonderful meals and provides ample time to shop and explore at your own pace. Join us as we enjoy the holiday season and wander the Quebec City outdoor market with hand-made wooden toys, ornaments and local crafts. Enjoy the sound of carolers, music and horse-drawn wagons on cobblestone. Embrace delightfully decorated town squares with magical streets and the scents of gingerbread filling the air.

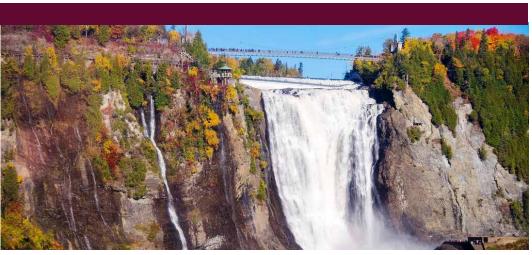
Upon arrival in Montreal, check in for 2 nights at the historic Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Montreal is one of the world's largest French-speaking cities. Enjoy this bustling modern city and see the Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Joseph's Oratory, Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University and views from Mount Royal. Visit the Underground City (the Reso), one of Montreal's biggest attractions which keeps Montrealers warm during the winter months. Enjoy the holiday decorations throughout the city including Old Montréal with 17th & 18th century architecture.

Travel by train and enjoy the scenery between Montreal and Quebec City, the "Paris of North America". Quebec City is a UNESCO World Heritage City and one of the best preserved cities in North America. Spend three nights at one of the most photographed hotels in the world, the Fairmont Chateau Frontenac Hotel. While in Quebec City, visit the Albert Gilles Copper Museum, be charmed by Old Quebec, visit the St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine on the shores of the St. Lawrence River and visit Montmorency Falls, the highest falls in Eastern Canada. Enjoy a Sugar Shack Demonstration and experience a celebration of all things maple, one of Quebec's biggest exports. Ranked among the world's top 15 destinations for celebrating the Holidays, you'll visit the German Christmas Market in the heart of Old Quebec. Designed to recreate the atmosphere of the big European Christmas Markets, this magical holiday experience in Quebec City features lights, pedestrian streets, shopping, and plenty of treats.

Please review the itinerary details and count the extras. With roundtrip airfare included, we hope you can join us on this amazing trip.

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Special Events Coordinator Virginia Tech Alumni Association



























Virginia Tech Alumni Association presents

Featuring The Chateau Frontenac & The Queen Elizabeth Fairmont Hotels

December 11, 2024







# 6 Days **December 11, 2024**

## **Highlights**

- Montreal City Tour
- Underground City
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- •Via Rail Train Montreal to Quebec
- Quebec City Tour
- Montmorency Falls
- Old Quebec Christmas Market
- •Gilles Copper Museum
- •St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine
- Sugar Shack Demonstration
- Leisure time in Quebec City

## **Inclusions**

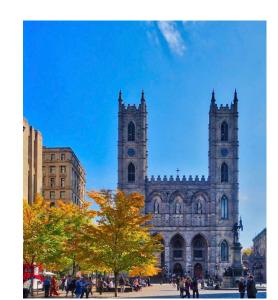
- •Roundtrip Airfare IAD
- •5 Nights First Class Hotel
- •7 Meals: 5 Breakfasts & 2 Dinners
- •Two Beer & Wine Receptions
- Professional Tour Director
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Admissions per Itinerary
- •Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Baggage Handling at Hotels
- Hotel Transfers

## **Accommodations**

2 Nights - Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, Montreal

3 Nights - Fairmont Château Frontenac, Quebec City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used





## **Tour Rates**

Booking Discount\*: \$3599 pp double Regular Rate: \$3699 pp double

Single Supplement: +\$1000

\*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details





## **DAY 1: ARRIVE MONTREAL**

Upon arrival in Montreal, meet your Tour Director and transfer to your hotel for a two-night stay at the historic **Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel**. Although Montreal is one the world's five largest French-speaking cities, most residents are bilingual. Montreal hosted the 1976 Summer Olympics, and played host to Expo 67, considered to be the most successful world's fair of the 20th Century.

Overnight: Montreal

#### **DAY 2: MONTREAL CITY TOUR**

With its dual English and French cultures, Montreal is Canada's most cosmopolitan city and a city comes alive during the holiday season. Today enjoy a Montreal City Tour highlighting the Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Joseph's Oratory, Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University and a panoramic view of the city from atop Mount Royal. Stop to visit the Underground City (the RÉSO), one of Montreal's biggest visitor attractions which keeps Montrealers warm during the winter months. The RÉSO features shops and restaurants, and is connected to subways, train stations & hotels. Tonight join your fellow travelers for a Beer & Wine Reception. Later enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant in Old Town Montreal. The Old City features 17th and 18th century architecture, cafes, restaurants & cobblestone streets all contributing to a quaint European-like charm. The festive spirit of the holiday season is found in Old Town and throughout the city during your time in Montreal.

## (B,D) Overnight: **Montreal**

DAY 3: MONTREAL - RAIL JOURNEY - QUEBEC CITY

This morning board Via Rail Canada for the scenic and relaxing train ride to the "Paris of North America," Quebec City. Carved into the bluffs overlooking the St. Lawrence River, Quebec City is the provincial capital and probably the best preserved city in North America. Upon arrival, check into the famous Fairmont Chateau Frontenac Hotel for a three-night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore one of the oldest cities in Canada. Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, has among its distinguishing characteristics narrow cobblestone streets, stone buildings, fortifications and a French Canadian culture. It has a distinct old-world character and charm including festive holiday decorations and lighting.

(B) Overnight: Quebec City

#### **DAY 4: QUEBEC CITY SIGHTSEEING**

Today enjoy a Quebec City Tour introducing you to Old & New Quebec, North America's only walled city. The tour features the Plains of Abraham, The Citadel and St. Lawrence River views. Later visit the St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine, located on the shores of the St. Lawrence River. For over 350 years, people of all ages have been gathering at this Shrine dedicated to Saint Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Through the beauty of numerous artistic masterpieces discover the extraordinary history of Saint Anne. Also visit Albert Gilles Copper Museum. From copper ore to copper art, discover the mysterious atmosphere of a copper mine. See the copper bearing rocks and then admire the fine artifacts collected from around the world. Then visit the scenic Montmorency Falls, the highest falls in Eastern Canada--98 feet higher than Niagara Falls & one of the most popular attractions in the region. Later return to Quebec City and enjoy the evening at leisure.

(B) Overnight: **Quebec City** 

## **DAY 5: OLD QUEBEC - LEISURE TIME**

This morning enjoy a Sugar Shack Demonstration and experience a celebration of all things maple, which is one of Quebec's biggest exports. This afternoon enjoy a visit & leisure time to explore the German inspired Old Québec Christmas Market, a market designed to recreate the atmosphere of the big European Christmas Markets. Lights, decorations, and snow create an enchanting setting like no other within Old Quebec. No wonder CNN ranked Québec City among the world's top 15 destinations for celebrating the Holidays! This evening enjoy a Beer & Wine Reception with your fellow travelers followed by a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant with holiday flair.

(B,D) Overnight: **Quebec City** 

#### DAY 6: QUEBEC CITY - MONTREAL AIRPORT - HOME

This morning travel to the Montreal Airport and fly home with wonderful memories of your Montreal & Quebec City Christmas experience.



\*Note – Air is Roundtrip Montreal due to limited air capacity out of Quebec City. Some departures may operate in reverse.



## **Reservation Information**

## **DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT**

Deposit of \$400 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations. Final Payment Due Date is 75 days prior to departure.

## \*BOOKING DISCOUNT

Make your <u>Final Payment by check</u> prior to the Final Payment Due Date & receive **\$200 per couple/\$100 per person Booking Discount!** 

•Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible.

• Payments after Initial Deposit are considered part of Final Payment & must be made by check.

ONLINE BOOKING OPTION - Save time, postage & secure your seat for this group departure. Simply type https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com into your web browser & use the Booking Number (Web Code) from this flyer to make your Deposit online in just a few minutes. No need to submit a Reservation Form if booking online.

## Reservation Form Fax, Mail or Email Form to:

Virginia Tech Alumni Association

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Booking #175674 (Web Code)

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Make Checks Payable to:

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