



CANADA

THE EASTERN ESCAPE SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 11626)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Toronto

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 25 - 15 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Explore the diverse eastern provinces on this well-paced itinerary that offers a wealth of contrasts, all uniquely Canadian.

Highlights

- Cruise along by the 1000 Islands of the St. Lawrence River
- Explore the tranquil lakes of Algonquin Provincial Park
- Freedom of Choice Activities in Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal
- Visit the European-style village of Mont Tremblant
- Take in the majestic views of Niagara Falls

Start by exploring the cosmopolitan vibrant city of Toronto, Canada's largest city. Then travel along the shores of Lake Ontario, through the orchards and vineyards of the Niagara Peninsula, heading towards Niagara Falls, one of the world's natural wonders. Head north, past Toronto and into Ontario's "cottage country" bound for Huntsville and Algonquin Park. Enjoy hiking, observing wildlife and canoeing while relishing the serenity of the Canadian wilderness.

Explore the nation's capital city of Ottawa at leisure. Drive north east to the jewel of the Laurentians, Mont Tremblant, a European styled all season resort village. On the way visit the Omega Park in Montebello which features endemic wildlife or join a black bear observation tour in the Kenauk Reserve (not included). Explore Mont Tremblant at leisure perhaps partaking in some local activities such as hiking, biking or kayaking.

Navigate the intriguing Quebec City and experience the old-world charm with a guided tour of the old city on foot. This UNESCO World Heritage site is complemented by artisan shops, cafes, landscaped parks, and numerous monuments.

Choose to discover Montreal on a comprehensive sightseeing tour, navigating historical areas and unmissable sites or by exploring Old Montreal on a walking tour, featuring impressive architecture and uncovering the diverse districts of the city including Chinatown and the Red Light District, turned entertainment mecca.

On the way to Kingston or Gananoque, visit Upper Canada Village, an 1860's reconstructed village including heritage buildings, mills, farms and churches then stop at Gananoque to join an hour cruise of the Thousand Islands. Explore the city of Kingston or Gananoque at leisure. Kingston is noted for its handsome 19th century limestone architecture. Visit the Kingston Mills Lock station, which is the southern entrance to the Rideau Canal System, where visitors can view the four locks raising boats 14 metres. Return to the cosmopolitan city of Toronto, where you return your rental car and your package comes to an end.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Niagara Falls at the Hilton Fallsview
- 2 nights in Huntsville at the Deerhurst Resort
- 2 nights in Ottawa at the Lord Elgin Hotel
- 1 night in Mont Tremblant at the Fairmont Tremblant
- 2 nights in Quebec City at the Hotel Manoir Victoria
- 2 nights in Montreal at Le Germain Hotel
- 1 night in Kingston or Gananoque
- 12 days intermediate size car hire
- Hornblower Niagara Cruise
- Niagara Falls Adventure Pass
- Admission to Upper Canada Village
- Kingston or Gananoque 1000 Island Cruise

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 5
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 8
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 10

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Toronto Niagara Falls

Travel along the shores of Lake Ontario, and through the orchards and vineyards of the Niagara Peninsula, arriving at Niagara-on-the-Lake - the first capital of Upper Canada and one of the best-preserved 19th Century towns in North America. Continue along the Niagara Parkway heading towards Niagara Falls, one of the world's natural wonders. We have included the Niagara Falls Adventure Pass. This pass offers you admission to many of Niagara Falls most popular attractions while avoiding long wait times.

Overnight stay in Niagara Falls at **Hilton Fallsview**



Day **2**

Niagara Falls Huntsville

Today, travel east into the magnificent Muskoka Country with sparkling clean lakes shimmering under brilliant blue skies. This area has long been a favourite for the people of Southern Ontario for vacations and weekend getaways to the cottage by the lake.

Overnight stay in Huntsville at **Deerhurst Resort**



Day **3** Huntsville Algonquin Park Huntsville

Warm weather activities and amenities are yours to enjoy today. Rent a canoe and spend some time by one of the lakes in the area, or perhaps golf is more to your taste - there are dozens of courses in the area.

Overnight stay in Huntsville at **Deerhurst Resort**



Day **4** Huntsville Ottawa

In the morning enjoy the park before departing for the nation's capital, Ottawa.

Overnight stay in Ottawa at **Lord Elgin Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **5**

Ottawa

Today, you can personalise your day by choosing one of the below freedom of choice activities.

Overnight stay in Ottawa at **Lord Elgin Hotel**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Ottawa River Cruise:**

The cruise offers a spectacular view of the city and allows you to see the river as it was used long ago: as a highway to transport resources. You will also see the natural beauty of the region that captured the imagination of the first European explorer Samuel de Champlain.

OR

- **Ottawa Express Bike Tour:**

Join this leisurely relaxed bike tour of Ottawa which is about 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) and explores many of downtown Ottawa's major attractions on its beautiful and safe bicycle paths.

OR

- **Discover the Capital City Hop On Off Tour:**

Experience Ottawa's original and most comprehensive Hop-on-Hop-off City Tour aboard one of our London-Style open top Double Deckers or turn of the century Trolleys.



OTTAWA LOCKS

Day 6

Ottawa Mont Tremblant

Today, head north east to the jewel of the Laurentians, Mont Tremblant, a European-style all season resort village. Should you have missed the wildlife in the Algonquin Park, we encourage you to visit the Omega Park in Montebello (on the way to Mont Tremblant) which features endemic wildlife, or join a black bear observation tour in the Kenauk Reserve (not included), also nearby Montebello. Take some time to enjoy local activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, or a helicopter tour. This four-season resort has much to offer the traveller, including a number of spas if you care to indulge.

Overnight stay in Mont Tremblant at **Fairmont Tremblant**



MONT TREMBLANT

Day 7

Mont Tremblant Quebec City

Enjoy the pleasant scenery as you travel from Mont Tremblant to historic Trois Rivieres for a lunch stop and drive along the Chemin du Roy road to Quebec City.



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Day **8**

Quebec City

Today, you can personalise your day by choosing one of the below freedom of choice activities.

Overnight stay in Quebec City at **Hotel Manoir Victoria**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Rendezvous with History Quebec City Tour:**

This is your chance to visit history firsthand. The Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, Ramparts, world famous Château Frontenac, National Assembly, Basilica, City Hall, Place-Royale, Citadelle and a glimpse of modern Quebec City are the perfect introduction to the city.

OR

- **A Fabulous Country Tour:**

Travel back in time to rural Quebec along the Chemin du Roy to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. Here you will be given time to see the world-famous Shrine and Montmorency Falls before visiting the Island of Orléans. Discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1535, the picturesque village of Sainte-Pétronille has a 19th century rural atmosphere waiting to be rediscovered.

OR

- **Foodie Walking Tour of Quebec City:**

Throughout the years, the food of Quebec has been influenced by Amerindian, British and French cuisines. Treat yourself to a behind-the-scenes experience of Quebec City, discovering its gastronomy and culinary history by taking part in five exclusive tasting presentations.



Day 9

Quebec City Montreal

Following the St. Lawrence River, pass from city suburbs to the rural landscapes of forests and rich pastures, dotted with tiny villages that extend to Montreal. In Drummondville you may wish to visit the village Quebecois d'Antan (a faithful reconstruction of a French colonial village).

Overnight stay in Montreal at **Le Germain Hotel**



Day 10

Montreal

Montreal is a vibrant city known for its rich history, lively arts scene, and European charm. Today, you can personalise your day by choosing one of the below freedom of choice activities.

Overnight stay in Montreal at **Le Germain Hotel**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Montreal Half Day Sightseeing Tour:**

Enjoy a fully guided driving tour to all the “must-see” areas of Montréal such as Mont Royal, Old Montréal, and the city’s picturesque riverfront. Highlights of the tour include a visit to the Notre-Dame Basilica, taking in the 360-degree views from the Observatoire Place Ville Marie, and a scenic river cruise along the beautiful St. Lawrence River.

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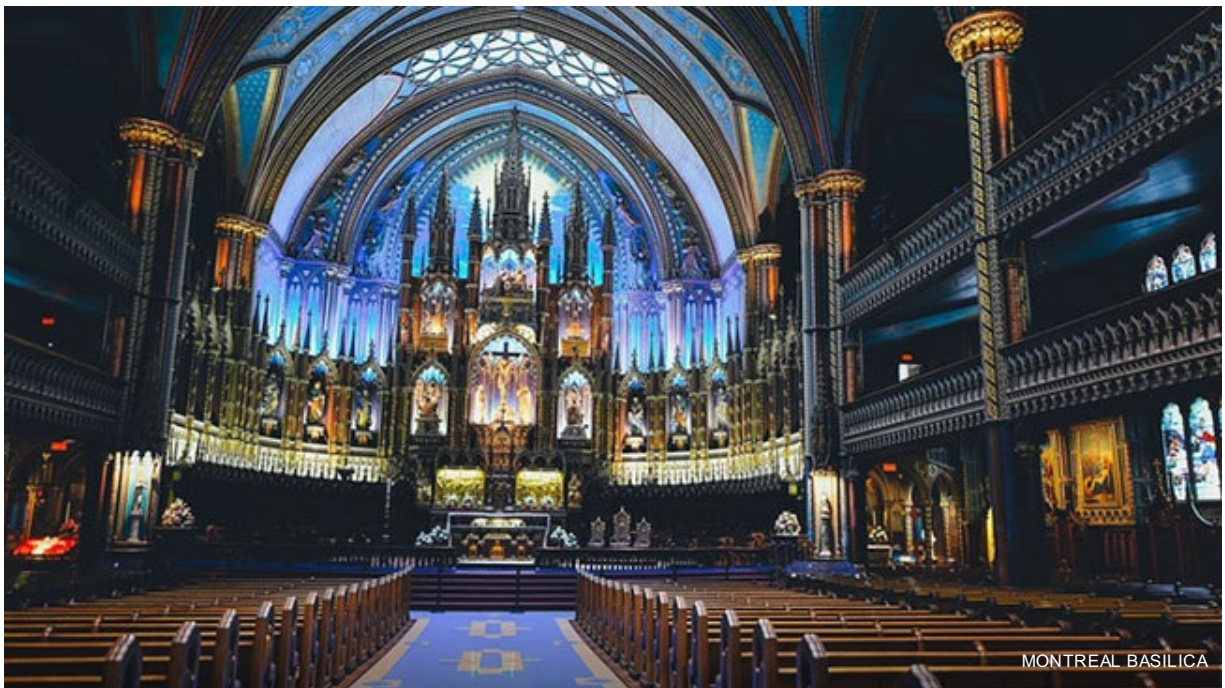
- **Walking Tour of Old Montreal:**

Explore the winding cobblestone streets of Old Montréal on a guided walking tour. Travel back in time to Fort Ville-Marie in 1642, to today’s modern city and find out more about all the eras that shaped Montréal.

OR

- **Beyond the Market Food Walking Tour:**

The city’s best food tour takes you to at least 6 of your local guide’s favourite eateries and watering holes. From artisanal charcuteries to thirst quenching craft beers, discover the surrounding areas of JeanTalon, our largest food market on our walking tour!



Day **11** Montreal Kingston or Gananoque

Travel south to the city of Kingston or Gananoque. On the way enjoy a visit to Upper Canada Village (included), located in Morrisburg, an 1860s reconstructed village. You’ll meet loads of friendly folks from the past as you visit over 40 heritage buildings including mills, trades shops, farms, churches, homes, factories and even a one-room schoolhouse. Affectionately known as ‘limestone’, Kingston is a city noted for its handsome 19th century limestone architecture. Once the capital of Canada (1841 to 1843), Kingston is located at the point where Lake Ontario flows into the St. Lawrence River, and at the southern end of the Rideau Canal. Visit the Kingston Mills Lock station, which is the southern entrance to the Rideau Canal System, where visitors can view the four locks raising boats fourteen metres. This afternoon we have included an hour cruise of the Thousand Islands.

Overnight stay in **Kingston or Gananoque**



Day **12** Kingston or Gananoque Toronto

Take the time to visit Fort Henry National Historic Site (admission not included) near Kingston. The flash of scarlet uniforms, the beating of the drums and the sudden crack of musket fire echoing off the limestone battlements send visitors reeling back in time. A living museum of military life, Fort Henry was built between 1832 and 1834 to repel an American invasion that never came. The fort, once the largest military establishment in Upper Canada, now offers visitors a glimpse of the soldier's life of those days, through guided tours, soldier's parades and drills. The highlight and most colourful feature is the internationally renowned Fort Henry Guard: a precision trained unit of Canadian university students performing daily 19th century infantry drills. Stop in the city of Peterborough, which boasts the worlds highest lift locks, literally lifting pleasure crafts, along with the water they float in, 20 metres straight up. Visit the Peterborough Lift Lock Visitor Centre (admission not included), and view the world's highest hydraulic lift lock, and slides and films about the Trent-Severn Waterway. You will also see a working model, and experience the sights and sounds of Lift Lock construction at the turn-of-the-century. This afternoon, your Eastern Canada Road Trip comes to an end in Toronto upon dropping off your rental car.



ACCOMMODATION

Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites

Niagara Falls

Rooms overlooking both the American and Canadian Horseshoe Falls. Connected to Fallsview Casino Resort by an indoor glass walkway, this polished high-rise hotel is 8 minutes' walk from the Skylon Tower and 1 km from Niagara Falls. There's a rooftop restaurant/lounge with Falls views, as well as a steakhouse, an Italian eatery, a trendy bar and a cafe.



Deerhurst Resort

Huntsville

Lakeside resort situated on Peninsula Lake in Muskoka is just a 5-minute drive to downtown Huntsville and a 45-minute drive to the west gate of Algonquin Park and other recreational activities. With a wide range of cosy rooms and resort home vacation rentals, Deerhurst Resort offers the ideal accommodation choices for families, couples and groups. Over 20 different accommodation buildings are nestled into neighbourhoods throughout the rolling resort landscape, each within walking distance to the lake and main Pavilion. A mix of traditional with contemporary yet rustic interior design aesthetic offers Muskoka comfort along with a good night's sleep on comfy beds topped with cosy duvets and pillows.



Lord Elgin Hotel

Ottawa

Lord Elgin Hotel is one of the most centrally located downtown Ottawa luxury hotels, just a stone's throw away from the Rideau Canal, Confederation Park, the Shaw Centre, and Parliament Hill. Stay with one of the 355 elegant guestrooms, and you'll discover the most alluring parts of Ottawa, Canada's beautiful capital city. Immerse yourself in vibrant festivals, museums, galleries, eclectic dining, and a world of shops and boutiques. Lord Elgin's extraordinary location puts bountiful delights within easy walking distance. Constructed in 1941, Lord Elgin is a piece of Ottawa's history. Independent and thoroughly Canadian, this historic landmark is a leader among hotels in downtown Ottawa.



Fairmont Tremblant

Mont Tremblant

Spectacular by nature, Tremblant's landmark ski-in ski-out hotel provides the best setting for a perfect alpine getaway any time during the year. Perfectly located at the foot of the majestic Tremblant peaks, Fairmont Tremblant resort is the best destination for a balanced combination of relaxation and adventure.



Hotel Manoir Victoria

Quebec City

Built in 1830, this grand, Victorian hotel in historic Old Quebec is an 11-minute walk from the Museum of Civilisation and 15 km from Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport. Upscale rooms feature contemporary or traditional decor. There's a stylish bistro restaurant and a chic breakfast room. Other amenities include an indoor pool, a sauna and a spa, as well as an exercise room.



Le Germain Hotel Montreal

Montreal

Le Germain Hotel Montreal is a chic and intimate boutique-hotel located in Montreal's trendy downtown district. This hotel occupies the former building of the Order of Engineers, constructed during one of the metropolis' most iconic years: 1967, year of the Expo.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Due to dates for special events in Montreal not being available prior to 31 January 2025, all reservations made prior to this date will be subject to a price change if the dates fall on a special event. Special events include: Grand Prix, la Nouvelle France, Labour Day.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Road tolls & parking fees
- One-way car rental fees (if applicable). If any one-way surcharges apply, this will be advised at the time of booking and is payable locally upon collection of the vehicle
- Car rental rates exclude optional coverage such as Personal Accident Insurance Plus (PAI Plus) and Personal Effects Protection (PEP)
- GPS rental is not included and can be requested (at an additional supplement paid locally) if required