



CANADA

EASTERN CANADA ROMANCE BY RAIL (TOUR CODE: 12552)

STARTS AND ENDS

Toronto to
Quebec

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 25 - 15 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Holiday Packages

European charm, restaurants with an intimate atmosphere and beautiful historic streets all add to Québec's romantic appeal on this 5-day getaway.

Highlights

- Travel onboard VIA Rail Business Class between the diverse cities of Montréal and Quebec
- Freedom of choice excursions in Montréal and Quebec City
- Explore the lovingly preserved city of Quebec with over 400 years old original architecture and buildings
- Learn and discover the wonders of historic Old Montréal

Soak up the diverse culture of Montreal & Quebec Cities by train traveling through the best of Eastern Canada. Board VIA Rail in Business Class, sit back and relax in a viewing car as Canada's stunning scenery rolls past your window. As you arrive to Montreal and Quebec City, you'll have your choice of sightseeing and walking tours, allowing an opportunity to discover this province's unique geography, diversity, history, food and culture that together have forged its identity.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Montreal at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth
- 2 nights in Quebec at the Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac
- VIA Rail Business Class Rail travel from Toronto to Montréal
- Meals included as per Itinerary

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 2
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 4

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 Montreal | VIA Rail Business Class

Enjoy the facilities of the Business Class Lounge before boarding the train. Complimentary newspapers and non-alcoholic beverages are available in the lounge. Once on your way, the train follows the shores of Lake Ontario, one of the five Great Lakes of North America, to Trenton Junction, where the St. Lawrence River flows from the lake. Passing the village of Napanee, look south as you cross the river to view a series of beautiful waterfalls. The city of Kingston is a historic Canadian city, being the early capital of the "Province of Canada" (1841-1867) and is the birthplace of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. Here, you cross the Rideau Canal, built in 1832 to connect Kingston with Ottawa and originally designed after the War of 1812 to guarantee a supply route north of the US border in the event of another war. Past Cornwall, the line enters the Province of Quebec. Approaching Montreal, cross the Ottawa River to Dorval, before arriving at Central Station in Montreal. The station is located below the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in the heart of downtown.

Overnight in Montreal at the **Fairmont Queen Elizabeth**



Day **2**

Montreal

Today you can personalise your day by choosing one of these excursions.

Overnight in Montreal at the **Fairmont Queen Elizabeth**

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 Montreal, and the city's picturesque riverfront.

OR

- **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 Montreal.

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 Jean Talon, the largest food market on our walking tour!



Day **3**

Montreal Quebec City | VIA Rail Business Class

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 Quebec City. For the first hour, you will note the rugged Monteregian Hills that seem to loom up from nowhere. These huge volcanic mounds were formed over 120 million years ago. There are seven of these hills in a row, including Mont Royal in Montreal, ending with Monte Rouge near the tiny village of Boloeil. Many of the trees you see are maple trees, producing the great Canadian staple, maple syrup. Your rail journey is just over two hours to Quebec, the oldest walled city in North America and the heart of French Canadian culture of Canada. Arrive into Quebec at Gare du Palais. Steeped in history, Quebec is the most charming city in Canada, 400 years old and most of the original architecture and buildings have been lovingly preserved.

Overnight in Quebec at the **Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac**

Lunch



Day **4**

Quebec City

Today you can personalise your day by choosing one of these excursions.

Overnight in Quebec at the **Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac**

Freedom of Choice Options

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

This is your chance to visit history first-hand. 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, and pass through the many traditional villages of rural Québec. In Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, you will be given time to visit the world-famous Shrine and a stop at the Montmorency Falls. Just as you think your day is over, you will be treated to a short visit to the Island of Orléans, discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1535, where the picturesque village of Sainte-Pétronille, with its 19th-century rural atmosphere, waits to be rediscovered again.

OR

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

Throughout the years, the food of Quebec has been influenced by Amerindian, British and French cuisines. The Food Tours offer the opportunity to discover these different culinary and cultural traditions. Treat yourself to a behind the scene experience of Quebec City, discovering its gastronomy and culinary history by taking part in five exclusive tasting presentations.



Day **5**

Quebec City

Upon check-out of your hotel your package ends.

ACCOMMODATION

Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth

Montreal

Set above the Gare Centrale train station, this grand hotel is 8 minutes' walk from Centre Bell, home of the Montreal Canadiens hockey team. There's a John Lennon and Yoko Ono Suite, where the song "Give Peace a Chance" was composed and recorded. This hotel also includes an elegant bistro, a chic cocktail lounge and an upscale food counter.



Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac

Quebec City

Overlooking the St. Lawrence River, this grand, castle-like hotel is a 3-minute walk from Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame de Québec and 8 minutes' walk from boutiques in Quartier Petit Champlain. Breakfast is served in a cafe with river views. There's an upscale restaurant, a wine bar, and a bistro. Other amenities include a spa, and a fitness centre with an indoor pool.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

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