



The Traveling Professor Presents

CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF MONTRÉAL AND QUÉBEC CITY

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Québec City

Check in at the fabulous Fairmont Château Frontenac. There will be no doubt in your mind that this is one of the world's great hotels. We will have a professionally guided tour of the hotel to hear the stories of its history and famous guests like Princess Grace, Queen Elizabeth, Charles de Gaulle, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Experience first-hand its architectural delights and see the effects of the dramatic transformation it has undergone over the years. Let's get together for a dinner at a charming Québec City restaurant this evening.

DAY 2: Québec City

This morning, follow your professional guide off the beaten paths to be charmed by Old Québec, all dressed up for Christmas. This UNESCO World Heritage city is the site of fine old buildings and proud monuments that line winding streets and picturesque places such as: the National Assembly and Parliament Hill, the Battlefields Park, the Citadel, Notre-Dame-de-Québec basilica and Place d'Armes. A stop will also be made at Place Royale, the cradle of French civilization in North America, in the heart of the old Lower Town along the St. Lawrence river front. After lunch and later that evening, experience the charming Québec City Christmas Markets. It's like going back in time to the Christmas you knew from long ago.

DAY 3: Québec City

After breakfast, board a private van to discover the Parc-de-la-Chute-Montmorency: the most spectacular falls in the province, one and a half times higher than Niagara Falls! Enjoy the outstanding view from the suspension bridge overlooking the St. Lawrence River! Before returning to the city stop at la Chocolaterie de l'Île d'Orléans then explore the charming and breathtaking landscapes of the island. The afternoon and evening are free to explore Québec City on your own. There is plenty of time to go back to the Christmas markets and enjoy this festive city.

DAY 4: Québec City to Montréal via High-Speed Luxury Rail

This morning, board the high-speed luxury train from Québec City to Montréal. Gare Central (Montréal Central train station) is located directly under the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth and accessible to us by private entrance. Once travelers arrive and get checked in, we'll do a 2-hour walking tour of Old Montréal with our professional guide. View the Old Port sector, Place d'Armes, the Notre-Dame Basilica, bank street, and much more! Later that evening, the wondrous Christmas Village in Old Montréal will delight you to no end.

DAY 5: Montréal

A full day in this fascinating city. Our private van tour allows the traveler to delve deep into this sprawling city. We plan to visit Dorchester Square, Square Victoria, Mount Royal, Place Ville Marie, Chinatown, the Latin Quarter, Quartier des Spectacles, Fine Arts Museum, and Saint Joseph's Oratory. After the tour, do some shopping on your own or return to the Old Town Christmas Markets.

Hotel: Fairmont The Hotel Queen Elizabeth

DAY 6: Depart from Montréal

We will help you on your way to your next destination.

ABOUT OUR SMALL GROUP TOURS

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in "off the itinerary" sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with a small group of 8-14 active adults. This offers the flexibility to do what we want to do, on our own schedule.

A bountiful breakfast is included each day of the tour. Every day we plan a relaxing lunch and dinner. Please join us or go out on your own - we are glad to offer our best recommendations.

Our guide is with us during the day. Tour leaders are with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at 9:30 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Well before departure date, each traveler is supplied with a "final" detailed itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, passports, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared. And of course, we are always available to personally answer any questions you may have.

Extra nights in Montréal and Québec City are available upon request.

For more information, including travel dates and pricing, see
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