

## TRAVELING WITH THE SPECIALIST - NATURE AND WONDER OF CANADA



**Duration:** 10 days, 8 nights

**The price refers to:** person

*Program:*

## DAY 1 - ITALY/ MONTRÉAL

Meet at Milan airport with the accompanying specialist who will be with you for the duration of the trip. Depart by scheduled flight to Montréal; lunch and entertainment on board. Arrive in the afternoon and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in the reserved rooms. Free dinner. Overnight stay at the hotel (Le Centre Sheraton).

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## DAY 2 - MONTRÉAL

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning dedicated to a scenic tour of Montreal, a mixture of tradition and modernity, during which you will see the Old City, the University, Mount Royal and the busy downtown streets. One of the first things to see is really Old Montreal. This part of the city, so different from the others, has retained all its authentic charm. The small streets reflect the stone fortifications erected around Montréal in the 18th century. Montreal attracts more than ten million tourists each year. This success is due to its variety, hospitality, authenticity and also gastronomy. In fact, Montréal is considered the cultural capital of Canada, with some 250 theaters and concert halls. Free lunch. Afternoon at leisure. Free dinner. Overnight stay at the hotel.

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## DAY 3 - MONTRÉAL - LAC DELAGE

Breakfast at the hotel, and depart for Lac Delage in the province of Quebec. Along the way, stop for a typical lunch at a typical "cabane a sucre." The "Cabane à sucre," or farm where maple syrup is made, is usually located in a grove of maple trees where small rustic yet cozy wooden cottages form a small village. Continue with a visit to a bison herd in an open vehicle to better appreciate the natural sights. Afternoon at leisure in Lac Delage for the many outdoor activities you can enjoy: canoeing, kayaking, walking trails, jacuzzi. Hotel accommodation. Dinner and overnight stay (Manoir du Lac Delage).

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## DAY 4 - LAC DELAGE - SAGUENAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day dedicated to exploring the Laurentides: accompanied by nature guides and equipped with comfortable boots and a cape, you will leave by bus for a remote area of this immense park full of hills, streams, forests and lakes. Board a typical "Rabaska" canoe for an excursion into the boreal forest. The Rabaska was originally a type of large Algonquian bark canoe used by the natives, which allowed penetration of even the most difficult rivers. Picnic lunch on the shores of the lake and at sunset exit for sighting black bears in their natural habitat-a unique thrill! One of the most widespread animals in Canadian territories, the American black bear is especially common in mountain and forest environments, as well as in large areas close

to the oceans. The baribal, as it is commonly called, is smaller in size than other bear species such as the white or brown bear. It is a skilled swimmer and in case of danger is able to quickly climb the trunk of trees. Free dinner. Overnight stay (Delta Saguenay).

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## **DAY 5 - SAGUENAY - TADOUSSAC - QUÉBEC CITY**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Tadoussac, from where we will take a whale watching cruise, a truly unforgettable experience. Lunch at the historic Tadoussac Hotel. Continue to Québec City with a stop along the way to admire the spectacular Montmorency Falls, where the Montmorency River makes a 83-meter leap into the void and then flows into the Great St. Lawrence. On balance, Montmorency Falls is a full 30 meters higher than the world-famous Niagara Falls and holds the record as the highest waterfall in Quebec. Continuation to Quebec City. Hotel accommodation. Free dinner. Overnight stay (Delta Quebec).

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## **DAY 6 - QUÉBEC CITY - OTTAWA**

Breakfast at the hotel. Panoramic bus tour of Québec City, the only walled city in all of North America. Quebec City is, among Canadian cities, the one with the most charm. Its historic center occupies the top of a rocky hill, Cap Diamant overlooking the course of the St. Lawrence River. Also towering over Cap Diamant is the Château Frontenac, a grand hotel that has helped to delineate the urban landscape with its spires and many pinnacles since it opened (late 19th century). Québec City was founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain, a French explorer considered the father of New France. At the end of the 7-year war it was ceded to the British along with all of New France. Despite the handover, the city has retained its French soul and to this day its inhabitants are 95 percent native French speakers. In 1985 Quebec City was included in the World Heritage List. Not only the city but also the surrounding region is considered a UNESCO site. Visit the Upper Town, the Lower Town, the Chateau Chateau Frontenac, the Dufferin Terrace and the Battlefield Park, all wrapped in a very refined and distinctive Mittel-European atmosphere. Free lunch. Departure for Ottawa. Upon arrival, sightseeing bus tour to discover the sights of Canada's capital city: Parliament Hill, Byward Market, City Hall and Rideau Canal, the Supreme Court of Canada. Free dinner and overnight stay at the hotel (Lord Elgin).

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## **DAY 7 - OTTAWA - TORONTO**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Toronto: stop en route in Rockport and embark on the Thousand Islands mini-cruise on the St. Lawrence River. It is an archipelago on the St. Lawrence River between the border of Canada (Ontario) and the United States (New York). The archipelago stretches more than 80 km (50 miles) from the city

of Kingston in Ontario. In all, there are 1865 islands, some with over 100 km<sup>2</sup> in area and others that are tiny and inhabited only by migratory birds. Villas and mansions where famous people reside are visible on some islands. Arrival in Toronto and sightseeing tour by motor coach: the skyscrapers, the financial and shopping district, City Hall, the Harbourfront with the magnificent landscape dominated by the CN Tower. Toronto, Canada's economic engine, is along with Montréal the North American country's best-known city in the world, followed by Ottawa. Characteristic of the city is that it is one of the most multicultural in the world, with about 36 percent of its inhabitants being of non-Canadian origin. Very strong presence of the Italian community. Free dinner and overnight stay in Toronto (Sheraton Centre Toronto).

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## **DAY 8 - NIAGARA FALLS**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Niagara Falls and lunch at the scenic restaurant overlooking the falls. Their fame is not related to the height (only 52 meters of drop), but to the spectacular scenery overlooking a Canadian and an American front, and especially for the impressive flow of water, in function of which the native Indians had coined the name "Thunderbolt." Included excursion aboard the Hornblower, a boat that travels to the base of the Falls and makes its incredible power clearly visible. Before returning to Toronto, stroll through pretty Niagara on the Lake. Between 1792 and 1796, Niagara-on-the-Lake was the capital of the British colony of Upper Canada, when its name was still Niagara, and this was where Queen Victoria vacationed. Free dinner and overnight stay in Toronto.

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## **DAY 9 - TORONTO/ ITALY**

Breakfast at the hotel. Time available for final purchases. Transfer to the airport in time for the scheduled flight home. Depart for Italy; dinner and overnight on board.

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## **DAY 10 - ITALY**

Breakfast on board. Arrival in Italy in the morning and completion of services.

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### **Il tour include:**

Intercontinental flight Airport taxes (price subject to reconfirmation before departure) Medical/baggage insurance First day transfer from the airport to the hotel Coaches available for visits as scheduled Local Italian-

speaking guide and tour leader from Italy for the duration of the trip 8 nights in 4\* hotel category hotel in double room (possibility of "Queen Size" bed) with breakfast Meals as scheduled (4 lunches and 1 dinner) Private transportation for excursions Porterage at all hotels (1 suitcase per person) Maple Sugar Shack tickets, activities at Manoir du Lac Delange, Walking tour with botanical guide, Rabaska canoe tour, Bear Watching Excursion, Whale Watching Excursion, 1000 Islands cruise, Niagara Falls cruise

**Nel tour non è compreso:**

Meals not specifically mentioned Drinks with meals Tips Entrance fees not included in "The Price Includes" Porterage. extras and anything not specifically mentioned in "The fees include"



This itinerary is ideal for discovering the many wonders of this extraordinary country, in a very balanced mix of nature, wildlife, history and traditions. The cities of Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec City: so different from each other and complementary. Bear and whale sightings, the Rabaska canoe experience, the cruise to Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands, the walking tour with a guide specializing in botany, the incredible scenery of Lac Delage, Saguenay and Tadoussac, Montmorency Falls--a varied and comprehensive travel experience, always accompanied by a specialist departing with the group from Italy.

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