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OTTAWA ~ THOUSAND ISLANDS ~ NIAGARA FALLS Tulip Festival

May 08-14, 2020 – 7 days!

	<u>1/room</u>	<u>2/room</u>	<u>3/room</u>	<u>4/room</u>
From Moncton	\$1,750.00. pp	\$1,285. pp	\$1,195. pp	\$1090. pp

MAY 08-Friday: today, we will depart from Moncton Best Western for an exciting 7-day tour to experience some of Canada's most famous landmarks. While most of us will be strangers when we board the bus, it will not be long before we're enjoying each others' company, like a big happy family!. We will stop for lunch (included) at **Maple Leaf Buffet** in Edmundston with overnite stay at **Holiday Inn, Vaudreuil (Mtl)**

May 09-Saturday: today, we arrive **Ottawa** approximately 9:30am, giving us time to have a very knowledgeable local tour guide join us on our bus for a get-acquainted tour of the city before we enjoy an awesome cruise aboard **the Empress of Ottawa** on the Rideau Canal, leisurely enjoying an **on-board lunch** while allowing us to view our Capital City from a different perspective! During afternoon, we will visit **Parliament Hill** and the **Canadian Mint**, Overnite stay at **Cartier Place Suite Hotel**. Each room will be a suite with fully equipped kitchen.

MAY10-Sunday: today, we will visit the **Diefenbunker, the ByWard Market, the RCMP Musical Ride Stables** and **Commissioner Park**, home of Ottawa's most dazzling display of tulips. Follow the winding pathways and enjoy the explosion of color in gardens filled with over 300,000 tulips.

MAY 11-Monday: today we travel to **Thousand Islands** to enjoy a boat cruise from Rockport to view the inexplicable beauty that Thousand Islands is famous for, followed by a group lunch at their dockside restaurant. Then on to our hotel, the **Holiday Inn** in **Niagara Falls** for the next 2 nights. Our hotel is close to the mighty "Falls", the **Fallsview Casino, Imax Theatre** as well as **Queen Victoria Park**.

MAY 12-Tuesday: today, get ready to experience many of Niagara Falls' landmarks – the **Butterfly Conservatory**, , the **Floral Clock** , the **Maple Trail** at **Maple Leaf Place**. a wine-tasting tour at a winery in **Niagara-on-the-Lake**. We will also enjoy a boat trip aboard the **Hornblower** (formerly the Maid of the Mist) to the very base of the Falls. Don't forget your camera!

MAY 13-Wednesday: – depart for our overnite stay at **Holiday Inn**, Ste-Hyacinthe (between Drummondville and Québec City).

MAY14-Thursday; after breakfast at our hotel, we will stop to visit the unbelievable wooden sculptures at the **Musée des Anciens Canadiens** in **St.-Jean-Port-Joli**. arriving Moncton approximately 8:00pm, with some terrific memories.

INCLUDED

- * Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- * Lunch at **Le Buffet des Dragons, Rivière-du-Loup**
- * Lunch at **Maple Leaf Buffet** in Edmundston
- Lunch aboard the **Empress of Ottawa**
- Dinner & show at **Oh Canada Eh?**
- Lunch at dockside **Island View Restaurant**
- Visit to **RCMP Musical Ride Stables**
- * Boat tour on the **Empress of Ottawa** on Rideau Canal
- * Boat tour aboard the **Hornblower** at Niagara Falls
- * Boat tour at **Thousand Islands** at Rockport
- * Visit to **Butterfly Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**
- * Visit to **Musée des Anciens Canadiens**
- * All hotel rooms & breakfasts
- * Visit to **Diefenbunker** and **Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa**

\$200. deposit is due now for reservation. Formal wear is not required for any of our planned activities. While traveling, we will do daily seat rotation and have a rest stop approximately every 2 hrs. Above dates & prices are firm; destinations & activities may be revised with ample notice to you.

Daily Itinerary

May 08-Friday:

- 6:30 am – our bus will depart from the Best Western, 300 Lewisville Rd., Moncton
- noon – lunch at **Maple Leaf Buffet, Edmundston** (included)
- 5:00 pm – supper at St. Hubert BBQ or Tim Horton (on your own)
- 7:00 pm - check-in at **Holiday Inn, Vaudreuil** (Montreal)

May 09-Saturday :

- breakfast at hotel, depart @ 7am
- 9:30 am – arrive Ottawa; we will be greeted by a very knowledgeable local guide who will board our bus and take us on a 1-hour city tour. We will then board the **Empress of Ottawa** for a **1-hour cruise** on the Ottawa River which will include lunch.
- 1:30 pm – visit to Parliament Hill
- 3:30 pm - visit the **floral gardens at Commissioners Park**
- 5:00 pm - check in at our hotel for 2 nights, the **Cartier Place Suites**

May 10-Sunday:

- 8:45am - visit the **RCMP Musical Ride Stables**
- 10:30 am – depart for visit the **Royal Canadian Mint Museum**
- noon – visit **ByWard Market**
- 2:30 pm – visit the **Diefenbunker**

May 11-Monday:

- 7:45 am – depart for Rockport
- 9:30 am – arrive **Rockport, ON** to explore the magnificent scenery of the St. Lawrence as we enjoy a **one-hour boat cruise** through the heart of the **Thousand Islands** followed by a delicious **Buffet Lunch**, served at their **Island View Dockside Restaurant**
- 5:30 pm – check-in at **Holiday Inn, Niagara Falls** for the next 2 nights.

May 12-Tuesday ::

- Today, we will visit some of Niagara Falls spectacular landmarks ...the **Floral Clock, Butterfly Conservatory**, a wine-tasting tour at a winery in **Niagara-on-the-Lake** followed by a boat trip aboard the **Hornblower** to the very base of the Falls
- 6:00pm - depart for the **Oh Canada, Eh? Dinner Show**.

May 13-Wednesday:

- 8:30 - depart for **Holiday Inn, St-Hyacinthe** (between Montreal & Drummondville), with rest and lunch stops along the way, arriving approximately 6pm.

May 14-Thursday:

- group breakfast at hotel, depart at 7:00am
- 10-11am – visit **Musée des Anciens Canadiens** (named the most prestigious wood carving museum in North America) on way home, arriving Moncton approximately 8:00pm

The Canadian Tulip Festival runs from May 10-20. It started in 1953, as the result of a gift of 100,000 tulip bulbs from Princess Juliana from the Netherlands as a show of gratitude for her stay in exile in Canada during WWII and the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian troops. It now features over 300,000 tulips throughout Ottawa. We will visit **Commissioner's Park at Dows Lake - The Garden Tulip Experience** where you can tour the 1 km stretch of show-stopping commemorative tulip beds and learn their history or stroll the tulip boardwalk,

We will enjoy a 1-hour lunch cruise **Capital Cruise Line's Empress of Ottawa**, which has two covered decks with ample seating, open air top deck with washrooms on the two lower levels.

Parliament of Canada: Centre Block is closed for renovations but we can stroll the grounds of **Parliament Hill**. You may opt out to do your own self-guided tour of Parliament Hill at your own leisure. I will provide you with the **Outdoor Self-guiding Booklet** upon request.

Cartier Place Suite Hotel offers a full kitchen, combined dining/living area, a pullout sofa bed with a separate bedroom with double bed and private balcony and on-site restaurant "**Big Daddy's Bourbon Street Bistro**". It is perfectly located in the Ottawa downtown in the boutique area of Elgin Street, within walking distance of all major tourist sites, attractions and shopping during your 2 nights of leisure time while in Ottawa.

The **Diefenbunker** was commissioned by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker in 1959, as part of his government's reaction to escalating tensions in the Cold War. The purpose of the bunker was to house key members of the government and military in the event of a nuclear attack on Canada. The entire construction process took less than 18 months. The bunker is 100,000 square feet over four levels. It is made of 32,000 cubic yards of hand-poured concrete and 5,000 tons of steel. It is an extraordinary marvel of engineering, and built to withstand a 5 megaton nuclear blast from 1.8 kilometers away. The site was completed and began operation in 1961, and remained in continuous operation until it was decommissioned in 1994. It was the site of some of Canada's most top-secret communications throughout the Cold War. At all times during its operation, the cupboards and pantries were stocked with enough fresh food and rations to feed 535 people for 30 days and the building was prepared to go into lockdown at any moment.

RCMP Musical Ride Stables and Museum is home of the world-famous RCMP Musical Ride. We will be able to tour the stables and visitor centre, the Riding School, the Farrier Station, the Tack Room and see the state Landau ("carriages") used in royal escorts of Her Majesty the Queen.

Thousand Islands is a group of more than 1,800 islands in the St. Lawrence River, straddling the border of the U.S. and Canada. A fashionable retreat for the elite in the late 19th century, today the area is a hub for outdoor activities. Cruising among the 1000 Islands aboard a guided boat tour is among the most popular reasons visitors come here. Our cruise will include passing by dozens of islands, fairytale castles, lighthouses, island mansions and wildlife all accompanied by true tales of pirates, bootleggers and the Gilded Age rich and famous who all spent time here.

Niagara Falls is actually made up of 3 separate falls..... the American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls on the American side and the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side. There is the Town of Niagara Falls, NY on the American side and Town of Niagara Falls, ON on the Canadian side. The Horseshoe Falls are by far the most spectacular. Let's hope that President Trump never finds out about this or we could have a border dispute!

Surely one of the highlights of our trip will be the group dinner at the **Oh Canada Eh! Dinner show** which features a five-course, all-Canadian, family-style meal while enjoying top-notch entertainment.

The **Maid of the Mist** still exists but is American owned and operates only from the American side. We will board one of **Hornblower's** state-of-the-art 700-passenger Catamaran boats, the Niagara Wonder or the Niagara Thunder to take you on a ride you'll never forget, into the heart of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. Hold onto your heart and get ready for the thrill of a lifetime.

Musée des Anciens Canadiens is the **largest** interpretive center and **most prestigious** museum of woodcarving in America. Experience the history of sculpture and crafts from over 250 remarkable recognized artists such as the Bourgault brothers. For a small sampling of what we will see, check their website www.museedesancienscanadiens.com/museum.



Commissioner's Park



Empress of Ottawa Lunch Cruise



Thousand Islands Boat Cruise



Konzelmann Winery Tasting Tour



Butterfly Conservatory



Botanical Gardens



Floral Clock



Queen Victoria Park



Falls View Casino



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