

# American Celebration of Music in Canada Montréal & Québec City, Québec

Suggested Tour #2 (4 nights / 5 days)

## Day 1

### Montréal

(D)

Upon arrival into Montréal, meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a panoramic Montréal sightseeing tour

Enjoy a guided tour at St. Joseph Oratory, the world's largest sanctuary dedicated to Saint Joseph. Located in the heart of Montréal, in the lush and historic Mount Royal district, this internationally renowned pilgrimage destination is steeped in history and culture. In 2004, on the 100th anniversary of its founding, it was declared a National Historic Site by the Canadian Government

Check-in to your hotel

Dinner included at the hotel, or nearby, and overnight

*Founded three and a half centuries ago, Montréal is the second largest French speaking city in the world. For visitors, Montréal's greatest attraction is its cosmopolitan, almost European atmosphere. The meeting of French and English cultures and the addition of other ethnic influences have created a unique blend. Its varied and vibrant neighborhoods, such as Old Montréal with its picturesque cobbled streets and historic grey limestone buildings, or the "Latin Quarter" of St. Denis Street with its lively outdoor cafes, provide a refreshing, every-changing urban panorama.*

## Day 2

### Montréal

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a guided tour of Montréal including Old Montréal, Mont Royal, Jean-Drapeau Park (Saint Hélène and Notre-Dame Islands), site of 1967 World Fair, Expo 67. There, you will see the beautiful floral park, the Gilles-Villeneuve Racetrack for the Formula 1 Canada Grand Prix, the Montréal Casino and La Ronde Amusement Park

Lunch, on own

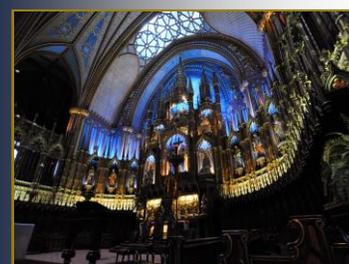
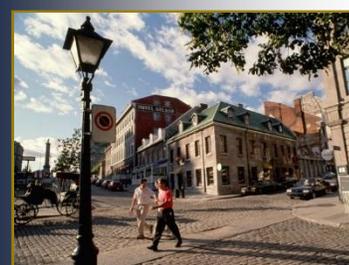
***Performance or clinic as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada***

Afternoon guided tour of Notre-Dame Basilica. Notre-Dame Basilica is a masterpiece of Gothic revival architecture. Built between 1824 and 1829, the magnificent décor, in sculptured wood, paint and gold leaf captivates hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Paintings, sculpture and stained-glass windows illustrate biblical passages and parish history of Montréal society

Remainder of the afternoon on your own for shopping

Dinner included at a local restaurant in Montréal's Old Port area

Return to the hotel for overnight



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**Day 3****Montréal / Québec City****(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out  
 Depart for Quebec City this morning (150 miles, 3 hours). Drive along the mighty St. Lawrence River to Québec City, the only walled city in North America

Lunch, on own

Take a guided tour of Québec City's La Citadelle. This national historic site is a walled fortress of the city. The one-hour guided tour will highlight the American attacks, the construction of the fortress and its buildings. The visit of the Royal 22 Régiment Museum located in an old French powder magazine (1750) and a former military prison (1842) is included in the tour

Then, wander Dufferin Terrace and view le Chateau Frontenac on own

*Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada*

Hotel check-in

Dinner included at a local restaurant and return to the hotel for overnight

*Québec City is the capital of the Canadian province of Québec. It is the second largest city in the province, after Montréal. Québec's Old Town (Vieux-Québec), the only North American fortified city north of Mexico whose walls still exist, was declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1985 as the "Historic District of Old Quebec." It is also one of the oldest cities in North America*

**Day 4****Québec City****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Meet your guide for a tour within the walls of the Old City, visit Lower Town, Battlefields Park, Place Royale, see the Museum of Civilization, Chateau Frontenac, Dufferin Terrace, the waterfront and the ornate city gates of Upper Town

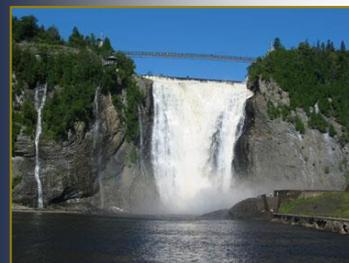
Depart with coach and guide for a journey along the St. Lawrence River to the village of Sainte-Anne and tour one of the country's most beautiful cathedrals, Basilica St. Anne de Beaupre

Stop at a 150 year old bread oven and enjoy fresh baked bread with maple butter

Visit the Montmorency Falls and ride the cable car here to get different views of the falls, twice as high as Niagara Falls

Dinner will be at a typical French Sugar Shack. Your menu here includes French Canadian Pea Soup, pickles and bread, baked beans, meat pie, warm maple ham, boiled potatoes, sausages, sugar pie and fruit punch and of course, taffy on snow (shaved ice in summer). Enjoy live folklorique music during your meal

Return to the hotel for overnight

**Day 5****Depart for home****(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by hotel check-out

Morning free for last-minute sightseeing or shopping

Depart for home or transfer to Montréal for return flight home

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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