



# Shore Excursions

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## ► the benefits of booking with us



When you book your shore excursions with Holland America Line, you can count on our Signature of Excellence<sup>®</sup> to consistently offer a superior experience ashore:

### quality

Clean and comfortable transportation equipment; we engage professional independent tour operators dedicated to customer satisfaction.

### safety

Tour operators have contractually agreed to comply with local government requirements and to carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage claims.

### convenience

English-speaking guides; tour departure times set to coincide with the ship's schedule as well as with that of other tours so that guests desiring to do so can take multiple tours.

### peace of mind

If a tour that you have purchased through Holland America Line returns late to the ship, we will almost never leave without you. In the very rare event that the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call (with independently booked tours, you are responsible for rejoining the ship at the next port of call).

### variety

Around the globe, our programs include A Taste of..., Off the Beaten Track, panoramic, flightseeing and motor coach tours, with such adventures as camel rides, kayaking, diving, rock-climbing, glacier hiking and private vehicle/vessel touring.

### value

Our award-winning shore excursions offer superior quality and competitive pricing; our guests consistently rate their shore excursion experience as excellent.

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## ➤ about tour pricing



Prices can be found on our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com) and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. Prices for children 12 years of age and under are available on some, but not all, tours. If no child's price is published online, the tour may be available to children at the adult rate; however, all children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 21 or older, regardless of rate. A general guideline to pricing is found under each tour listing with symbols as follows:

\$ – up to \$50USD

\$\$ – \$51USD to \$100USD

\$\$\$ – \$101USD to \$150USD

\$\$\$\$ – more than \$150USD

## ➤ expand the experience: take more than one tour in each port



Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class with an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. To make combining easy, for tour departure times and durations, visit our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

## ➤ book your shore excursions online



Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursion reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at

**[www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)**

Book online now, up until five days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information.

Remember, online shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

### general information

At the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted shore excursion request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Shore excursion reservations are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour more than 5 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 5 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the shore excursion. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser.

## ➤ frequently asked questions



### what should i wear?

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship (cathedrals, churches, etc.), we recommend dressing conservatively (shorts and sleeveless sundresses should not be worn), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

### what about meals?

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. In-room dining is available on board.

### how will i know what time each tour departs?

The on-board Shore Excursions Order Form in your stateroom will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your shore excursion tickets, which you will receive on board. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

### i have a disability. how do i know which tours will best suit me? will i have a problem (dis)embarking the ship?

Guests with disabilities should inquire in advance whether a shore excursion will be able to accommodate their needs. We have graded the Shore Excursions according to the relative level of activity they entail. The walking icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please refer to the "How to Choose Your Tours" section in this brochure for specific information on the walking icons. It is important to keep in mind that shore excursion operators are subject to the laws of their own country including with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States. Please speak with the Shore Excursions Office as to whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. In this regard, the decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their mobility assistance device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or

## frequently asked questions

on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

### do all the ports and tours in this brochure pertain to my cruise?

Not necessarily, as this brochure may cover more than one sailing. Please refer to your cruise itinerary to determine which ports you will visit, then turn to those port sections to see the tours. Not all tours in each port are available on all ships or all cruises.

### are there any other tours offered that are not published in this brochure?

Yes, we often add tours to our program after the brochure is published. For additional tours that may now be available in the ports you are visiting, please check our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

### i am traveling with friends and we would like to be on the same motor coach

The departure location for each shore excursion is printed on your shore excursion tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

### tour durations

This brochure is designed to help you select the excursions most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursions Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions Presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Office.

### tour descriptions

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com). Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

## ▶ the collections of Holland America Line



**What fascinates you?** A cooking class with a local chef? A private car, complete with driver and guide, so you can explore near or far? A chance to encounter wildlife or view natural wonders up close? The Collections of Holland America Line represent a small subset of the shore excursions you will find in this brochure. Each collection offers its own particular focus and is available only in select ports.

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### Medallion Collection

A series of exclusive experiences designed to accommodate our most discerning guests, our Medallion Collection tours are each carefully chosen to provide an in-depth perspective. They offer unparalleled access to events and sights not normally readily available. First-class style, smaller groups, multi-day Overland Adventures—elite activities for a privileged few.



### Encore Collection

Been there, done that? Think again. Our Encore Collection, designed especially for repeat guests, lets you discover what lies beyond the well-known attractions you've already seen.

Barbecue with Argentine gauchos, bike the tree-lined boulevards of Barcelona, ride an Icelandic pony across a windswept beach near Reykjavik. These tours showcase hidden gems, unusual angles and inside stories that will bring you back time and again.



### World Wonders Collection

Natural treasures, architectural marvels, technical wonders: to the Seven Wonders of the World we add our own nominations based on decades of leadership in global travel—the sandstone city of Petra, the *moai* statues of Easter Island, and the Great Wall of China, among others. What they have in common is the ability to inspire awe.



### Signature Collection

This exclusive touring option for independent-minded travelers lets you completely customize and maximize your time ashore by reserving private transportation (along with an English-speaking driver and guide) in advance. Whether you travel by car or minivan, customized boat, classic floatplane or stretch SUV limousine, you choose the companions, sights and pace that perfectly suit you.

*to whom is the signature collection suited?*

The Signature Collection is for solo travelers, couples, families, friends and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and luxury transportation. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

*about the transportation*

Each type of transportation will be of the highest grade available in that port. Not all modes of transportation are available in all locations. For information about the transportation sizes and availability, please see our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

*also included*

The cost includes the service of a driver and English-speaking guide, unlimited mileage, road tolls, parking fees and bottled water.

*not included (unless otherwise noted)*

Guests' entrance fees for attractions are not included in the price due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests

participating. We strongly recommend that you bring some local currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in some ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

### itinerary planning

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Port Lecturer and/or Shore Excursions Manager can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time, location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration in order to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

### pricing

The cost of each type of transportation will be published online at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

### online reservations

The fastest and easiest way for you to reserve and pay for your Signature Collection experience is on the Holland America Line website. Visit us online at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com). Please note the cost will be per mode of transportation (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to make the reservation. The price shown on the website is the total cost for the transportation, driver and guide (not a per-person price). In many ports, availability is extremely limited. We encourage you to reserve as early as possible.

### payment & tour vouchers

Your credit card will be charged after your reservation is confirmed. Next, start planning what you'll do with your Signature Collection experience in each port. On board the ship, you will be given a tour voucher and a form to advise the Shore Excursions Office of the itinerary you have chosen.

### booking on board

The Signature Collection may be available for booking once you are on the ship, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the Shore Excursions Office on board.

### disembarking the ship

In some disembarkation ports, a private vehicle, driver and guide can be used for sightseeing en route to the airport. When booking, please advise the total amount of luggage for your party. Vehicle size and luggage space may limit the number of guests in the vehicle.

## ▶ how to choose your tours



Choose your shore excursions by using these icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the shore excursions best suited to your physical capabilities.



**easy activity:** Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



**moderate activity:** Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



**strenuous activity:** Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



**panoramic:** Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these excursions offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation during the tour. As vehicles outside the USA are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace will be gentle and taking your time is encouraged.



**limited capacity:** The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants to operate.



**meal:** This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, or dinner on evening tours.



**snack:** This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.

## > baie comeau, québec

Shore excursions for Baie Comeau can be found on our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

## > bar harbor, maine



### Acadia National Park



Approximately 2¼ hours • \$

Featuring one of the most scenic drives on the east coast, Acadia is one of the most visited National Parks in the United States. You will first pass through the quaint town of Bar Harbor to view some of the charming Victorian Mansions built by America's rich and famous at the turn of the century. Entering the National Park, your journey along the Park Loop Road will take you along the ocean's edge passing Sand Beach, Schooner Head Overlook, and the *High Seas* mansion built by a wealthy gentleman whose wife perished on the *Titanic*. Pass by Thunder Hole, where ocean swells converge against the granite cliffs to create a thunderous roar. Continue past Otter Cliffs and the Gulf of Maine with beautiful views of the offshore islands. Travel through pine forests and past the Jordon Pond House with a beautiful view of the Penobscot Mountains and Bubbles Hill. Keep your eyes open for moose, black bear and white tail deer as you make your way around the Park Loop Road. Your tour culminates (weather permitting) with a photo stop atop the 1,530-foot Cadillac Mountain, offering a 360-degree panoramic view of granite cliffs, coastal mountains, forests, lakes, and valleys.

## bar harbor, maine

### Acadia National Park & Lobster Bake



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

This tour combines the highlights of the Acadia National Park tour with a true “Downeast” lobster bake. You will first pass through the quaint town of Bar Harbor and drive by opulent summer “cottages” before entering Acadia National Park. A journey along Park Loop Road will take you past the spectacular scenery of Maine’s rocky coastline. Pass by Otter Cliffs, the Jordan Pond House and Thunder Hole where the ocean swells create a thunderous roar. Weather permitting, you will head to the 1,530-foot summit of Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on North America’s eastern seaboard. With a 360° panoramic view, you will see how glaciers carved through the granite cliffs to form a beautiful landscape. You will then be treated to a true “Downeast” lobster bake in a beautiful setting along the coast. Enjoy fresh Maine lobster pulled fresh from ocean water and drizzled with butter, with all the trimmings, and a blueberry dessert. (Steak is available upon request for non-lobster eaters).

### The Ultimate Island Experience: A Private Luncheon at Frenchman Bay



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

The pleasure of your company is requested for an elegant Maine luncheon, complete with a sampling of wines from Maine’s two most acclaimed vintners. For this exclusive tour, a uniformed chauffeur will pick you up at the pier area in a stretch limousine or a deluxe limo van to visit the Ocean Drive section of Acadia National Park. You’ll also visit Seal Harbor and Northeast Harbor, home to Victorian “cottages” that have been handed down from generation to generation, scenic Sargent Drive, which skirts the only fjord on the east coast of North America, and Somesville, the oldest town on Mount Desert Island. Enjoy an elegant luncheon at one of Bar Harbor’s most beautiful settings overlooking Frenchman Bay. This is an opportunity to experience a day on Mount Desert Island as few visitors can!



## Cadillac Mountain & Lunch at Jordan Pond House



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

On this tour, you will have an opportunity to visit a portion of beautiful Acadia National Park and, weather permitting, ride to the top of Cadillac Mountain—the highest point on the east coast of the United States, where you have magnificent views of Frenchman Bay and the Town of Bar Harbor. You will also participate in a charming tradition established in the early 1870s, tea and popovers at the Jordan Pond House. This picturesque location also provides you with photo and shopping opportunities, but the real treat on this tour is the Jordan Pond lunch consisting of poached Atlantic salmon with dill sauce, chicken salad, green salad, New England clam chowder, a Jordan Pond's famous popover, and a dessert consisting of their own home made ice cream. Bring your camera.

## Highlights of Bar Harbor & Cadillac Mountain



Approximately 1½ hours • \$

Visit the Bar Harbor of yesteryear, when it was one of the most exclusive resorts in the world. As painters, poets and authors began to speak of the island's natural beauty, America's elite, including the Astors, Fords, Morgans, Rockefellers, Carnegies, and Vanderbilts, transformed the island with elegant estates often referred to as "cottages." Your tour begins with a drive past the Village Green where you will see the town clock and the village bandstand—a focal point on summer evenings when locals gathered to hear the marches of John Philip Sousa and other popular music. You will pass a number of Victorian Mansions that survived the Great Fire of 1947—a magnificent era when fabulously wealthy residents tried to outdo each other with their lavish parties and opulent lifestyles. Bar Harbor is also home to the College of the Atlantic for studies in marine biology, whale management, identification and preservation. Weather permitting, you will drive to one of the most scenic spots in all of Acadia National Park, Cadillac Mountain—the highest point on North America's eastern seaboard. The 360-degree panoramic view shows how glaciers once carved granite cliffs to form a beautiful

landscape of towering coastal mountains, lush forest, lakes and valleys.

## A Walk in the Park (Ocean Trail Hike)



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Discover the spectacular natural beauty and fascinating history of one of the most gorgeous islands in America. This walk along the rockbound coast provides the perfect setting for your guide/naturalist to introduce you to all the wonders of Acadia National Park. As waves crash against granite, you'll learn about the powerful glacial activity that gave the Maine coast its identity, the variety of wildlife that abounds, and the flora and fauna that make this such an island paradise. Learn the role that barons such as John D. Rockefeller played in forming the park. You'll also learn about the fishing industry and the "golden age" of Bar Harbor, when Mount Desert Island was the playground of America's fabulously wealthy.



## Best of Both Worlds



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Encompassing the best that Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Island have to offer, this tour includes the beautiful scenery of Acadia National Park and Cadillac Mountain and a chance to learn about the fascinating world of the lobster fisherman. Visit the Oceanarium and the elusive world of the Gilded Age with a visit to a turn-of-the-century "cottage." Your scenic drive along Park Loop Road includes all the highlights of the Acadia National Park Tour. You will see Thunder Hole where the right tidal conditions can send flumes of ocean spray high into the air, and visit the summit of Cadillac Mountain to marvel at the 360-degree view of the coast. Pass *High Seas*—the stately cottage built for an English bride who booked passage on the Titanic and never saw her dream home. See Sand Beach, Otter Cliffs and Jordan Pond House—the famous restaurant where tea on the lawn has been a tradition for more than a century. Eagle Lake holds a wealth of secrets and the open ocean and crashing surf give Acadia its personality. You will then continue to the Oceanarium featuring displays on the life

cycle of the lobster. A lobster expert will demonstrate the use of authentic traps, how these succulent creatures are caught. On the College of the Atlantic campus, you will visit one of Bar Harbor's last remaining summer mansions. Your guide will be happy to share tales of a by-gone era, when America's wealthiest families made Bar Harbor their summer playground.

### Step Back in Time: A Victorian Walking Tour



Approximately 1½ hours • \$

Step back in time to the turn of the century, when Bar Harbor was the world's most exclusive and illustrious resort and stately Victorian mansions belonged to fabulously wealthy summer residents trying to outdo each other with lavish parties. Your costumed guide—perhaps he is the Vanderbilts' carriage driver, or perhaps she is a maid from the nearby Rockefeller estate—will share tales of a magnificent time. You'll learn of the society matron who ordered imported crystal champagne glasses by the case so her guests could toss them against the ocean-side boulders of Frenchman Bay after using them once, and the insecure couple who thought they could impress others by giving away priceless diamonds and jewels. You'll find out how the truly wealthy lived among the grandest parties, the superbly manicured estates, and mansions that seemed to stretch forever. The tour is conducted at a leisurely pace, suitable for everyone, and you'll especially enjoy seeing the magnificent Tiffany stained-glass windows of St Saviour's Church.

*Please note: Total walking distance is approximately one mile.*

### Bar Harbor by Land & Sea



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Take in Bar Harbor's stunning scenery by land and sea on this relaxing half-day excursion. Step back in time to the turn of the century when Bar Harbor was one of the most exclusive resorts in the world. From the comfort of your deluxe motor coach, your tour begins as you pass the Village Green where you will see the town clock and the village bandstand where many townspeople often gathered on summer evenings to hear the marches of John Philip Sousa and other popular music. Passing a number

of Victorian Mansions that survived the Great Fire of 1947, your guide will be happy to share the intimate secrets and tales of a magnificent era when fabulously wealthy residence tried to outdo each other with their lavish parties and opulent lifestyles. Bar Harbor is also home to the College of the Atlantic, most noted for studies in marine biology with an emphasis on whale management, identification and preservation. You will then make your way to Cadillac Mountain, one of the most scenic spots in all of Acadia National Park (weather permitting). From the highest point on North America's eastern seaboard, you will enjoy the 360° panoramic view and see how glaciers carved through the granite cliffs to form a beautiful landscape of towering coastal mountains, lush forest, lakes and valleys. Returning to sea level, you will embark the *Margaret Todd*, a 151-foot, four-masted schooner, for a relaxing sail on Frenchman Bay. Your captain will navigate this magnificent vessel around the Porcupine Islands offering panoramic views of the seaside village of Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park with Cadillac Mountain as a backdrop. Listen to the commentary on the geological points of interest as well as wildlife such as the porpoise, seal, osprey and bald eagle that are often sighted in the area.

*Please note: The sailing portion of the tour will vary in duration from 1½ - 1¾ hours depending on wind and weather. The schooner may be under both sail and motor power depending on wind conditions. Tour will operate rain or shine. Dress in layers; bring a rain jacket and binoculars.*

### Guided Bicycle Tour of Acadia National Park



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Experience the famous carriage trails of Acadia by crisscrossing some of the most scenic areas of the park. The trails were constructed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., beginning in 1913, but have been recently refurbished and are in excellent condition. You'll be custom fitted with a 24-speed mountain bike, specifically designed for hard-packed gravel like you'll find on the carriage trails. Your professional guide will stop often to tell you about the island's history and lore. Anyone in average physical condition can take part in this tour.

*Please note: Minimum age is 12 years.*

## Coastal Sea Kayaking



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Sea kayaking offers a different perspective of Acadia's natural beauty. All tours are led by Registered Maine Guides. Each stable kayak is designed for two persons and is rudder-equipped for easy steering. No experience is necessary, and anyone in average physical condition can find this sport fun and exciting. Your guide will accompany you on a 2½-hour journey to the calm and protected waters of Frenchman Bay and the Porcupine Islands, where you're likely to see a variety of marine life. A dry bag is provided, so bring your camera to record the spectacular views of Mount Desert Island.

*Please note: Please see the on-board Shore Excursions office for advice on how to dress for this tour. Minimum age is 12 years.*

## ▶ boston, massachusetts



### Historic Boston & Cambridge



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Enjoy all the highlights of the Scenic Boston Tour as well as a short walk through the historic North End and a visit to Cambridge. During your scenic tour of Boston you will pass the highlights of the city including Copley Square, Trinity Church, Boston Public Library, Back Bay, Newbury Street, Public Garden, the Boston Common, Beacon Hill and the Massachusetts State House. Visit the Old North Church where Paul Revere ordered two lanterns hung in the steeple to signal that the British Redcoats were approaching by sea. Continuing across the Charles River to Cambridge, you will see a number of New England-style red brick buildings, inviting cafés and splendid bookstores. Disembarking your coach in Harvard Square, you will have an opportunity to stroll past the hallowed halls of America's oldest and most prestigious university.

*Please note: Tour operates rain or shine. This tour is only available to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Boston.*

### Freedom Trail Walking Tour



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Step back into our nation's early history on this extraordinary walking tour. From Boston Common, the country's oldest public park, your guide will lead you to the State House with its golden dome. Its cornerstone was laid by Samuel Adams and Paul Revere in 1795. Passing Park Street Church and the Granary Burying Ground (the final resting place of John Hancock, Samuel Adams and Paul Revere), you'll see the Old City Hall. This is the finest example of French Second Empire architecture in America. Pass the Old Corner Bookstore, where Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau met. See where the Sons of Liberty gathered on the eve of the Boston Tea Party. You'll pass the site of the Boston Massacre

on the way to Faneuil Hall marketplace. In Boston's historic North End, see the simple, three-story, clapboard home of Paul Revere, built in 1676. The last stop will be at Old North Church, where Paul Revere ordered lanterns hung to tell how the British Army was arriving—one if by land, two if by sea. After your tour, you may remain at Faneuil Hall Marketplace to eat, shop, relax and people-watch.

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### The American Presidents: Kennedy & Adams



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Visit two of America's national treasures: the John F. Kennedy Library (perhaps the nation's most popular presidential library), and *Peacefield*, the home and family library of John Adams and John Quincy Adams. At the Kennedy Library and Museum, you'll relax in the comfort of the theater for a 17-minute introductory film narrated in part by J.F.K. Incorporating historic television footage and cherished family home movies, this film provides the background, family and political accomplishments of the "Camelot" legend. Following the presentation, you will have an opportunity to independently explore the museum, featuring an extensive range of audio-visual displays. Stand in a re-creation of the Oval Office and experience the drama of President Kennedy's historic address to the nation on civil rights, or perhaps capture the inspirational spirit of the space program. Then continue to the nearby town of Quincy—birthplace of father and son presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams—to visit "The Old House," lovingly referred to by John Adams as *Peacefield*. This elegant plantation residence was home to four generations of the Adams family. First occupied by John Adams in 1788, it once served at the Summer White House and is filled with original furniture and paintings treasured by the Adams family. A U.S. National Park Ranger will provide a fascinating guided tour of this home and the family library while providing an historical perspective of the vast accomplishments of these two great men.

*Please note: This tour is only available to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Boston.*

### Lexington & Concord



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Enjoy a scenic drive to the outskirts of Boston to discover the historic battlefields of Lexington and Concord. Learn how these one-time farming communities played such a pivotal role in the earliest days of the American Revolution. You'll stop at Lexington Green, where Paul Revere made his midnight ride to warn the minutemen that the British were coming. Continuing to Concord and the Old North Bridge, you will see where the British were confronted by 400 minutemen, and the first full battle of the Revolution began as "the shot heard round the world" was fired. Your guide will also point out the homes of some of America's most renowned authors including Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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### Boston Highlights, Historic Salem & Seafaring Marblehead



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$

Take in some of Boston's most historic highlights and trace the past of two famed cities: Marblehead, with its rich nautical heritage; and Salem, a town best known for its 17th-century fear of witchcraft. Enjoy a photo stop at Copley Square, featuring some of Boston's most striking architectural masterpieces, old and new. The Romanesque Trinity Church was completed in 1877, and the Boston Public Library is noted for its Italian Renaissance-style exterior. The ultra-modern John Hancock Tower transformed Boston's cityscape. You will then continue to Boston's North Shore—a craggy stretch of Atlantic shoreline rich in history and scenic beauty. Your first stop will be at Marblehead, a delightful port with clapboard houses, cobblestone streets, and first-rate nautical heritage, settled in 1629. Wealthy sea captains built lovely Federal and Georgian homes here, still set amid ancient elms on quaint, winding streets. At Marblehead Neck, admire the summer homes of 19th-century millionaires and the historic Marblehead Light. Next, you will visit Salem, a thriving maritime community best known for its infamous 1692 witch trials. Step inside the

Salem Witch Museum for a complete multimedia presentation, and learn of some macabre American history. After a three-course lunch in one of Salem's finest dining establishments, you'll pass Salem's splendid 19th-century mansions, and Chestnut Street, often called "the most beautiful street in America."

*Please note: This tour is only available to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Boston.*

### Beacon Hill Walk & "Cheers!"



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Boston is a great walking town so join a local professional guide for a stroll along Boston's historic streets, including Beacon Hill and a stop at the Cheers! Bar. Your walk begins in the Back Bay area at Copley Square. Pass Trinity Church and the adjacent Hancock Tower as your guide provides commentary and points out architectural details. Continue along Newbury Street with its fashionable boutiques, sidewalk cafés and galleries. Travel through the Public Garden, passing exotic flower beds, trees, fountains and the lagoons. Enjoy a brief pause at the Bull & Finch Pub that inspired the TV show *Cheers!*, and enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soda. Continue to Boston Common, the oldest public park in America, and through the narrow streets and brick sidewalks of Beacon Hill—a registered Historic District. Stroll past the gold-domed State House to Quincy Market, where your tour ends. Time permitting, you may opt to remain in town for independent sightseeing and shopping.

*Please note: The walking tour covers approximately 1¾ miles with frequent stops for commentary, traveling at a leisurely pace over uneven ground and climbing one hill. Wear comfortable walking shoes.*



### Boston Highlights & Duck Tour



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Enjoy the highlights of Boston from land and from the Charles River, as this tour combines a panoramic tour of the city's most important and scenic sites by motor coach, followed by an exciting journey by water aboard a World War II amphibious vehicle called the Boston Duck. During your scenic motor coach tour, you'll pass through the heart of Boston and along a portion of the Freedom Trail to catch a glimpse of the Old State House, the site of the Boston Massacre, the King's Chapel, Granary Burying Ground, the Park Street Church as well as the expansive green of Boston Common. Pass by picturesque Copley Square, bordered by the architectural wonders of Trinity Church and the Boston Public Library. Then, you'll make your way past the Public Garden with its beautiful formal gardens and whimsical swan boats, the exclusive Beacon Hill neighborhood and the New State House with its impressive gold dome, en route to the Charles River for your fun-filled Duck tour. Embark this amphibious craft for a brief tour on land past the New Charles River Dam and Park and the infamous "Big Dig" Project while your diver/guide points out the highlights. Your driver becomes your captain as the Duck splashes into the Charles River for a brief tour by water. During your Duck cruise, you'll see the Craigie Drawbridge and the Longfellow Bridge linking Boston and Cambridge, as well as Fenway Park and the Esplanade in the distance. Back on dry land and on the motor coach, you will have the option to return directly to your ship or, time permitting, you can be dropped off at Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall and return to your ship, you may use the local shuttle at a nominal cost.

*Please note: You must be able to climb several large steps into the Duck vehicle. There is a small delay when switching transportation.*

## Scenic Boston with Harbor Cruise Option



Take in Boston's great highlights at a leisurely pace, either from the perspective of land only, or by land and by sea. Choose the option (A or B) below that suits you best.

### A. Scenic Boston

Approximately 2 hours • \$

Enjoy the highlights of Boston as this panoramic tour takes you past the city's most important and scenic sites. You will see Copley Square, one of the city's most attractive spots, bordered by the architectural wonders of Trinity Church and the Boston Public Library. Continuing through the upscale residential area of Back Bay and along Newbury Street, you will pass exclusive boutiques and trendy cafés as you make your way past the Public Garden. In the heart of the city and overlooking the green oasis of the Boston Common lies one of the most elegant and wealthiest neighborhoods in the city, Beacon Hill. Passing the gold dome of the Massachusetts State House, you will see the Old South Meeting House where the Boston Tea Party began. Looking across the Charles River as the patriots did in April of 1775, catch a glimpse of the steeple of Old North Church where Paul Revere ordered two lanterns hung in the steeple to signal that the British Redcoats were leaving. At the conclusion of your tour, you will have the option on the morning departure to be dropped off at Quincy Market/ Faneuil Hall on your own. When you are ready to return to your ship, you may take the local shuttle at a nominal cost per person.

### B. Scenic Boston & Harbor Cruise

Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Pass along Boston's busy waterfront en route to Long Wharf. Here you will embark on a 45-minute harbor cruise. Your guide will point out the many landmarks of the Boston skyline and the surrounding Harbor Islands, as well as the oldest commissioned US Naval Warship—the *USS Constitution*. This impressive, three-masted frigate earned her nickname “Old Ironsides” during the War of 1812, when her oaken timbers repelled the British cannon fire. Concluding your cruise, you will re-board your motor coach for a land-side sightseeing tour of Boston as outlined above.

## Boston City Highlights with Airport Transfer



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Enjoy the highlights of Boston as this panoramic tour takes you past the city's most important and scenic sights. One of the city's most attractive spots, Copley Square, is bordered by the architectural wonders of Trinity Church and the Boston Public Library. Continuing through the upscale residential area of Back Bay and along Newbury Street, you will pass exclusive boutiques and trendy cafés as you make your way past the Public Garden. In the heart of the city and overlooking the green oasis of the Boston Common lies one of the wealthiest and most elegant neighborhoods in the city, Beacon Hill. Passing the gold dome of the Massachusetts State House, you will see the Old South Meeting House where the Boston Tea Party began. Looking across the Charles River as the patriots did in April of 1775, catch a glimpse of the steeple of Old North Church where Paul Revere ordered two lanterns hung in the steeple to signal that the British Redcoats were arriving by sea. Your tour will end at Boston's Logan Airport.

*Please note: This tour is for guests disembarking the ship in Boston with domestic flights after 2:00pm or international flights after 3:00pm.*

### Transfer to Boston Airport



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Available to guests with flights departing at 12 noon or later, who are not participating in Holland America's “Fly Cruise Plan” and do not have a prepaid voucher in their travel documents. This transfer is direct motor coach transportation to the airport upon conclusion of your voyage.

## ▶ charleston, south carolina



### Historic Charleston Carriage Tour



Approximately 1 hour • \$

Enjoy the sights of Charleston the way our ancestors did, aboard a horse-drawn carriage. This leisurely ride through narrow streets and alleyways carries you past carefully restored 18th- and 19th-century homes and buildings. Your knowledgeable guide relates three hundred years of history to the accompaniment of horse's hooves clopping on the pavement. The scent of tea olive from nearby gardens lingers in the air as you snap that special photograph capturing a bit of Charleston's history.

### Boone Hall Plantation Tour



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Journey across the Cooper River to the town of Mt. Pleasant. Here, you will visit historic Boone Hall Plantation which was used in the filming of the television miniseries *North & South*, and *Queen*, and for background filming in *Gone With the Wind*. Tour the lovely Georgian plantation house, and the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800s, and watch the flower ladies making their sweetgrass baskets. While at Boone Hall enjoy cookies and lemonade on the patio.

### Charleston's Kingdom by the Sea



Approximately 2¾ hours • \$\$

Tour Charleston's beautiful old historic district with a stop at the Joseph Manigault House dating back to 1803. Pass by St. Michael's Church (1761)—a premier example of early American church architecture. Its bells have crossed the Atlantic Ocean seven times. View the lovely homes along the Battery built by wealthy rice and cotton planters between 1820 and 1850, and 18th-century Rainbow Row's brightly-colored single buildings that housed shops and homes. Watch for Charleston's many stately churches.

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Included in the tour are magnificent public buildings including Hibernian Hall (1840) and the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon (1771), one of the three most important buildings remaining from the Revolutionary period.

### Magnolia Gardens & Plantation Tour



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$\$

Tour Magnolia Gardens—one of the most beautiful and romantic gardens in the world. This former cypress swamp was turned into a lush garden by the Rev. John Drayton prior to the Civil War. Take a 45-minute guided stroll on the meandering paths—the beauty of these gardens is quite breathtaking. Then, board the tram for a 45-minute ride into part of the Audubon Swamp Garden, home to scores of aquatic creatures and traversed by boardwalks, dikes, and bridges to put visitors in close contact with its inhabitants. You may even see an alligator and will view the abundant bird population of the low country as you travel to areas of the plantation not accessible by foot.

*Please note: The paths at Magnolia Gardens are not suitable for wheelchairs. Guests who do not walk through the garden with the guide can watch a video about the garden.*

### A Taste of Charleston: Walking Tour & Cooking Demonstration



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$\$

On this special excursion you will learn about the history, culture and evolution of Low Country cuisine, which features seafood and delicacies brought from Africa in the 18th and 19th centuries (okra, sweet potatoes, sesame seeds and collard greens). Stroll past lovely homes and gardens in Charleston's beautiful old historic district, then an expert chef will demonstrate preparing some of Charleston's wonderful "receipts" (recipes) using special southern ingredients. Yet perhaps the most important element of the cooking process is the famous southern hospitality with which each dish is lovingly prepared. Enjoy generous tastings and a glass of wine during the cooking demonstration. Take the recipes home with you to delight friends and family.

*Please note: Tour is wheelchair accessible with a companion to assist or with a motorized chair.*



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### Charlottetown by Trolley



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Board a San Francisco-style trolley for a historical and cultural tour of Charlottetown. Begin with the Fathers of Confederation route called Great George Street, where the Fathers of Canada formed the country in 1864. Visit the Province House Legislative Chambers and pass by historic homes dating from the 1820s, including the Lieutenant Governor's mansion. During the stop at Province House, stroll down Victoria Row with its quaint boutiques including the Green Gables Store. All Parks Canada fees, museum fees and admissions are included.

### Harbor Hippo: Land & Sea Duck Tour



Approximately 1 hour • \$

Discover historic Charlottetown by amphibious vehicle (a “duck” style boat/truck). This brief tour will take you through the heritage district of Charlottetown, passing by historic homes dating back to the early 1800s. Learn about Charlottetown's origin and its place in the formation of modern-day Canada. “Splash” into the water for a relaxing harbor cruise during which the guide will provide additional historical fact and folklore.

### Island Drive & Anne of Green Gables



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$

Explore Canada's charming province, famous for red earth and white beaches. After a city tour of historic Charlottetown, the birthplace of Canada, you will exit the city. Pass by the areas of Ebenezer, Wheatley River, and stop at the Prince Edward Island Preserves Company to sample homemade island jams. The next stop is Cavendish, with ample time to visit the famous Anne of Green Gables homestead. On the National Park beaches, walk

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the boardwalk and view the beautiful beaches. Returning to Charlottetown, you will pass through pastoral farm land en route back to the ship.

### Biking on the North Shore



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Cycle along the cliffs and dunes of Prince Edward Island National Park's North Shore on a wide paved shoulder, a stone's throw from the sea. Starting from the fishing village of North Rustico, you'll cycle seven miles to the Green Gables area, home of the legendary Anne. Along the way, you'll hear the story of the wreck of the *Marco Polo*, learn about Prince Edward Island's mussel and lobster fisheries, and see the results of spectacular cliff erosion. There are just enough hills to make you appreciate a break and a picnic snack. High-quality 24-speed comfort-style bicycles and helmets are provided.

*Please note: Tour operates rain or shine. Minimum age is 12 years.*

### The Charlottetown Story: A Walking Tour



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Enjoy a stroll with a costumed guide along the waterfront and through the heritage district of Charlottetown. Your guide will tell you the story of Charlottetown's origins and its growth into a prosperous community during the Victorian Era. You will hear about the families responsible for the development of the community and see some of the heritage they left in beautiful homes and public buildings of wood, sandstone and brick. You will learn about the famous Conference of 1864, which gave the city its designation as the Birthplace of Canada. The tour continues past Province House National Historic Site (where the meetings of Confederation actually took place) and Great George Street—a charming national Historic District. The tour ends at Founders' Hall, located in a restored heritage building on the Charlottetown Waterfront. The facility includes interactive multi-media presentations designed to depict the Canadian experience from 1864 to the present.

*Please note: Tour operates rain or shine.*

## Panoramic Island Drive



Approximately 3¾ hours • \$

Discover the rolling hills and pastoral beauty of Prince Edward Island on a scenic drive along the beautiful southern shoreline of Canada's smallest and greenest province. Visit the quaint village of Victoria-by-the-Sea with its picturesque harbor and lighthouse. There's a chance here to shop for souvenirs. You'll continue to the base of the Confederation Bridge—one the world's longest multi-span structures that links the province with mainland Canada. Next there's an incredible photo-op of the bridge from Borden-Charleton. On the return route to the ship you'll marvel at the sights—red soil, acres of potato fields, lush woods and some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world.

## Dalvey by the Sea



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$\$

Leave Charlottetown via Victoria Park and past Prince Edward Island countryside en route to Dalvey by the Sea, a town built in 1895 as the magnificent Victorian summer home of the president of Standard Oil. Now a National Historic Site located on Prince Edward Island's spectacular North Shore, Dalvey features Queen Anne revival-style architecture, with many gables and dormers. The highlight of this tour will be a lobster luncheon in one of Atlantic Canada's premier dining rooms. Alternative entrées of beef or vegetarian are also available. At the fishing village of West Cove Head Harbour, meet a local fisherman who will tell stories about his intriguing lifestyle. Walk along the sandy beach, photograph a picturesque north shore lighthouse or visit a souvenir shop.



## Ultimate Anne of Green Gables Experience



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

View rolling farmlands, stunning seascapes, tiny villages and bustling harbors along the Blue Heron Drive as you get ready to meet Anne of Green Gables and authentic descendants of Lucy Maud Montgomery. The first stop is Silver Bush and the Anne of Green Gables Museum, where you'll enjoy raspberry cordial with Anne, and then embark on a horse and carriage ride along the Lake of Shining Waters. Next, it's off to Cavendish to Prince—the old farm site that inspired Montgomery's first novel, *Anne of Green Gables*, published in 1908. Highlighting some of the finest attractions on Prince Edward Island's breathtaking North Shore, this is the ultimate "Anne" experience.

## Historic Charlottetown by Horse-Drawn Trolley



Approximately 1 hour • \$

Take an old-fashioned journey to see why Charlottetown is called "the City of Churches and Trees." Your horse-drawn trolley pulled by a pair of magnificent Clydesdales will take you through historic downtown Charlottetown filled with quaint shops and wonderful examples of Victorian architecture. You'll pass historic Great George Street, Province House, Confederation Centre and Founders Hall—Canada's Birthplace Pavilion.

## Scenic Nature Cruise



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Take a cruise on the beautiful Montague Heritage River—a great activity rain or shine. Boats are fully equipped for comfort and safety with restrooms, full canopy and clear-view roll-down sides. Visit harbor seals, playful pups and huge grey seals from under the watchful eyes of native sea birds. Be on the lookout for eagles and mussel farms as you cruise past historic sites on this fully narrated tour, complete with traditional recorded music. Watch the crew haul in real lobster traps as you learn about the local fishery and natural habitat. Enjoy a taste of famous blue mussels along with other on-board refreshments.

## Uniquely Prince Edward Island



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$

Travel off-the-beaten-track for some of Prince Edward Island's most authentic Island experiences in the eastern region of the province. Your all-things-PEI tour starts off at Prince Edward Island's only winery, Rossignol Winery, where you will sample a variety of wines influenced by the special maritime climate. Included with the tasting is a complete tour of this working winery. Then it's off to the Inn at Bay Fortune for lunch. This former artist colony has been transformed into an award-winning inn and restaurant, boasting that all ingredients and products are produced within a 100-mile radius of the inn. The freshest seafood, meats, produce and herbs come together to create a dining experience that is "Uniquely PEI." *Where to Eat in Canada* has consistently ranked the Inn at Bay Fortune among the top 30 restaurants in Canada. Next is Greenwich National Park where you will discover an ecological experience like no other. This National Park is famed for its over-sized dune system that is sure to please as an amazing element of natural beauty of the island's north shore.

## Charlottetown by Double Decker



Approximately 2 hours • \$

With your expert guide, you'll board an authentic double-decker bus—the ideal way to experience the charm of Charlottetown's city streets. Drive by some of the highlights: Province House, Beaconsfield, the Lieutenant Governor's mansion, Victoria Park, University of Prince Edward Island and much more. The grand finale of the tour is a trip back in time at Founders' Hall—Canada's Birthplace Pavilion. This newly-built heritage attraction and retail boutique tells the story of Canada from its inception in 1864 up until modern day. Admission is included.

*Please note: There will be a short walk back to the pier from Founders' Hall.*

## The Island's Finest: Anne, Lobster & Scenic Drive



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Welcome to Charlottetown—birthplace of the Canadian nation. Prince Edward Island is a place noted for its friendly people, warm hospitality, rolling farmlands, stunning seascapes, tiny villages and bustling harbors—all of which you will see along the scenic Blue Heron Drive. PEI's North Shore is most famous for the red cliffs of PEI National Park. Here you will also find Cavendish Beach, the Anne of Green Gables Homestead and delicious lobster. Enjoy lunch at the Prince Edward Island Preserve Company—an island landmark known for its great food. The owners, Bruce and Shirley MacNaughton, have renovated a 1913 butter factory into wonderful showcase of island products including their own world-famous preserves. It is located in one of Canada's prettiest villages brimming with island charm and hospitality along with a spectacular view. Your lobster lunch (alternatives are available) will include fresh-cooked lobster with traditional island potato salad and coleslaw. Choose island mussels or homemade soup as an appetizer, and for dessert, dive into a luscious slice of divine raspberry pie.





### Corner Brook Stream: A Walking Tour



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Nestled in the heart of Corner Brook is a picturesque boreal forest. Following a short shuttle ride, stroll along the trail to see the pristine Corner Brook stream and its sweet smelling flora and fauna. Stop at Glynmill Inn pond to view the swans and enjoy the scenic beauty. This trail is meant for recreational walking for people of all ages; the slopes are gentle and the trails have hard gravel surfaces, while footbridges cross wet spots and brooks. Rest areas are located throughout the trail system. The final stop is at the Corner Brook Museum and Archives, a Provincial Heritage site. This museum highlights Corner Brook's natural, cultural and social history. A light refreshment is included before returning to the ship. You may stay in town to browse and return to the ship later on your own.

*Please note: Shuttle transportation is by school bus.*

### Gros Morne National Park



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$

Gros Morne was established as a National Park in 1973 and received a UNESCO designation as a World Heritage Site in 1987. Here, you will learn about the collision of the continents and the geology of this dramatic land that contains rock that is over a billion years old. Re-live the past through archives dedicated to Eskimos, Maritime Archaic Indians, Beothuck Indians and early Europeans—see how they lived and survived in this beautiful and harsh land. Your tour will take you to the Visitor Centre, Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse, Norris Point Lookout and the communities of Norris Point and Rocky Harbour. A light lunch of soup and sandwiches will be served at Rocky Harbour.

### In the Footsteps of Captain Cook: A Scenic Tour



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Come explore the beautiful Bay of Islands, charted by Captain James Cook in the late 1700s. The local mountain chain is part of the Appalachian Mountains that start in the Southern U.S., and these rocks are more than a billion years old. Small coastal communities such as Little Port, Lark Harbour, John's Beach and York Harbour will welcome you. Bottle Cove was used as a French fishing station starting in the early 16th century, while Governors Island was used by the Basque Fishermen from the early 1500s. This bay has deep water, wood covered steep hills, and high barren lofty peaks. There will be lots of photo stops and even time for a “mug up” and souvenirs with the local folks at Lark Harbour.

### Corner Brook Highlights



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

This area has been visited by many people beginning with the Maritime Archaic Indians 3,500 years ago, Eskimos, Beothuck Indians, and the first recorded European visitor was Jacques Cartier in 1534 on his first voyage to the new world. Since that time Portuguese, Basques and even Captain James Cook have frequented this area. Today Corner Brook is a modern, progressive city with a population of 22,000 and is nestled among scenic hills 30 miles from the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Your tour will take you out to the Eastern edge of the city to Marble Mountain and the Heritage Tree, The Old Man in the Mountain, around Corner Brook to Captain Cook's Monument. You will also stop for souvenirs along the route.

## River Rafting on the Humber River



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$\$

Join this rafting trip on the Humber River and float down one of the largest salmon-producing rivers in North America. Enjoy majestic views of the Humber Valley from the comfort of an 18-foot river raft. Discover the legend behind buried treasure on Shelbird Island and hear tales of pirates. Explore riverside caves, and see some of the 50,000 salmon that make their journey up this river each year. Seal, otter and bald eagles are all common sightings. This river rafting adventure is ideal for people of all ages, and is a must for anyone visiting the Humber Valley.

*Please note: Bring a sweater or light jacket.*

## A Taste of My Newfoundland



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Come taste what this rugged and beautiful land is all about. Find out through song, food and music what life was like in the past and how the Canadians of Newfoundland live today. Learn about the Irish, French, Basques, Viking and Aboriginal cultures that have molded Newfoundland. Learn a few new words unique to this part of the world. Enjoy a lunch of local fish and game, fish and brews, jigs dinner and local berry desserts. Experience Newfoundland through the tales of local storytellers and enjoy a little free time at the end.

*Please note: Shuttle transportation from the pier to the restaurant is by school bus.*

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Guests participating in these shore excursions will be among the first to disembark the ship. Board the tour bus with your luggage, as all tours will proceed directly to the airport upon conclusion. Transportation to the airport is included in the tour price listed.

## Miami City Highlights with Shopping & Airport Transfer



Approximately 4½ hours

Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):

With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

Famous for its architecture, Miami's South Beach area is a delight for amateur photographers as well as the film industry. It's a mecca for supermodels, fashion designers, artists and writers who mix with the Latin flavor of the residents to make a nightlife that is world famous. Visitors are drawn here for the shopping, dining and cultural activities, and perhaps a glimpse of the rich and famous people who are often seen at one of the open-air cafés or hot dance clubs. A visit to Coral Gables, one of the nation's earliest planned developments, designed by George Merrick in the 1920s, features the world-renowned Biltmore Hotel. Nearby, limestone was cut from a quarry and used to build the hotel and 600 local homes. The quarry cut into an underground river, and filled with water. This is known today as the beautiful Venetian Pool, and about 800,000 gallons of water cycle through it each day. Your trip continues down the "Miracle Mile"—home to many interesting shops. Coconut Grove is Miami's oldest city, established by Bahamian immigrants. The homes here were built from the oak of shipwrecks. "The Grove" is like Greenwich Village in New York, a haven for artists and intellectuals; a fusion of old and new. Coco Walk is home to many upscale shops and restaurants. A drive from here continues along Biscayne Bay to Miami's downtown financial district, past Miami City Hall and the original site of Pan

Am's seaplane base, to the Miami River. The MacArthur Causeway connects Downtown Miami to Miami Beach. The southern view is Dodge Island, home to the Port of Miami, "the Cruise Capital of the World." The northern view is Palm Island and Hibiscus Island, where many celebrities make their homes. Further east is Fisher Island, a somewhat secluded haven for other celebrities because the only way to get there is by ferry. The famous architecture of the Art Deco District has spilled over into America's great cities. Miami's skyline has been voted among the top five in the world, as many buildings hold famous design awards. The skyline is compared to Paris, Singapore, or Tokyo. Miami is a crossroads for the Caribbean and North, South and Central America. Experience the collision of sensuous culture, passionate people, and powerful business, with exciting opportunities for the future. Bayside Marketplace, nestled between Downtown Miami, the Port of Miami, and Biscayne Bay, makes the transition from cruise ship dining to shoreside eating easy, because there are more than 100 shops and eateries that rival any international food court. There is definitely something for everyone, from national retailers to street vendors. Enjoy lunch inside or outside, and relax or shop until it's time to go to transfer to the airport.

### Fort Lauderdale by Land & Sea with Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • Available November - April only  
Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

Experience the highlights of Fort Lauderdale, including the Arts & Sciences District, and the Riverwalk and Las Olas Boulevard, with its boutiques, cafes, and galleries. Then, you will board a double-decker yacht or paddlewheeler-style boat for a 90-minute journey down the New River, out into the Intracoastal Waterway to Port Everglades. Pass by the historic Stranahan House, luxury homes, mega-yachts and sailboats, Navy ships and submarines, and Burt Reynolds' restaurant. See why the city is known as the "Venice of America." Bring your camera and sunscreen for the upper deck! Re-board your coach and transfer to the airport.

### Fort Lauderdale Highlights & Airport Transfer



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • Available May - October only  
Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

Drive through Port Everglades and turn past the striking bronze sailfish fountain of the Broward Convention Center as you cross the Intracoastal Waterway. View famous Fort Lauderdale Beach and the Bahia Mar Yacht Basin en route to Las Olas Boulevard—the Rodeo Drive of Fort Lauderdale. Discover the inland waterways, luxury homes and mega yachts of the "Venice of America." You will see the Riverside Hotel and Stranahan House, the oldest structure in the city. Head towards the downtown financial district, with its many award-winning buildings, You will also see the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and the Museum of Discovery and Science. Leaving the bus, you will follow your guide on a stroll along the New River, past Al Capone's former residence, to the new Riverfront complex, a 50-million-dollar complex of plazas, fountains and planted areas, interspersed with an unusual assortment of shops and restaurants. There will be a little free time to browse or shop before heading to the airport.

### Everglades Airboat Ride & Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours  
Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):  
With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$  
Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

The Everglades is an expanse of swampland known for natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Your tour includes a ½-hour "airboat" ride into this vast wilderness. Birds, fish and other animals inhabit this curious corner of the country. Tour an authentic Seminole Indian village, and during a narrated tour of the reptile exhibit, you'll have a chance to hold a notorious Everglades alligator, or pet a Florida panther during the interactive wildlife show.

## Seminole Hard Rock Resort & Airport Transfer



Approximately 3½ hours

Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):

With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):

With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

A short bus ride from the port brings you to one of South Florida's newest and grandest attractions, The Seminole Hard Rock Resort. This complex encompasses a hotel, casino, shopping emporium, entertainment center, resort, Native village and wildlife exhibits. Why wait at the airport when you can place your luggage safely on the bus and be taken to the resort to enjoy all the myriad attractions? Some of the attractions include shops, stores and many specialty outlets as well as restaurants such as the famous Hard Rock Café and Johnny Rockets—a favorite for children. You can also visit the poolside bar and restaurant, although use of the pool and chaises longues is strictly for hotel guests. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Okalee Seminole Indian Village which opens at 10am (at an additional charge). It contains the Alligator Amphitheater, an authentic reproduction of a Native village and a wildlife exhibit. The animal exhibits regularly change but may include river otters, raccoons, parrots and even the rare and endangered Florida panther. There is also a Seminole Museum you can visit (at an additional charge). After exploring the wonderful resort, board the bus for the short ride to the airport.

*Please note: Not all venues and restaurants may be open.*

## Transfer to Fort Lauderdale or Miami Airport

\$ Fort Lauderdale Airport • \$ Miami Airport

Available to guests who are not participating in Holland America's "Fly Cruise Plan" and do not have a prepaid voucher in their travel documents. Direct motor coach transportation from the ship to the airport upon the conclusion of your voyage.

## ➤ gaspé, québec

Shore excursions for Gaspé can be found on our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com).

## ➤ halifax, nova scotia



## Peggy's Cove Lighthouse Route



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

A beautiful coastal drive takes you past picturesque coastal villages and inlets to the rugged fishing community of Peggy's Cove. With its breathtaking location on a narrow, coastal inlet characterized by wave-worn granite boulders and crashing surf, this charming little village is one of Canada's most photographed sites. The lighthouse serves as a beacon to fishermen and is a post office with its own special postmark. Peggy's Cove has inspired artists the world over. En route back to the ship, you will enjoy a short drive around Halifax to familiarize yourself with the city's many highlights.

*Please note: If you choose to explore this area, wear warm clothing, a raincoat and sturdy low-heeled shoes as the wind often carries salt water spray great distances. Walking at Peggy's Cove is optional.*

## High Tides & Fine Wines



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$\$

A comfortable motor coach will pick you up dockside, and you'll be whisked off to the head of the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia's pastoral garden region. Your first stop is at Kingsport, where you will view the Minas Basin, part of the Bay of Fundy which boasts the largest tidal swing in the world. A short drive will take you to the Grand Pre National Historic Site. Operated by Parks Canada, this site is dedicated to the Acadians, deported in 1755 and used as pawns in the wars between England and France. Many of those who left settled in Louisiana and their descendants are the Cajuns of today. At Grand Pre Wines, you will be greeted by a very knowledgeable staff member who will then take you on a delightful tour of the winery, starting with the grape vines. Learn all about the grapes, then enjoy an excellent wine-tasting experience followed by a delicious lunch in elegant surroundings. Following lunch, enjoy a leisurely trip back to your ship.

## Soldier for a Day: A Parks Canada Interactive Tour



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$\$

As a “Soldier for a Day,” you will march in the boots of one of Queen Victoria’s soldiers. Learn the weaponry and tactics used by the Redcoats to defend British North America. Travel to Halifax Citadel National Historic Site—a classical-styled, 19th-century fortification that has been fully restored to its 1870 appearance. Tour all three levels of the fortress, then don the kilt and bonnet of the 78th Highland Regiment and prepare to become a full-fledged member of the Queen’s garrison. As part of your initiation, you will learn the duties and traditions of the Victorian Redcoats, and share a soldier’s meal in the barracks with your fellow Highlanders. Following the program there will be time to explore other on-site exhibits, as well as the shopping facility where you can purchase a memento of your day.

*Please note: This tour is suitable for both male and female participants.*

## Peggy’s Cove & Lobster Lunch



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$\$

This tour combines breathtaking ocean scenery and delicious food, promising a memorable day in the Nova Scotia countryside. Begin with a sightseeing drive through Halifax and along the coast to Peggy’s Cove. This rustic and charming fishing village, situated on a narrow ocean inlet with huge granite boulders, is one of Canada’s most photographed sites and inspired renowned marine artist William de Garthe. Visit the lighthouse and gift shops, or simply relax in this enjoyable setting. Your visit to Peggy’s Cove will be complemented by a delectable lobster lunch (or chicken if you prefer) at a popular local restaurant offering commanding views of the craggy coastline and picture-perfect lighthouse, which also functions as a post office. You will see some of the city’s highlights, driving around Citadel Hill National Historic Site and past the Public Gardens and Province House, prior to returning to the ship.

*Please note: Wear warm clothing, a raincoat and sturdy low heeled*



*shoes as the wind often carries salt water spray great distances. Walking at Peggy’s Cove is optional.*

## Highlander Experience: A Parks Canada Interactive Tour



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

You will be transported to the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site of Canada under the escort of a kilted soldier of the 78th Highland Regiment. Step back in time to 1870, as you “take the Queen’s shilling” by enlisting in Queen Victoria’s army and experiencing the past as one of Her Majesty’s Redcoats. Relive aspects of garrison life through a series of hands-on activities. This 2½-hour program will immerse you in the duties and traditions of the Victorian Army and the Scottish Highlanders. Witness the Changing of the Fortress Guard, gun firings or bagpipe displays. Light refreshments are included, and there will be time to explore other on-site exhibits and the shop.

## Halifax by Horse-Drawn Trolley



Approximately 1½ hours • \$

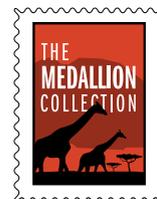
Talley-Ho! The Halifax Horse-Drawn Trolley will take you back to Halifax of the 1900s, including the old Warehouse District, the harbor front, the Halifax Citadel Hill Fortress and Founders Cemetery—the final resting place of 1812 British war heroes. Stop and smell the roses during a stroll through North America’s finest Victorian Public Gardens, a nine-acre botanical garden right in the heart of Halifax.

## The Heart of Halifax: A Historic City Tour



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Discover Halifax, Nova Scotia’s vibrant capital city founded in 1749. Stunning 18th- and 19th-century buildings are interspersed with ultra-modern glass towers. Passing through bustling downtown Halifax, you’ll see Province House, the seat of government and Canada’s oldest legislative building, referred to as “a gem of Georgian architecture” by Charles Dickens, who



passed through here in the 1840s. This excursion also includes a visit to Halifax Citadel National Historic Site for a first-hand look at this majestic hilltop fortress completed in 1856. Operated by Parks Canada, the Halifax Citadel is one of the most visited sites in Canada—the crown jewel among the most advanced British military fortifications of its day. Pass by Historic Properties, a popular complex of 19th-century wharves and warehouses transformed into upscale boutiques and charming restaurants. A walk through the Halifax Public Gardens, one of the oldest examples of Victorian Public Gardens in North America, will complete your tour.

### Tea at the Halifax Citadel by Parks Canada



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Tea—what could possibly be more British? Your tour begins dockside, where you will be transported to the Halifax Citadel. Upon arrival, your guide, dressed in historic costume, will lead you across the drawbridge and back in time to 1870. Walk the walls and view the vast expanse of the harbor, hear the skirl of the Bagpipes as the 78th Highlanders and Royal Artillery recreate the duties and military ceremonies of Queen Victoria's Redcoats. You will be treated to a delightful cup of tea in one of the Citadel's historically restored rooms, along with a selection of pastries and scones, as your guide describes some of the traditions and rituals that sprang up around the service of tea in the Victorian Age. There will be time to explore other on-site exhibits including the shopping facility, where you can purchase a memento of your day.

*Please note: Tea may be served at the end of the tour.*

### Titanic Tour: the Halifax Connection



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Your tour encompasses all aspects of Halifax's connection to the sinking of the *Titanic*, including the historic pier from which cable ships were dispatched to pick up victims, the churches, temporary morgue sites, and Fairview Cemetery, where rows of gravestones mark the final resting place of 121 victims. Immerse yourself in history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, which houses an excellent permanent exhibit on the disaster, including

photographs, wooden artifacts and the only intact *Titanic* deck chair in the world. Compare the details of this devastating event to the Halifax Explosion which occurred just five years later. The result of a collision between the *Imo* and the *Mont Blanc*, a French munitions ship, the explosion leveled the north end of Halifax, and killed or injured thousands. But most importantly, learn of the compassionate relief effort displayed by the world to help this city and its inhabitants overcome their instant and tragic loss, and rebuild their lives.

### Gardens & Garrisons: A Relaxed Walking Tour



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

Marvel at the extraordinary architecture of Halifax's capital city as you stroll through the beautifully restored Historic Properties on the waterfront. You'll see the Georgian-style City Hall and Province House which houses the legislature set among modern marvels. You'll also see many Victorian influences which reflect the city's British heritage. A walk through the Halifax Public Gardens unveils one of the finest Victorian settings in North America. The view from atop the Halifax Citadel will give you an impressive overall picture. You'll hear of the tragedies and triumphs that have shaped the character of Haligonians over the centuries and learn why the city is said to be one of the best places to live in Canada.

### Premier Tall Ship Harbor Tour



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

The sound of sea shanties fill the air as the charming captain and crew awaits your arrival. The historic tall ship *Silva* is a 130-foot three-masted schooner built in 1939. The ship is spacious and comfortable, offering a relaxing atmosphere. Once on board, you can listen to a commentary and watch as the crew hauls on lines and sets sail. On your voyage enjoy the view of this seaside city, with miles of shoreline guarded by Georges Island and its graceful lighthouse. Traditional sounds of the Maritime Provinces fill the air as a local musician has your hands clapping and toes-a-tapping. Sample a selection of local beers such as Halifax's own Alexander Keith's India Pale Ale dating back to the 1800s. Or sip on wine that will let your taste buds journey to the Annapolis Valley, Atlantic

Canada's richest agricultural region. There is also a wide range of culinary delights to suit everyone's taste—from succulent seafood favorites such as Atlantic salmon and Digby scallops to local cheeses and lamb tenderloin. This all-inclusive sailing tour is full of taste, tradition and the legendary hospitality of Atlantic Canada.

*Please note: Guests have the option of participating in hauling on lines and setting sail with the crew or taking the wheel with the Captain. There will be an approximately 300-yard walk from the cruise pier to the tall ship.*

### Historic Halifax by Amphibious Harbor Hopper



Approximately 1 hour • \$

Journey through the streets of historic downtown Halifax aboard the “Harbor Hopper” for a fun filled amphibious adventure. Your tour will be in two parts aboard the *Larc V*, designed primarily to be a boat capable of being driven on land. First, you will pass Halifax's historical points of interest: St Paul's Church, Citadel Hill, Public Gardens, Government House, City Hall and the Museum of the Atlantic. Then, head into Halifax Harbour (without ever leaving your seat), for a mariner's view of Halifax's naval fleet and beautiful waterfront. Return with your guide to the ship or visit the many interesting sites of Halifax's Historic Properties.

*Please note: Guests must negotiate approximately eight steps to board the Harbour Hopper.*

### Nova Scotia Coastal Escape Sea Kayaking



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Some of the best sea kayaking in the world is just a half-hour ride from the Halifax waterfront to the fishing communities of Lower Prospect/Terence Bay on the Prospect Peninsula. No previous kayaking experience is required as professional guides offer instruction and lead all trips. The facilities include a post-and-beam boathouse, several ocean-side decks and wharfs, a custom made launching platform for kayaks, washroom facilities, and gift shop. Each group will be outfitted with top quality equipment and will set out with a guide to a sheltered bays and inlets. Lucky

groups will be treated to sightings of seals, eagles and marine wildlife on this sea kayaking adventure. Healthy snacks and local delicacies await everyone at the boathouse after the trip.

*Please note: Wear comfortable shoes and a warm jacket. A change of clothing is recommended. Wildlife varies seasonally and sightings are not guaranteed. Minimum age is 12 years.*

### Lunenburg & Mahone Bay with Halifax Highlights



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$

Experience Nova Scotia's legendary South Shore, renowned for its quaint fishing villages and rugged coastal beauty. The first stop on this coastal expedition is Mahone Bay, land of wooden boats and wooden churches. Further along the coastal route is the striking waterfront town of Lunenburg (1753)—a UNESCO World Heritage Site admired for its meticulously restored buildings, colorful waterfront and charming, narrow streets. You'll also enjoy the Lunenburgers' unique accent (German was spoken here until well into the 1800s). You'll have some time to explore on your own, perhaps to visit the Fisheries Museum of Lunenburg (a small fee). Lunch is on your own, giving you an opportunity to sample fresh local seafood and traditional specialties. Returning to town, drive around Citadel Hill, hear all about the Halifax Explosion of 1917 and admire the Georgian town clock.

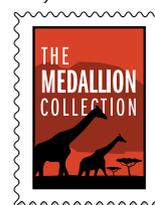
*Please note: The time in Mahone Bay (approximately one hour) and Lunenburg (approximately two hours) will be on your own.*

### Valley & Vineyards



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Travel through the heart of Nova Scotia's beautiful, fertile Annapolis Valley, an area known for its world famous Bay of Fundy tides, French Acadian history, lush countryside of fields and orchards, and top-quality wine. Today, with a sommelier-trained guide, you will discover this region's particular viticultural abundance along with its history. Travel through Halifax and Dartmouth and past points of interest before driving along the Evangeline Trail where you will see evidence of the Bay of Fundy



and the highest tides in world. Then enjoy a brief tour and a chance to sample some of Atlantic Canada's finest wines at the Grand Pré Winery set in 30 acres of beautiful vineyards, with an on-site art display. Here you will also enjoy a locally prepared lunch with the sommelier-trained guide assisting you with an optional wine selection. After lunch and a short drive, you will arrive at yet another award-winning winery where you will have a tour and taste cheese from a local *fromagerie*.

### Hop-On Hop-Off British Double Decker Tour



Duration varies • \$\$

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Halifax with a tour aboard an authentic London double-decker bus. From the cruise ship pier, you will journey through the historic streets of Halifax learning about this historic seaport and stopping at 12 different downtown locations. You will have the opportunity to hop off the bus at the Halifax Citadel, Public Gardens, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Province House and great shopping destinations such as Historic Properties and Spring Garden Road. Hop back on any time to continue your way around the various sights. Your tour includes a full-day pass, giving you the choice of staying on board the bus for a full 1½ hour city tour or getting off at your leisure to explore at any or all of the stops along the way. This tour will even allow you to go back to your ship for lunch, while using your full-day pass to return to the city whenever you like. Either way, this tour offers you a number of choices that allow you to enjoy beautiful Halifax the way you want to see it!

## ➤ montréal, québec



Guests participating in these shore excursions will be among the first to disembark the ship. Board the tour bus with your luggage, as all tours will proceed directly to the airport upon conclusion. Transportation to the airport is included in the tour price listed.

### City Tour of Old & New Montréal & Transfer to Montréal Airport



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

Discover Montréal's many facets, visiting Mont Royal (simply known as "the mountain," to locals) which towers above the city, the downtown sector which blends a rich historical past with a bright future to keep Montréal in the forefront, the city's main shopping artery with the elegance of its boutiques, department stores and shopping complexes, and finally, Old Montréal. This area offers one of North America's most remarkable architectural ensembles with a high concentration of 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century buildings.

*Please note: Available to guests with flights departing at 2:45pm or later.*

### Transfer to Montréal Airport



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Available to guests with flights departing at 12 noon or later, who are not participating in Holland America's "Fly Cruise Plan" and do not have a prepaid voucher in their travel documents. This transfer is direct motor coach transportation to the airport upon conclusion of your voyage.

## ➤ newport, rhode island



### Grand Mansions of Newport



Approximately 2¾ hours • \$\$

With Mansions representing more than 250 years of social and architectural history, this tour combines all the highlights of the Scenic Newport Tour with a visit to one of the Grand Mansions. Passing through the historic colonial section of Newport, your scenic drive will take you along the world famous Ocean Drive where you will have spectacular views of Newport's rocky coastline. Continuing to Bellevue Avenue, you will immerse yourself in a world of wealth and power as it existed at the dawn of the 20th century. Visit one of the grand summer villas that defined the era known as "the Age of Beauty." Depending on local conditions, you'll tour either *The Elms* or *Rosecliff*, both of which represented the height of gracious living and entertaining by America's elite. Imagine yourself at a fabulous party in a magnificent ballroom or perhaps at a fairytale dinner as your guide offers insight into the life of this fascinating time in American history.

*Please note: Due to their popularity, there may be a short wait to enter one of the Newport mansions.*

### Newport Cliff Walk & The Breakers



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Enjoy a portion of the spectacular cliff walk trail followed by a visit to one of Newport's most elegant mansions. With New England's rocky shore and crashing surf on one side and Newport's most extravagant mansions on the other, the cliff walk remains one of the top attractions in Newport. You will step inside at the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages"—The Breakers—commissioned by Cornelius Vanderbilt II, Chairman and President of the New York Central Railroad. Inspired by the 16th-century palaces of Genoa and Turin, the 70-room Italian Renaissance-style villa

## newport, rhode island

was designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt, who directed an international team of craftsmen and artisans. Completed in 1895, the mansion is situated on a 13-acre estate overlooking a spectacular view of the rugged Atlantic Coastline.

*Please note: Due to the popularity of The Breakers, expect a short wait at the entrance to the mansion. Tour involves a walk of approximately one mile.*

### The Vanderbilts' Newport



Approximately 3¾ hours • \$\$

Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794-1877) established the famous family fortune in steamships and later in the New York Central Railroad. As the industrial revolution reached its zenith in the late 19th century, the Vanderbilts became the wealthiest family in America and chose Newport as their summer playground. On this tour, learn about the family empire and visit two of the grandest villas ever built in the United States. Completed in 1892, Marble House was modeled after the Petit Trianon at Versailles and took nearly four years to build at a total cost exceeding 11 million dollars. Enjoy the stories of the elaborate parties of the Gilded Age as you tour the public rooms and grounds of Marble House. Also visit the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages," *The Breakers*, which was inspired by the 16th-century palaces of Genoa and Turin. Completed in 1895, the mansion is situated on a 13-acre estate with a spectacular view of the rugged Atlantic coastline.

*Please note: Due to their popularity, there may be a short wait to enter the Newport mansions.*

### Scenic Newport



Approximately 1½ hours • \$

Enjoy the rich history and scenery of Newport from colonial days, through the Gilded Age, to the present. You will pass through the historic district with its fine examples of Colonial, Federal, and Victorian homes, many of which are designated as National Historic Sites. Watch for Trinity Church, Redwood Library, and the Gothic Church of Saint Mary's, where Jacqueline Bouvier married Senator John F. Kennedy. Continue along the famous,

10-mile Ocean Drive, and enjoy spectacular views of the rocky coastline. See where society's millionaires of the early 20th century built their grand summer "cottages" along Bellevue Avenue. Pass the opulent mansions of the Vanderbilt, Astor and Morgan families, many of which have been beautifully preserved by the Newport Preservation Society. At the conclusion of your tour, you may opt to stay in town for some independent sightseeing and browsing, or return directly to the ship.

*Please note: This tour is designed to provide a pleasant overview of Newport and its environs; there will be no stops along the way.*

### Colonial Newport Walking Tour



Approximately 1½ hours • \$

Newport is one of America's oldest cities and has the distinction of retaining more original colonial-period buildings than any other early American city. Stroll through the heart of Newport's National Registered Historic Landmarks District and hear the story of how this long-neglected neighborhood became a model for historic preservation. With the help of tobacco heiress Doris Duke, who personally financed much of the restoration, the Historic District is now home to over 80 fully restored colonial homes. Along the way, you will pass architect Peter Harrison's Brick Market Museum, the Old Colony House, the White Horse Tavern, and the Quaker Meeting House. You will also pass Touro Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in the country and one of the many sites visited by Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Return to the quay via the square where Hollywood producer-director Stephen Spielberg filmed *Amistad* in 1997 among the city's most picturesque landmarks.

*Please note: Tour involves 90 minutes of slow walking and standing.*

### Rose Island Lighthouse & Harbor Cruise



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Enjoy a scenic harbor cruise to nearby Rose Island—an excellent way to appreciate the colonial heritage, yachting history and opulent estates of an area rich in maritime heritage. You will explore this fully restored lighthouse and see remains of the two-hundred year old Fort Hamilton, now an important wildlife

sanctuary. First lit in 1870, the Rose Island Lighthouse was lovingly restored to its original late 19th-century ambiance in 1993, and remains a classic example of American maritime architecture. Due to its strategic location, Rose Island has been of military importance since the Revolutionary War. Today, it plays an important role as home to a number of migrating birds. A visit to this "living museum" offers insight into a life spent tending the light and raising families in dedicated self-sufficiency. Following your visit to the lighthouse, join a naturalist guide for a leisurely walk before re-boarding your vessel for the return to the pier.

*Please note: This tour will operate rain or shine. Rose Island is exposed to weather; wear comfortable non-slip footwear, and a windbreaker or rain jacket. Tour is only suitable for those in good physical condition.*

### Beechwood Mansion & Ocean Drive



Approximately 2¾ hours • \$\$

This tour encompasses all the highlights of Newport and the spectacular Ocean Drive, as well as a visit to the Astors' Beechwood Mansion. As Newport emerged as a leading seaport of the 19th century, wealthy sea captains and merchants built beautiful homes, many of which have been restored and preserved to their original splendor. Your scenic drive will take you past Newport's colonial section and continue along the world famous Ocean Drive where you will have spectacular views of Newport's rocky coastline. On Bellevue Avenue, you will arrive at Beechwood Mansion, where you are transported back in time to interact with Newport's social elite as live actors portray Mrs Astor's family, guests, and staff. The home was purchased in 1881 by William B. Astor, Jr., grandson of John Jacob Astor, a German immigrant who made himself the richest man in America by investing in the fur trade and real estate. With the help of Caroline Astor, also known as the Queen of American Society, Beechwood Mansion became the social center for New York Society during the Gilded Age. During your visit, Mrs Astor's family members, society friends, and serving staff guide you through the Mansion. Learn about the lifestyle of the colorful cast of characters who bring to life this magical era.



## New York Highlights



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This tour is only available to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in New York. This tour returns to the ship.

Take a bite of the Big Apple on this half-day, guided sightseeing adventure as you discover New York's most celebrated landmarks. Begin your sightseeing drive in Manhattan by viewing Rockefeller Centre, Times Square, the Theatre District, the Empire State Building and St. Patrick's Cathedral from the comfort of an air-conditioned motor coach. Travel through quintessential New York neighborhoods as you pass Greenwich Village, Little Italy, the Financial District, Fifth Avenue and Central Park. The highlight of your New York exploration will be a visit to the Winter Garden at the World Trade Center. Step off your motor coach and view Ground Zero from a glassed-in observation deck. In the distance will be the Statue of Liberty, proudly and steadfastly raising her torch as a beacon of freedom and democracy. Following your stop at the Winter Garden, resume your travels on the pulsing streets of the city en route back to the ship.

*Please note: Heavy traffic often causes delays.*

## In-Depth New York



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$

This tour is only available to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in New York. This tour returns to the ship.

Travel from Wall Street to Harlem, the Hudson River to the East River and everywhere in between on this exciting, full-day exploration. Your introduction to New York begins at the pier, where you board an air-conditioned motor coach. Your knowledgeable guide offers an entertaining history of the important buildings, neighborhoods and cultural centers you will pass en route, including the Brooklyn Bridge, City Hall, the Empire State, Chrysler Building, the Metropolitan Museum and

Central Park. Visit 30 Rockefeller Center and the 70-story Top of the Rock Observation Deck. The view itself is astonishing, unobstructed for 360 degrees and stretches for miles in every direction. It is, quite simply, the most spectacular view in New York City. Back on the ground you will see the famous home of NBC's Today show and the annual location for New York's spectacular Christmas tree and nostalgic ice-skating rink. After this exhilarating experience, re-board your motor coach and travel to the Winter Garden. View Ground Zero from the Winter Garden's glassed-in atrium observation deck. Next, experience the South Street Seaport, New York's original working seaport featuring a museum, a collection of antique sailing ships and inspiring views of the Brooklyn Bridge. Here you will have time to shop, sightsee or have lunch (at your own expense). Other sights include Harlem, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Central Park, Greenwich Village, SoHo, and more.

*Please note: Heavy traffic often causes delays.*

## New York by Land & Sea



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

This tour is only available to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in New York. This tour returns to the ship.

By motor coach you will head to lower Manhattan, stopping at the historic 18th-century South Street Seaport, replete with historic tall ships, museums, exhibits and restaurants. Take advantage of some free time to shop, sightsee or snack among the dozens of eateries that fit every taste and budget. Board the *Zephyr*, a brand new custom-built, 600-passenger, water jet-powered catamaran. Two enclosed, climate-controlled decks, an open top deck, two bars, and video screens add to the luxury of this extremely stable and fully-certified vessel. Relax for a 60-minute tour of New York's waterways. You will experience unparalleled views of the skyline and the port as the on-board guide provides an informative narration. Sail under the Brooklyn Bridge, see the Empire State Building, Chrysler Building, World Financial Center and the famous "boros" of Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island as well as the State of New Jersey and Ellis Island, immigrant gateway to America. Have your camera ready for the highlight of the trip as the captain stops briefly directly in front of the Statue of Liberty (you will NOT get off the vessel). Following the scenic cruise, it's back on dry land and your coach will pass through Chinatown,

drive by Ground Zero to see the World Trade Center site and the current rebuilding effort. Continue down Broadway passing City Hall, St. Paul's Chapel, Wall Street, Trinity Church and Graveyard as well as Bowling Green offering a true glimpse of historic and modern New York City. Your tour guide will provide commentary along the way.

*Please note: Heavy traffic often causes delays.*

### Lower Manhattan Sightseeing & Transfer to Airport



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

See one of the Big Apple's most fascinating areas. Lower Manhattan boasts many of this sprawling city's famous landmarks—Times Square, where the New Year's ball drops each December 31, lively Chinatown, the tree-lined streets of Greenwich Village and the oh-so-fashionable SoHo district, whose name derives from its location south of Houston Street. At Battery Park, you can take in the distant view of the Statue of Liberty. Heading back uptown you'll pass the austere United Nations Plaza, Rockefeller Center with its famous flags and statue, and the instantly recognizable Empire State Building. A drive by beautiful Central Park, New York's in-city oasis, completes your tour before continuing to the airport.

*Please note: This tour is only available to guests with domestic flights departing after 3:00pm or international flights departing after 4:00pm. Guests participating in this tour will be among the first to disembark the ship. Board the tour bus with your luggage, as you will proceed directly to the airport upon conclusion. Transportation to the airport is included.*

### Transfer to New York Airports

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Available to guests with flights departing at 12 noon or later, who are not participating in Holland America's "Fly Cruise Plan" and do not have a prepaid voucher in their travel documents. This transfer is direct motor coach transportation to the airport upon conclusion of your voyage. No sightseeing is included.

*Please note: Guests participating in this transfer will be among the first to disembark the ship. Board the bus with your luggage, as you will transfer directly to the airport. Transportation to the airport is included.*

## ▶ portland, maine



### The Best of Maine:

#### Portland Head Light & Kennebunkport



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$

This tour will provide you with the opportunity to visit two of Maine's most famous destinations: the Portland Head Light and Kennebunkport. You will visit Fort Williams Park located on the rocky coast in beautiful Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Fort Williams was a military outpost for coastal defense serving the United States from the Spanish-American War to the Korean War. Fort Williams is also the home of Portland Head Light commissioned by George Washington in 1791—the oldest lighthouse in Maine and one of the most photographed lighthouses in the country. You will also visit the charming coastal village of Kennebunkport to view stunning Federal- and Victorian-style homes built by wealthy sea captains and merchants in the 1700s and 1800s. Pass by two of Maine's most famous homes—the Wedding Cake House and Walker's Point, the Bush estate and former Summer White House where world leaders often visited. You will have a chance to stretch your legs in the center of town at Dock Square, where art galleries, antique shops, and upscale stores make a charming town center. Also included is a lobster roll lunch at the Nonantum Resort, one of the oldest and most beautiful New England-style inns in Kennebunkport on the shores of the Kennebunkport River.

#### Civil War Fort & Lobster Bake



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Board a private boat and cruise beautiful Casco Bay on your way to a private island. Upon arrival, you will be treated to a genuine "Downeast" Maine lobster bake and a tour of a historic Civil War fort. You will tour House Island, occupied since 1661, and Fort Scammel, originally built to defend Portland from the British, but later used to defend the North against the South. Explore the gun

casements, subterranean vaults, archways, tunnels and circular stairways. After you've worked up an appetite, you will be treated to a feast comprised of a 1.25-pound Maine lobster, clam chowder, corn on the cob, salad, desert, and non-alcoholic beverages, surrounded by magnificent views of Portland and the islands. For the non-lobster-eater, chicken can be substituted.

*Please note: The topography is not suitable for wheelchair users.*

### Portland Highlights with Lighthouse or Victoria Mansion Options

Learn about the history, architecture, and the life of the people who call Portland home. The city was founded in 1632 and boasts architectural masterpieces ranging from Queen Anne, Colonial and Federal to Beaux-Arts, Classical and Romanesque. Portland is at once historic, quixotic and beautiful, tinged by worldly Boston, but still tangibly "Downeast." Enjoy a scenic drive through the quaint streets of Old Port, once the home of the warehouse district. The old red brick buildings have been transformed into charming restaurants, pubs, boutiques and galleries. Continue past a number of historic Victorian homes and neighborhoods, enjoying terrific views of Casco Bay and the islands from the East End Promenade. Passing through the urban center, you will see Portland's new Arts District, as well as the thriving commercial and business districts. To complete your tour, choose either option A or B below:

#### A. Portland Highlights & Lighthouse



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Tour Portland as described above, then you will visit Fort Williams Park located on the rocky coast in beautiful Cape Elizabeth. Fort Williams was a military outpost for coastal defense serving the United States from the Spanish-American War to the Korean War. Fort Williams is also the home of Portland Head Light, commissioned by President George Washington in 1797. Since its illumination in 1791, the lighthouse has marked the gateway to Portland Harbor for mariners. Following your visit to the lighthouse, you will re-board the motor coach for the drive back to the city.

#### B. Portland Highlights & Victoria Mansion



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Tour Portland as described above, then visit Victoria Mansion, one of the finest examples of Italianate villa-style architecture in the country. It was built between 1858 and 1860 at a cost of \$400,000 dollars, and the richly decorated interior features colorful frescos, elaborate carved woodwork, an eye-catching chandelier, a Moorish-style smoking room, stained glass, and a magnificent flying staircase.

#### Mt. Washington & the Cog Railway



Approximately 9½ hours • \$\$

Portland is your gateway to the White Mountain National Forest and the Mt. Washington Cog Railway—the experience of a lifetime! Enjoy the two-hour scenic motor coach ride from Portland, Maine into New Hampshire for spectacular views of the White Mountains. At the Marshfield Base Station you will climb aboard the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway for a ride to the summit of Mt. Washington, New England's highest peak. Back in 1869, this new technology of toothed-gears, rack rails and tilted boilers was an engineering marvel. This is truly one of the great rail journeys of the world. Experience this modern marvel firsthand on your journey aboard a fully-restored car powered by an authentic coal-fired steam or diesel train just as visitors did more than a century ago. Take in the ever-changing surroundings, the magnificent views, the sights and sounds of steam locomotives in action, and some of the steepest railroad track in existence. On a perfectly clear day, the view from the summit of Mt. Washington spans four states, Québec, and the Atlantic Ocean. On an overcast day you might even climb above the clouds. At the conclusion of the train ride, you will have a short time to browse in the Base Station gift shop before the two-hour coach ride back to your ship in Portland.

*Please note: This tour will operate rain or shine.*

## Kennebunkport with Scenic Cruise Option

Kennebunkport, a charming coastal village, is located 45 minutes south of Portland and gained worldwide exposure as the summer home of former President George H. Bush. The drive to Kennebunkport will offer beautiful views of Maine's rocky coast. Approaching the town, you will view the elaborate Federal- and Victorian-style mansions that were built by wealthy sea captains and merchants in the 1700s and 1800s. You will also view Walker's Point, the Bush estate and former Summer White House. Stretch your legs in the center of town at Dock Square, complete with art galleries, antique shops, restaurants and upscale stores. Complete your tour with one of the options (A or B) below:

### A. Kennebunkport



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Enjoy a tour of Kennebunkport as described above, then you will pass a number of picturesque villages on your journey back to Portland and the ship.

### B. Kennebunkport & Scenic Cruise



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Enjoy a tour of Kennebunkport as described above, then you will enjoy a scenic boat ride plying the calm, protected waters of Maine for a panoramic view of the rugged, rocky coastline as well as a glimpse of Walker's Point.

## ➤ québec, québec province



## Bike Adventure to Montmorency Falls



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

You will be met by a professional cycling guide on the pier for a short walk to the cycle shop where you will be fitted with a bicycle, helmet and water bottle. Ride approximately eight miles (90 minutes) to Montmorency Falls, passing the Québec Yacht Harbor and the Industrial Grain Elevators before crossing the St Charles River. The cycle path continues on a parallel course along the St. Lawrence River where you will enjoy spectacular views of the skyline of Québec and the Island of Orleans. Upon arrival at Montmorency Falls, you will board an aerial tram for the ride to the top of the falls to enjoy the breathtaking views and see the powerful forces of nature at work, as the water of the Montmorency River roars down the 270-foot cliff to eventually meet with the St. Lawrence River. You will have some free time to walk the path along the falls before riding back on the tram to the bottom of the falls and cycling back to the ship.

*Please note: Total bike riding distance is approximately 15½ miles over flat, even roads and bicycle paths. Wear comfortable sports attire and sports shoes. Children must be 10 years or older to ride a bike on their own. Children between 5 and 9 will use an extension arm fixed behind one of the parents' bikes. Minimum age is 5 years.*

## Québec City Walking Tour with Tea at the Chateau Frontenac



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

One of the best ways to discover Québec's historical side is by walking through the narrow cobblestone streets. Your Québécois guide will help you discover the first settlement of New France, Place Royale and bring you to the first shopping street in North America in the Lower Town, Le Quartier Petit-Champlain. In the Upper Town, you will walk through three centuries of history



to see La Place d'Armes, La Terrasse Dufferin, Place de l'Hôtel de Ville and the Ursulines Convent. Take time to enjoy your visit and taste castle life by having tea at the Château Frontenac. The Château's legendary charm will add a special flavor to your memories of Québec.

*Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes.*

### Montmorency Falls & Island of Orléans



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Within minutes of the old walled city of Québec and along the St. Lawrence River are the beautiful pastoral landscapes of the Island of Orléans and Montmorency Falls. Take a step back in time as you cross the bridge to the Ile d'Orléans, where you will enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque villages of traditional rural Québec. First settled by the French over 350 years ago, the island is a veritable open-air museum, boasting more than 600 heritage buildings. Visit an authentic sugar shack where you will learn about the production of maple syrup. Finally, you will visit the Mauvide-Genest Manor, a rare and exceptional example of the island's French seigneurial past and one of the oldest remaining manor houses in Québec. Built in 1734 as the home of Jean Mauvide, a surgeon for the King of France, its splendor was unsurpassed in the countryside of New France. Departing the Island of Orléans, a stop will be made at the magnificent Montmorency Falls. Cascading down a 270-foot cliff, Montmorency Falls are 1½ times as high as Niagara Falls. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served in the elegant Montmorency Manor while you enjoy the breathtaking views and see the powerful forces of nature as the water of the Montmorency River roars down the cliff to eventually meet with the St. Lawrence River.

### Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré & Montmorency Falls



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

If you're interested in religious history, or just in the mood for a scenic, leisurely drive, take this trip along the St. Lawrence River. With more than 1.5 million visitors and pilgrims making their way to the shrine each year, Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré has become

one of the most important Catholic sites in North America. You will be able to independently stroll the lovely grounds of the basilica built in neo-Roman style. The impressive cross-shaped building is covered with granite and lighted by more than 200 stained-glass windows. The Scala Santa, built in 1891, contains a replica of the Holy Stairs which Christ climbed before being sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate. The Memorial Chapel was built to commemorate the third church. It was here that pilgrims were welcomed from 1676 to 1876. Next, you will drive along the Beaupré Coast, stopping at the 270-foot Montmorency Falls to enjoy the impressive view as the water of the Montmorency River roars down the cliff to meet with the St. Lawrence River. You have time to walk the nature paths near the falls or enjoy some time in the gift shop.

### City Tour of Old & New Québec



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Discover the European charm and character of the first French city in North America as you explore the city sights and learn the fascinating history of Québec's 400-year legacy. Perched on a hill over-looking the St. Lawrence River is the Château Frontenac, the best-known landmark in Québec. Located just outside the Château is the romantic boardwalk known as Dufferin Terrace, from where you will have a spectacular view of the St. Lawrence River, Ile d'Orléans, and the Laurentian Mountains. You will have approximately 20 minutes to independently visit the magnificent green-turreted castle or enjoy the view from Dufferin Terrace. Passing through the St Louis Gate, you will next explore the National Battlefields Park. Also known as the Plains of Abraham, the park was the site of the historic battle where the French surrendered to the British in 1759. It is now a beautiful 250-acre park with hills, gardens, monuments, and artillery artifacts. Take a photo at Cap Diamant with spectacular views of the St. Lawrence River, Lower Town, and surrounding countryside. You will pass the trendy Grande-Allée, the Champs-Élysées of Québec, lined with quaint shops, sidewalk cafés, and boutiques. Before returning to your ship. Watch for the Hotel du Parlement, an imposing, Second Empire-style building.

## Canyon Ste-Anne & Winery



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Experience the splendor of French Canada's Beaupré Coast with a scenic drive along the St. Lawrence Seaway to Ste-Anne Canyon. Carved into the 900 million year-old rock of the Canadian Shield, the Ste-Anne Canyon is truly a natural wonder. Board an open-air tram for a short ride to the canyon. Three bridges and various lookout platforms with interpretive displays allow for spectacular views of the falls. A specially-designed vehicle provides the disabled with access to the length of the north walkway as well as two suspension bridges. Return to the entrance via tram or on foot, and you will have some time to visit the gift shop, restroom facilities, or small café before departing. Continue to a local vineyard on the Island of Orléans to discover the Québec's own variety of grape, adapted especially for the Nordic climate and developed in Québec. Learn about viticulture in Québec—the techniques for cultivating the vines and making wine—and sample two types of wine. Return to Québec City via Avenue Royale—one of the oldest thoroughfares in North America. The avenue is lined with homes bearing witness to both French and English architectural traditions. Your final stop will be at the bottom of the 270-foot Montmorency Falls to enjoy the breathtaking views as the waters of the Montmorency River plunge down the cliff to meet with the St. Lawrence River.

## Best of Québec & Countryside with Lunch



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$

Learn the fascinating history of Québec as you are whisked back in time to relive the city's 400-year legacy followed by a journey along the St. Lawrence River to one of the most picturesque areas of the Province of Québec known as the Beaupré Coast. You will first visit the Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine where popular belief says that Ste-Anne had saved numerous shipwreck victims off Cap Tourmente. Head over to the Island of Orleans for a scenic drive through pastoral landscapes and an exquisite lunch in a beautiful setting. Visit an authentic *cabane à sucre* (sugar shack) to see how maple products are made and taste sweet maple taffy. As you make your way back to the Québec, you will drive by the bottom of the

Montmorency Falls. Inside the fortress walls of Old Québec you will discover the strength and beauty of the cradle of the French culture in North America. This city is a remarkable mélange of Amerindian, French and British heritage, evident in its narrow cobblestone streets, stone gates and ramparts. Stop at Dufferin Terrace and the Château Frontenac Hotel—Québec's most famous landmark with panoramic views over the Old City, the Lower Town, the St. Lawrence River and the surrounding countryside.

## Historic Walk & Horse Carriage Ride



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Québec is a city built on a hill with narrow cobblestone streets and charming little alleyways, and the best way to explore the Lower Town of Québec is on foot. In the heart of the Lower Town, site of the first settlement of Québec, is the Place Royale. Once the home of wealthy merchants, the square is also the home to North America's oldest standing Catholic Church, the Notre-Dame des Victoires. Along the narrow cobblestone streets of the pedestrian area, known as Petit Champlain, is an array of quaint boutiques, speciality shops, outdoor cafes and strolling musicians. Next, a short funicular ride will take you to the Upper Town to reach the castle-like Chateau Frontenac and Dufferin Terrace, one of the best-known landmarks in Québec. From here, you have a spectacular view of the St. Lawrence River, the Ile d'Orléans, and the Laurentian Mountains. Climb into a carriage for a horse-drawn tour past the highlights of the Upper Town. Your horse and carriage takes you through St Louis Gate, part of the Old Québec fortifications and along Grande Allée, the Champs-Élysées of Québec, lined with quaint shops, sidewalk cafés and boutiques. You will pass the Hotel du Parlement, an imposing Second Empire-style building overlooking the city, and enter the Battlefield Park. Return to Park des Gouverneurs via St Louis Street on the way back to the ship.

## Old Québec Walking Tour & Wine Tasting



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

You'll discover the European charm of the first French City in North America as you enjoy a short funicular ride to reach the castle-like Chateau Frontenac. It was here that Roosevelt, Churchill and Mackenzie King met to discuss their strategy during World War II. From the romantic boardwalk of Dufferin Terrace, you will have a spectacular view of the St. Lawrence River, Ile d'Orléans, and the Laurentian Mountains. Walk through the walled city past Place d'Armes, the Seminary of Québec and the Ursuline Convent. In the heart of the lower town Place Royale is surrounded by the former homes of wealthy merchants. The square is also home to North America's oldest standing Catholic Church—Notre-Dame des Victoires. Stroll through the charming pedestrian-only area of Petit Champlain. Among its narrow cobblestone streets you will find an array of quaint boutiques, specialty shops, and outdoor cafés. Stopping in one of Québec's most historical buildings to sample a variety of wines from the Province of Québec.

## Rafting Ride on the Jacques Cartier River



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$\$

As for the early travelers of bygone days, still today the best way to discover the Jacques Cartier River's majestic landscape and exceptional tranquil beauty is from the river itself. While most of the river is fairly calm, there are a few soft rapids to make your journey a bit of an adventure. The river offers spectacular scenery, waterfalls and a beautiful canyon.

*Please note: Swimwear should be worn under clothes as you will need to change into a wetsuit prior to boarding the raft. Please bring a towel with you as towels are not provided at rafting site. This tour does not operate after September 30th. Minimum age is 8 years; minimum weight is 60 lbs; minimum height is 52".*



## Romantic Québec by Calèche



Approximately 1 hour • \$\$

Try something romantic with your loved ones and friends with a relaxing ride through North America's oldest walled city by horse and carriage (*calèche*). Departing the pier, enjoy a short drive from the Lower Town to the Château Frontenac Hotel and Place d'Armes, where you will board a horse-drawn carriage to ride past the highlights of the Upper Town, including Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, the Artists Alley, Basilique Notre-Dame and the Québec Seminary. Your horse and carriage takes you through St Louis Gate, part of the Québec fortifications and along Grande Allée, the "Champs-Élysées" of Québec lined with quaint shops, sidewalk cafés and boutiques. Watch for the Hôtel du Parlement—an imposing Second Empire-style building overlooking the city—before entering the Battlefield park and returning to Place d'Armes via St Louis Street. At the end of your carriage tour, you may decide to remain in the Upper City (time permitting) to enjoy the character and charm of Québec at night or enjoy a short walk downhill to return to your ship.

*Please note: This tour is only available when the ship is in port until 8:00pm or later. Guests must be able to board the carriage via two high steps.*

## Ghost Tour of Old Quebec



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

As the sky begins to darken, a costumed tour guide strikes a match and lights his lantern. You wait in anxious anticipation, for you are about to embark on a trip down memory lane where more than 300 years of murder, execution, ghost sightings, tragedies and hauntings are unraveled. The cobblestone streets and ancient buildings of Québec set a natural stage for this bizarre but intriguing experience where the ghosts of the city, real or imagined, come alive for your entertainment.

*Please note: While the tour is not designed to frighten but rather to fascinate, it is not suitable for children under 12 years of age. This tour is only available when the ship is in port until 8:00pm or later.*

## An Evening at the Sugarshack



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Treat yourself to an authentic Quebecois tradition and join the fun at the Sugar Shack with good food, traditional music and a maple taffy treat. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the local tenants of the Cabane à Sucre (Sugar Shack). You will first visit an absolutely fascinating Maple Museum presenting the evolution and modernization of the industry throughout the years. Afterwards, enter the Sugar Shack itself, and enjoy an unforgettable evening filled with live entertainment. A traditional Quebecois all-you-can-eat family-style meal will be served. A real Quebecois maple taffy pull will be just one of the highlights of the evening. More song, dance and music will be provided before you board your coach for a short drive back to your ship.

*Please note: This tour is only available when the ship is in port until 8:00pm or later.*

## ➤ saguenay, québec



### A Stroll in the Park



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Saguenay National Park at a leisurely pace with a 45-minute scenic drive from the ship to the Parc National du Saguenay Interpretation Center. Upon arrival, hear a brief lecture about the creation and characteristics of Saguenay Fjord, whose magnificent topography was sculpted by glaciers 10 million years ago. You will learn what makes a fjord and how was it shaped, and why the waters of the Saguenay river are so dark and salty. Learn about the sand dunes (or are they marine terraces?), and what species can be regularly observed in the Park. You'll also hear about the habits of the St. Lawrence's beluga whales. After this introduction to the park, join your guide for an easy one-hour stroll along the Meandres des Falaises trail and discover the Eternity River Delta. Then you will have time on your own to fully explore the Interpretation Center as it reveals the hidden mysteries of this exceptional ecosystem, or to shop in the trendy gift shop.

*Please note: Transportation is by school bus.*

### Saguenay Sea Kayaking



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Let the rhythm of the tide mesmerize you on this sea kayaking excursion. Travel from the pier in La Baie on a 45-minute scenic drive to Parc National du Saguenay Interpretation Center. A safety briefing and paddling instruction will be given before you board a stable, two-person kayak equipped with easy rudder control. Then you are ready for your 1¼-hour paddle along Cape Trinity, with sheer cliffs and sandy beaches. On the surface, the beauty of the Saguenay Fjord is striking, but these waters also reveal glimpses of their depths that have long been thought unfathomable. If you're lucky you may encounter marine life, including lazy seals

sunbathing on the rocks, or a whale frolicking in the water. Previous kayak experience is not necessary. You will have some free time at the Interpretation Center to shop for souvenirs or enjoy the exhibits.

*Please note: Transportation is by school bus. Minimum age is 8 years. Guests must be able to fit in kayak.*

### Saguenay Hiking



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

With more than 70 miles of hiking trails, Saguenay National Park is a great area to discover this magnificent landscape on foot. From the pier in La Baie, drive to Parc National du Saguenay where you will begin your 1½-mile walk along the Point de Vue du Soupir trail. Experience firsthand the disproportionate scale of time and space in a land where nature has made use of its colossal forces to carve out a fjord. The hike culminates at the halfway point to the statue of Our Lady of Saguenay where you will have remarkable views of the fjord and surrounding mountains, rivers and valleys. The hike will take approximately two hours round trip, involves an elevation gain of 450 feet, and is recommended for intermediate hikers. Return to the Interpretation Center to learn more about the fjord, or shop or in the gift boutique after your hike.

*Please note: Transportation is by school bus.*

### Chicoutimi City Sights



Approximately 2¼ hours • \$

Discover the highlights of the Chicoutimi area bordered by two mountain chains and nestled on the shores of the Saguenay Fjord, as your guide takes you back in time to learn about the area's fascinating past. Known as a natural trading route for the First Nations people, Chicoutimi's history has always been linked to the tides of the Saguenay River. In the early 1600s, France established its first fur trading post and colonization of the area soon followed. Passing Chicoutimi's industrial area, you will see how the early 20th century brought exploitation of the river with logging, the pulp and paper industries, and aluminum production. A photo stop will be made at the Cultural Quarter and the Little White House that miraculously survived the flood of 1996. A photo stop

will also be made at the Pulp Mill of Chicoutimi. Founded in 1898, the mill played an important role in the development of the area and produced a high-quality pulp that was exported throughout the world.

### The Craftsman Road



Approximately 3 - 4 hours • \$\$

Step back in time and discover artisans whose crafts date back generations. Visit the Olivier soap factory, which combines the aroma and therapeutic properties of pure essential oils, the art of traditional soap making, the science of plants and flowers and the history of pure olive oil to create extraordinarily mild, biodegradable, long-lasting skin solutions. Visit a glass-blowing workshop where the techniques used today originated in Egypt and Syria a thousand years ago. Nowadays in Saguenay, Guiseppe Benedetto, glass-maker and sculptor, performs this highly sophisticated technique before your very eyes as he creates decorative glass objects such as whales, blueberries, fruits, lamps, perfumers and more. Then discover the quaint Les Bergeries du Fjord farm to learn the principles of cheese making. See the latest method of milk collection and ultimately how the farm's renowned cheese is made. You will have a chance to enjoy and taste some cheese along with some local raspberry wine.

### Best of Saguenay & Ste-Rose-du-Nord



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$

Begin with a scenic drive through La Baie to the Fjord Museum, where you'll discover the importance of this waterway deeply chiselled through the Laurentian Mountains. Pass the Ha! Ha! Pyramid where you will learn of the great flood of 1996 that devastated the region. At Arthur Villeneuve's Place, see the barber/painter's impressive frescoes that cover almost every square inch of his home. Your final stop will be at Le Chevrier du Nord Goat Farm. This small family business produces mohair wool products. The highlight of your day may be a visit to Ste-Rose-du-Nord, one of the most beautiful villages in the province of Québec. This charming little hamlet is nestled on the shores of the Saguenay River, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. You will have some

free time to stroll in the village, stop at the quaint little church, or perhaps browse in one of the boutiques on the main street. Place des Artisans features stalls of local arts and crafts, and the quay provides a beautiful view of the village and the Saguenay River.

*Please note: Lunch is served at a local inn.*

### Saguenay with Val-Jalbert and Heritage Route Options

At the tip of a majestic fjord where the waters of the Saguenay and the Saint Lawrence rivers meet lies the charming village of Saguenay. You will visit the district of Chicoutimi—known for its decidedly French atmosphere and a touch of the Old World—and learn about the area’s culture and history. As you begin your sightseeing tour, you’ll discover the importance of Saguenay Fjord, deeply chiseled into the Laurentians Mountains, and once a natural trading route for the First Nations people of the area. In the 1600s, France established its first fur trading post here; colonization of the area soon followed. While passing through the industrial area, you will see how the early 20th century brought exploitation of the river with logging and the pulp and paper industries. Continuing to Chicoutimi, you’ll drive along its main street, Rue Racine, and past the Old Port. A photo stop will be made at the Cultural Quarter and the Little White House that miraculously survived the flood of 1996, and at the Pulp Mill of Chicoutimi. Founded in 1898, the mill played an important role in the development of the area. The first French Canadian-owned pulp company, this mill produced high-quality pulp that was exported throughout the world. To complete your tour, choose one of the options (A or B) below:

#### A. Saguenay & Val-Jalbert



Approximately 6½ - 7 hours • \$\$\$

Discover Saguenay and Chicoutimi as described above, then you will take a one-hour drive through farmland and along Lac St-Jean to Val-Jalbert Historical Village. Dominated by the majestic beauty of the 220-foot-high Chute Ouatouchouan, the historic village of Val-Jalbert was a model working village created in 1901 around a pulp mill. After the mill’s closure in 1927, time stopped and it gradually turned into a ghost-town. Classified as a historic monument, this vast, 182-hectare wooded domain consists of

many restored buildings—the convent, the general store, the post office, the pulp mill, and the famous Rue Labreque, lined by the workers’ abandoned houses. On the way back to the pier, there will be a brief stop at the historical church founded in 1902 on the shore of Lake Kenogamie. Its strategic location on the tip of a peninsula saved it from destruction by the floods of 1923. You will pass through Hébertville, the agricultural center of the region, whose rich farms nestled along the riverbank are quite picturesque.

#### B. Saguenay & Heritage Route



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Discover Saguenay and Chicoutimi as described above, then you will drive through, Arvida—the Washington of the north—a perfect example of a 20th-century company town. In 1926, 270 houses were built here in 135 days and not a single house resembled its neighbor. You will drive by the world’s first aluminum bridge, built to display the strength and diversity of aluminum, then visit the Sir William Price Museum housed in a wonderful Anglican chapel built in 1912. The museum is dedicated to the pulp and paper dynasty of four generations of the Price family. The bus will pass by the homes of both management and workers of the company town of Old Kenogami. Before returning to the ship, you will see the area of Jonquière that was also first built as a company town.

#### Best of Saguenay by Land & Sea



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Boarding a day vessel from the pier, you will enjoy an outing to discover the natural beauty of the Fjord from the sea. Huge glacier-sculpted cliffs rise more than 1150 feet and drop 900 feet into the bay, making this cruise to Cape Trinity unforgettable. Trinity is the most impressive cliff in the fjord. Learn about the geological, biological and morphological development of the fjord as you glide by the impressive landscapes and towering cliffs of this natural wonder. Your journey takes you by the charming little hamlet of Ste. Rose du Nord—the jewel of the Saguenay. One of the most beautiful villages in the province of Québec, Ste. Rose is nestled on the shores of the Saguenay River and surrounded by

lovely landscapes. At Saguenay National Park you'll have some free time to explore on your own the National Park interpretation center or stroll in the park. You'll then board the bus for your return drive to the pier.

*Please note: Lunch is served at a local inn.*

### Cruise to Chicoutimi



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

With a decidedly French atmosphere and a touch of the Old World, Chicoutimi lies on the banks of Lac-Saint-Jean and is one of the largest cities in the province. On this tour you will enjoy a scenic cruise along the fjord to Chicoutimi, where you will learn about the area's cultural and natural history. Boarding a sightseeing vessel, you will discover the importance of the fjord, deeply chiseled into the Laurentians Mountains. This was a natural trading route for the First Nations people of the area. In the 1600s, France established its first fur trading post here and colonization of the area soon followed. Passing the modern industrial area, you will see how the early 20th century brought exploitation of the river with logging and the pulp and paper industries. Your journey takes you by the lovely village of St-Fulgence where the Saguenay River becomes Saguenay Fjord. Your guide will then inform you about the mystical formation of the fjord. Upon arrival in Chicoutimi, you'll then board a bus to continue your scenic tour by land. You'll first drive along main street, Rue Racine, and stop for photos at the Cultural Quarter, the Little White House that miraculously survived the flood of 1996, and the Pulp Mill of Chicoutimi. Founded in 1898, the mill played an important role in the development of the area. This first French Canadian-owned Pulp Company produced a high-quality pulp that was exported throughout the world.

## > sept-îles, québec

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## > saint john, new brunswick



### Saint John City Highlights



Approximately 2¼ hours • \$

Discover nearly four hundred years of history in Canada's oldest incorporated city and experience an eclectic blend of past and present in one of the friendliest cities you'll ever visit. You'll be fascinated as your tour guide introduces you to personalities, places and events that have made Saint John "the greatest little city in the east." View the Reversing Falls Rapids where some of the highest tides in the world meet twice a day and cause the river to reverse its direction. Stop to explore the sights and smells in the Old City Market and chat with local folks as they buy fresh produce in an old fashioned market setting built in 1876. See Martello Tower from the War of 1812 and the beauty of the Bay of Fundy from Fort Howe, which overlooks this charming old port city. Learn the history of the United Empire Loyalists who founded the city in 1783 and the story of General Benedict Arnold from American Revolutionary War fame.

*Please note: Requires (optional) moderate walking. Due to a city by-law, transportation is via Saint John Transit vehicles.*

### St. Martins & the Bay of Fundy



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Visit St. Martins fishing village where you'll step back in time and sense the serenity of this picturesque area with its wharf, fishing boats and piled lobster traps. This is a photographer's delight with a lighthouse and twin covered bridges with the ocean for a backdrop. Visit the wave-carved sea caves in the sandstone cliff if the tide is low enough to allow access while you're there. Take a walk along the rocky beach and enjoy the sounds of nature around you. Learn how this small community was famous for its wooden ship building industry and see some of the highest tides in the world ebb and flow during your visit. Chowder and biscuits will

be served at the restaurant overlooking the Bay of Fundy. You'll have an added bonus on this tour of also visiting the world-famous Reversing Falls Rapids where the huge tides from the Bay of Fundy force the mighty Saint John River to flow backwards twice every day. One more treat is in store for you before returning to your cruise ship. Stop and explore the bustling Old City Market in the heart of Saint John and learn why the local folks have loved to buy fresh produce here since 1876.

*Please note: Considerable walking is involved on this tour but the beach walk to visit the sea caves is entirely optional. The caves can only be visited at low tide. Snack is chowder and biscuits.*

### Historical Walking Tour



Approximately 1 ½ hours • \$

Enjoy a relaxing stroll with your informative tour guide along some of historic Saint John's residential streets and old business district in the downtown area. Most of the area that you'll visit was destroyed in a huge citywide fire in 1877 and was rebuilt immediately afterwards. The buildings you'll see feature ornate carvings, exquisite stained glass windows, wrought iron fences and fascinating gargoyles. As you stroll through Trinity Royal Heritage Area you'll stop to visit one of the oldest churches in the city, Trinity Anglican Church, and step inside to see its historical charm. Enjoy a visit to the Old City Market where you'll see the freshest seafood, farm produce, crafts and collectibles on sale. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the fascinating history and folklore of this old port city and discover its traditions dating back to the time of its United Empire Loyalist founders in 1783. Your whole trip is within easy walking distance of where your cruise ship is docked.

*Please note: The pace is slow and stops are frequent.*

### Irving Nature Park



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Just minutes from Downtown is the breathtaking Irving Nature Park. Set on an island, this nature area on the Bay of Fundy, home to the highest tides in the world, offers one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world. This 600-acre park is habitat to over 250

migratory and marine birds and is a traditional staging site on migratory flight paths between the Arctic and South America. It is also home to numerous harbour seals and features numerous nature trails, lookouts, and interpretive sites. A naturalist guide will take you on a one-hour walk through the park, including a walk along the shoreline to explain the rich inter-tidal life.

*Please note: Participants must be able to walk 1½ miles (approximately 1 hour) on gravel and dirt paths. Wear low-heeled, comfortable walking shoes; dress in layers and bring rain wear.*

### St. Andrews-by-the-Sea



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Board your tour coach for a short drive through the city of Saint John and a brief visit to the world-famous Reversing Falls Rapids where some of the highest tides in the world meet the mighty Saint John River and cause the river to reverse direction twice a day. Drive along the Bay of Fundy coastline to the picturesque resort town of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. You'll stop for traditional refreshments featuring freshly-made scones and preserves. Explore the charm of this historic seaside town by motor coach and on foot. Don't miss the shopping opportunities for woolens, pottery, pewter and glassware in the quaint shops along the waterfront. Relax for the rugged coastline drive on your trip back to your cruise ship in Saint John and learn lots of fascinating stories and history about the Bay of Fundy from your guide.

*Please note: Requires walking ¼ mile over even surfaces. Walking is at your discretion throughout the tour. Lunch in St. Andrews is not included in this tour.*

### Horse-Drawn Trolley



Approximately 1 hour • \$\$

Step back in time and join this old-fashioned tour of the city of Saint John. View the charming architecture while your horse-drawn trolleys move at the pace of yesteryear. Your tour guide will entertain you with the wonderful history of Canada's first incorporated city. Learn about the great fire that destroyed much of the Saint John, and see the loyalist burial grounds, King Square, the Old City Market and the great Stone Church. A special stop

will be made uptown for guests wishing to stay and enjoy the shopping in our city. All the trolleys have roofs for shade and blankets on chilly days.

*Please note: Guests must be able to climb aboard the trolley. There are two small steps. Wheelchairs or walkers are not allowed on the trolley. There is a place to leave these items behind for when you return from the tour.*

### Harbor Cruise & City Highlights



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

See the best of Saint John by land and sea! Depart the pier with your local guide and explore the city's highlights, including the colorful streets of Saint John's historic uptown and the breathtaking view from Fort Howe. Stop for a photo at Fallsview Park, where the mighty St. John River meets the powerful tides of the Bay of Fundy, creating the renowned Reversing Falls Rapids. Next, board an enclosed sightseeing tour boat for a view of the rapids from sea level and a cruise on Saint John Harbour, including Harbour Passage, the Port of Saint John, and of course, a view of your cruise ship. Both on land and sea, your guide will entertain you with tales of Saint John's fascinating personalities and historic events. Disembark the boat at Market Slip, and enjoy the five-minute walk along the waterfront to return to the pier, or stay uptown to explore at your leisure!

*Please note: This excursion requires walking back to the pier, and comfortable shoes are recommended. This is a slow-paced guided walk, and is approximately ½ mile.*

### Trolley Around Saint John



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$

Tour Saint John by motorized trolley, similar to a century-old streetcar, and enjoy the narrative by your driver-guide as Saint John's history comes to life. You'll discover Saint John's charm and learn about the personalities and events that have contributed to the city's fascinating history. Visit the Reversing Falls Rapids, where the mighty Bay of Fundy causes the Saint John River to reverse direction and flow upstream. View the port of Saint John and your cruise ship against the beauty of the Bay of Fundy from

Fort Howe lookout. Discover four hundred years of history in the heart of Canada's oldest incorporated city, and experience a delightful blend of past and present.

### Saint John in Focus: A Photography Tour



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

A Saint John photographer has designed this special combination of sightseeing and photography. Begin by photographing the Carleton Martello Tower, one of sixteen constructed in Canada during the early years of the nineteenth century. Then, stop at the Reversing Falls Rapids, where the mighty Bay of Fundy meets the force of the St. John River and creates the unique phenomenon of waterfalls that flow backwards. Photographic opportunities abound in the Loyalist Burial Grounds, with cobblestone walkways meandering under a canopy of trees. Then, visit the Old City Market, a vibrant meeting place for residents and visitors since it opened in 1876. Additional stops will be included, chosen based on the prevailing photographic conditions of the day. With tips from a photographer throughout, this tour is ideal for "shutterbugs" of any level of experience.

*Please note: Bring your own camera equipment; there will not be any provided. Wear comfortable shoes; dress in layers.*

### Ride the Rapids



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

The Reversing Falls jet boat ride is an adventure you won't want to miss. On this exciting thrill ride you will get up close to a genuine World Wonder—the Reversing Falls on the Saint John River. You'll also have an opportunity to explore the heritage of the city of Saint John. Your tour begins with an orientation and a visit to the Old City Market on Germain Street, where local folks have been purchasing fresh fruits, vegetables, fish and meats since 1876. You'll have approximately 20 minutes to explore and chat with the vendors. Then, get ready for an adventure. At Fallsview Park you will be completely outfitted with a life jacket and rain gear, then board a high-speed jet boat for a thrilling 20-minute trip. You'll jet through and across the famous Reversing Falls, with



your captain taking you over and around the rapids, with excellent views of powerful whirlpools swirling about and waves towering. Every six hours the water level in the bay either falls or rises some 28 feet, causing the strong harbor currents to reverse. It is difficult to imagine that for approximately 20 minutes during the change of tides, the water is so calm and peaceful, yet a short time later; the currents are so wild and forceful. Despite the rain gear, you will get wet from the waves and the spray. Afterwards, you will be treated to a traditional lobster roll at the picnic grounds overlooking the falls.

*Please note: Guests must be able to walk approximately 150 yards over even gravel surfaces with 40 steps. Minimum age is 13 years; minimum height is 42 inches. This tour is not recommended for guests with heart conditions, back problems or who are pregnant. You will get wet on this tour. Bring a towel or change of clothing. Participants should be aware that there are certain inherent risks involved in any jet boat excursion, and to participate, guests will be required to sign a waiver.*

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**Relive History at the Fortress of Louisbourg**



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$\$

Mingle with period-costumed interpreters portraying historic characters as you step back in time to 1744 at the Fortress of Louisbourg. Meticulously restored to its original appearance, Louisbourg is Canada’s most ambitious attempt to recall the past relationship between France and the American Colonies, and is the flagship of the Parks Canada system. Your visit is in two parts, beginning with a 45-minute guided outside walking tour of the restored buildings (including the Chateau St Louis with its beautiful furniture, tapestries and paintings). The balance of time (approximately 1½ hours) is free to explore this fascinating site on your own. Come live the excitement of a day in 1744 as you stroll the lively streets, perhaps stopping for a snack or meandering through the gardens. Re-enactments erupt at every turn as you explore the city, admiring the many buildings furnished to period or browsing through the myriad of exhibits.

*Please note: Considerable walking is involved. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress warmly—a jacket or windbreaker are highly recommended. This tour is not recommended for persons with special mobility needs or wheelchairs.*

**Scenic Cabot Trail**



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$

The Cabot Trail reveals vistas that inspired Alexander Graham Bell to observe, “I have traveled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the Andes and the Alps, and the Highlands of Scotland; but for simply beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all.” Retrace the historic route between the isolated Scottish, English and French Acadian and Mi’kmaq communities with some of the most dramatic and unspoiled scenery in North America, including spruce covered mountains, tranquil rivers and

ocean beaches. A picnic box lunch will be enjoyed at a picturesque Parks Canada picnic site. If time permits, there will be a short stop at the gift shop. The trip includes ample opportunity to record gorgeous views and rich foliage. All Parks Canada fees and admissions are included.

### Baddeck & the Alexander Graham Bell Museum



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Travel to the beautiful resort village Baddeck situated on an inlet of the lovely Bras d'Or Lakes. It is here that Alexander Graham Bell spent the last 37 years of his life, and you'll visit the Alexander Graham Bell Museum operated by Parks Canada, which does full justice to the outstanding accomplishments of the man best known for the invention of the telephone, and remarkable contributions in the fields of medicine, genetics, electricity, sound and speech, as well as aeronautics and marine engineering. The museum itself is architecturally striking, as its design is based on the tetrahedron form Bell used for his flight test kites, and it houses the most extensive collection of Bell artifacts contributed by the Bell family. On the picturesque 45-mile drive to Baddeck, you will see Boulangerie Island, the Seal Island Bridge, Kelly's Mountain and St. Ann's Bay. Bring your camera!

### The Bras d'Or Lakes Grand Tour



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$\$

*Ciad mile failte*—a hundred thousand welcomes await you. Nova Scotia is Latin for New Scotland, and nowhere is the aptness of this name more evident than on Cape Breton Island. This picturesque excursion takes you on a circular tour of the very heart of Cape Breton Island and includes some of the island's most dynamic scenery on shores of the famous Bras d'Or Lakes. Stop at the geographical center of Cape Breton Island to visit the Nova Scotia Highland Village, a 50-acre historical site overlooking the Bras d'Or Lakes. Take a chronological journey through 180 years of Cape Breton's Scottish architecture, hosted by costumed staff trained in conversational Gaelic and local history. A lunch stop



will be made in the village of Baddeck—the home of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone and Cape Breton's most famous resident. Free time in the village of Baddeck will allow for shopping and taking in the sights. A brief stop will also be made at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, housing the world's most extensive collection of Bell artifacts.

*Please note: There is a fair amount of walking at the Highland Village. However, the tour is very scenic and if you wish, you can enjoy the views from the motor coach.*

### A Guided Walk in Old Sydney Town



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Join a relaxed walking tour of Old Sydney, founded by Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution. You will visit four museums: St Patrick's, the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Cape Breton; Cossit House, built in 1787; Jost House, offering interesting exhibits from this same period; and the Cape Breton Centre for Heritage & Science where light refreshments will be served. At the end of your tour, return to the ship with your guide or visit the local shops that are within easy walking distance and return to the ship on your own.

### Sydney Area Historical Drive



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

Discover the many influences that have given Sydney its colorful character from its founding by Loyalists in 1785 to the present day. You'll learn why its harbor is among the most strategic on the Atlantic, playing a major role in both World Wars. And you'll see the former "company community" of Whitney Pier where employees of the steel and coal industries forged their lives for many years. Visit the Whitney Pier Museum, devoted to the 55 ethnic groups that make up the population of Sydney and the Fort Petrie Battery that protected the harbor from enemy attack during World War II. A light refreshment will be served at the Whitney Pier Museum.

## Fortress of Louisbourg: 18th-Century Life: the Inside Story



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$\$

This is an opportunity to actually experience life during the 1744 French settlement of Canada, with a behind-the-scenes visit to North America's premier historic reconstruction—the authentically recreated Fortress of Louisbourg. After a 40 minute drive, your visit to the fortress will begin with a brief overview and outside walking tour of the site. You will pre-order from the following program choices:

1. Garden and Kitchen: French Gardens and introduction to open hearth cooking.
2. Costumes and Chocolate: Details of 18th-century clothing and French chocolate making.
3. Forge and Military: How to make a musket ball and soldiers equipment and weaponry.

Next, you will enjoy a hot, 18th-century-style meal at one of the town's local restaurant pubs. In 1744, only a spoon was used as an eating utensil! Experience a life like no other and relive the 18th century in French North America.

*Please note: Considerable walking is involved. This tour is not recommended for persons with walking problems or wheelchairs. Bring warm clothing and comfortable footwear.*

## Black Gold: A Cape Breton Mine Experience



Approximately 4¼ hours • \$\$

Learn about the hard life of a miner on this interactive tour of the Cape Breton Miners Museum. A 30-minute motor coach trip brings you to the museum. A highlight of your visit is sure to be the adventure of touring the Ocean Deeps Colliery, an actual underground coal mine located beneath the building. Retired coal miners guide you on this 30-minute excursion into a 1932 mine, where you experience first-hand what it was like to extract coal by the “sweat of your brow.” Your tour will focus on the geological development of the Sydney coal fields and the various techniques which have been used to mine these coal seams since 1720. Before leaving the museum, you have a chance to purchase a memento of your visit and explore the Miner's Village, complete



with company house and company store. Your last stop will be at the Old Town Hall in Glace Bay, built in 1902 and restored as a Historical Monument to the Mining Community of Glace Bay. Light refreshments will be served.

*Please Note: Underground mine tour has a low ceiling and requires some bending*

## Sailing on the Bras d'Or Lakes



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Sail away to “where the only sound you hear is the wind in your sails.” You are invited to join the *Amoeba* for a sailing experience as unforgettable as Cape Breton's Bras d'Or Lakes. Bras d'Or is an inland sea forming the heart shape of Cape Breton Island. The pristine waters cover one third of the island, to a depth of over 900 feet, the deepest saltwater lake in Nova Scotia. After a one-hour drive from the ship to Baddeck, sail the Bras d'Or Lakes on the 67-foot staysail schooner, the *Amoeba*. View Alexander Graham Bell's stately mansion, *Beinn Bhreagh*, and watch for bald eagles in their natural setting. After your sailing experience, you will have free time to visit the resort Village of Baddeck.

*Please note: Dress warmly; bring a jacket or windbreaker.*

## Spirit of the Fiddle: Sounds of Cape Breton



Approximately 1½ hours • \$

Join this musical experience unique to Cape Breton Island. Influenced by Scottish, Irish and Acadian traditions, enjoy professional local entertainers as they offer singing, step dancing and of course, lively fiddle playing. Meet at the World's Largest Fiddle and follow the piper to an intimate performance space in the Sydney Cruise Terminal located directly across from the ship. Refreshments, including traditional Cape Breton oatcakes will be served.



## The Bird Islands of Cape Breton: Puffins, Seals & Eagles



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

At the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or Channel are the dramatically beautiful Bird Islands. Rising like rocky pillars from the sea, these islands are the nesting grounds of thousands of seabirds, razorbills, kittiwakes and more than 300 pairs of Atlantic puffins in addition to bald eagles and seals. Leaving the pier, you will travel approximately 45 minutes to the heart of Cape Breton to Big Bras d'Or and board a 38-foot Cape Islander tour boat for a 2½-hour educational, narrated boat tour. Learn about the nesting habits of seabirds and other local folklore on this half-day excursion. Visit the nature-oriented gift shop located on site and bring your camera.

*Please note: Dress warmly in layers. A light jacket is recommended. Extra layers are required in early May. Tour does not operate in August and September. Binoculars are provided.*

### guides, services & transportation:

In certain interesting but off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best excursion packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

### self-guided excursions:

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

### conditions:

Shore excursions are "Non-Holland America Line Services" for the purposes of your Cruise Contract. This means that shore excursions are not owned or operated by Holland America. Refer to your Cruise Contract for a full statement of your rights and obligations as well as those of the Owner of the Ship, Holland America Line Inc. and certain other persons and entities with respect to Non-Holland America Line Services. In particular, please note that you are assuming the entire risk of utilizing Non-Holland America Line Services subject only to whatever terms or arrangements are made by you or on your behalf with the third party furnishing the Non-Holland America Line Services. Holland America does not assume liability for injuries or damages that occur during or as a result of shore excursions, nor is Holland America Line liable for loss of or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever. Shore excursions are subject to cancellations or changes. Shore excursion operators reserve the right to deny participation to guests based on such criteria as they may establish. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult aged 21 or older.

### about pricing, refunds & cancellations:

Rates and descriptions are current as of the printing date. Prices are subject to change without notice and descriptions may vary from the actual tour provided. All cancellations that are made less than 5 days prior to cruise departure are subject to a 10% cancellation fee. There will be no exceptions. In addition, if you cancel your tour reservation after the booking deadline stated in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board, or if you cancel a Signature Collection private vehicle tour, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged.



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