

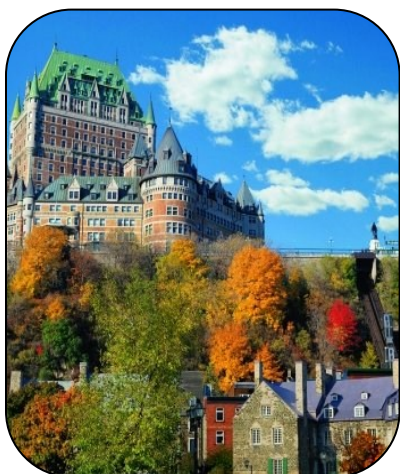
NEW YORK TO MONTREAL CRUISE

Cruise on Oceania's *Riviera* in New England & Maritimes

October 17, 2019 - 15 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person: based on double/twin

\$8805 Outside Category C

\$9845 Verandah Category B4

\$11,995 Penthouse Category PH3

> Please add 0.4% GST.

> Other categories available along with single and triple fares.

> **Early Bookers:** \$300 discount on first 12 seats; \$150 on next 6

> **Experience Points:** Earn 130 points from this tour.

Redeem **130 points** if you book by **June 13**.



Includes

- Transportation to/from Victoria airport
- Flight from Victoria to New York
- Air transport taxes & security fees
- 3 nights hotel accommodation & taxes
- Transfer from LaGuardia Airport to hotel
- Locally-guided tour for 4 hours of the landmarks and famous sights of Manhattan
- Theatre ticket to *King Kong*
- Top of the Rock
- Transfer from hotel to Manhattan cruise terminal
- 11 days on Oceania Cruise's *Riviera*
- Cruise gratuities
- Port charges and cruise taxes
- Entertainment and other services on board ship
- Dinner reservations in 4 specialty restaurants: Toscana, Jacques, Polo Grill, and Red Ginger
- Unlimited wi-fi internet on ship
- US\$200 per stateroom shipboard credit
- Locally guided tour of Newport, Rhode Island
- The Breakers and Rosecliff mansions
- Locally guided tour of Halifax and Peggy's Cove
- Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- Locally guided tour of Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island
- Prince Edward Island National Park fee
- Anne of Green Gables cottage
- Locally guided tour of Montréal
- Biodome
- Olympic Stadium
- Le Festin du Gouverneur dinner theatre
- Transfer from hotel to Montréal Airport
- Flight from Montréal to Victoria
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels and ship
- **33 meals:** 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 12 dinners

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Pamper yourself on Oceania's *Riviera*!

Welcome to Wells Gray Tours' newest cruise line offering! We have arranged cruises with Holland America for 25 years and Norwegian for three years, so Oceania is an exciting third cruise line. This cruise from New York to Montréal is our first on Oceania and it is on board their newest ship, *Riviera*.

Oceania Cruises was founded in 2002 by cruise industry veterans, Frank del Rio, Bob Binder, and Joe Waters. They started small with just one ship, *Regatta*, and expanded over the next few years with two more ships, *Nautica* and *Insignia*. Their goal was to create a luxury experience, a step up from Holland America, but not as all-inclusive as Crystal. The first new ships built for the company were *Marina* in 2011 and *Riviera* in 2012. Oceania Cruises was sold to Norwegian Cruises in 2014 and has retained its ranking as one of the world's finest cruise lines. All Oceania ships are small by today's standards and known for impeccable service, beautifully appointed staterooms, superb shows, and extraordinary menus in all restaurants.

Riviera carries only 1250 passengers with a staff complement of 800. She is 238 metres long with a gross tonnage of 66,000. Her 11 decks feature an 800-seat live entertainment theatre, four lounges, casino, shops, beauty salon, library, games room, internet centre, spa, gymnasium, walking track, mini-golf course, swimming pool, and two hot tubs. The Horizons Lounge is at the top of the ship with panoramic views forward. The Culinary Center offers daily cooking classes and the Artist Loft provides expert advice on painting, pottery, and sculpture. A multi-million dollar refurbishment of *Riviera* was completed in 2015.

Dining is one of the highlights of a cruise and you are sure to be impressed with the variety of menu items in each of the restaurants. The Grand Dining Room serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and you can walk in when you wish with no reservations required. The Terrace Café offers buffet style dining with different serving stations for each course; for health reasons, you cannot serve yourself and there are numerous staff across the counter who will place what you wish on your plate. The Waves Grill serves fast food such as hamburgers and sandwiches. There are four specialty restaurants on *Riviera*, all with extraordinary service, reserved seating times, and gourmet menus. Before the cruise, you can make one reservation at each restaurant on-line, then during the cruise you can make a second reservation by going to the dining desk. These restaurants are all complimentary. Toscana is the Italian restaurant with a menu consisting of up to eight courses. Polo Grill is the steakhouse with every kind of cut imaginable. Jacques has an exquisite French menu. Red Ginger offers Asian dishes and you can even choose your chopsticks from a menu. There is also an extensive room service menu for all meals and there is no charge to order.

Oceania is a different cruise line. Fares are higher than other cruise lines, but many more services and amenities are included. Repeat travellers often say they do not feel nickel and dimed on Oceania. For instance, unlimited Wi-Fi Internet is included (one device per stateroom logged on at any time). Specialty coffees, soft drinks, and bottled water are complimentary throughout the ship. There is no extra charge for dining in the specialty restaurants or for room service. The towel covers on the deck lounge chairs are changed after each use. An expert lecturer is on board to talk about many topics of interest along the cruise route, and this person is not trying to direct you to certain shops at the next port.

Most staterooms on *Riviera* are in two categories. Veranda staterooms are a generous 26 sq metres (282 sq feet) and include a comfortably furnished private balcony, sofa, refrigerator with minibar (stocked with complimentary drinks), TV, phone, a spacious closet, and bathroom with tub/shower and separate shower. Penthouse staterooms are very spacious with 39 sq metres (420 sq feet) and the same amenities, plus a walk-in closet and a small dining table. Penthouses also include key-card access to the private Executive Lounge with a concierge, access to the Spa Terrace with a private whirlpool and deck lounges; laundry service, and a butler. Since this is a fairly new ship, there are only a few inside and outside staterooms. Please inquire if you wish to book a full suite with at least 1000 square feet and many more amenities.

Every day has a full schedule of activities, mostly included and some that cost extra — dance class, bridge games, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, board games, and fitness activities. Every evening, there is live stage entertainment in the Riviera Lounge and Oceania puts on some wonderful shows. Every lounge has musical entertainment such as a pianist and a string quartet.

Oceania Cruises invited Roland, Anne, and Fraser Neave, owners of Wells Gray Tours, and two staff from the Okanagan to experience *Riviera* during a two-week Caribbean cruise in January. They came home very impressed with everything that Oceania offers. They talked to many fellow travellers on the ship and learned that most of them have cruised with Oceania many times. Come and be pampered! We think you will soon be asking for more Wells Gray Tours on board Oceania ships.

Itinerary

Thursday, October 17:

Transfers are provided to Victoria Airport. We fly via Toronto to New York's La Guardia Airport, arriving in the evening. Welcome to **New York City!** We stay two nights at the four-star Novotel Times Square Hotel, located in Midtown New York.

Friday, October 18:

During a guided sightseeing tour of **Manhattan**, we view some of its iconic sights such as Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Empire State Building, United Nations, Fifth Avenue, Little Italy, and Central Park. There is some free time this afternoon to do your own exploring or browse Fifth Avenue's prestigious shops. Tonight, we see the stage musical, **King Kong**, at the Broadway Theatre. The epic modern myth comes alive through an innovative mix of animatronics, puppetry, music, and stagecraft.

Saturday, October 19:

Meals: L,D

We admire the panoramic view at **Top of the Rock**, the 70th floor art deco observation deck above Rockefeller Center. At noon, we board the *Riviera* and an embarkation lunch is served in the Terrace Café. Explore the ship this afternoon. You should be on deck or your balcony at 6 pm as we cast off and cruise away from New York City past the **Statue of Liberty** and under Verrazano Bridge. Savour your first sumptuous dinner in one of the five restaurants, followed by a lively "welcome" performance in the Riviera Lounge.

Sunday, October 20:

Meals: B,L,D

We arrive at **Newport, Rhode Island**, at 8 am and ride on tenders ashore. The city was founded in 1639, but it attracted the attention of wealthy Southern plantation owners in the mid-19th century who built summer cottages to escape the heat. By the turn of the 20th century, some of the USA's wealthiest families such as the Vanderbilts and the Astors had adopted Newport as a summer escape, and the cottages became opulent mansions with many servants. In 1895, the Vanderbilts built **The Breakers** which has 70 rooms on five floors. Our day in Newport includes tours of The Breakers and **Rosecliff** plus a drive past other "cottages" such as Marble House, Land's End, and Hammersmith Farm, once owned by the Kennedys. After departing at 5 pm, we cruise around Cape Cod during the night.

Monday, October 21:

Meals: B,L,D

At 1 pm, we dock in **Boston**. One of the oldest cities in the USA, Boston was founded in 1630 by Puritan colonists from England. It was the scene of several key events of the American Revolution, such as the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Par-

ty, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the Siege of Boston. You can purchase a tour from the ship or at the dock, and there is a great variety of attractions depending on your interests. A driving tour typically includes Beacon Hill, Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Boston Common, Massachusetts State House, Harvard University, and Quincy Market. A walking tour usually follows a one kilometre section of Boston's Freedom Trail ending at Faneuil Hall. The *Riviera* stays docked overnight.

Tuesday, October 22:

Meals: B,L,D

This is another day to enjoy some activities or attractions in Boston. The ship sails at 6 pm.

Wednesday, October 23:

Meals: B,L,D

We anchor in **Bar Harbor, Maine** from 8 am to 7 pm, and take tenders ashore. You may wish to take a lobster fishing cruise, visit Acadia National Park, or simply wander this quaint seaside town.

Thursday, October 24:

Meals: B,L,D

The *Riviera* arrives in **Saint John, New Brunswick**, at 7 am and departs at 4 pm. Major attractions here are the famous Reversing Falls and the New Brunswick Museum.

Friday, October 25:

Meals: B,D

We dock from 10 am to 6 pm in **Halifax**, the capital of Nova Scotia and largest city of the Maritimes. A locally-guided tour includes the historic waterfront, St. Paul's Church, the universities, and residential areas. **Halifax Citadel National Historic Site** is a fortress perched on the hill overlooking the city. Famous **Peggy's Cove** is one of the most picturesque villages along the east coast, and we stroll along the harbour to its iconic lighthouse.

Saturday, October 26:

Meals: B,L,D

Today's port of call is **Sydney, Nova Scotia**, on Cape Breton Island where we are docked from 9 am to 6 pm. You may wish to book a tour to visit the Fortress of Louisbourg, the formidable French stronghold of the early 18th century, or the Cape Breton Miners' Museum in Glace Bay and take an underground tour of the vast coal mines.

Sunday, October 27:

Meals: B,L,D

Charlottetown is the capital of Prince Edward Island and our ship docks here from 9 am to 6 pm. An all-day tour includes highlights of Charlottetown, Preserve Co. gardens, Cavendish Beach lookout, Dunes Gallery, Covehead Lighthouse, and Dalvay by the Sea. A highlight is a visit to the famous **Anne of Green Gables cottage**. An authentic lobster lunch is included at Fisherman's Wharf in the tiny fishing village of North Rustico.

Monday, October 28:

Meals: B,L,D

This is a day at sea, cruising the Gulf of St. Lawrence, then we start heading upstream on the mighty **St. Lawrence River**.

Tuesday, October 29:

Meals: B,L,D

The *Riviera* spends the day in **Québec City**, from 8 am to 7 pm. If you book a tour, some highlights are the Legislative Buildings, the St. Louis Gate into this walled city, the Plains of Abraham, quaint narrow cobbled streets, Place Royale, and Montmorency Falls. Overnight, we continue up the St. Lawrence River.

Wednesday, October 30:

Meals: B,D

We arrive in **Montréal** at 8 am, and say goodbye to *Riviera*. Explore this vibrant centre of French Canadian traditions with a locally-guided tour that includes Mount Royal, Ile Ste-Helene, downtown landmarks, the Velodrome, and Olympic Stadium. There is free time in **Old Montréal** and you could visit imposing Notre Dame Basilica. We stay overnight at the Sheraton Centre. Tonight, we enjoy revelry and entertainment during our farewell dinner theatre at **Le Festin du Gouverneur**.

Thursday, October 31:

We fly from Montréal to Victoria, then a transfer is provided to your pickup point.

Cruise & Tour Notes

Please book early: Oceania Cruises has set aside staterooms in Penthouse, Veranda, Outside, and Inside categories for this tour, and they are normally held until four months before sailing (mid-June 2019). However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time when the ship fills. When this has happened before, we had to waitlist disappointed customers, even though we still had seats available on the coaches and planes. Oceania is a very popular cruise line, and it is rare for a ship to sail with empty staterooms, so when this recall occurs, it is unlikely that we can get late bookers confirmed on the ship.

Choose your perk on board: Oceania offers a choice of three perks on *Riviera*. When you reserve for this tour, please select one of the following complimentary offers (must be the same for both in a stateroom):

- 1) Six shore excursions per stateroom (tours of Newport, Halifax and Charlottetown are included)
- 2) Beverage package which includes beer and wine at lunch and dinner.
- 3) US\$600 shipboard credit per stateroom, in addition to US\$200 credit already included.

Shore excursions: It is recommended that you reserve tours in advance at www.oceaniacruises.com to get your first choice. You can also reserve at the desk on board the ship.

Activity Level: Light activity most days including short distances to walk and some stairs during the shore excursions. The *Riviera* uses tenders for shore access in Newport and Bar Harbor. There is more walking in New York, but you may decide to take a taxi. There can be longer walks in the airports; request a cart or wheelchair at airline check-in if this could be an issue for you. The coaches cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director, local guides and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due June 13, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$300 discount on first 12 seats and \$150 on next 6 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 13.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 13, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From May 14 to June 13, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From June 14 to July 13, the cancellation charge is 20% of the tour fare. From July 14 to August 13, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 13, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to foreign currency exchange rates and taxes, and surcharges from the airline, cruise line and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

Airline luggage fee: This fee of \$30 per piece each way is not included as payment must be made at airport check-in.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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e-points: This tour earns 130 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until June 13.

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