

GASPE PENINSULA & NEW BRUNSWICK COAST

Miramichi, Percé Rock, Tadoussac, Saguenay Fjord, Québec City
June 11, 2020 ~ 11 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$4645 double/twin

\$5380 single

\$4465 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$250 discount on first 15 seats; \$125 next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 107 points from this tour.

Redeem **107 points** if you book by **March 10**.

Includes

- Transfers to/from Victoria Airport
- Flight from Victoria to Moncton on Westjet
- Coach transportation for 9 days
- 10 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Local guide for 2 days in New Brunswick
- Hopewell Rocks
- Traditional lobster lunch
- Le Pays de la Sagouine with Kitchen Party
- Olivier Soapery
- La Dune de Bouctouche
- Acadian Museum of Quebec
- Cruise to Percé Rock
- Bonaventure Island Park Pass with bird watching
- La Matre Lighthouse
- Ferry across St. Lawrence River from Matane to Baie-Comeau
- Private charter boat day-long excursion into Saguenay Fjord
- Ferry from Tadoussac to Baie Ste-Catherine
- Canyon Sainte-Anne
- Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
- Montmorency Falls cable car
- Locally-guided tour of Québec City
- Transfer from hotel to Québec City airport
- Flight from Québec City to Victoria on Westjet
- Gratuities for local guides
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels and airline
- **21 meals:** 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 4 dinners

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Lesser Known Sights of the Maritimes & Quebec

Wells Gray Tours has offered tours of the Maritimes since 1978, and our annual tour is always sold out early. Some years, we arrange a tour that focuses on one or two provinces or a region, and this tour is one of those. You will fly into Moncton, New Brunswick, and home from Québec City.

On the drive in between, there are so many highlights and it is certainly a route that is off the beaten path. See the world's largest lobster in Shediac, a 90-ton sculpture. Savour a lobster lunch after learning how to eat one properly. Experience the world's highest tides at Hopewell Rocks. Drive along New Brunswick's Acadian Coast to Miramichi. Enjoy a Kitchen Party at Le Pays de Sagouine. Walk the sand dunes of Bouctouche. Drive the seashore road along the Gaspé Peninsula. Cruise to famous Percé Rock with bird-watching at Bonaventure Island. Ride a ferry 50 km across the St. Lawrence River. Follow in the footsteps of Jacques Cartier who visited Tadoussac in 1535. Stay in the renowned Hotel Tadoussac, built in 1864. Cruise the Saguenay Fjord where cliffs soar 350 metres from the water's edge. Stroll the bridges across the awesome waterfalls of Canyon Sainte-Anne. Soar high above Montmorency Falls by cable car. Experience Canada's early history on the storied streets of Québec City.

Our 2016 Mystery Tour followed most of this route, but we have added the Gaspé Peninsula for 2020. This wonderful seashore drive is highlighted by Percé Rock which has a huge natural bridge near one end. Bonaventure Island, now a national park, has 218 different species of birds recorded as visiting, migrating to, or living on the island. Most common is the northern gannet with about 51,700 pairs nesting.

Come and explore a unique region of eastern Canada.

Itinerary

Thursday, June 11:

Transfers are provided to Victoria airport. We fly on Westjet via Toronto to **Moncton**, New Brunswick, and our coach and driver meet us at the airport. We stay two nights at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Friday, June 12:

Meals: B,L

We explore the Moncton area with the benefit of a local guide. First, we go to **Hopewell Rocks** where the powerful Bay of Fundy tides have eroded towering rocks like flowerpots. The huge tidal range is impressive to witness – today, it will vary from 2 to 12 metres and, at low tide, you can walk on the floor of the ocean. Driving down the picturesque Fundy coast, we stop in the village of Alma for a traditional **lobster lunch** with a lesson on how to eat it efficiently.

Saturday, June 13:

Meals: B,L

Today, we head north along the Acadian Coast of New Brunswick with our local guide who can tell many stories about this area. Our first stop is the **Shediac Lobster**, a 90-ton sculpture. Further north, get ready to celebrate the joie de vivre of **Le Pays de la Sagouine**, a village created from the imagination of Acadian novelist, Antonine Maillet. Over lunch, we experience a kitchen party, French Acadian style, with music, comedy, and dance. Next is **La Dune de Bouctouche** which preserves one of the few remaining great sand dunes of the north-east coast formed in the last ice age. Nearby is Olivier Soapery where we watch a demo in the workshop, discover hygiene in the Soap Museum,

and buy mementoes in the Soap Boutique. We stay overnight in **Miramichi** at the Rodd Hotel overlooking the Miramichi River.

Sunday, June 14:

Meals: B,L,D

We round the Bay of Chaleur at Campbellton, enter Quebec, and begin the scenic drive along the south shore of the **Gaspé Peninsula**. Deservedly named one of the most picturesque drives in North America, this is a rugged landscape of mountains, forests, cliffs, and scattered coastal villages. In Bonaventure, hear the fascinating and compelling story of the Acadians' contribution to Quebec society at the Acadian Museum. The next two nights are in **Percé** at the tip of the Gaspé at Riôtel Percé.

Monday, June 15:

Meals: B,L

The majestic **Percé Rock** is one of the most important natural tourist attractions in Quebec. All who have seen it have been impressed by its size, its colour and its beauty. Board a comfortable boat for a 1¼ hour cruise around the Rock. There is a stop at **Bonaventure Island Park** where you can spend a few hours and return to Percé by boat at your leisure. The island is home to the largest northern gannet colony in North America, as well as many other species of birds such as puffins, cormorants and murrelets. The island also has many interesting and diversified trails alongside cliffs, crevasses, and beaches.

Tuesday, June 16:*Meals: B,L*

Today's drive takes a shortcut across the Gaspé to rejoin the waterfront route along the south shore of the **Gulf of St. Lawrence**. We learn about the pivotal role that lighthouses play during a visit to one of the 14 Gaspé lighthouses at La Matre. We stay overnight at the Riôtel Hotel in **Matane**.

Wednesday, June 17:*Meals: B,L,D*

The St. Lawrence River is 50 km wide at Matane, and we cross by ferry to Baie-Comeau. Then we follow the north shore to **Tadoussac**, located strategically where two mighty rivers meet — the St. Lawrence and the Saguenay. School students learning the early history of Canada know the significance of Tadoussac because Jacques Cartier landed here in 1535 on his second voyage to the New World. Today, it is a busy resort town in summer, with many cafés and shops, and dominated by the renowned **Hotel Tadoussac** with its signature red roof and expansive lawns overlooking the St. Lawrence. We stay two nights here.

Thursday, June 18:*Meals: B,L,D*

Thrill to an all-day cruise up the **Saguenay Fjord**, admiring the sheer cliffs, a 300-metre waterfall, and the striking statue of Notre-Dame-du-Saguenay. Much of the fjord is protected by a national park. Its width ranges from 2 to 4 km, and its deepest water is 270 metres.

Friday, June 19:*Meals: B,L*

After riding the ferry across the Saguenay River from Tadoussac, we journey along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. We admire the waterfalls of **Canyon Sainte-Anne** from a series of lofty bridges, and also stop at the imposing Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. At **Montmorency Falls**, we ride a cablecar to the top of this dramatic 85-metre waterfall. Our last two nights are in Québec City at the Delta Hotel which has a great location near the National Assembly and the walls of Old Québec.

Saturday, June 20:*Meals: B,D*

A morning sightseeing tour of **Québec City** with a local guide takes us past the Legislative Buildings, the St. Louis Gate into this walled city, the Citadelle, and the Plains of Abraham. We take a walk along quaint narrow cobbled streets past the centuries-old buildings of Place Royale. The afternoon is leisure time.

Sunday, June 21:

We fly with Westjet via Toronto and Vancouver, and arrive in Victoria about 3 pm. Transfers are provided to your pickup point.



Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due March 10, 2020. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$250 discount on first 15 seats and \$125 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 10.

Cancellation Policy: Up to February 10, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From February 11 to March 10, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From March 11 to April 10, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From April 11 to May 8, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After May 8, there is no refund.

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.

Home pickups may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

Photo Credit: Wikimedia (Percé Rock)



Activity Level: Moderate activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. There is a flight of stairs at Hopewell Rocks. Other walks are at Le Pays de Sagouine, Bonaventure Island (optional), Canyon Sainte-Anne, and Old Québec City. There can be longer walks in the airports; request a cart or wheelchair at 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 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

E-points: This tour earns 107 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 March 10.

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