



Hopewell Rocks



Percé Rock

GASPE PENINSULA & NEW BRUNSWICK COAST

July 4, 2021 - 11 Days

Miramichi, Percé Rock, Tadoussac, Saguenay Fjord, Québec City

Come and explore a unique region of eastern Canada on a route that is off the beaten path. Savour a lobster lunch. 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 with a cruise to famous Percé Rock and birdwatching at Bonaventure Island. Cruise the Saguenay Fjord where cliffs soar 350 metres from water's edge. Explore historic Québec City with a local guide. This tour flies into Moncton and home from Québec City.

Activity Level: 2



21 Meals Included:

9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 4 dinners

Fares per person:

\$4,680 double/twin; \$5,590 single; \$4,445 triple

Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$250 discount on first 15 seats; \$125 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 107 points on this tour.

Redeem 107 points if you book by March 31, 2021.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Sunday, July 4

We fly on WestJet from Vancouver via Toronto to **Moncton**, New Brunswick, and our coach and driver meet us at the airport. We stay two nights in downtown Moncton.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Hotel

Day 2: Monday, July 5

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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Hotel



Day 3: Tuesday, July 6

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** overlooking the Miramichi River.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Rodd Hotel

Day 4: Wednesday, July 7

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 Peninsula.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Riôtel Hotel Percé

Day 5: Thursday, July 8

The majestic **Percé Rock** is one of the most amazing natural attractions in Quebec. All who see it are impressed by its size, colour and beauty. Board a comfortable boat for a 1¼ hour cruise around the Rock and its towering cliffs, followed by a stop at **Bonaventure Island National Park** where you can spend a few hours and return to Percé by boat at your leisure. The island has 218 different species of birds recorded as visiting, migrating to, or living there. It is home to the largest northern gannet colony in North America (about 51,700 nesting pairs), as well as other birds such as puffins, cormorants and murre. The island also has many interesting and diversified trails along cliffs, crevasses, and beaches.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Riôtel Hotel Percé

Day 6: Friday, July 9

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 in **Matane**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Riôtel Hotel Matane

Day 7: Saturday, July 10

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. Since 1864, the town has been dominated by the renowned **Hotel Tadoussac** with its signature red roof and expansive lawns overlooking the St. Lawrence.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Tadoussac



Day 8: Sunday, July 11

We 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Tadoussac

Day 9: Monday, July 12

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. We ride a cable car to the top of dramatic **Montmorency Falls** which is 85 metres high. 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Delta Hotel



Day 10: Tuesday, July 13

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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Delta Hotel

Day 11: Wednesday, July 14

We fly with WestJet from Québec City via Toronto to Vancouver.

LESSER KNOWN SIGHTS OF THE MARITIMES & QUEBEC

Wells Gray Tours has offered tours of the Maritimes since 1978, and this 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 and stay 2 nights at the renowned Hotel Tadoussac. 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.

Come and explore a unique region of eastern Canada.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Vancouver to Moncton on WestJet
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Airline luggage fee for 1 suitcase per person
- Transfer from Moncton airport to hotel
- 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 with bird watching
- La Matre Lighthouse
- Ferry across St. Lawrence River from Matane to Baie-Comeau
- Day-long boat 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
- WestJet flight from Québec City to Vancouver
- Gratuities for local guides
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **21 meals:** 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 4 dinners

TOUR NOTES



Activity Level 2: 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 in advance or 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due March 31, 2021. 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 31.

Cancellation Policy: Up to March 1, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From March 2 to March 31, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From April 1 to April 30, the cancellation charge is 40% of tour fare. From May 1 to May 31, the cancellation charge is 80% of tour fare. After May 31, 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 are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$40 per person round trip. Please request no later than at final payment.

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Experience 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 31, 2021.

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