



Welcome aboard Collins Tours' annual Tulips, Niagara Falls & Thousand Islands Tour. This premium getaway offers an historical and cultural journey to Quebec and Ontario, featuring Ottawa's 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Tulip Festival, welcoming spring to Canada and commemorating Canada's assistance to the Dutch Royal Family during World War II. This tour features stays at some of the most beautiful cities in Canada including nights in the heart of Quebec and downtown Ottawa. You will also enjoy stays at excellent accommodations in Kingston, ON; Riviere-du-Loup, QC; and Niagara Falls, ON. Below is the itinerary for this premium getaway.

*Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO*

**Day 1: Wednesday, May 8 – Home to Quebec City, QC – Hôtel Palace Royal**

- Board the motorcoach at your scheduled location and departure time. Please ensure that you arrive at least 15-minutes before departure, so you have ample time to get comfortably seated, and luggage stowed.

**Nova Scotia:**

- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – TBA
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – TBA
- **Halifax Airport**, Quality Inn – TBA
- **Truro Heights**, Irving Big Stop – TBA

**New Brunswick:**

- **Aulac**, Irving Big Stop – TBA, 20-minute rest stop
- **Lincoln**, Irving Big Stop –TBA, 1hr lunch stop.
- **Perth-Andover**, Ultramar Exit No. 115, 540 NB-190 Carlingford – TBA

**Prince Edward Island:**

**Charlottetown**, Mall Superstore Entrance – TBA  
**Shuttle to Aulac meet main Coach.**

- Stops for passenger pick up will be brief (10-15 min.) We ask you to remain onboard while new guests join.
- Once all passengers are onboard, we travel north on the Trans-Canada highway to Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec, located on the south shore of the mighty St. Lawrence River.
- We anticipate an early evening arrival at the fabulous **4.5 Star Hôtel Palace Royal**, located in the historical area of Old Quebec City next to the gates on St. Jean Street. Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, distributes your room key, and has your bag delivered to your room (fee covered for 1 bag/person), all part of the signature group tour service you will enjoy throughout this tour. Settle into your home away from home for a two-night stay.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is free for you to enjoy.



**Day 2: Thursday, May 9 – Quebec City (B, Welcome D)**

- This morning, enjoy a hot buffet breakfast (**Included**) before our guided tour.
- This morning join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers as our local guide joins us to show is the interesting and historical sights of Quebec City including the Upper and Lower villages of walled Old Quebec, the Parliament buildings, and Plains of Abraham.

- We will have lunch, 1hr (on own) at a local restaurant to sample some of the fantastic Quebecoise cuisine followed by a stop at the Albert Gilles Copper Boutique and Art Museum for a brief tour and an opportunity to shop the handiworks of these highly- skilled artisans.
- Next, we visit the Basilica at Ste. Anne-du-Beaupre with a guided tour. The Basilica is one of the five national shrines of Canada, always a memorable visit.
- After we return to the city, we have time to freshen up before of first group dinner together.
- Tonight, we travel by motor coach to gather for a 'Welcome Dinner', complete with a glass of wine or beer **(Included)**. Let us raise a glass to the adventure ahead! The remainder of the evening is free for you to enjoy at your leisure.

### Day 3: Friday, May 10 – Quebec City to Delta by Marriott, Ottawa, ON (B)

- After a delicious buffet breakfast, we check out of the hotel. Enjoy the next few hours travelling to the Capital region.
- Today is a driving day and we will make rests stops along the route and a lunch stop to ensure everyone is comfortable until our afternoon arrival in Ottawa.
- As we enter the city we are joined by our local guide providing us information on the Nation's Capital, and the Canadian Tulip Festival with stops at Commissioners Park and other sites in downtown Ottawa.
- We arrive later this afternoon at the beautiful 4-Star **Downtown Delta by Marriott**, perfectly located to explore Tulip Festival activities and all Ottawa has to offer. Your Tour Manager will provide your room key cards and have your one piece of luggage each delivered to your room.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is on your own with many places within walking distance of our hotel.

### Day 4: Saturday, May 11 – Ottawa (B, Group D)

- After another delicious buffet breakfast, then time to board the coach for a visit to the Canadian War Museum **(entrance included)**. During a self-guided tour, ponder some of Canada's most evocative and tragic historical events up-close.
- Enjoy lunch on your own before a leisurely boat ride **(included)** on the Rideau Canal for stunning views of the city!
- We return to our hotel this afternoon. After some time to relax, we will gather for another premium group dinner this evening **(Included)** at a local restaurant near by our hotel.
- After dinner, you are free to enjoy Canada's capital city on your own. Be sure to check out the Tulip Festival schedule for tonight's events (on own).



### Day 5: Sunday, May 12 – Delta by Marriott, Ottawa (B)

- After another delicious buffet breakfast, we will board the coach for a visit to the Canadian Museum of History **(entrance included)**.
- Enjoy the morning exploring and enjoying all the rich history here.
- Lunch will be on own while in the museum at the local cafeteria inside a then time to board the coach for our return to our hotel.
- Enjoy a free afternoon and evening at your leisure your way!

### Day 6: Monday, May 13 – Ottawa to Niagara Falls, ON (B, Group D)

- Start your day with another buffet breakfast before we check out to the hotel.
- We drive further into Ontario today from Ottawa to Niagara Falls with a lunch stop along the way (on own).
- This afternoon, we arrive in Niagara Falls to experience the Hornblower Cruise (optional Price \$35 CAD pp), for an up-close view of the waterfalls before you check in to the **5-Star Marriott Fallsview Hotel** overlooking the, you guessed it, world-famous Niagara Falls! For those who would like to enjoy time on own, there are plenty of things to see and do within walking distance.

- You are front and centre of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, and the adjacent America Falls from the comfort of your hotel room, once again your Tour Manager will provide each of you with your room key card and have your luggage delivered to your room for you. Your rooms for the next 2 nights are Falls Facing Rooms in executive level of hotel! A Collins Tours Exclusive included in your tour cost.
- This evening, meet your tour manager and fellow travellers to enjoy another delicious group dinner **(included)** at the sensational Skylon rotating restaurant with breathtaking views of Niagara Falls.



### Day 7: Tuesday, May 14 – Niagara-on-the-Lake Wine Region (B, L, & Wine Tour with Tasting)

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast in the hotel dining room this morning.
- After breakfast, we take the brief drive north to explore the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake with its historic downtown and boutique shopping. We then welcome our local guide who will provide us insight on this unique area of the Niagara Wine region. **(Included)**
- Lunch is included today before a visit to the famed Jackson Triggs Estate winery where you can enjoy delicious samples of some of the local wine favourites **(Included)**. Learn about the harvesting methods used to create some of our nation's finest wines! Sure to be an amazing experience and day!
- This afternoon we return to our hotel and choose to spend the remainder of the evening your way.
- Dinner is on your own today.

### Day 8: Wednesday, May 15 – Niagara Falls to Marriot Kingston Market Hotel, Kingston, ON (B)

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast in the hotel dining room before meeting your tour manager and fellow passengers and bid farewell to Niagara Falls and enjoy the next few hours travelling to the Thousand Islands region at Kingston, Ontario. Founded in 1673, Kingston is one of Canada's oldest and finest cities and is our nation's first capital city! A stop enroute for lunch (on own) is scheduled.
- Kingston sits at the mouth of the Cataraqui & St. Lawrence Rivers. Its water views and beautiful downtown make for a pleasant arrival into the city.
- Our hotel for the next 2-nights is the fully renovated **4-Star Marriott Kingston Market Hotel** located in the heart of the downtown core. Your tour manager will check you in and have luggage delivered to your rooms.
- This evening, enjoy dinner and your first night in Kingston on own.

### Day 9: Thursday, May 16– Kingston (B, Boat Cruise L)

- After enjoying our buffet breakfast this morning, we welcome our local step-on-guide for our private guided tour of the Kingston area and all that this special city has to offer **(Included)**.
- At the conclusion of our tour, we prepare for what will surely be one of the highlights of our adventure – a cruise through the Thousand Islands with lunch **(included)**.
- After what has been an action-packed day, enjoy some time on your own this evening,
- Dinner is on own.



### Day 10: Friday, May 17– Kingston to Hotel Universel, Riviere-du-Loup, QC (B, Farewell D)

- Rise and shine! Take time to enjoy your complimentary buffet breakfast before we head towards Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec for the final night of our journey. Today, we will travel east along the St. Lawrence River, passing through the city of Montreal. Multiple coffee and restroom stop, and a lunch stop (on own) have been scheduled along the way.

- We arrive at the **4-Star Hotel Universel** in the late afternoon. The tour manager will check the group in/hand out room keys.
- Take some time to relax before our final meal together. Join us in the hotel dining room this evening for our 'Farewell Group Dinner' including a glass of wine or beer **(Included)** as we raise a glass to this thrilling adventure!



## Day 11: Saturday, May 18 - Riviere Du Loup to Home (B)

- Enjoy one last buffet breakfast this morning as we prepare to depart for our home destinations. We have multiple stops scheduled along the way for your comfort and convenience.
- You will be returned to the same location you were picked-up. The following times are approximate.

### **New Brunswick Locations:**

- Perth-Andover, Ultramar – TBA
- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – TBA, 1hr lunch stop
- Aulac, Irving Big Stop: TBA with 30-minute dinner break.

### **Nova Scotia Locations:**

- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – TBA
- Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel – TBA
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – TBA
- Halifax, Sobeyes Lacewood Drive – TBA

### **Prince Edward Island Location:**

- Charlottetown – TBA

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

\*Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by CTC or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, changes to concert or sporting event times, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable, due to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one particular area, or missed events, due to any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above.**

\*Seat rotation policy is in effect for this group motor coach tour. Front seats are not guaranteed, however front rotation of motorcoach can be accommodated with notice from physician.

### **Hotel Contact Information:**

- Hotel Palace Royale, 75 Boulevard Honoré-Mercier, Quebec City, QC, Ph: 418-694-2000
- Delta by Marriott City Center – 101 Lyon St, Ottawa, ON K1R 5T9 Ph: 613-237-3600
- Marriott Fallsview, 6740 Fallsview Blvd, Niagara Falls, ON, Ph: (888) 501-8916
- Kingston Market Square Hotel, 285 King St E, Kingston, ON, Ph: 613-544-4434
- Hotel Universel – 311 Boulevard De L'Hotel-De-Ville, Rivière-du-Loup, QC, Ph: (800) 265-0072

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Tour Manager – between \$7.00 - 9.00 per person per day, bus driver between \$4.00 - \$6.00 per person per day, local step on city guides - minimum \$3.00 per person per day.



**Thank you for traveling with Collins Tours!**  
**We look forward to serving you with your future travel plans**