

# Ottawa & French Canada

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**Dear Texas Ex,**

Please join our Flying Longhorns group to Ottawa & French Canada. Venture off with us on a nine-night exploration of three dynamic Canadian cities that abound with historic treasures, vibrant culture and culinary delights! Broaden your understanding of the region's rich French heritage and the traditions of Canada's Indigenous Peoples during informative tours and lectures.

In Ottawa, excursions to the National Gallery of Canada and the Canadian Museum of History introduce you to Canada's finest artists as well as the diverse cultures that have shaped the nation. While in Montreal, get acquainted with the charming old town and iconic landmarks including St. Joseph's Oratory and Habitat 67. Enjoy an entertaining light show inside the Basilica Notre-Dame and a musical performance at an intimate concert hall. In Québec City, feel the allure of the atmospheric "Old City" founded in 1608, plus step inside its stately cathedral and fortress. Along the way, take in the Traditional Huron Site in Wendake, Montmorency Falls and idyllic Île d'Orléans. You'll also indulge in fresh maple syrup at a traditional sugar shack! A professional Travel Director and first-class hotels are also included, making our Ottawa & French Canada journey an unbeatable travel value.

On this remarkable trip, delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or [travel@texasexes.org](mailto:travel@texasexes.org) with questions or to make a reservation.

Hook 'em,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team  
Margaret, Janice & Catherine

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**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Historic District of Old Québec
2. Rideau Canal

*Locks of Rideau Canal*



*Fortress fortifications, Old Québec*





# Discovery begins here



Embrace the effervescent energy of Ottawa, Montreal and Québec City on this wonderful, nine-night journey! Get an enriching overview of Canada's diverse cultures, multifaceted identity and creative genius in the capital city of Ottawa. Then, soak up the beguiling French flair that radiates within Montreal and Québec City, plus taste fresh maple syrup at a sugar shack, a true Québécois experience. Other standouts include an introduction to the Huron-Wendat Nation and the countryside splendor of Île d'Orléans!

Top: Old Québec | Above: Inuit carving, Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa

Cover: Upper and Lower Towns of Québec City | Mail panel: National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa | Mont Royal, Montreal

## Inspiring Moments



- View the exceptional art collections of Ottawa's **National Gallery of Canada**.
- Appreciate fascinating facets of Canada's history, archaeology and diverse cultures at the **Canadian Museum of History**.
- Get to know **Montreal's beautiful old town** and enjoy a light show inside the exquisite Basilique Notre-Dame.
- Delve into **encharming Old Québec**, the birthplace of French North America and the only fortified city north of Mexico.
- Relish an immersive cultural experience at the **Wendake Huron reserve**.
- Savor fresh maple syrup and dinner at an authentic **sugar shack**.
- Delight in the distinctive charms of the villages of **pastoral Île d'Orléans**.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Rideau Canal,  
Ottawa

### Day 1 | In Transit | Ottawa, Canada

Depart for Ottawa, Canada. ☪ Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 to the Lord Elgin Hotel. Later tonight, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Day 2 | Ottawa

**Enrichment: *History of Canada.***

**Ottawa Walking Tour.** Incorporated as a city in 1855, Ottawa was selected by Queen Victoria to be the capital two years later. Hear about Ottawa's origins and evolution as you see the grand Gothic Revival government buildings on Parliament Hill, the National War Memorial, scenic Major's Hill Park and other highlights.

After the tour, head to the bustling ByWard Market District for lunch with your group.

**National Gallery of Canada.** At the nation's premier art institution, admire fine paintings, sculptures, photographs and decorative objects by Indigenous and Canadian artists as well as European and American art.

**Free Time:** Make your own dinner plans.

### Day 3 | Ottawa

**Canadian Museum of History.** Gain insights about the rich cultures of the many peoples of Canada, including the First Nations, Métis and Inuit, on a guided tour. The museum also boasts a spectacular collection of totem poles. Take a break for lunch at a restaurant.

**Rideau Canal Cruise.** Travel along this historic engineering marvel, a UNESCO World Heritage site, aboard a 100% electric vessel. Completed in 1832, it stretches roughly 126 miles from Ottawa to Kingston and is the best-preserved slackwater canal in North America.

**Free Time:** Your evening is at leisure.

### Day 4 | Ottawa | Montreal

This morning, depart by motor coach for Montreal. Check in to the DoubleTree by Hilton Montreal and enjoy lunch on your own.

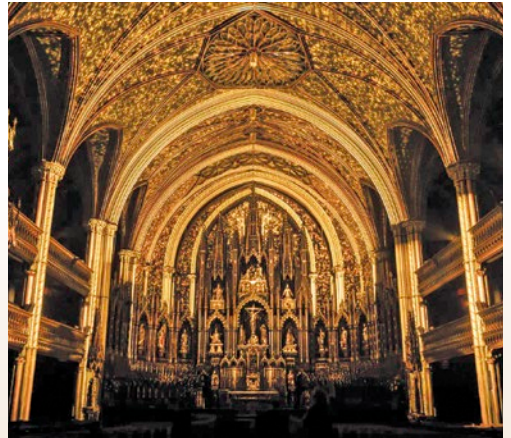
**Old Montreal Walking Tour.** Canada's second-largest city was founded in 1642 by a group of French Catholics on an island where the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers converge. Today, Montreal is one of North America's most cosmopolitan cities, fiercely proud of its French heritage and imbued with a charismatic blend of Old-World ambience and modernity. Stroll to see the Place d'Armes, dominated by the Basilique Notre-Dame de Montreal, and lively Place Jacques-Cartier, the gateway to the Old Port. Walk along buzzing Rue Saint-Paul and check out the ornate Montreal City Hall, the Neoclassical Bonsecours Market and more.

**Free Time:** Pursue your own interests tonight.

### Day 5 | Montreal

**St. Joseph's Oratory.** Take a guided tour of this Roman Catholic basilica, Canada's largest church and a national shrine, in Mont Royal

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Montmorency Falls

Park. Then, visit the colorful Jean-Talon Market with leisure time for lunch and shopping.

**AURA at Basilique Notre-Dame de Montreal.** Take in a marvelous light show that showcases the basilica's breathtaking interior.

Enjoy a post-show dinner at a steakhouse.

### Day 6 | Montreal

**Habitat 67.** This groundbreaking, modular residential complex was designed by architect Moshe Safdie for the 1967 World Exposition. Study the details of this innovative architectural icon up close during a guided visit.

**Bourgie Hall.** Attend a musical performance tonight at this intimate venue, a former church adorned with stunning stained-glass windows, on the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts campus.

### Day 7 | Wendake | Québec City

Check out today and depart for Wendake. Once you arrive, tuck into lunch at a restaurant that specializes in Indigenous cuisine.

**Traditional Huron Site.** Learn about the customs, beliefs and historical struggles of the

Habitat 67,  
Montreal



Huron-Wendat Nation at a recreated Wendat village. Visit the longhouse and smokehouse and delve into sweat lodge purification rituals. Continue to Québec City and check in to the Clarendon Hotel.

**AHI Connects | Erabliere du Lac-Beauport Sugar Shack.** Get a sweet taste of Québécois traditions at this family-owned sugar shack outside of Québec City. Learn about the evolution of maple syrup production, from its discovery by First Nations peoples to modern techniques, at the Maple Museum. Afterward, savor a satisfying dinner featuring folk music and lots of maple syrup!

### Day 8 | Old Québec

**Enrichment: Spotlight on Québec City.**

**Old Québec Walking Tour.** In 1608, French explorer Samuel Champlain founded the first permanent French settlement here on Cape Diamond. Explore Old Québec's Upper and Lower Towns, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at the impressive, 17th-century fortified walls and ramparts; the majestic, turreted





## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Ottawa, Canada, at the first-class Lord Elgin Hotel.
- **3 nights** in Montreal at the first-class DoubleTree by Hilton Montreal.
- **3 nights** in Québec City at the first-class Clarendon Hotel.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Château Frontenac, a railway hotel built in 1892; and other elegant landmarks. Ride by funicular to the Lower Town and revel in the historic character of lovely Place Royale and the picture-perfect, narrow lanes of the Petit Champlain district, where you'll have free time to choose a cozy spot for lunch.

**Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame de Québec & the Citadelle.** Tour Québec City's splendid cathedral-basilica that dates to 1647. Next, enter the imposing Citadelle de Québec, fortified by the British from 1820 to 1831, for a guided tour of this National Historic Site.

**Free Time:** Set your own agenda this evening.

### Day 9 | Montmorency Falls | Île d'Orléans | Québec City

**Montmorency Falls & Île d'Orléans.** Get fantastic views of these cascading waters, almost 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls, from a cable car. Set off later for Île d'Orléans and relish its picturesque rural scenery and laid-back vibe, along with the farm-fresh treats and artisanal goods of the island's six villages. Along your route, sample wines at a winery. Gather for a celebratory Farewell Reception and Dinner at a restaurant in Québec City.

### Day 10 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

### Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

#### Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Traditional Huron Site, Wendake Huron reserve





*St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal*



*Above: Entrance, Citadelle de Québec | Below: Old Montreal and Old Port, Montreal*



# 2027 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** † **June 20-29, 2027**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

**Tour dates\*** **June 20-29, 2027**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

**Full Price** **\$5,945**

**Special Savings** **\$750**

**Special Savings Price\*** **\$5,195**

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$1,000 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,495 (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://texas.ahitravel.com/destinations/2051A?schoolId=167>.

## AHI FlexAir

### *Let us arrange your flights*

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## *AHI Travel Expertise*

**Travel Consultants** guide you through the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



# Accommodations



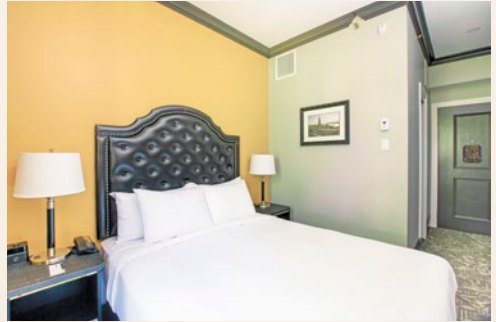
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