

Niagara Falls



# THE GREAT CANADIAN TRAIN RIDE

September 23 - October 4, 2024

Great Train Rides In Canada, Niagara Falls, Montreal, & Manoir Richelieu With RMS Queen Mary 2

Via Rail Canada To Jonquiere







In 2024, we have the perfect Fall holiday featuring great train rides along with scenic attractions like Niagara Falls and Quebec City in one elegant getaway that ends on a perfect and nostalgic note, a mini voyage from Canada to New York City aboard the last great Ocean Liner afloat, Cunard's RMS Queen Mary 2.

We start with a scenic train ride from Albany to Niagara Falls across upstate New York featuring autumn views of the 'Water Level Route' of the former New York Central before two nights in Niagara Falls including the famed boat tour to the Falls and a visit to nearby Niagara on the Lake. Next is travel aboard Via Rail Canada to Montreal, a fast trip in great comfort followed by a two-night stay. With great restaurants, elegant neighborhoods and lovely views from Mount Royal, every moment in Montreal is filled with joie de vivre. Our next train journey is lovely, a day trip on Via Rail Canada from Montreal to Jonquiere in the scenic Saguenay region. This is a train route rarely featured, past the lakes and rivers of rural Quebec. Jonquiere is a charming town with nice museums and an acclaimed winery that we will visit along with our favorite Quebecois restaurant famed for its rotisserie chicken. We then proceed to La Malbaie, Quebec with a visit to the grand Fairmont Manoir Richelieu with lunch before the last unique train in our holiday, the Train de Charlevoix which travels 125km along the St Lawrence River south to Quebec City. This line has not had passenger service for many years so this is a rare opportunity to enjoy this scenic route, traveling along the shoreline through quaint coastal towns. Saving the best for last, we board the RMS Queen Mary 2 in Quebec City for a rare five-night voyage to New York City. Nicely, the ship is in Quebec City for 24 hours so you can explore using the ship as your hotel. Our mini voyage to New York offers a stop in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and time at sea to enjoy the last great Atlantic liner afloat. With beautiful sights, wonderful train rides, fine hotels, sightseeing and nice dining in addition to RMS Queen Mary 2 this is a superb holiday. We invite you to join us.



THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION

## DAILY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 NEW YORK/ALBANY - NIAGARA FALLS

All Aboard! Depart Albany this morning bound for Niagara Falls aboard the Maple Leaf, a pretty ride through upstate New York along the Mohawk River. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure to relax followed by a welcome dinner. D

### DAY 2 NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

This morning offers the famed boat tour to spectacular Niagara Falls. Later, a visit to Niagara on the Lake, a small town of great charm always voted one of the most picturesque small towns in Canada. B

### DAY 3 MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC

Relax on a scenic ride aboard Via Rail Canada to Montréal with a sightseeing tour upon arrival visiting Mount Royal, Westmount and Old Port before arriving at the hotel. B L

### DAY 4 MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC

A free day to enjoy Montréal at your own pace. B

### DAY 5 VIA RAIL CANADA TO JONQUIERE

Today features a scenic ride past the lakes and rivers of rural Quebec to Jonquiere, a relaxing day trip leaving Montreal after breakfast and arriving before dinner. This is a marvelous trip and features scenery and small towns not visible from highways. We enjoy a two-night stay in Jonquiere. B

### Day 6 SAGUENAY

A full day to explore the lovely Saguenay region with visits to the Sir William Price Heritage Centre, the Eglise St. Dominique and a special treat, a visit to Domaine le Cageot for a tour of the vineyard which makes wonderful raspberry and blackberry wines, jams and syrups. We have included a wine and chocolate tasting for you here and later tonight is our dinner with the best rotisserie chicken in Canada at Rotisserie St Hubert. B D

### Day 7 LA MALBAIE, QUEBEC CITY & QUEEN MARY 2

Today is a magnificent day with a short drive to La Malbaie, a

town of great charm overlooking the St Lawrence River and dominated by the Fairmont Manoir Richelieu, one of the great hotels in Canada. We enjoy lunch here before our last and in many ways most interesting train ride, the Train de Charlevoix from La Malbaie to Quebec City traveling along the St Lawrence River. You will want to have your camera handy for this scenic coastal ride through small towns and hamlets. Upon arrival in Quebec City, a short transfer to the ship which serves as our hotel tonight. B L D

### DAY 8 QUEEN MARY 2

All day free to enjoy magical Quebec City with the ancient walled Old Town, a UNESCO world heritage site. This is a fine day for lunch in a typical Quebecois bistro or poutine for those wishing to sample this regional dish. Queen Mary 2 sails this evening for New York City.

### DAY 9 ALL DAY CRUISING THE ST LAWRENCE RIVER

### DAY 10 SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA

Queen Mary 2 visits Sydney on beautiful Cape Breton Island and home to, among other things, the world's biggest fiddle. Cape Breton Island is famed for its friendliness, and we are certain you will soon agree.

### DAY 11 AT SEA

A final day at sea to relax and enjoy Queen Mary 2. A fine day to enjoy that most British of traditions, afternoon tea or perhaps a pint of ale in the Golden Lion Pub. Tonight is our farewell cocktail party and a final chance to take in a show, a live performance or a drink in the bar, our favorite being the Commodore Club, high atop the ship overlooking the bow.

### DAY 12 NEW YORK, NY

We dock in New York and disembark after breakfast. For guests traveling home by train, we provide a complimentary shuttle to Penn Station in midtown Manhattan.

## Features & Special Highlights

**Two-night stay in Niagara Falls, Ontario** with the famous **boat ride to the Falls**, a visit to charming **Niagara on the Lake, welcome dinner** and free time for you to see the Falls at your own pace.

**Fine hotels** throughout, all with **breakfast daily**.

**Two-night at the Omni Mount Royal** (or similar) in Montreal with a sightseeing tour and plenty of free time.

**Three great train rides in Canada** including **Via Rail Canada** to Montreal, *the scenic route from Montreal to Jonquiere also aboard Via Rail Canada*, Quebec and the **Train de Charlevoix** along the St Lawrence River.

**All transfers** throughout from the start of the trip to the end of the tour.

Some truly **fine dining** including as a highlight, **lunch at the Fairmont Manoir Richelieu** in La Malbaie, Quebec and a **special welcome dinner** in Niagara Falls.

**Rare five-night voyage aboard RMS Queen Mary 2 from Quebec City to New York City**, a short but indulgent way to travel aboard the last great Ocean Liner afloat.

**A professional tour manager** to handle all of the details from start to finish.

**Free train travel to the start of the trip from any Northeast point between Washington and Boston.** Low add-on train fares are available from the rest of the country. For those with less time, we offer special low add-on airfares from over 200 US cities and towns. Details upon request.

**PROMPT RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED**

**This program will sell out quickly**

*Hotels included:*

- ◆ *Omni Mount Royal, Montreal (or similar)*
- ◆ *Crowne Plaza, Niagara Falls (or similar)*
- ◆ *Delta Hotel by Marriott, Jonquiere, Quebec (or similar)*

### **Convenient pre-tour option...**

For those guests that would like to arrive in Albany the day before the tour, avoiding concern about delays or late arrivals, we offer a convenient package with transfers from the airport, a deluxe overnight hotel stay with breakfast and transfer to the train station the next day for \$275.pp double occupancy or \$525. single





## FARES & ACCOMMODATIONS



# CUNARD



### QUEENS & PRINCESS GRILL SUITES | 335-513 sq ft

Delight in a prime location on board with ocean views that can be enjoyed from both in and outside your Grill Suite. You'll find thoughtful features and luxurious amenities, all organized by your dedicated steward to ensure you are always attentively looked after.

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
Q5	\$ 7,995 PP	\$12,495
P1	\$ 6,995 PP	\$10,995



### BRITANNIA BALCONY | 228-269 sq ft

Take in sparkling ocean views from your own private, outdoor space in one of our Britannia Balcony staterooms. You'll find thoughtful features and luxurious amenities, all organized by your dedicated steward.

A2	\$ 6,195 PP	\$ 9,995
BC	\$ 5,595 PP	\$ 7,995
BU	\$ 4,995 PP	\$ 6,795
BV	\$ 4,895 PP	\$ 6,595
DC	\$ 4,795 PP	\$ 6,395



### BRITANNIA OCEANVIEW | 197-201 sq ft

Positioned to offer sea views, our oceanview staterooms provide a private enclave from which to watch the world go by. Perfectly framed views are the backdrop to thoughtful features and luxurious amenities.

EF	\$ 4,695 PP	\$ 6,095
IC	\$ 4,595 PP	\$ 5,895



### BRITANNIA INSIDE | 152 sq ft

With a variety of locations to choose from on board, our well-appointed Britannia Standard Inside staterooms are a haven of comfort and style to enjoy during your voyage. You'll find thoughtful features and luxurious amenities, all organized by your dedicated steward.

IE	\$ 4,295 PP	\$ 5,595
IF	\$ 3,995 PP	\$ 5,495

Port tax & Canadian GST fees are \$245 pp.

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