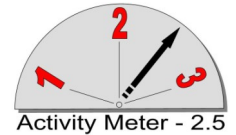




New England & Canada Fall Color Cruise

(aboard Holland America's *ms Veendam*)

10 Days: September 27-October 6, 2012



This travel package planned and escorted by Jane Sorenson.

Once you see the skyline ablaze with vivid orange, golden yellow and fiery red, you, too, will be singing "Oh, Canada!" Maples, aspens, tamaracks and red oaks put on a brilliant show. With mile after mile of ruggedly beautiful coastline and waters whose legendary bounty gave rise to generations of seafarers, this is truly a remarkable part of the world. Come with us as we trace the path of America's independence, dine on Maine lobster at its source and sample the French charms of Montréal and Québec City.



September 27 we pick up through our scheduled departure cities on our way to Des Moines for our overnight stay. Check in with your experienced international & cruise escort and spend the evening meeting your fellow travelers. This is the ideal time to travel: the summer crowds are gone, the weather is gorgeous and the harvest bounty is spectacular.

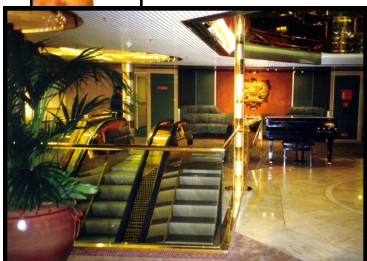


September 28 after **breakfast** we'll transfer to the Des Moines International Airport for our flight to Montréal. Let us worry about navigating the airports. We'll check into our overnight accommodations, then your job is to enjoy! Montréal began in 1642 when missionaries started a small Catholic village which quickly grew into a prosperous fur-trading town with fine homes. In the 1960s the old city district experienced a renaissance, with many remaining 18th-century buildings being transformed into fashionable bistros and boutiques. Feel free to explore but remember - tomorrow our adventure shifts into high gear! (B)

September 29 let's explore the Montréal area during a **guided city tour** before embarking on our cruise. Enjoy your first of many **meals onboard** our luxury ship. (A late lunch will be served after embarkation.) This spacious mid-sized ship features refined ambiance, including artwork and antiques mingling with elegant staterooms and suites. Experience the pleasure of public areas adorned with rich polished woods, fresh flowers and comfortable furnishings, creating an inviting atmosphere where guests can gather. You're treated like an honored friend in a fine private home. Our staterooms feature woven cotton linens, complimentary



DVD library, luxurious bathrobes, fragrant soaps and lotions, flat-panel TV and polished silver ice bucket and serving tray for in-room beverages....breathe in expansive views and enjoy immaculate service: twice-daily housekeeping, turn-down service, even complimentary shoe shining and ice service. You'll revel in "mid-sized" travel – fewer guests means more personal attention.



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What about dining? Two expert servers cater to each table and executive chefs from prestigious culinary societies prepare your every delight. You're invited to feast, dine "as you wish" and enjoy "light bites" throughout the day. What about onboard activities? How about extensive recreation and fitness (personal trainers, yoga, tai chi, pools, cardio training, tennis & more), or enrichment learning (cooking classes, wine tastings, flower arranging, cake decorating, digital workshops, etc.) You may never want to leave the ship!



Today we cruise the St. Lawrence River basking in the scenery around Montréal before departing for Québec City. The St. Lawrence serves as ships' "super highway" to the Great Lakes region. The ship traffic is jaw-dropping, freighters and barges from around the world, transporting a vast array of products, all funneling through the St. Lawrence River channel. (B,L,D)

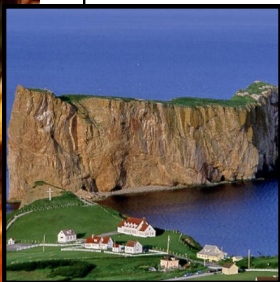
September 30 we'll dock for the day in the province of **Québec** at the capital of **Québec City**. The area honors its past,

lives passionately in the present yet embraces the future. The city is steeped in history and romance – it was founded in 1608 and is North America's only fortified (walled) city north of Mexico – making it a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a treasure trove of 17th- and 18th- century architecture. Venture ashore to explore this art lover's mecca with culinary treats around every corner. Don't forget to work up your appetite. Back onboard, your meal choices abound: imagine a poolside pizzeria, pastries, espresso drinks, fresh garden wraps, grilled paninis, afternoon tea and 24-hour-in-room dining, all included in your cruise fare. (B,L,D)

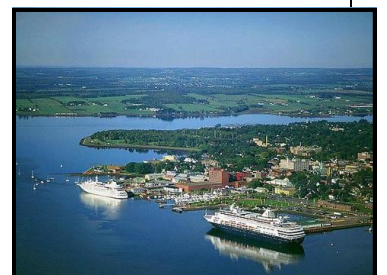


October 1 today our time is devoted to cruising the **gulf of St. Lawrence**. And consider this endorsement: in 2009, *National Geographic* ranked the **Gaspé Peninsula** (where we are cruising)

third on its list of the world's must-see places! We're traveling where whales spawn and mountain peaks offer adventure and serenity. Wildlife viewing opportunities abound. Keep your eyes open for grizzly bears, black bears, wolves, moose, caribou, bison, cougars, mountain goats, and of course whales. Or enjoy the many on-board "adventures" to choose from. Feeling festive tonight? Don't forget the diverse evening entertainment options (ballroom dancing, dazzling musical productions, gaming action, classical strings, open-air movies, sing-along piano bar, nightclub with DJ and even more!) (B,L,D)



October 2 today we're in **Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.)**, with nearly 500 miles of coastline, it's known as Canada's "flavorful playground." French explorer Jacques Cartier discovered the area in 1534. And today, the landscape defines the word bucolic: contented cows graze on rolling emerald pastures, houses are few and far between and pristine white churches with black steeples dot the countryside. It's the birthplace of author Lucy Maud Montgomery, creator of *Anne of Green Gables*, and home to the Culinary Institute of Canada. Fishermen, farmers and artisan food producers play a huge role on the island. Local food is celebrated in countless ways. It's sooooo important that the entire month of September is devoted to an island-wide food festival entitled "Fall Flavours." Traditional Island music, spectacular scenery and great stories abound and provide a treat for the senses. (B,L,D)



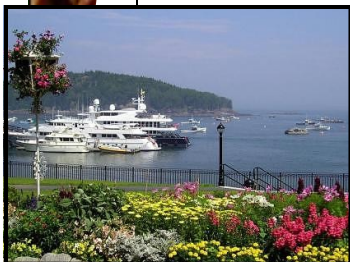
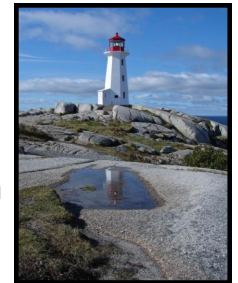
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October 3 **Sydney, Nova Scotia**, is our port of call today. Nova Scotia bears the moniker “Canada’s Ocean Playground” and with 4,600 miles of coastline, you’ll see why. Nature lovers will marvel at the abundance of shore birds – over 400 species. The largest island in Nova Scotia is Cape Breton, and Sydney is the Island’s only city, the third largest town in Nova Scotia. The Island’s been referred to as “one of 50 places of a lifetime,” “number one island in continental North America” and the “most scenic island in the world.” Here, North America’s only living Celtic culture blends with Native American Mi’kmaq influences, Acadian *joie de vivre* and legendary hospitality. Nova Scotia is loaded with gems not found in brochures and the locals are happy to share their secrets. Snoop around; it’s encouraged. (B,L,D)



October 4 **Nova Scotia** continues to intrigue us today as we dock at **Halifax**. For those who fancy city life, Halifax is cosmopolitan, hip and savvy. Everything from lighthouses to lobsters is celebrated. The city is home to the oldest continuously running farmers market in North America. Stroll along the waterfront boardwalk that hugs the harbor for ten blocks. It’s loaded with places to eat and special attractions such as Rum Runners Rum Cake Factory or NovaScotian Crystal – the only crystal maker in Canada.

Halifax is home to Pier 21, Canada’s Immigration Museum and a National Historic Site where interactive exhibits bring the immigration experience to life. Aim your camera at **Peggy’s Cove**, the most photographed fishing village in Canada. On-shore adventures abound as do the ship’s on-board activities – the hardest part? CHOOSING! (B,L,D)

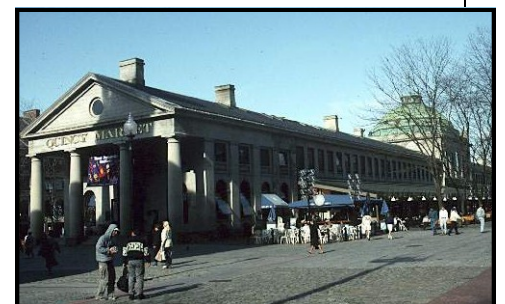


October 5 next up – welcome back to the U.S. as we arrive to spend a full day in port at **Bar Harbor, Maine**. Undeniably charming, Bar Harbor is “quintessential Maine.” Along the waterfront, the finest 19th-century mansions line up to impress, many restored as upscale inns. Several churches also stand among the number of impressive architectural works. Many first-time visitors have been so enthralled with the town, they stop at one of the real estate offices to browse the listings.

Maine’s rich Native-American heritage is the focus of the collections at Abbe Museum. Another major tourist focus is Acadia National Park, one of the most visited National Parks in the country, home to moose, wolves, deer, rugged cliffs and unspoiled coves. (B,L,D)



October 6 we arrive early this morning in **Boston**, where we disembark. During a **guided city tour**, we’ll enjoy the highlights of Boston, cross the Charles River to Cambridge to see Harvard and MIT, then return to Quincy Market in central Boston. Here, you’ll have time to enjoy a meal and browse the many shops and attractions while your luggage is stored securely on the coach. Following your exploration, reboard the coach for the transfer to Logan International Airport for our flight home. Upon arrival in Des Moines, a Hawkeye Stages motorcoach will be waiting to return us to our departure cities. (B)



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This 10-day New England & Canada Fall Color Cruise package includes: Luxury motor-coach transportation between our scheduled departure cities and Des Moines International Airport, round-trip air transportation (based on Des Moines, call for rates from other air departure cities), luggage handling, hotel lodging for 2 nights, airport transfers abroad, city tour in Montreal and Boston, 1 breakfast as well as 7 nights aboard the *ms Veendam* (onboard meals and nightly entertainment).

\$3,347 per person, double occupancy, inside stateroom (Cat K)

\$3,527 per person, double occupancy, oceanview stateroom (Cat E)

\$4,797 per person, double occupancy, verandah suite (Cat B)

Deposit: \$500 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 3 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance Due: June 29

Delayed Reservation Fee: after June 29, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

Peace of Mind Protection: Not available for this travel package, but affordable cancellation protection and **travel insurance** are available. Detailed information will be sent with your confirmation or call for advance information. Without protection, the following penalties will apply, regardless of the reason for cancellation:

Cancellation from receipt of deposit up to June 29, a \$250 per person penalty applies

Cancellation prior to July 10-26, a \$750 per person penalty applies

Cancellation from July 27-Aug 27, a 50% penalty plus air penalties

Cancellation from Aug 28-Sept 10, a 75% penalty plus air penalties

Cancellation after September 11, a 100% penalty applies (non-refundable)



Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo

A valid passport is required for this cruise.

Air/rail/cruise tickets are subject to supplemental price increases which may be imposed after purchase due to additional costs imposed by a supplier or government (such as increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes and/or foreign exchange fluctuations). To offset these fees, you may be charged post-purchase price increases by NorthLand Travel.

When circumstances arise beyond our control, NorthLand Travel reserves the right to make itinerary changes.



Moderate+ itinerary - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking plus options for additional activity/walking



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