

## Travel on to Ottawa - Canada's Capital

3 Days for \$799 per person, double occupancy

### • Day 1 - Wed, Sep 4: Disembark in Montreal + Travel to Ottawa

We'll disembark after breakfast and return to the Notre Dame Basilica in the heart of Old Montreal. Having toured this 19<sup>th</sup>-century landmark the day before, we're back this morning to hear the great Casavant Frères organ, a special music demonstration arranged exclusively for our group. Then we'll travel overland to historic Hull on the banks of the Ottawa River to visit the [Canadian Museum of History](#). Tracing 20,000 years of human achievement and Canadian history, this is the nation's most-visited museum. Among its extensive collection of priceless artifacts, the majestic Grand Hall displays the world's largest indoor exhibit of totem poles.

From the museum, we'll continue to the *Lord Elgin Hotel*. Our historic landmark hotel is in the heart of the capital – close to Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal and Confederation Park. The evening is free to dine where you wish. Right here at the hotel, *Grill 41* offers classic Continental cuisine in a warm and contemporary setting. There are also many wonderful restaurants nearby, and our in-the-know guide will be happy to offer personal recommendations. Meals B

### • Day 2 - Thu, Sep 5: We Explore Canada's Capital

From its early days as a boisterous town built with rail and lumber money, Ottawa has emerged as a vibrant and cosmopolitan capital – regarded by many as the most British city in North America. Setting out with our expert guide, our morning sightseeing will show us the city's most important landmarks, including the residence of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the home of the Governor General – the Queen's representative in Canada. On Parliament Hill, overlooking the river and downtown, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the Parliament Buildings of Canada (subject to government approval without notice due to parliamentary activity) with their impressive Neo-Gothic façade and towers.

Our sightseeing ends at the [National Gallery of Canada](#). Originally founded in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Canada's premier art gallery is now housed in a striking contemporary structure of glass and granite. The Gallery houses the country's finest assemblage of European masterpieces and the world's most complete collection of Canadian art, including works by "[The Group of Seven](#)" and of Canada's most iconic female artist and writer, [Emily Carr](#). In addition, our visit coincides with the first-ever exhibition devoted to Paul Gauguin's portraiture. Indeed, the National Gallery will be the only North American venue to welcome this dazzling, landmark exhibit. With pre-paid admission included, the time here will be yours to enjoy a self-paced audio tour including the special Gauguin exhibit. We'll also have \$10CAD towards lunch in the café, so you can take a break to eat whenever you wish. Our

hotel is just a 15 minute stroll away from the National Gallery, so feel free to linger and peruse the many exhibits at your own pace.

Just be ready this evening for our 7:00pm reservations at *The Fish Market Restaurant*. Located in the lively and historic [ByWard Market District](#), this inviting eatery offers an internationally-inspired menu featuring the freshest seafood and a steak option. Meals B, L, D

• **Day 3 - Fri, Sep 6:** Depart Ottawa

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and relaxing morning. You can even step out to shop a bit and explore at your own pace. At midday, we'll be escorted to the airport or rail station for our homeward journey. Meals B