

Tom's Christian Tours

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Nova Scotia in Autumn

September 20-October 7, 2021

Price: \$3650 per person double

DAY 1 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (D) Our travels today will carry us through Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. A lunch stop will be made along the way. We will enjoy an **included dinner** when we reach Elyria. Night in Elyria, OH.

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (B,L) Today we will head to Niagara Falls. We will stay on the American side and spend time on Goat Island, which is nestled between the American and Canadian Falls. We will enjoy an **included lunch** at Niagara Falls. The rest of the afternoon will be spent traveling across upstate New York. Dinner will be on your own as we reach Syracuse. Night in Syracuse, NY.

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (B,L) A short drive will take us to Alexandria Bay, New York. We will board a passenger boat for a two hour cruise on the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Island region. After an **included lunch** in Alexandria Bay, we will head over the bridge into Canada. **HAVE THOSE PASSPORTS READY.** Later, in Ottawa, we'll check into our hotel with a possible option of visiting Parliament Hill during its evening illumination. Dinner will be on your own. Night in downtown Ottawa, Ontario.

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (B,D) Our sightseeing of **Ottawa, Canada's capital**, will continue today with a city guide showing us such sites as Parliament Hill, Rideau Canal and Falls, Central Experimental Farm, and Garden of the Provinces. Mid afternoon we'll drive to **Montreal** to experience the magnificent **St. Joseph Basilica** and visit a beautiful overlook of the entire city. Our day will conclude with an **included dinner**. Night in Longueuil, (Montreal) Quebec.

DAY 5 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (B,L) Today we will head to one of Canada's loveliest cities: **Quebec City**. First stop is **Montmorency Falls**, which is higher than Niagara Falls. You may ride the gondola, stay on the coach, or hike to the top of the falls. An **included lunch** will be another highlight at the top of the falls. This afternoon, a step-on guide will share the French provincial elegance of the city. We'll view the St. Lawrence River and Old Lower Town from Dufferin Terrace. Late afternoon and evening is at leisure for you to stroll through the **Old Town** and find a unique dinner. Night in Quebec City, Quebec.

DAY 6 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (B,L) Our journey parallels the St. Lawrence Seaway. At Riviere-du-Loup we'll swing southeast, through the provincial cities of **Edmundston (included lunch)** and **Fredericton** and then on to **Moncton**. Night in Moncton, New Brunswick.

DAY 7 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (B,D) A couple-hour drive will bring us to the eight-mile Confederation Bridge to **Prince Edward Island** where we'll spend the day enjoying its gently rolling landscape, sandy beaches, and rustic villages. A local guide will share the history of the island with us. One highlight will be visiting the **home of Anne of Green Gables**. After an **included dinner**, we will enjoy a show at the Confederation Theater. Night in Charlottetown, PEI.

DAY 8 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (B,D) This morning we'll take the ferry to the mainland of Nova Scotia. A few hours' drive will bring us to Baddeck where we'll tour the **Alexander Graham Bell Museum** and settle into our Baddeck, Nova Scotia hotel for two nights. **Dinner is included** at the hotel restaurant. Night in Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

DAY 9 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 (B,D) Today a step-on guide will share interesting stories of life in Cape Breton, as we follow the famous **Cabot Trail**, making stops to view the spectacular scenery and breathe the fresh ocean air. Our leisurely day of

travel will include **Cape Breton's National Park** which is home to one-third of the famous Cabot Trail. We'll stop along the way to pick up supplies for a picnic lunch. Tonight we'll share memories of the day as we enjoy an **included dinner** in a nearby restaurant. Night in Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

DAY 10 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (B,L) Our exploration this morning and early afternoon will take us to the massive fortifications of **Fortress Louisbourg**, a citadel that was built to save New France from the British. One quarter of the colony has been restored to its 1744 appearance. **An included lunch** will be served in the 1740s Hotel de la Marine or Grandchamps Inn. Next we'll be on our way to Dartmouth (Halifax) for a two night stay. Night in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

DAY 11 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (B,D) This morning a guide will show us the sights of **Halifax**, the capital of Nova Scotia. We'll have free time following our tour so that we can explore the fort, visit the maritime museum, find lunch, and shop. Later afternoon we'll visit picturesque **Peggy's Cove**. Peggy's Point Lighthouse is one of Canada's most photographed lighthouses. **There we will enjoy an included dinner**. Night in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

DAY 12 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 (B,L) Today we'll view more beautiful scenery as we travel to Digby along the northern route, Hwy. 101. En route we'll make a stop at **Grand-Pre National Historic Site**, which commemorates the deportation of Acadian settlers, made famous by Longfellow's poem, *Evangeline*. In Digby, we'll enjoy an **included lunch**. Then we are off to the ferry terminal where we'll board (bus and all) a luxurious catamaran ferry. Our cruise will take us across the **Bay of Fundy to St. John, New Brunswick**. Night in St. John, New Brunswick

DAY 13 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 (B,D) First, a guide will show us historic **St. John**, including the famous **reversing falls** caused by the tidal bore. A few hours' drive south will bring us to the USA border (HAVE YOUR PASSPORTS HANDY TODAY). Soon we'll arrive in **Bar Harbor, Maine**. This evening we'll be shuttled to a local restaurant for an **included dinner of Maine lobster**, known as the sweetest, most flavorful lobster on earth (other entrees are available). Night in Bar Harbor, Maine.

DAY 14 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 (B,D) This morning we'll visit Bar Harbor's **Acadia National Park**, including the coastal area and Cadillac Mountain. After free time downtown, we'll travel across Maine to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. An **included dinner** awaits in North Conway. Night in North Conway, NH.

DAY 15 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 (B,L,D) Today we'll travel through the **White Mountains** of New Hampshire to the highest mountain in the range, **Mt. Washington**. Weather permitting, we will ride a cog train to the top for a spectacular view of the surrounding states. **Lunch is included** at the base station. Before leaving the White Mountains, we'll view the former site of the **Profile**, also known as Great Stone Face or Old Man of the Mountain. We will take time to stroll through **The Basin** walkway which follows a tumbling brook and the glacial potholes. A couple hours of travel will bring us to West Lebanon, NH for the night. **Dinner is included** at the hotel. Night in North Conway, NH.

DAY 16 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 (B,D) Today's sights will take us into the Green Mountains. One stop will be the famous **Vermont Country Store**. You may shop till you drop or get your fill on samples! We'll also stop in Bennington, Vermont, to view the historic **Bennington Battle Monument**. You may wish to ride to the top of this 306 foot stone obelisk to see the views from above. We will close our day with an **included pizza party** at our hotel. Night in Owego, New York.

DAY 17 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 (B,D) We have many miles between us and home. Today we'll reduce that number. Only one stop is planned which will be at the **Corning Glass Center** in Corning, NY. An **included dinner** will end our day. Night in Elyria, OH.

DAY 18 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 (B,L) One more day on the bus and we're "gonna be home tonight" --with dirty laundry, bags of souvenirs, and lots of amazing memories. **Lunch is included** today. Night at home.