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CANADIAN CAPITALS

WITH NIAGARA FALLS

July 7-18, 2019

12 days for \$4,492 total price from Washington, DC
(\$4,395 air & land inclusive plus \$97 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**



Dear VMFA Members,

Join VMFA on an exclusive 12-day journey to discover four Canadian capitals: cosmopolitan Toronto, riverside Ottawa, French-tinged Montreal, and historic Quebec City.

We begin our Canadian adventure with a panoramic tour of Toronto, experiencing its international charm in Chinatown and enjoying breathtaking views from the CN Tower's observation deck. A Hornblower cruise and the popular Skylon Tower offer us remarkable perspectives of iconic Niagara Falls. Then we see tranquil Niagara-on-the-Lake, hailed as the "Loveliest Town in Canada." En route to Ottawa, we take a boat cruise amid the St. Lawrence River's "Thousand Islands." We'll get acquainted with Ottawa, visiting Parliament Hill, with its ornate Gothic Revival architecture; lovely Rideau Canal; and ever-popular Byward Market. Stopping at a "sugar shack," we watch traditional maple syrup production, then continue northeast for a three-night stay in the Francophone metropolis of Montreal. Highlights here include historic Old Montreal and the atmospheric Quartier Latin; along with visits to the prominent Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the extensive Montreal Botanical Garden. Finally, we travel to Quebec City – one of North America's oldest cities – where our exploration includes discovery of Old Quebec, a UNESCO site; and a cable car ride over Montmorency Falls.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM: CANADIAN CAPITALS

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s) on **Canadian Capitals** departing **July 7, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Canadian Capitals, July 7-18, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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With Niagara Falls

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Four jewels in Canada's crown – cosmopolitan Toronto, riverside Ottawa, French-tinged Montreal, and historic Quebec City – anchor this comprehensive small group tour. As we explore fascinating cities and cruise to thundering Niagara Falls, we experience the region's cultural diversity, revel in its natural splendor, and meet its hospitable citizens.



Avg. High (°F)	Jul	Aug
Toronto	80	78
Quebec City	77	75

Small Group Tour Highlights

Toronto sightseeing, including observation deck of the CN Tower • Hornblower cruise to Niagara Falls and lunch at famed Skylon Tower • “Thousand Islands” of the St. Lawrence River • Ottawa touring and free time • “Sugar shack” visit and tasting • Three-night Montreal stay • Montreal’s renowned Museum of Fine Arts • Quebec City, one of North America’s oldest settlements • Cable car ride over Montmorency Falls

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Toronto	Westin Harbour Castle	Sup. First Class
2-3	Toronto	Westin Harbour Castle	Sup. First Class
4-5	Ottawa	The Westin Ottawa	Sup. First Class
6-8	Montreal	Le Centre Sheraton Montreal	Sup. First Class
9-11	Quebec City	Hotel Chateau Laurier Quebec	Sup. First Class
12	Depart Quebec City for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the *Hotel & Travel Index*, the travel industry standard reference.

Day 1: Depart for Toronto, Ontario We depart today for Toronto, Ontario, Canada. After checking in at our centrally located hotel, we meet our Odseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner together. *D*

Day 2: Toronto Our Canadian adventure begins with a tour of cosmopolitan Toronto. Long a haven for waves of immigrants, Toronto today counts residents from more than 200 ethnic backgrounds among its population. We experience this international charm for ourselves in Chinatown, a center-city enclave dating to the 1890s, featuring shops and restaurants from all Asian cultures. We also see Toronto’s famed Casa Loma, the 98-room Gothic Revival castle (c. 1914); and explore the popular Harbourfront cultural center. After this street-level introduction, we get an entirely different perspective from the top of the CN Tower. The tallest structure in the Western Hemisphere at 1,815 feet, the tower affords breathtaking views of the city, its islands, and azure Lake Ontario. This afternoon is free to explore on our own before tonight’s dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 3: Toronto/Niagara Falls Today brings a travel highlight as we come face to face with imposing Niagara Falls. On the renowned Hornblower cruise, we pass the smaller American and Bridal Veil falls as well as iconic Horseshoe Falls. Surrounded by the ring of thundering water and billowing spray, we gain a firsthand appreciation for 167-foot-high Niagara, North America’s most powerful waterfall. Next: a bird’s-eye view of the falls during lunch at the popular Skylon Tower, the 520-foot-tall observation spire with a revolving restaurant. Then we depart for tranquil Niagara-on-the-Lake, the “Loveliest Town in Canada,” with time to explore this historic settlement before we return to Toronto late afternoon. *B,L*

Day 4: Toronto/Ottawa We’re on the road this morning bound for Ottawa. Along the way, we stop in the tiny town of Gananoque, gateway to the famed “Thousand Islands” of the St. Lawrence River. Here we enjoy an hour-long boat cruise amid these wooded isles, which range from 40 square miles to just a few

Cover Photo: On Days 10 and 11, we tour Quebec City, which boasts a prime location on the Saint Lawrence River.



We enjoy a Niagara Falls cruise on Day 3.

square feet; even some of the smallest outcroppings support private homes that seem to float on the river's surface. We pass by Heart Island, site of the elaborate, multi-structure Boldt Castle, a private mansion built in the early 1900s. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue on to the Canadian capital of Ottawa. We dine tonight at our hotel just steps from the nation's governmental seat at Parliament Hill. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Ottawa We spend the morning getting acquainted with Ottawa, a riverside city with a high standard of living and a host of museums, performing arts centers, and universities. Our panoramic city tour takes us first to Parliament Hill, or simply "The Hill." The ornate buildings here house Canada's federal legislature and stand as some of the world's foremost examples of Gothic Revival architecture; the Parliament building itself sits proudly above the Ottawa River as a National Historic Landmark. We also see lovely Rideau Canal, home to boaters in the summer and ice-skaters in winter; ever-popular Byward Market; and the historic Rockcliffe Park neighborhood. We then have the afternoon and evening free for lunch, dinner, and more exploration on our own. *B*

Day 6: Ottawa/Montreal Continuing our journey northeast today, we set off for the French-infused city of Montreal. En route we stop at a traditional "sugar shack," where we learn about the process of turning sugar maple sap into syrup, and sample some of the homemade maple concoctions. Then we travel on to Montreal, at the confluence of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers. This afternoon we take a wide-ranging tour of this Francophone metropolis, the world's second-largest French-speaking city after Paris. We visit Old Montreal, the city's historic ward

with ties to colonial New France, where we see the redeveloped Old Port and the brightly colored interior of the Notre-Dame Basilica. Other highlights include Olympic Park, host of the 1976 Summer Olympics; and the atmospheric *Quartier Latin* with its theaters, cafés, and boutiques. *B,D*

Day 7: Montreal This morning we tour the prominent Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, where our guide illuminates the highlights of the 40,000-piece collection. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the extensive Montreal Botanical Garden. A National Historic Site, the garden boasts 190 acres of flowers, trees, and walking paths, and offers a tranquil retreat from the surrounding city. We explore the Chinese and Japanese gardens here, taking time to wander the footpaths and admire the artfully shaped bonsai trees, peaceful koi ponds, and profusion of Asian blooms. This evening we are at leisure to sample some of Montreal's fine cuisine on our own. *B,L*

Day 8: Montreal Our final day in Montreal is free for exploration (or relaxation) as we see fit. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 9: Montreal/Quebec City We make the final leg of our four-city sojourn today as we travel to Quebec City. After stopping along the way for lunch on our own, we reach *La Vieille Capitale* this afternoon and check in at our centrally located hotel. Then we attend a lecture focusing on the rich history of this city, one of North America's oldest: Samuel de Champlain founded a permanent settlement on this diamond-shaped promontory in the St. Lawrence River in 1608. Following this informative talk, we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. *B,D*

“SO MUCH BETTER
TO TRAVEL THAN TO ARRIVE.”

– MARGARET ATWOOD

Day 10: Quebec City We set out this morning to discover Quebec City, where contemporary life plays out against the backdrop of centuries-old landmarks. On our morning tour, we visit Old Quebec, a UNESCO site that features North America’s only fortified city walls outside Mexico. We also visit noble Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame de Quebec and *La Citadelle*, the 17th-century star-shaped fortification. Our final historical discovery: adjacent Battlefields Park, where the British defeated the French in a pivotal 1759 battle that led to Britain taking control of Canada. After getting a taste of Quebec’s capital, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. *B*

Day 11: Quebec City A full day of exploration awaits, first at nearby Montmorency Falls, where we ride a cable car from the banks of the St. Lawrence River to the top of the falls, savoring splendid views. At the top, we traverse the bridge suspended above the falls’ crest, giving us unmatched views. We continue on to the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, a Roman Catholic church that is said to have restorative powers for the sick and disabled. Next: we visit a local apple orchard, where we sample the fresh-pressed juice, followed by lunch at a restaurant inside a historic mill dating to French colonial times. Tonight, we gather to toast our Canadian adventure at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Day 12: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the Quebec City airport for our flights home. *B*



Ottawa’s Parliament Hill

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 11 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Two Toronto landmarks: the CN Tower and Lake Ontario

Tour Departs: July 7, 2019

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$4,292
Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Washington, DC	\$4,492
Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Tampa	\$4,592
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle	\$4,692
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$97, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,295. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at

804-340-1519



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airlines(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility

The liability of VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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