

# St. Lawrence Seaway Cruise

July 10 - 19

9 nights 10 days  
22 meals



## Highlights:

Toronto • Kingston • Canadian Empress • 1000 Islands • Gananoque • Wanderer's Channel • Admiralty Islands • Millionaires' Row • Ivy Lea • 1000 Islands Bridge & Tower • Brockville • Fulford Mansion • Prescott • Fort Wellington National Historic Site • Iroquois Lock • Upper Canada Village • Coteau Landing, Quebec • Wiley-Dondero Canal • Eisenhower & Snell Locks • Port of Montreal • Beauharnois Locks • Lake St. Louis • Cote Ste. Catherine & St. Lambert Locks • Ile Sainte-Helene • Mount Royal • Notre Dame Basilica • Trois Rivieres • Shrine at Cap de la Madeleine • Quebec City • Montmorency Falls • Hotel Chateau Laurier • Place D'Armes • Place Royale • Cape Diamond • Joan of Arc Garden • Grand-Allee • Parliament • Plains of Abraham

## Price Per Person:

St. Lawrence Room Double: **\$7,436.00**

Ottawa Room Double: **\$7,977.00**

St. Lawrence Room Single: **\$10,009.00**

Prices include all taxes

Join Ageless Adventures as we explore the St. Lawrence Seaway aboard the Canadian Empress which was launched in 1981. The year 1908 was chosen as a design and decor theme as it integrated well with the history of the St. Lawrence River. The ship is not a replica of any specific vessel but is a composite of many in the St. Lawrence region during the last century. She carries only 66 passengers in 32 cabins.

There are three decks on the ship. St. Lawrence Deck is the lowest and has most of the cabins and a gift shop. The Ottawa Deck has eight cabins, the Grand Saloon and Dining Room, and forward and aft outdoor sitting areas. The Sun Deck has lots of outdoor seating. Cabins have windows, two single beds, and a bathroom with a shower. Cabins are very compact compared to an ocean cruise ship. There is daily maid service. Nightly entertainment is included. The ship docks most nights in a community along the St. Lawrence River so you can go ashore at your leisure and explore the area.

Three meals a day plus afternoon tea and in-between treats are served in the Grand Saloon. There are usually two entrees offered with dinner. The menus utilize fresh, in-season, locally-produced fruits and vegetables, and bread may come from the pioneer ovens at Upper Canada Village. Wine is included with lunch and dinner. Coffee and tea are available 24 hours a day.

### Day One:

Vancouver – Toronto

Travel from Vancouver to **Toronto**. Overnight at the **Sheraton Gateway Hotel** located near the airport.

### Day Two:

Toronto – Kingston – 1000 Islands

Meals: B, D

Travel by coach to **Kingston**. Explore Kingston with the help of a local guide. At 5:30 pm, the **Canadian Empress** is ready for boarding in downtown Kingston. The Captain's welcome reception is followed by dinner. We cruise out of Kingston's harbour at 7:00 pm and anchor for the night amid the **1000 Islands**.

### Day Three:

1000 Islands – Brockville

Meals: B, L, D

The ship weaves among the 1000 Islands and docks at **Gananoque** to visit the **Heritage Museum**. We continue via **Wanderer's Channel**, the **Admiralty Islands**, and **Millionaires' Row** where palatial mansions overlook the river. Sail past and learn about **Boldt Castle** and the **St. Lawrence Statue** en route to **Ivy Lea**. Disembark at Ivy Lea where we drive across half of the **1000 Islands Bridge** to the 40-storey **1000 Islands Tower** and enjoy a panoramic view. We continue down the river and dock at **Brockville** for the night. Upon arrival relax or stroll along the park walkways. Tonight enjoy some fun-loving entertainment.

### Day Four:

Brockville – Prescott

Meals: B, L, D

Travel by bus for a tour of **Fulford Mansion**, once owned by Senator George Taylor Fulford who made millions of dollars around the world from "Pink Pills for Pale People" - a patent medicine he manufactured in Brockville and sold around the world. Once back onboard travel to **Prescott**. Visit **Fort Wellington National Historic Site** which defended the St. Lawrence during the war of 1812 and the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837. In the late afternoon, the Canadian Empress passes through the **Iroquois Lock**, the first of seven on this voyage.

### Day Five:

Prescott – Coteau Landing

Meals: B, L, D

A miniature train takes the group to **Upper Canada Village** to meet horse-drawn wagon rides for the tour of the site. Founded in 1961, Upper Canada Village is one of the largest living-history sites in Canada. It depicts life in a rural English Canadian setting during the year 1866. Back onboard we cast off





### Tour includes:

- Round trip flight with Air Canada
- Seven days cruise on the St. Lawrence Seaway
- Nine nights accommodation
- Nine breakfasts
- Five lunches
- Eight dinners
- Meal gratuities
- All side tours and entrance fees
- Ship board gratuities
- Port charges
- Services of a step-on guide

### Accommodation:

- Toronto Sheraton Gateway Hotel
- Seven Day Cruise Canadian Empress
- Quebec City Hotel Chateau Laurier

Out of Province Medical & Cancellation Insurance is Recommended

\$200 Nonrefundable Deposit Required Upon Booking

bound for **Coteau Landing, Quebec**. Near Cornwall, we enter the **Wiley-Dondero Canal** for 15 kilometres and the ship is lowered through the **Eisenhower** and **Snell Locks**.

**Day Six:** *Coteau Landing – Montreal* **Meals: B, L, D**  
 Depart Coteau Landing bound for the **Port of Montreal**. Pass through **Beauharnois Locks** into **Lake St. Louis**. Pass through **Cote Ste. Catherine** and **St. Lambert Locks**. Arrive in **Montreal** and enjoy a guided tour exploring this vibrant city with its French Canadian traditions including **Ile Sainte-Helene**, **Mount Royal**, and the imposing **Notre Dame Basilica**.

**Day Seven:** *Montreal – Trois Rivières* **Meals: B, L, D**  
 Leave Montreal behind as we continue down the ever widening St. Lawrence River. Arrive in **Trois Rivières** and take a tour of the **Shrine at Cap de la Madeleine**. There is time to explore this quaint village on your own. Tonight is the ship's farewell dinner followed by Big Band music and dancing.

**Day Eight:** *Trois Rivières – Quebec City* **Meals: B, D**  
 Travel along the St. Lawrence River to **Quebec City**. Witness the scenic approach to romantic Quebec City with the landmark **Chateau Frontenac**. View the majestic **Montmorency Falls**. We arrive at 2:00 pm and say goodbye to the Canadian Empress. Travel by coach to the **Hotel Chateau Laurier** for a two night stay.

**Day Nine:** *Quebec City* **Meals: B, D**  
 Tour Canada's only walled city, crowned by the great turrets of the Chateau Frontenac. **Old Quebec** is one of the best preserved cities in North America. Highlights include the **Place d'Armes**, ancient **Place Royale**, **Cape Diamond**, the **Joan of Arc Garden**, **Parliament**, the **Plains of Abraham**, and much more. The afternoon is yours to enjoy. Join the group for a farewell dinner at **Restaurant Louis-Hebert**.

**Day Ten:** *Quebec City – Vancouver* **Meals: B**  
 After breakfast and with time to relax we depart for a mid day flight to Vancouver. Reflect on your memories of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

*The St. Lawrence Seaway is one of the most ambitious engineering feats of the last century. The objectives: increase the size of the St. Lawrence River shipping channel and generate hydro-electric power for Ontario, Quebec, and New York State. Entire villages were relocated to higher ground, utilizing the largest moving and construction equipment in the world. As the temporary "coffer dams" were blown on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1958, people watched with mixed emotions. Slowly rising water covered familiar land forever. It was sad for some to know they could never go home again. Others were excited to think of the new conveniences and services, modern schools, and new friends. A major highlight is the opportunity to pass through the locks between Kingston and Montreal, experiencing an overall change in water level of 246 feet.*



### AGELESS PEACE OF MIND:

Not available for this tour

Deadline to register is April 10, 2024



Should be physically active, able to walk up stairs, there are no elevators on the ship. This tour is not suitable for those who rely on a walker.