

St. Lawrence Seaway Cruise

June 10 - 19

9 nights | 10 days | 22 meals

Highlights:

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

Tour includes:

Round trip airfare with Air Canada
Seven day cruise on the St. Lawrence Seaway
Nine nights accommodation
Nine breakfasts
Six lunches
Seven dinners
Meal gratuities
All side tours and entrance fees
Ship board gratuities
Port charges
Services of a step-on guide in each city
Step-on guide gratuities

Accommodation:

Toronto	Sheraton Gateway Hotel
Seven Day Cruise	Canadian Empress
Québec City	Le Germain Hotel Québec

AGELESS PEACE OF MIND NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS TOUR

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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.



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 by air from Vancouver to Toronto. Overnight at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel located near the airport.

DAY TWO: TORONTO – KINGSTON – THOUSAND 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 Thousand Islands.

DAY THREE: THOUSAND ISLANDS – BROCKVILLE

Meals: B, L, D

The ship weaves among the Thousand 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 Thousand Islands Bridge to the 40-storey Thousand 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.



PRICE PER PERSON including all taxes

St. Lawrence Room Double: **\$7,996**

Ottawa Room Double: **\$8,559**

St. Lawrence Room Single: **\$11,287**

*Out of Province Medical &
Cancellation Insurance Recommended*

*\$200 Nonrefundable Deposit Required
Upon Booking*

Deadline to Register is March 11, 2025

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 bound for Coteau Landing, Québec. 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 – MONTRÉAL

Meals: B, L, D

Depart Coteau Landing bound for the Port of Montréal. Pass through Beauharnois Locks into Lake St. Louis. Pass through Cote Ste. Catherine and St. Lambert Locks. Arrive in Montréal 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: MONTRÉAL – TROIS RIVIÈRES

Meals: B, L, D

Leave Montréal 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 – QUÉBEC CITY

Meals: B, L

Travel along the St. Lawrence River to Québec City. Witness the scenic approach to romantic Québec City with the landmark Château Frontenac. View the majestic Montmorency Falls. We arrive at 2:00 pm and say goodbye to the Canadian Empress. Travel by coach to the Le Germain Hotel Québec for a two night stay.

DAY NINE: QUÉBEC CITY

Meals: B, D

Tour Canada's only walled city, crowned by the great turrets of the Château Frontenac. Old Québec 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: QUÉBEC 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, Québec, 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 1st, 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.