



Welcome aboard Collins Tours' annual Tulips, Niagara Falls & Thousand Islands Tour. This premium getaway offers a historical and cultural journey to Quebec and Ontario, featuring the Canada Tulip Festival in Ottawa, welcoming spring to Canada and commemorating Canada's assistance to the Dutch Royal Family during World War II. This year the festival is marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Holland. This tour features stays at some of the most beautiful cities in Canada including stays in the heart of Quebec City and downtown Ottawa. You will also enjoy stays at excellent accommodations in Kingston, ON; Riviere-du-Loup, QC; and Niagara Falls, ON. Below is the itinerary for this premium getaway.

*Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO*

**Day 1: Monday, May 10 – Home to Quebec City – 4-Star Hôtel Manoir Victoria**

- Board the motorcoach at your scheduled location and departure time. Please ensure that you arrive at least 15-minutes before departure, so you have ample time to get comfortably seated, and luggage stowed.

**TENTATIVE PICK-UP SCHEDULE:**

**Nova Scotia:**

- **Halifax**, Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 6:15AM
- **Dartmouth Crossing**, Hampton Inn – 6:45AM
- **Halifax Airport**, Quality Inn – 7:05AM
- **Truro Heights**, Irving Big Stop – 7:50AM

**Prince Edward Island:**

**Royalty Crossing** (formerly Charlottetown Mall) near Superstore Entrance – 7:00AM  
**Ceretti's**, Borden Carleton – 7:40AM

**New Brunswick:**

- **Aulac**, Irving Big Stop – 8:55AM-9:15AM, 20 min rest stop
- **Moncton**, Magnetic Hill McDonald's – 9:50AM
- **Lincoln**, Irving Big Stop – 11:30AM-12:30PM, 1-hour lunch stop
- **Saint John, Rte. 1 Irving Big Stop** – 9:45AM, Shuttle to Lincoln to meet main coach

- Stops for passenger pick up will be brief (10-15 min.) We ask you to remain onboard while new guests join.
- Once all passengers are onboard, we travel north on the Trans-Canada highway to Quebec City, located on the north shore of the mighty St. Lawrence River.
- We anticipate an early evening arrival at the fabulous 4-Star Hôtel Manoir Victoria, located in the heart of the historic, culturally vibrant and gastronomic activity of Old Quebec!. Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, distributes your room key, and has your bag delivered to your room (**fee covered for 1 bag/person**), all part of the signature group tour service you will enjoy throughout this tour. Settle into your home away from home for a two-night stay.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is free for you to enjoy. (**own expense**)



## Day 2: Tuesday, May 11 – Quebec City (B, Welcome D)

- This morning, enjoy a hot buffet breakfast **(included)** before our guided tour.
- After breakfast, meet with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers as our local guide joins us to show is the interesting and historical sights of Quebec City including the Upper and Lower villages of the walled city of Old Quebec, and the Parliament building.
- We will have some free time in Old Quebec for a lunch stop **(own Expense)** at a local restaurant of your choice to sample some of the fantastic Quebecoise cuisine followed by our visit to the Basilica at Ste. Anne-du-Beaupre with a guided tour. The Basilica is one of the five national shrines of Canada, always a memorable visit.
- Next, we visit Montmorency Falls for a photo stop before visiting the Albert Gilles Copper Boutique & Art Museum for a brief tour and an opportunity to shop the handiworks of these highly- skilled artisans.
- After we return to the city, we have time to freshen up before of first group dinner together.
- Tonight, we travel by motor coach to gather for a 'Welcome Dinner', complete with a glass of wine or beer **(included)**. Let us raise a glass to the adventure ahead! The remainder of the evening is free for you to enjoy at your leisure.

## Day 3: Wednesday, May 12 – Quebec City to 4-Star Delta by Marriott Ottawa City Centre (B)

- After a delicious buffet breakfast, we check out of the hotel **(included)**.
- Enjoy the next few hours travelling to the Capital region.
- Today is a driving day and we will make rests stops along the route and a lunch stop **(own expense)** to ensure everyone is comfortable until our afternoon arrival in Ottawa.
- As we enter the city, we are joined by our local guide providing us information on the Nation's Capital, and the Canadian Tulip Festival with stops at Commissioners Park and other sites in downtown Ottawa.
- Later this afternoon we arrive at the beautiful 4-Star Delta by Marriott Ottawa City Centre Hotel, perfectly located to explore Tulip Festival activities and all Ottawa has to offer. Your Tour Manager will provide your room key cards and have your one piece of luggage delivered to your room.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is on your own with many places within walking distance of our hotel **(own expense)**.

## Day 4: Thursday, May 13 – Ottawa (B, Group D)

- After another delicious buffet breakfast **(included)**, board the coach for a visit to the Canadian War Museum **(entrance included)**. During a self-guided tour, ponder some of Canada's most evocative and tragic historical events up-close.
- Next, we will board the coach for a visit to the Canadian Museum of History **(entrance included)**. Enjoy the morning exploring the rich history of our country.
- After the museum visits, you will have lunch on own in the city's ByWard Market for free time to explore the area before we return to our hotel this afternoon. **(own expense)**
- After some time to relax, we will gather for another premium group dinner this evening **(included)** at a local restaurant near by our hotel.
- After dinner, you are free to enjoy Canada's capital city on your own. Be sure to check out the Tulip Festival schedule for tonight's events **(own Expense)**.



## Day 5: Friday, May 14 – Ottawa (B, Group D)

- Enjoy another delicious buffet breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- Enjoy a free morning and afternoon at your leisure **(own expense)**.
- Tonight, we will gather for another group dinner **(included)** at a local restaurant near by our hotel.

## Day 6: Saturday, May 15 – Ottawa to Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa (B, Group D)

- Start your day with another buffet breakfast before we check out to the hotel **(included)**.
- We drive further into Ontario today from Ottawa to Niagara Falls with a lunch stop along the way **(own expense)**.
- This afternoon, we arrive in Niagara Falls to experience the Hornblower Cruise **(included)** for an up-close view of the waterfalls before you check in to the 4-Star Niagara Falls Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa overlooking the, you guessed it, world-famous Niagara Falls!
- You are front and centre of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, and the adjacent America Falls from the comfort of your hotel room, once again your Tour Manager will provide each of you with your room key card and have your luggage delivered to your room for you. Your rooms for the next two nights are Falls View Rooms in the Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel - a Collins Tours Exclusive **(included)** in your tour cost.
- This evening, meet your tour manager and fellow travellers to enjoy another delicious group dinner **(included)** at the Skylon Tower rotating restaurant with breathtaking views of Niagara Falls.



## Day 7: Sunday, May 16 – Niagara-on-the-Lake Wine Region (B, L, & Wine Tour with Tasting)

- Enjoy a buffet breakfast in the hotel dining room this morning **(included)**.
- After breakfast, we welcome our local guide who will provide us insight on the unique area of the Niagara Wine region **(included)**. Relax while we take the brief drive north to explore the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake with its historic downtown and boutique shopping.
- Lunch is **included** today on a visit to the Niagara on the Lake Golf Course overlooking Lake Ontario before driving to the famed Jackson Triggs Estate winery where you can enjoy delicious samples of some of the local wine favourites **(included)**. Learn about the harvesting methods used to create some of our nation's finest wines! Sure to be an amazing experience!
- This afternoon we return to our hotel and choose to spend the remainder of the evening your way.
- Dinner is on your own this evening **(own expense)**.

## Day 8: Monday, May 17 – Niagara Falls to Holiday Inn Kingston-Waterfront by IHG, Kingston (B)

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast **(included)** in the hotel dining room before meeting your tour manager and fellow passengers and bid farewell to Niagara Falls and enjoy the next few hours travelling to the Thousand Islands region at Kingston, Ontario. Founded in 1673, Kingston is one of Canada's oldest and finest cities and is our nation's first capital city! A stop en route for lunch **(own expense)** is scheduled.
- Kingston sits at the mouth of the Cataraqui & St. Lawrence Rivers. Its water views and beautiful downtown make for a pleasant arrival into the city.
- Our hotel for the next two nights is the fully renovated 4-Star Holiday Inn Kingston-Waterfront by IHG located in the heart of the downtown core. Your tour manager will check you in and have luggage delivered to your rooms.
- This evening, enjoy dinner and your first night in Kingston on own **(own expense)**.

## Day 9: Tuesday, May 18– Kingston (B, Thousand Islands Boat Cruise L)

- After enjoying our buffet breakfast this morning **(included)**, we welcome our local step-on-guide for our private guided tour of the Kingston area and all that this special city has to offer **(included)**.
- At the conclusion of our tour, we prepare for what will surely be one of the highlights of our adventure – a cruise through the Thousand Islands with lunch **(included)**.
- After what has been an action-packed day, enjoy some time on your own for the remainder of the afternoon and evening,
- Dinner is on own **(own expense)**.



## Day 10: Wednesday, May 19 – Kingston to 4-Star Hotel Universel, Riviere-du-Loup (B, Farewell D)

- Rise and shine! Take time to enjoy your complimentary buffet breakfast **(included)** before we head towards Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec for the final night of our journey. Today, we will travel east along the St. Lawrence River, passing through the city of Montreal. Multiple coffee and restroom stop, and a lunch stop **(own expense)** have been scheduled along the way.
- We arrive at the 4-Star Hotel Universel in the late afternoon. The tour manager will check the group in, and hand out room keys.
- Take some time to relax before our final meal together. Join us in the hotel dining room this evening for our ‘Farewell Group Dinner’ including a glass of wine or beer **(included)** as we raise a glass to this thrilling adventure!

## Day 11: Thursday, May 20 – Riviere Du Loup to Home (B)

- Enjoy one last buffet breakfast **(included)** this morning as we prepare to depart for our home destinations. We have multiple stops scheduled along the way for your comfort and convenience.
- You will be returned to the same location you were picked up. The following times are approximate.

### **ESTIMATED ARRIVAL SCHEDULE:**

#### **New Brunswick Locations:**

- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – 1:30-2:30PM  
1-hour lunch stop
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonald’s- 3:55PM
- Aulac, Irving Big Stop – 4:30PM
- Saint John, Rte. 1 Irving Rothesay – 3:50PM

#### **Nova Scotia Locations:**

- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 6:30PM
- Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel – 7:30PM
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – 7:55PM
- Halifax, Sobeyes Lacewood Drive – 8:25PM

#### **Prince Edward Island Location, shuttle from Aulac NB:**

- Ceretti’s Borden Carleton – 6:15PM
- Charlottetown, Royalty Crossing – 7:00PM

### **Hotel Contact Information:**

- Hôtel Manoir Victoria - 44 Côte du Palais, Quebec City, QC, G1R 4H8, Ph: 418-692-1030
- Delta by Marriott Ottawa City Centre – 101 Lyon St, Ottawa, ON K1R 5T9 Ph: 613-237-3600
- Niagara Falls Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa - 6740 Fallsview Blvd, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 3W6, Ph: (905) 357-7300
- Holiday Inn Kingston-Waterfront by IHG - 2 Princess St, Kingston, ON K7L 1A2, ON, Ph: (613) 549-8400
- Hotel Universel – 311 Boulevard De L’Hotel-De-Ville, Rivière-du-Loup, QC, Ph: (800) 265-0072

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Tour itineraries are **ONLY a guideline (estimate)** and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times are subject to change due to various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, pandemics, and other “Acts of God”. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events described above, or similar events not described above, yet may cause similar outcomes not mentioned above. All passengers are responsible to meet at the appropriate times for pick ups, departures, and event schedules, missed times, events, pick up locations are everyone’s responsibility and Collins Tours accepts no responsibility for such missed times. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences. \*Seat Rotation Policy will be in effect for this tour and will be explained by your tour manager once on board. We ask that everyone respect the final timelines, as determined by your tour manager and keeping that you keep scents to a minimum. We may have some passengers who have allergies, and this will help ensure **ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.**
- \*Seat Rotation Policy will be in effect for this tour and will be explained by your tour manager once on board. Please note front seats are not guaranteed with note from physician. To be fair to all, you will be rotated through the front half of the coach only with a physician’s note, or where possible closer to the front.
- Tour price does NOT include people’s incidental room charges, such as movie rentals, internet, phone calls, etc. You can provide the front desk your credit card information to cover these fees.
- Collins Tours is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage or personal items.
- Please remove all personal belongings when departing the motor coach.
- We ask that everyone respect timelines, as determined by your tour manager, as well as keeping scents to a minimum due to some passenger having allergies. This will help ensure **ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.**
- **REMEMBER:** Your Tour Manager handles hotel check in/checkout procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at events, hotels, ferry terminals, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or their experience to the fullest.

Here are guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:

- Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$7.00-\$9.00 per person, per day
- Bus driver-\$5.00-\$6.00 per person, per day
- Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day

Thank you for traveling with Collins Tours!  
We look forward to serving you with your future travel plans

