

**Tentative
Tour Itinerary**



Welcome aboard our escorted group tour to Quebec's Magdalen Islands. This 5-day tour is guaranteed to be an exciting experience, sure to be your memorable late summer getaway! Enjoy 4 wonderful nights on the beautiful Magdalen Islands at the Chateau Madelinot Hotel. Outlined below is the daily itinerary, a look at the activities and meals included each day of your tour. Please read the information carefully, paying particular attention to the final page with procedures & policies. Your professional and courteous tour manager is looking forward to meeting you and delivering a well-managed tour and enjoyable escape so all you have to do is...sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself.

- Sincerely, Greg Collins, CEO/President

TENTATIVE PICK-UP LOCATION & DEPARTURE TIMES:

Nova Scotia Travelers:

- » Halifax, Sobey's Lacewood Dr. – 6:00am
- » Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – 6:20am
- » Halifax Airport Quality Inn – 6:45am
- » Truro Hampton Inn – 7:20am
- » Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 7:30am

New Brunswick Travelers:

- » Fredericton, Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 6:00am
- » Saint John, Route 1 Irving – 6:15am (shuttle to Moncton)
- » Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonalds – 7:40am
- » Aulac Irving Big Stop – 8:25am (25-minute rest stop & transfer of NS passengers to main motor coach)

PEI Travelers:

- » Charlottetown, near Superstore Entrance – 10:35am (Ferry departure at 1:00pm)

Day 1 – Thursday, August 5 – Home – Chateau Madelinot, Magdalen Islands (Welcome Dinner)

- Meet your tour manager or shuttle driver at your ****designated pick-up point**. Confirmed pick-up/drop-off locations are above.
- All stops for passenger pickup/drop off will be brief (10 min.) and we ask that you remain on board while we greet new travelers. Once all travelers are aboard the motor coach, we make our way across Confederation Bridge and to the ferry terminal in Souris, PE.
- Lunch is on your own today. You can choose to get something to eat in the ship's casual restaurant or bar after boarding or choose to have your meal within walking distance of the Ferry Terminal prior to boarding.
- Once boarded, enjoy a five-hour crossing to Cap-aux-Meules (Grindstone Island), the second largest of the eight major islands. This 40-mile long, fishhook-shaped archipelago is known as Les Iles de la Madeleine, Quebec.

- Once we arrive at the Cap aux Meules ferry ramp this evening, we're left with a brief 2-minute drive to the Chateau Madelinot, our hotel, for the next four nights. Relax while your Tour Manager checks the group in, distributes your room keys and has your luggage delivered to your rooms.
- Take some time to freshen up before, joining your tour manager and your fellow travellers for our group's welcome dinner in the hotel's restaurant, served with either a glass of wine or beer **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to explore on your own (your expense).



Day 2 – Friday, August 6 – Chateau Madelinot, Magdalen Islands (B, Group D)

- Enjoy a full American breakfast **(included)** in the hotel dining room this morning.
- Today, we will visit the Musee de la Mer. Located in Havre-Aubert on Cap Gridley, a stone's throw from the La Grave Heritage Site, the Museum's mission is to preserve, promote and appreciate the history and heritage of the archipelago.
- You will have time for lunch at many of the waterfront cafes located on site (your expense).
- Following our visit to the Musee de la Mer, we have a quick drive to Fromagerie du Pied-de-Vent for a tour, presentation, and tasting samples of some local cheeses.
- Another quick drive and we arrive at Le Barbocheux Winery for some local wine tasting. This company specializes in the production of craft beverages. The Barbocheux name is an old word of the Islands which comes from "Barbocher" which means to go and have a little drink from house to house (to go Barbocher).
- We will return to our hotel later this afternoon where you have free time to freshen up before another group dinner this evening.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers for another group dinner in the hotel's dining room **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is on your own (your expense).

Day 3 – Saturday, August 7 – Cap Aux Meules, Magdalen Islands (B, L, Group Dinner)

- Enjoy a full American breakfast **(included)** in the hotel dining room this morning.
- This morning, meet your Tour Manager and local "step on" guide as our day begins with the unforgettable Caves & Cliffs Tour; a boat tour from the Cap aux Meules Marina with Excursions-en-Mer Inc. **(Included-Boat trip will operate Sunday if postponed due to weather delays)**. The vantage point from the sea is a definite highlight of the Magdalen Islands!
- Then we continue with our local guide for a fabulous and informative tour of the picturesque communities that dot the eastern part of the archipelago. Learn about the history, geology and natural beauty of this amazing area and its locals, or "Madelinots."
- Pass by the island's salt mine as you head to the picturesque town of Grand-Entrée on Grand Entry Island, the north-east extent of the islands and Quebec's designated lobster capital.
- Enjoy your boxed lunch **(included)** today.
- We will visit the Seal Interpretation Center this afternoon and here we will learn about the seals' living environment, especially the St. Lawrence Gulf and its estuary. Take the time to see Yoanis Menge's photo exhibit 'Tableau de chasse' and the multi-image slideshow 'Ice Haven'.
- Following our visit at the Seal Interpretation Center we return to our hotel. Enjoy your afternoon as you please (your expense).
- Tonight, join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for another Group Dinner at the hotel's restaurant **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

Day 4 – Sunday, August 8 – Cap Aux Meules, Magdalen Islands (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Enjoy a full American breakfast **(included)** in the hotel dining room this morning.
- Welcome our local guide back for another fantastic tour featuring parts of the islands you have yet to see. Experience breathtaking beaches, endless sand dunes, and inspiring cliffs.
- Enjoy time in La Grave for lunch **(on own)** with its boutiques, restaurants, and cafes.
- We return to our hotel this afternoon with enough time to refresh before dinner.
- Tonight, we will gather one last time for our farewell group dinner in the hotel's restaurant – with a glass of wine or beer **(included)**. Take this time to share your stories and memories we have made along this incredible journey.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is on your own (your expense).



Day 5 – Monday, August 9 – Home

- Breakfast is on your own today, and available for purchase aboard the ferry. We have an early morning check out today before reaching PEI then onwards to our respective drop-off locations throughout the Maritimes.
- Stops today include a short coffee break, as well as time for lunch **(your expense)** along our route.

Approximate Arrival Times:

PEI Location

- Charlottetown, Royalty Crossing, Super Store Entrance – 1:30PM

Nova Scotia Locations

- Truro Heights Big Stop – 5:10PM
- Truro Hampton Inn – 5:20PM
- Halifax Airport Hotel, Quality Inn – 6:00PM
- Dartmouth Crossing Hampton Inn – 6:25PM
- Halifax, Sobey's, Lacewood Dr – 6:50PM

New Brunswick Locations

- Aulac Big Stop – (Transfer of Guests & lunch stop) – 3:15PM-4:00PM
- Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonalds – 4:35PM
- Saint John Route 1 Irving – 6:00PM
- Fredericton, Lincoln Big Stop – 7:25PM

Hotel Contact Information

Magdalen Islands – Chateau Madelinot, 323 QC-199, Fatima, QC

PH: 418-986-2211

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd operations or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, construction on roads, changes to concert or sporting event times, ferry crossings, bridge closers, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable, due to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due to any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above.**
- Seat rotation policy is in effect for this group motor coach tour. **Front seats are not guaranteed**; however, the front rotation of motorcoach can be accommodated with notice from physicians.
- We ask that everyone respects timelines, as determined by your tour manager, as well as keeping scents to a minimum due to some passengers having allergies. This will help ensure **ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.**
- Tour prices do NOT include people's incidental room charges, such as movie rentals, internet, phone calls, etc. Give the front desk your credit card information to cover these fees.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage or personal items. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delay, motor coach delays, ferry delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above yet may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind for these additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate person's travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage. It is highly recommended to purchase trip interruption or cancellation coverage in case of any interruptions once travel has begun. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.
- **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.
- **Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying "Thank You," for a job well done.
 - **Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:**
 - Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$7.00 - \$8.50 per person, per day.
 - Bus driver- \$5.00 - \$6.00 per person, per day.
 - Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day



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