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Magdalen Islands & PEI Tour

August 26 - 30, 2027 (5 Days)

Tentative Itinerary



Welcome aboard our escorted group tour to Quebec's Magdalen Islands & Prince Edward Island. This 5-day tour is guaranteed to be an exciting experience and, sure to be your memorable summertime getaway! You will enjoy a night in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island's capital city, and 3 nights on the beautiful Magdalen Islands. 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 policies & procedures. Your professional and courteous tour manager is looking forward to meeting you and delivering a well-managed tour and enjoyable escape. 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. – 9:15AM
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – 9:45AM
- Halifax Airport Hotel – 10:05AM
- Truro Hampton Inn – 10:50AM
- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 11:00AM

New Brunswick Travelers:
Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 8:15AM
Saint John, Route 1 Irving Big Stop – 9:40AM
Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonalds–11:10AM, 15-Min stop
Aulac Irving Big Stop –12:00PM-1:00PM (1 Hour lunch)

PEI Travelers:
- PEI clients meet Tour Manager at the Quality Inn & Suites: 3:30PM

Day 1 – Thursday, August 26 – Home – Quality Inn & Suites Charlottetown, PEI (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 passengers to pick up/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 onto our home for the evening, the Quality Inn & Suites Downtown Charlottetown Hotel.
- We will arrive in Charlottetown this afternoon after a stop along our route for lunch **(on own)**



- Your Tour Manager will represent the group and complete the check-in process at the hotel, distribute the room keys and have your luggage delivered to your room – a part of your Collins Tours Signature Check-in service.
- This evening, the coach will depart the hotel for our group dinner reservation at a favourite local restaurant with a fabulous lobster dinner (there will be a non-seafood choice available for those that cannot eat lobster). Join your tour manager and your fellow travellers to a delicious dinner that includes either a glass of wine or beer for each person **(included).**
- After dinner, perhaps you may want to catch a live musical theater performance.
- Motor coach transportation will be arranged to and from this event. Please meet your Tour Manager at a designated meeting point and time for transportation back to the hotel following the performance.
- If you decide to forgo the optional performance this evening, after dinner you can either return to the hotel or stay downtown to enjoy what the island capital has to offer on a late summer evening (your expense).

Day 2 – Friday, August 27 – Charlottetown - Chateau Madelinot, Magdalen Islands (B & Group Dinner)

- Enjoy your complimentary hot full breakfast this morning before our morning check-out.
- We will depart the hotel this morning to make our way to the ferry in Souris, PEI. Our ferry will depart this afternoon for the Magdalen Islands. During our drive to the Ferry, we will make a stop for any last-minute purchases of snacks or beverages (your expense).
- Lunch is on 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 at a restaurant within walking distance of the Ferry Terminal prior to boarding (your expense).
- 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, we're left with a brief 2-minute drive to the Chateau Madelinot, our hotel for the next three nights. Relax while your Tour Manager checks you in and distributes your room keys (Note: luggage handling is not available at this hotel).
- Dinner this evening is **Included** with another lovely group dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

Day 3 – Saturday, August 28 - Cap Aux Meules, Magdalen Islands (B, L, Group Dinner)

- Enjoy a full hot breakfast **(included)** in the hotel this morning.
- Following breakfast, we board our private motorcoach 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." Experience breathtaking beaches, endless sand dunes, and inspiring cliffs.
- 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). This vantage point from the sea is a definite highlight of the Magdalen Islands!
- 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.
- After exploring more of the islands, we arrive at Fromagerie du Pied-de-Vent for a tour, presentation, and tasting samples of some local cheeses.

- Following the cheese tasting, we visit Le Barbocheux Winery for some wine tasting before we return to the hotel.
- We will arrive at our hotel this afternoon allowing you time to freshen up before a group dinner.
- 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 can be enjoyed at your leisure (your expense).

Day 4 – Sunday, August 29 - Cap Aux Meules, Magdalen Islands (B, Farewell Dinner)



- Enjoy hot full breakfast, **(included)** in the hotel this morning.
- Today we will welcome our local guide for a guided tour of the Eastern part of the Archipelago.
- We will have time to enjoy lunch in La Grave **(on own)** with many of its boutiques, restaurants, and cafes to choose from.
- We will return to our hotel this afternoon for some time to refresh before dinner.
- Join your tour manager and your fellow travellers for our farewell group dinner tonight will be at the hotel's restaurant, Resto Bistro Accents, with a glass of wine or beer **(included).**
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is on your own (your expense).

Day 5 – Monday, August 30 - Home

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

Approximate Drop-Off Times:

PEI Location
- Charlottetown, Quality Inn & Suites – 1:30PM

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

New Brunswick Locations
- Aulac Big Stop – (Transfer of Guests & Short Lunch stop) – 3:15PM – 4:00PM
- Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonalds – 4:35PM
- Saint John Route 1 Irving – 6:00PM
- Lincoln Big Stop – 7:30PM

Hotel Contact Information

P.E.I – Quality Inn Charlottetown – 150 Euston Street, Charlottetown, PE	PH: 902-894-8572
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, ferry schedules, air line schedule changes, changes to concert or sporting event times, 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 unforeseen 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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