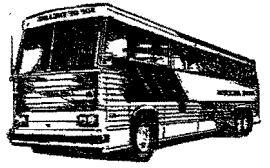


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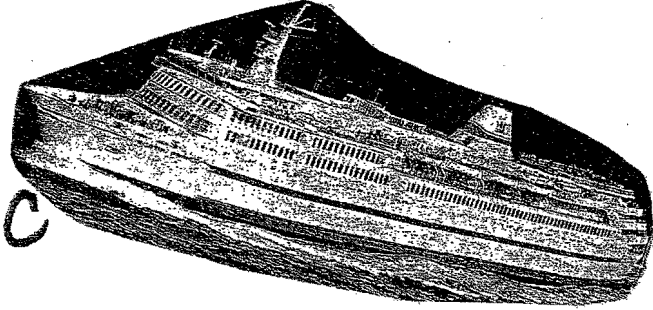


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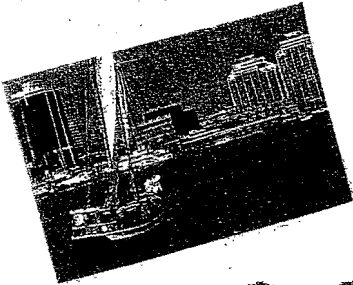
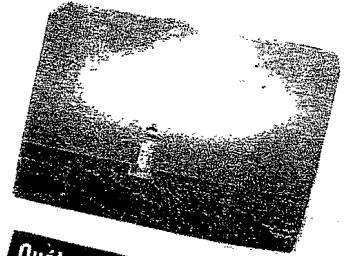
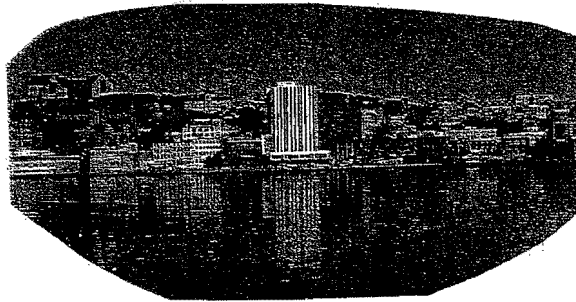
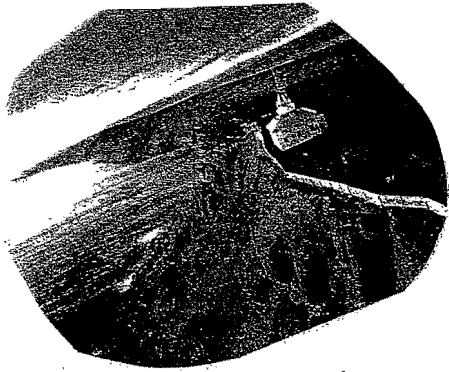


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## Quebec



### September 6 - 22, 2012



### Prince Edward Island



The Atlantic puffin is the official bird of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **\*\* PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP\*\***

### **DAY ONE - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**

We depart Ashley Landing Mall at 6:30 A.M with a pick-up in Summerville at 6:45 AM. This should be the perfect time to escape the southern heat and head northward. We will have rest stops and lunch, on your own, as we travel to Fredericksburg, Virginia for our first night. After checking in, we will enjoy dinner on TOL at the hotel. (Dinner included today)

### **DAY TWO - FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 7, 2012**

This morning enjoy a full, hot breakfast in the hotel before we depart for Mystic, Connecticut. The fastest ships in the country were being built in Mystic by the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mystic seaport reflects these bygone days in the 17 acres containing historic houses, trade buildings, museums, and several fishing schooners. (Breakfast included today)

### **DAY THREE - SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

After a breakfast on your own this morning, we will check out and depart for Bangor, Maine. Bangor, at the head of tidewater and navigation on the Penobscot River, is the principal retail, cultural and commercial center for eastern and northern Maine. Bangor's survival was threatened by the War of 1812; blockade running and privateering became essential to maintain solvency. Of interest is the Paul Bunyan statue on Main Street, which is approximately 31 feet high and weighs about 1.5 tons. There will rest stops and lunch, on your own. (All meals on own today)

### **DAY FOUR - SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 2012**

There will be a full breakfast in the hotel this morning. Afterwards we will drive through the beautiful New Brunswick countryside. Remember this is the day we enter Canada so you will need to have your Passport. Be sure to have your camera with you as there may be some shots you will want to take. Our hotel is located in the heart of St. John and adjoins a large shopping mall. St. John is famous for the Bay of Fundy and its high tides. The reversing falls are here and are created when, at low tide, the river descends into the ocean at the bottom of a 449 ft. gorge. The city is also one of the most active seaports on the Atlantic coast and handles some of the world's largest ships. (Breakfast included today)

### **DAY FIVE - MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Our journey today takes into Nova Scotia, a province that is never more than 37 miles away from the water. Surrounded by the ocean it also has many interior lakes, rivers and streams. Our hotel is in downtown Halifax. The Public Gardens, a 17- acre Victorian Garden, considered to be among the finest in North America is located across the street from our hotel in Halifax. It is free so be sure to take a walk through it. There are many shops and restaurants near the hotel for your convenience. We will be here two nights. (All meals on own today)

## DAY SIX - TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

This morning we will have a guided tour of Halifax including the city area, the waterfront, the Titanic cemetery, and a church. We will learn about the rescue efforts of local citizens after the Titanic disaster as well as the devastating explosion in Halifax Harbor, which killed many and left others homeless. We will make a photo stop on Citadel Hill and return to the hotel to give you time for lunch and shopping. We have a special treat in store for you later this afternoon. We will drive to Peggy's Cove so you can have dinner, on your own, and enjoy this special place. It is the most photographed spot in Canada and one of the most spectacular. The restaurant and lighthouse, which houses the post office, are built on massive rock formations. You will have an opportunity to photograph the sunset while we are here. It is truly awesome. There is a large gift shop in the restaurant for your browsing pleasure. (All meals on own today)

## DAY SEVEN - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Today will be another exciting one. After breakfast, on your own, we will drive through the province of Nova Scotia to Cape Breton Island. We will spend two nights here. We will travel through some interesting areas, Truro, New Glasgow, Antigonish, the Canso Causeway, said to be the world's deepest causeway at 213 ft., and Port Hastings, where we will be staying. The hotel is located on the water's edge, a beautiful sight. We will have dinner, included, upon arrival. (Dinner included today)

## DAY EIGHT - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Breakfast is included at the hotel before we leave for our wonderful drive around The Cabot Trail. This drive is said to be the most scenic in all of Canada. We will have a box lunch to enjoy at one of the picnic areas along the Trail. There will be several opportunities for picture taking during the day, so don't forget your cameras. Much of the area is a wildlife sanctuary, and protects a variety of animals, including black bears, foxes and snowshoe hares. Moose are often seen along the highways. There are over 200 species of birds and you may even see some whales as we drive along the shore. The autumn foliage is beautiful on this drive. We will have dinner at the hotel after the tour. (Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included today)

## DAY NINE - FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

After breakfast this morning at the hotel, we will drive the short distance to Caribou and take a ferry ride to Prince Edward Island. This is the garden spot of Canada, and Charlottetown, where we will spend the night, is "Canada's Birthplace". Here we will see quiet communities such as Cavendish, described in Lucy Maud Montgomery's "Anne of Green Gables". Humble farmers cultivate crops of potatoes, turnips, grains and hay, while raising cattle, pigs, sheep, poultry and horses. The island is very clean, no trash anywhere, and the autumn foliage in shades of orange, scarlet, and gold illuminate the landscape. Waves crash on the sands of secluded, relaxing beaches. They harvest kelp from the beaches and grow mussels in the waterways. Flounder, mackerel, and bluefish tuna as well as lobsters and scallops are caught offshore. It is truly a place that seems suspended in time. Upon arrival in Charlottetown, we will have time for lunch, on own. After lunch we will be met by a step-on guide for a tour of Charlottetown and its surrounding areas. The guide will give us the history and show us the highlights of this special place. We will check into the hotel after the tour, where you will have the rest of the evening free. (Breakfast included today)

## DAY TEN - SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

We will return to New Brunswick by way of the eight-mile long Confederation Bridge, built in 1997, that links PEI to the mainland. Our stay tonight will be in Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick. On the way we will stop in Moncton, NB, to have lunch and give you an opportunity to see a natural phenomena at Magnetic Hill, which is an unusual experience, the coach will drive "downhill" to a spot and then, with gears in neutral and brakes released, the coach moves backward, coasting "up" the hill. This phenomenon is attributed to an optical illusion from the surrounding hillside sloping away from the road. (All meals on own today)

## DAY ELEVEN - SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

A continental breakfast is provided today before we depart. Quebec City in Quebec province is our destination today. We will stop in Riviere du Loup at a Woodcarvers shop to give you time to browse and view this beautiful work and make purchases, if you desire. We will have rest stops and lunch, on your own, as we travel. We should arrive at the hotel in time for you to walk to the old walled city and enjoy shopping and dinner, on your own, there. Be sure to visit the Chateau Frontenac on the waterfront downtown, you will love this old Castle-like hotel. Quebec is the most French city in Canada, but most all of her residents speak fluent English. Capital of the province, Quebec is the only walled city north of Mexico, it can almost be divided by a line into the old and the new. There is an upper town and a lower town, and we will see both of these as we tour the city on Wednesday (Breakfast included today)

## DAY TWELVE - MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

This morning we will board a Grayline Tour bus for a whole day of touring in the city as well as in the outlying areas of Quebec. Lunch will be included at a lovely restaurant in the city before we drive to Montmorency Falls and Ste Anne-de-Beaupre in the "country". Bring your cameras, as you will want to capture these beautiful spots. This will be an unforgettable day. We will return to the hotel in the late afternoon. (Lunch included today)

## DAY THIRTEEN - TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Today we will drive to Ottawa, Provincial capital of Canada. The parliament buildings here will remind you of London. Our hotel is located in the downtown area close to restaurants and shopping malls. There is also a coffee shop and restaurant in our hotel. Ottawa is now a cosmopolitan city but when Queen Victoria chose it as the capital in 1857 there was outrage. It was dubbed "the Westminster of the Wilderness". It is now noted for more than 70 municipal parks, tree-lined streets, noble landmarks, the Rideau Canal, and many beautiful buildings. The government is Ottawa's chief employer, leaving her free of the scars that often accompany industrialization. Development and beautification is the sole purpose of the National Capital Commission. One such project is the conversion of the Rideau Canal into the world's longest ice-skating rink. On any day in January and February, federal workers in gray flannel suits and university students in blue jeans skate off to work or classes, stopping occasionally to chat, sharpen skates, or warm up with a cup of coffee from one of the many vendors along the canal. (All meals on own today)

**DAY FOURTEEN - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

This morning we will have a guided tour of the city, including the city of Hull, which lies across the river. One of the most interesting museums is located in Hull and we will be able to see some of this. We will also see Embassy Row, and the beautiful homes of the foreign dignitaries, as well as the U.S. Embassy. You will enjoy seeing the lovely parks and the Rideau Canal. After the tour you are free to have lunch, on your own, and visit some of the great sights in the city. (All meals on own today)

**DAY FIFTEEN - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

We return to the USA today, but before we leave Canada we have a special treat in store for you. We will visit the region of "The Thousand Islands" and take a three-hour boat tour on the St. Lawrence River out of Gananoque. You will see some magnificent homes and some tiny cottages on the many different sized islands that make up this area. After the boat tour we will visit the Duty Free Store to give you a last opportunity to buy gifts, T-shirts, alcohol & tobacco products, jewelry and souvenirs. We will overnight in Binghamton, NY. (All meals on own today)

**DAY SIXTEEN - FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 21, 2012**

Today we will drive through New York State, Pennsylvania, and into Virginia for our last night. We will stay in Fredericksburg, VA, and enjoy our delicious farewell dinner at the hotel. (Dinner included today)

**DAY SEVENTEEN - SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

A hot breakfast is included at the hotel before we begin our journey home. Hopefully, you will have many precious memories of the people, places, and beautiful scenery we have seen on this tour. We should return to Charleston around 5:30 P.M. (Breakfast included today)

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