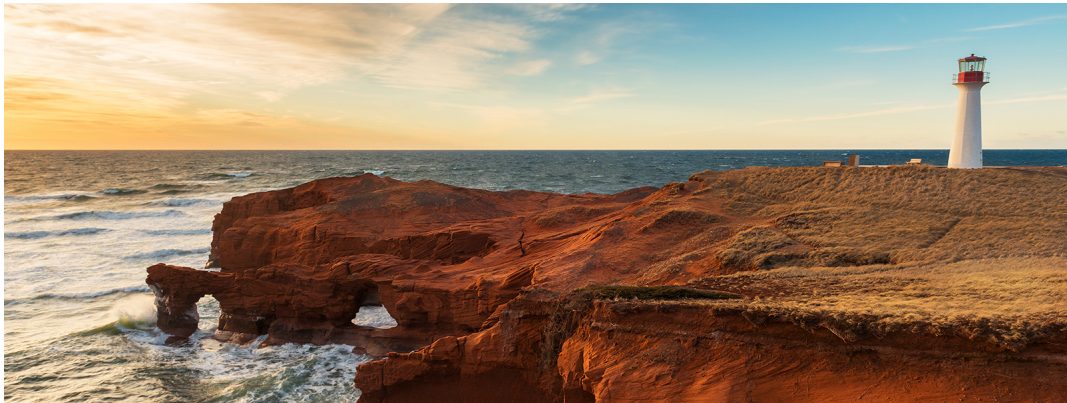


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INTRODUCTION


Discover the incredible history of Canada's coastal provinces on this remarkable 11 day journey. Experience the beauty of Canadian spring as you cruise through incredible locations from the Gulf of Saint Lawrence to the stunning backdrops of Saint Pierre. Encounter vast colonies of seabirds and watch for seals and whales in the nearby waters. A combination of rich history and incredible natural wonders, discover the authentic beauty of Canada.

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DAY 1: Quebec City and Tadoussac

Québec takes its name from the Algonquin word meaning 'where the river narrows.' The city that Champlain founded in 1608 is one of the oldest in North America. The former capital of New France is now the capital of Canada's largest province. Quebec still retains strong European influence in architecture, cuisine and culture. Today, we'll travel by coach to the charming community of Tadoussac where we will meet the Ocean Endeavour. This pleasantly walkable community is ours to explore. With over four hundred years of history to discover and hospitable hosts to help, our embarkation point is a perfect way to kick off our St. Lawrence adventure.



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DAY 2: Saguenay Fjord

At the mouth of Saguenay Fjord, salt water meets freshwater. Fin, minke, blue, and beluga whales are all found in the uniquely rich waters. We'll be on the lookout for marine mammals and birds as we cruise Saguenay Fjord National Park!



DAY 3: Reford Gardens

Weather permitting, we'll visit the famed Reford Gardens, a National Historic Site. Scenic walks wind among 15 distinct gardens offering more than 3,000 species and varieties of flowers and plants. The expansive site includes art installations, sculptures, a museum and a restaurant.



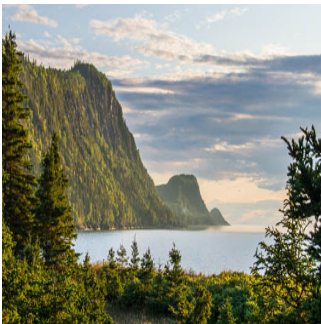
DAY 4: Mingan Archipelago


The spectacular natural sculptures of the Mingan Islands are formed of limestone, shaped by the action of the sea. At 50° N, these islands owe as much to the north as to the east for their character. Atlantic puffins and Arctic eiders vie for the attention of birders, while harp, harbour, and grey seals cavort in the waters. Not to be outdone, the flora of the islands is wildly diverse, including 450 plant species, 190 lichens and 300 mosses!



DAY 5: Forillon National Park

The Gaspé Peninsula (Gaspésie) separates the mouth of the Saint Lawrence estuary from Baie de Chaleur. Remnants of the Appalachian Mountain chain form stunning sea cliffs here, jutting above the tree-line. Forillon National Park is an important bird and marine mammal habitat, with excellent hiking, including a walk to Canada's tallest lighthouse. Grande-Grave National Heritage Site tells the story of the fishing families who once made their homes here.



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DAY 6: Bonaventure National Park

Today we'll visit Parc National de Ile-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Perce, where we'll enjoy a Zodiac cruise of Perce Rock and Bonaventure Island. Percé Rock is a huge natural arch within a mass of reddish limestone and sandstone, with a large sea stack at one end. Thousands of Northern Gannets and other seabirds nest at nearby Bonaventure Island.



DAY 7: Prince Edward Island

Canada’s smallest province in both size and population, Prince Edward Island is known by several other names, including “Garden of the Gulf” (for its lush agricultural lands) and the “Cradle of Confederation” (referring to the Charlottetown Conference in 1864). It is a realm of rolling hills, wooded glades, ocean coves, and famously red soil. The island’s landscape has a strong bearing on its inhabitants, and Prince Edward Island—often abbreviated as PEI—retains a slow-paced, old-world flavour in its small, rural settlements. The island was made famous by Lucy Maud Montgomery’s Anne of Green Gables—and to this day, the Cavendish farmhouse described in the book is a popular destination for visitors.



DAY 8: Magdalen Islands - Day 8 to 9


Dramatic red sandstone cliffs are among the most striking features of the Magdalen Islands. Though a part of Quebec, the Magdalen Islands (les Îles-de-la-Madeleine) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are closer to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. When the British expelled the Acadians from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the Magdalen Islanders remained. Acadian heritage is evident in the culture and cuisine of the islands. Look for handicrafts, seafood, and local wines and beers!



DAY 10: Newfoundlands South Coast

Fjords, cliffs, and islands offer excellent Zodiac cruising territory—and hiking may be an option as well. We’ll be watching for puffins and other seabirds, and of course, keeping a close eye out for whales.



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DAY 11: Saint Pierre - St Johns

Just off the shores of Newfoundland lie the islands of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon—an official territory of the French Republic. Having traced Canada’s French history and culture, it’s appropriate that we wind up in France! You will have an opportunity to explore the charming, colourful town of Saint Pierre. French food, wine and shopping await! There you will end your trip by joining our charter flight to St. John’s, NL.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

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Inclusions

Cabin accommodation on board vessel
All meals whilst on board
Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition crew
All scheduled landings and excursions by zodiac
All port fees, park entry fees and special permits
Nikon camera training program
Complimentary expedition jacket for use during duration of voyage.
Exclusions
Mandatory Charter Flight:
-Charter flight available for this itinerary: Saint-Pierre, France to St. John’s, NL, Canada. Afternoon arrival.
Price: \$495 USD
International flights
Visa fees (if applicable)
Travel insurance
Gratuities for staff and crew
Beverages (other than tea and coffee)
Personal expenses such as laundry and onboard communication

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

No single supplement on limited cabins cat 3 to 7.
Contact us for more details

Notes

2022 DEPARTURE: *plus \$484 USD fuel surcharge (\$44 per day)

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, season and availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Ocean Endeavour in the Arctic works closely with the First Nations communities by direct employment and is a part of a Discovery Fund. Every customer contributes directly to the Fund when they purchase a trip to the Arctic. The Fund covers issues like habitat enhancement, youth outreach, community support and charity projects. The Scientist-in-residence program offers spacem time and resources aboard The Ocean Endeavour for practicing scientists and researchers. Passenger contributions to the citizen science program is also facilitate onboard. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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