RAIL / SAIL ADVENTURE TO QUEBEC AND THE CANADA MARITIMES
The Norwegian Gem® • Montréal • Quebec City • Charlottetown, PEI • Sydney and Halifax, Nova Scotia • Saint John (Bay of Fundy), New Brunswick • Portland, ME

Discover Montréal and Quebec, two world-class cities.

Seven nights aboard the beautiful Norwegian Gem®.

Nova Scotia means New Scotland where the sounds of bagpipes are not uncommon. Two ports o’call are Sydney and Halifax.

Saint John, New Brunswick, with views carved by the Bay of Fundy and history-lined streets. This city bustles with maritime charm and nautical activity.

Portland, ME, was referred to as a “Jewel by the Sea” by Portland-born poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Optional shore excursions are available at each port.

Travel 1,309 miles on the famous Lake Shore Limited.

A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR

Days 1-2 ...................... Chicago to Montréal
Day 3 ...................... Montréal / Quebec City
Day 4 ...................... Cruising
Day 5 ...................... Charlottetown, PEI
Day 6 ...................... Sydney, Nova Scotia
Day 7 ...................... Halifax, Nova Scotia
Day 8 ...................... St. John (Bay of Fundy)
Day 9 ...................... Portland, ME
Days 10-11 ................. Boston to Chicago
Day 1: Depart Chicago

Rail/Sail Adventure tour members from the West and Midwest will meet in Chicago Union Station this evening. At 8:30 p.m. we’ll board the eastbound Lake Shore Limited. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Relax in your comfortable coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes and Bedrooms may be available for an additional cost.

Eastern tour members will travel independently to Syracuse, NY.

Day 2: En Route / Montréal

The Lake Shore Limited will pass through Toledo, Cleveland and Erie.

Midwestern members are scheduled to arrive in Syracuse at 11:18 a.m. where they will be joined by the East group. The combined group will board a deluxe motorcoach and travel to Montréal. A box lunch will be provided.

Upon arrival we’ll check into the beautiful Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth which sits at the center of Montréal’s vibrant cultural and commercial district. Montréal is the world’s second-largest French-speaking city. Most people you encounter speak English. This evening you are free to explore, dine, shop, etc. Should weather be inclement, Montréal is probably the most weatherproof metropolis in the world. The ever-expanding underground city soars upward, downward and sideways around our hotel and beyond. You’ll have access underground to more than a thousand boutiques, major department stores and more than 125 restaurants and bars, movie theaters, art galleries and more.

Day 3: Montréal / Quebec City

This morning we’ll board a VIA Rail train and travel to beautiful Quebec City. Founded in 1608, Quebec City is one of the oldest European settlements in North America.

Upon arrival we’ll board the Norwegian Gem, our beautiful home for the next seven days.

Day 4: Cruising

Ahh, now this is relaxation. Do as little or as much as you care to. Melt your cares away with a hot-stone massage at Norwegian’s Mandara Spa. Shop in the extensive Galleria Shops for duty-free liquor, designer clothing and gifts. Head to the internet Café or library. Tee up at the driving range. There is a jogging track and fitness center for those looking to work off some of the fantastic cuisine. Catch up on your favorite team at the Sports Bar. Grab a latte at the Garden Café. Try your luck at the Gem Club Casino featuring a variety of table games, slots (including nickel slots for the not-so-high roller), video poker, etc. Other daily activities include bingo, craft-making, art auctions, pool games, trivia contests, wine and cocktail tasting; and that traditional cruise favorite, shuffleboard! Of course, you can always just curl up with a good book as the pristine waters drift by.

The evening entertainment is stellar. Don’t miss the colorful production shows and Broadway-style reviews.

Day 5: Charlottetown, PEI

Around noon today we will dock in Charlottetown. You can stroll...
through this seaside village where the clapboard villas lead the way towards Charlottetown's beautiful Victoria Park.

You'll see Victorian architecture to the red sandstone cliffs.

You may want to sample homemade island jams, visit the Anne of Green Gables homestead and stroll the boardwalk.

Optional shore excursions include: Anne of Green Gables Highlights, Best of PEI, Views of Charlottetown, Chinese Junk Cruise, Savor The Flavor of P.E.I., Charlottetown By Double Decker, Pipes, Drums & the Highland Fling and The Island's Finest: Anne, Lobster & Scenic Drive.  B, L & D

Day 6: Sydney, Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia means New Scotland and the sound of bagpipes is not uncommon here. Early Scottish settlers felt the land resembled home. The most popular excursion is a trip to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Park, an amazing re-creation of a 1744 French fortress. Bird watchers will want to venture out to Bird Islands to spot the Atlantic puffin and bald eagle. The sinuous Cabot Trail along the coast offers one of the most dramatic drives in North America. The Alexander Graham Bell Museum in Baddeck is another popular attraction.

Optional shore excursions include: Fortress Of Louisbourg, Baddeck & Alexander Graham Bell Museum, Scenic Cabot Trail, Heart of The Island, Spirit of the Fiddle, and Bras D'or Lakes Grand Tour.  B, L & D

Day 7: Halifax, Nova Scotia

As your ship comes into port, a bagpiper will welcome you to Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia. The “City of Trees” offers the warmth and charm of a small town along with all the excitement you would expect from a great city. For ocean scenery at its best, nothing rivals Nova Scotia’s south shore. Here you’ll find craggy coastlines, fabled Peggy’s Cove and the striking German village of Lunenburg, so meticulously restored it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Halifax the ramparts of the Citadel and a museum commemorating the Titanic await.

Optional shore excursions include: Coastal Drive to Peggy’s Cove, Lobster Lunch & Peggy's Cove, Peggy's Cove & City Hop On, Hop Off, Peggy's Cove & Titanic, Lobsters & Lighthouses, Views Of Halifax Lunenburg and Tall Ship Tastes & Sounds.  B, L & D

Day 8: Saint John (Bay of Fundy), New Brunswick

Recently designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the Bay of Fundy is one of the top natural destinations in Canada. Its coast has been uniquely sculpted by the famous Fundy tides, the highest tides in the world. Saint John's history is as spectacular as its nature; the downtown historic district is must-see. One of the most scenic areas is the Market Square and Waterfront which have been beautifully restored to the ornate Victorian style stone and brick buildings of the 19th century. There is a beautiful walking path known as Harbour Passage which goes from the Waterfront to the Reversing Falls Rapids.

Optional shore excursions include: Trolley 'round Saint John, Big Pink Bus Tour Hop-on Hop-off, St. Martins & The Bay Of Fundy, Ultimate Hopewell Rocks Tidal Discovery Tour, Best of Saint John - Top 10, The Bay Of Fundy Up Close.  B, L & D

Day 9: Portland, ME

Portland was referred to as a “Jewel by the Sea” by Portland-born poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in one of his poems. Historically it was a major shipbuilding center as well as one of the busiest fishing ports on the Atlantic. It still has an abundance of Victorian-era architecture and historic lighthouses.

Optional shore excursions include: Best Of Portland & Kennebunkport, Portland Highlights & Lighthouses, L. L. Bean Freeport Shopping & Portland by Horse-drawn Wagon.  B, L & D

Day 10: Boston / En Route

Midwesterners will arrive into Chicago at 9:45 a.m. on the Lake Shore Limited. They’ll continue on to home destinations throughout the morning and afternoon.
REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:
A deposit of $500 per person, of which $250 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 120 days prior to departure. Amtrak accommodation upgrades and any connecting transportation charges are due at time of reservation. If payments are not received by the due date specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:
If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 120 days prior to departure, $250 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 120 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply:

- 76-120 days prior to departure: 25% of total tour cost.
- 61-75 days prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost.
- 31-60 days prior to departure: 85% of total tour cost.
- 30 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

Air and connecting rail cancellations are subject to the carrier's policy. Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment / cancellation exceptions are noted on tours. All pricing is per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- TRANSPORTATION
Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour.

- TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS
As specified in the tour itinerary, upgrades may be available at an additional cost.

- CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS
Rail / Sail tours include inside staterooms (double occupancy) on cruise ships. Upgraded staterooms may be available at an additional cost.

- HOTELS
Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room. Two-bedroom rooms are provided in most instances, however, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedroom room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

- SINGLE ROOMS
Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on single basis are available at a single cost.

- SIGHTSEEING / ADMISSIONS
Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

- MEALS
All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants / trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE
For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and portage of one suitcase per person is included at overnight stops. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. An overnight bag is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS
Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES
All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sightseeing guides and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:
Transportation and tips between your home city and the original origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for personal services; items of personal nature such as laundry meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuity for the America by Rail Tour Directors are at your discretion, $3-$10 per person per day is the industry standard. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:
The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:
A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender; passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:
America by Rail will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. Any type of disability requiring special provisions must be reported to America by Rail at time of registration. America by Rail is not required to provide participants with personal devices such as prescription eyeglasses, or to provide services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Accordingly, all participants are responsible to participate without assistance of the America by Rail Tour Director or other attendant. Tour Directors are prohibited from providing physical assistance or accommodations (beyond normal civil courtesies, such as holding doors open for passing). It is recommended that participants requiring assistance, including those requiring the use of a mobility device, be accompanied by a travel companion in who will be responsible to provide required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

Those travelling with oxygen are required to advise America by Rail at least two weeks prior to departure. Amtrak requires all equipment, including oxygen concentrators, must be able to operate a minimum of four hours without available onboard electrical power (in the event of a power disruption onboard). Oxygen equipment must be Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) listed. The total weight of all tanks may not exceed 120 lbs. Within this limit, no more than 2 tanks 50 lb each, or no more than 6 tanks 20 lbs each.