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## **CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CRUISE ITINERARY**

### **September 12 to 19, 2026**

#### **September 12th: Toronto - Quebec City**

This morning our limousine service will transport us to Pearson airport where we'll check in for our direct non-stop flight to Quebec City. Upon arrival in Quebec City we'll enjoy a city tour. Few places in North America are as steeped in history as Québec City, Canada. Older than Jamestown and founded before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, it is the only city north of Mexico whose original fortifications remain intact. The Québec City historic district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is still home to religious orders and hospitals that date back to the 17th century. Its Place-Royale would look familiar to the explorer Samuel de Champlain, even with its modern attractions of gift shops and cafés. On the Plains of Abraham, you can walk the battlefield where, in 1759, the French forces under General Montcalm were decisively trounced by the British, led by General Wolfe. After our tour we'll arrive at the cruise terminal to check in for our fabulous cruise aboard Holland America's Zuiderdam. Our ship will set sail at 11:00pm.

#### **September 13<sup>th</sup>: Cruising the St. Lawrence**

Cruising the Saint Lawrence River is a journey through Canada's natural beauty and historic soul. Pass forested cliffs, charming villages, and stately cities like Québec and Montréal. From the deck, enjoy views of lighthouses, islands, and perhaps even whales near Tadoussac. This storied waterway offers a serene passage rich in culture, wildlife, and timeless scenery—especially stunning in autumn!

#### **September 14<sup>th</sup>: Cruising Gulf of St. Lawrence**

A lighthouse on little St. Paul's Island is a stark reminder of days gone by as you sail past this infamous old shipwreck site, known as the graveyard of the gulf, on your way through the Cabot Strait and into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. So huge is the gulf that half of Canada's 10 provinces have a coastal connection to it. Perhaps that's not surprising, considering that it's the world's largest estuary and fed all the way from the Great Lakes 1,200 kilometers (750 miles) away.



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**September 15<sup>th</sup>: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island Arrives 7:00am Departs 5:00pm**

Charlottetown is the capital of Canada's smallest province, Prince Edward Island, as well as its largest city, though it has fewer than 35,000 residents. Despite its modest size, the city has an impressive number of Victorian houses and buildings and great parks waiting to be explored. For Canadians, it is perhaps most famous as the Birthplace of Confederation. It was here, mostly at Province House that an 1864 conference led to the creation of the Dominion of Canada. Prince Edward Island is linked to New Brunswick on the mainland of Canada by the 13-kilometer (eight-mile) Confederation Bridge that soars over the Northumberland Strait. A remarkable feat of engineering, the bridge opened in 1997 and is the longest in the world over icy waters.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>: Sydney, Nova Scotia Arrives 7:00am Departs 4:00pm**

Sydney is the largest city on Cape Breton Island, which is linked by causeway to the rest of Nova Scotia. Sydney's attractions start at the harbor, where visitors can shop for locally made crafts and see the world's largest fiddle, which towers beside the port's cruise pavilion. Some of the city's historic houses and churches date back to the 1700s and 1800s and are open for tours. Restaurants often provide live music (expect fiddles and sea chanteys) along with meals of seafood fresh-caught in nearby waters. Sydney's galleries give visitors a chance to meet local artists and purchase their work.

Cape Breton's natural wonders include the spectacular scenic drive known as the Cabot Trail. Hikers in Cape Breton Highlands National Park will find stunning vistas around every turn, while a boat ride on massive Bras d'Or Lake, which is ringed by wild hills, offers a different perspective on the province.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>: Halifax, Nova Scotia Arrives 8:00am Departs 4:00pm**

Located on a rocky inlet on the Atlantic Ocean, Halifax—Nova Scotia's provincial capital—is defined by its maritime geography. It's a spirited mix of world-class history and nautical-themed museums alongside bunkers and fortresses that guarded the harbor, plus striking public art and sights, funky shops and excellent pubs serving up folk music (and good pints). Explore the Halifax waterfront where steamships once anchored to drop off arriving immigrants at Pier 21. Savor the low-key but classy culinary scene for fresh seafood and Nova Scotia specialties—the city has both street vendors and casual joints catering to university students and upscale eateries with elegant settings. Along Nova Scotia's southern shores, the city is surrounded by lush greenery and charming villages that are worth the trip from downtown proper. Snap photos of attractions in the charming fishing village, Peggy's Cove, with its picturesque lighthouse on a rocky outcropping. Or wander the streets of Lunenburg, whose colorful Old Town is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can also soak in the charms and sights of Mahone Bay, home to artists' studios and a trio of steepled churches.

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**September 18<sup>th</sup> Portland, Maine, Arrives 12:30pm Departs 10:00pm**

Squint your eyes and admit it: Doesn't that skinny, bearded hipster walking down the cobbled street look a lot like a 19th-century sea captain heading to the wharf to check his ship? Modern Portland, first settled in 1633, carries the marks of both subsets of Mainers. The restored brick buildings and warehouses of the Old Port and the fine upright houses of prosperous captains, merchants and shipbuilders make the city's past a living part of its present. And the waterfront is a going concern, not a museum: Fishing boats chug into and out of their berths, buoys clang, harbor seals bark. Those shop windows aren't displaying hardtack, rope or hand salve, though. Juice joints, art galleries, bookstores (and comic-book stores!), worshipful temples to coffee, locavore bistros with national press, bespoke menswear designers and gelato shops all jostle for attention. Don't limit your visit to the Old Port, though. Wander through the terrific art museum or take a tour of one of the city's historic homes.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>: Boston, Massachusetts - Toronto Arrives 7:00am**

We disembark today and enjoy a city tour of Boston. Boston, Massachusetts, is a tapestry of historic grandeur and modern charm. Cruising into this port, Holland America guests can explore the Freedom Trail or relish the cosmopolitan air of this city's bustling streets. With every step on the cobblestone paths, the echoes of America's past blend with the vibrant rhythms of contemporary city life. After our tour we'll head to Logan airport for our flight home. Upon arrival in Toronto we'll take our limousine service back to our homes. We'll forever have fond memories of this incredible cruise holiday!

**WELCOME HOME!**