

Cruise Details

Name: Contrasts of Canada & the St. Lawrence River

Reference: SCENIC501Y130926-2
Operator: Scenic Ocean Cruises

Cruise Type: Ocean

Cruise Rating: Ultra Luxury
Ship: Scenic Eclipse

Regions: Canada

Departs On: 13 Sep 26

Departs From: Portland, Maine

Arrives On: 24 Sep 26

Arrives At: Montréal, Québec

Cruise Nights: 11

Total Vacation Days: 12

Itinerary

Day 1: Portland, Maine (United States)

Welcome to Portland, Maine, a historic coastal gem steeped in maritime heritage. One of New England's oldest settlements, this vibrant city boasts charming Victorian architecture, a bustling harbour, and a thriving culinary scene renowned for its fresh seafood. Your journey into wonder begins aboard Scenic Eclipse with a warm greeting from the Captain and crew. Sip a glass of Champagne as you explore your luxurious suite, then join fellow guests at the Sky Bar to toast the start of an unforgettable voyage through the captivating contrasts of Canada and beyond.Docked: 20:00

Arrives On: 13 Sep 26

Day 2: Rockland, Maine (United States)

Discover a charming small city with a protected harbour, nestled among rugged peninsulas, ancient forests and beautiful sandy beaches. This classic New England coastal town bursts with historic charm, vibrant art galleries, top-notch restaurants and the freshest lobster around, earning its well-deserved reputation as the ultimate lobster capital of the world.Scenic Freechoice:
Mt. Battie Scenic Drive & Hike: Enjoy a scenic drive and guided hike to the summit of Mount Battie, one of Maine's most iconic viewpoints. Take in sweeping views of Penobscot Bay and Camden Harbour while exploring forested trails and the historic stone tower.

- Rockland Foodie Tour: Join a local guide for a flavourful walk through historic downtown Rockland, where maritime heritage meets a vibrant culinary scene. Savour fresh seafood, Maine craft beer, and local specialties as you explore the town's art-filled streets and iconic landmarks.

Kayak in Camden Harbour: Explore Maine's rugged coast on a guided sea kayaking adventure across Penobscot Bay. Paddle past rocky shores and forested islands, spot local wildlife and pause on a quiet beach to soak in the stunning views.

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Arrives On: 14 Sep 26

Day 3: Eastport, Maine (United States)

Campobello Island is a popular summer getaway, with windswept beaches, hiking trails, fresh seafood, whale watching adventures, historic lighthouses, art galleries, shops, and an incredible history and culture. It is home to the Roosevelt Campobello International Park, where Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's magnificent summer home is located and preserved as a museum with an outdoor nature park.After discovering this captivating city, return to your Discovery Yacht and relax on board. Explore some of the indulgent spaces, from the welcoming Observation Lounge to the indulgent Senses Spa#.Scenic Freechoice:
Campobello Island & Eleanor's Tea: Visit Campobello Island, the Roosevelts' historic summer retreat, and tour the beautifully preserved Roosevelt Cottage. Enjoy tea with stories about Eleanor Roosevelt and take in the island's scenic charm before returning to Eastport.

Whale Watching in Passamaquoddy Bay: Cruise from Eastport with a marine biologist to spot whales and seals and enjoy smoked salmon and champagne amid stunning coastal views.

Shackford Head State Park Hike: Hike through Shackford Head State Park to a 173-foot headland with stunning views of Cobscook Bay and Eastport harbour. Enjoy coastal scenery, wildlife and peaceful forest trails.

- Craft Beer Tour & Lobster Delight: Explore Eastport's local culture and cuisine with stops at historic sites and a family-run brewery. Finish with a fresh Maine lobster roll paired with a handcrafted beer.Anchored: 08:00 - 14:00

Arrives On: 15 Sep 26

Day 4: Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada)

Spend the day in Halifax, Nova Scotia's dynamic capital. This historic port city has a Downtown district boasting a four-kilometre harbourside boardwalk filled with restaurants, shops, museums, beer gardens and public art. Argyle Street is another happening area with live theatres and pubs that spill out on to the streets. For a change of pace, Halifax Public Gardens occupy an entire block, complete with manicured lawns and floral displays. The hilltop fortress Halifax Citadel National Historic Site overlooks the city; a cannon has been fired here every day at noon since 1857 (except on Christmas Day). Freechoice:
Coastal Drive to Peggy's Cove: Travel along Nova Scotia's Lighthouse Route to the picturesque fishing village of Peggy's Cove, famous for its lighthouse, Experience Halifax's heritage with a visit to the Citadel Fortress, scenic city views and the charming Public Gardens, along with historic landmarks like Province House and the waterfront Historic stunning waterfront views, a fresh seafood feast with local wine or beer, and lively fiddle music celebrating Nova Scotia's maritime spirit.Anchored or Docked: 11:30 -19:00

Arrives On: 16 Sep 26

Day 5: Louisbourg, Nova Scotia (Canada)

Louisbourg's well-preserved 18th-century fortress is a National Historic Site and allows visitors to experience French colonial life, from firing a cannon to tasting rum. Louisbourg was also the site of Canada's first lighthouse on Cape Breton Island, but it was destroyed many times and the lighthouse there today was built in 1923. Wander along the Lighthouse Trail, a treacherous stretch that has seen many shipwrecks, watch as daily catches of lobster and crabs are offloaded from fishing boats at the waterfront and relax on one of its many beaches. Scenic Freechoice:
Fortress of Louisbourg: Travel back to 1744 at the Fortress of Louisbourg, explore historic streets and buildings, meet costumed characters, and enjoy a taste of Heritage Chocolate.

Heart of the Island: Explore Cape Breton's Scottish heritage at the Nova Scotia Highland Village, meet costumed guides, and enjoy stunning views of the Bras d'Or Lakes on this immersive 3-hour journey.

Coal Miners of Cape Breton: Step inside the Cape Breton Miners Museum for a 30-minute underground tour of the Ocean Deeps Colliery with a retired miner and wander the historic miners' village above ground.

- Sydney Highlights: Discover Sydney and its surrounding communities, including Whitney Pier, coastal mining towns and the Lingan wind farm, while learning about the area's rich industrial and wartime history.Anchored: 12:00 - 18:30

Arrives On: 17 Sep 26

Day 6: Cap-aux-Meules, Magdalen Islands, Québec (Canada)

Cap aux Meules is the gateway to the Magdalen Islands, an archipelago in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Made up of three villages, French-speaking Cap aux Meules has the biggest population of the islands, with a bustling port frequented by small ships, fishing boats and ferries. Visit Saint-Pierre-de-La Vernière Church, which was built in 1876 and is the second-largest wooden church in North America made from salvaged materials from shipwrecks. The islands are home to six charming 19th century lighthouses. Scenic Freechoice:
A Taste of Îles de la Madeleine: Discover the flavours of Îles de la Madeleine with visits to local producers, including Pied-de-Vent Cheese and Fumoir d'Antan smoked herring, while enjoying scenic stops at colourful traditional homes, Echouerie Lighthouse, and Dune-du-Sud beach.

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br />Cycling Cap-aux-Meules: Explore Îles de la Madeleine by e-bike with a local guide, taking in red cliffs, sandy beaches, colourful houses and lighthouses, while learning about local life, wildlife and fishing traditions.

Fisherman & Acadian Settlement: Journey from Cap-aux-Meules to Havre Aubert to experience traditional fishing life at Le Site d'Autrefois. Explore historic Acadian villages like La Grave, and admire the island's colourful houses, pebble beaches and dramatic red sandstone cliffs.

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Discover Grosse Île: Witness the stunning scenery of Grosse Île with its red cliffs, sandy beaches and charming village. Meet local lobster fishermen, visit a lobster pond and sample freshly caught lobster while learning about the island's maritime traditions.Anchored: 11:30 - 19:00

Arrives On: 18 Sep 26

Day 7: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (Canada)

Charlottetown is Prince Edward Island's vibrant capital – a small city with an island lifestyle. Prince Edward Island played a significant role in the confederation of Canada but its original occupants, the Mi'kmaq, lived here for 12,000 years. >One of its biggest claims to fame is being the hometown of Lucy Maud Montgomery, who penned the classic novel Anne of Green Gables. It's also a huge fishing and seafood destination with some 1000 kilometres of coastline and white-sand beaches. Explore the city's well-preserved history and architectural treasures of Victoria Row, its bustling harbour and picturesque waterfront boardwalk. Scenic Freechoice:

freen Gables & Island Delights: Discover Prince Edward Island charm with visits to historic Charlottetown, Green Gables House, scenic red cliffs, and enjoy tea and local preserves at the Island Preserve Company.Company.

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Frimce Edward Island's lighthouses, then sample wines and local cheeses at Rossignol Estate Winery while enjoying views of the Northumberland Strait.

fr>Farm-to-Table Experience: Experience the flavours of Prince Edward Island on a culinary tour of local farms and fisheries. Taste fresh oysters, mussels, artisanal cheeses and seasonal specialties while

learning about the island's farm-to-table traditions.

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Kayaking the Hillsborough River:
Paddle a kayak along the peaceful Hillsborough River, surrounded by salt marshes and abundant wildlife. Pause at the riverside for a warm drink and enjoy the serene beauty of Prince Edward Island's coastal landscape.
/p>Anchored or Docked: 9:30 - 17:00

Arrives On: 19 Sep 26

Day 8: Percé, Québec (Canada)

Discover the enchanting village of Percé in Quebec, named for Rocher Percé, the 85metre-high sheer rock formation that is the tourism emblem for Quebec. Known as one of Quebec's most beautiful villages, Percé is also a great whale-watching destination and home to a Global Geopark, which showcases 500 million years of the Earth's history and geological wonders. Soak up the breathtaking landscapes of Percé and the nearby Bonaventure Island, blessed with more than 200,000 breeding birds from 11 different species – the largest migratory bird sanctuary in North America.Scenic Freechoice:
Best of Percé: Experience the charm of Percé, from its iconic rock and stunning coastal panoramas to vibrant local art, galleries and artisan shops. Stroll along the shore at low tide, visit viewpoints, and enjoy the town's rich culture, history and unique shopping opportunities.

Bonaventure Island & Percé Rock with Bird Watching: Admire the majestic Percé Rock and Bonaventure Island on a scenic boat tour, where thousands of seabirds, including the world's largest accessible northern gannet colony, nest along dramatic cliffs.

y-vbr/>Whale Watching: Set out by zodiac to observe the magnificent whales of the Bay of Gaspé. Enjoy spotting these gentle giants, along with with Sugar Shack Lunch: Relax along the stunning shores of Plage de Bridgeville and the tranquil Coin du Banc. Enjoy a scenic drive and savour a traditional 'Sugar Shack' lunch in this peaceful coastal setting.Anchored: 11:00 - 19:00

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Experience the splendour of scenic cruising along the St. Lawrence River today. This mighty waterway snakes for more than 1200 kilometres connecting Canada's Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. It is known for the 40-plus traditional lighthouses that have helped sailors navigate this river for centuries. Relax on board with a coffee on the private verandah of your spacious suite or dining with new friends in the casual Azure Bar & Café, as you pass quaint fishing villages. You may be lucky to view the riverside hardwood forests in their fiery autumnal glory at this time of year.

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Day 10: Quebec City, Québec (Canada)

Considered the cradle of French America, Quebec City is a World Heritage-listed fortified city founded in 1608. Step through more than 400 years of history in its charming cobblestone Old Town set within gates, towers and ramparts complete with

cannons. Perched atop the headland inside is the century-old Chateau Frontenac, which now houses the luxurious Fairmont Chateau Frontenac hotel and Notre-Dame de Quebec Cathedral. The 425-metre wooden boardwalk Dufferin Terrace, which is frequented by street entertainers, has views over St Lawrence River and the Lower Town. See the city lights twinkle as your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht departs port tonight.Scenic Freechoice:
Historic Quebec with Montmorency Falls: Explore Quebec City's highlights, including Château Frontenac, Place-Royale and the Plains of Abraham, with scenic views of the St. Lawrence River. End with a visit to the dramatic Montmorency Falls.

-> br />Fortification National Historic Site Walking Tour: Stroll the cobblestone streets of North America's only walled city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See Place-Royale, Petit-Champlain and take the funicular to Upper Town to explore Château Frontenac, Dufferin Terrace and Forts-and-Château-Saint-Louis with stunning river and city views.
Chr />Old Quebec Walk & Riedel Tasting at the Chateau: Walk Old Quebec's charming streets, visit Château Frontenac and Dufferin Terrace, then enjoy a guided Riedel wine tasting with gourmet snacks.

Île of Orléans Food Tour: Discover the scenic villages of Île d'Orléans and sample local delights including fruit preserves, wine and hand-crafted nougat. Learn about traditional Quebecois craftsmanship and winemaking while enjoying breathtaking views of the St. Lawrence River and surrounding countryside.Docked: 8:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 22 Sep 26

Day 11: Montréal, Québec (Canada)

Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Scenic Eclipse's luxurious facilities. Curl up in a Sky Deck cabana and watch the world drift by, enjoy a workout in the state-of-the-art gym or a Pilates class.
>Montreal is known for its French culture, festivals and arts. Wander through atmospheric Rue Saint-Paul in Old Montreal, gaze inside the 19th-century Gothic Revival Basilique Notre-Dame, or sample Poutine (Montreal's famous French fries, cheese curds and gravy). You may like to visit its Underground City of shopping plazas, wander through colourful blooms in the Jardin Botanique, or admire the works at Musée des Beaux
Arts.
Scenic Freechoice:
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 /> Montreal Highlights Tour & Botanical Garden: Explore Montréal's mix of history and modernity, from Old Montréal and the Golden Square Mile to Westmount. Visit the iconic Notre-Dame Basilica, take in panoramic views from Mount Royal and wander the lush Montreal Botanical Garden.

Stroll through the charming cobblestone streets and historic waterfront of Old Montréal, passing Victorian buildings, Place Jacques-Cartier and the city's first financial district. Visit the iconic Notre-Dame Basilica, a Gothic Revival masterpiece with striking interiors and stained-glass windows.

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Richelieu Valley, including a stop at a charming orchard for cider tasting. Enjoy a visit to a local farm before returning to Montreal.

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/>Flavours & Aromas of Old Montreal: Walk the cobblestone streets of Old Montreal and discover its culinary, cultural and historical charms. Along the way, visit several gourmet venues to sample local specialties such as pastries, smoked meat, gelato and maple products.

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Day 12: Montréal, Québec (Canada)

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