

Treasures of Ottawa

By Rail

Canada's National Capital Tulip Festival

Presented by Rocky River Senior Center
4 Days – May 16-19, 2023

Regal and vibrant, Ottawa is one of the great underrated gems of Canada. Enjoy first class tour features as we travel thru Canada on VIA Rail's sleek and modern LRC train along the shores of Lake Ontario. There is something magical about train travel. Enjoy old world architecture, European art and international cuisine. See costumed soldiers perform the traditional Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Parliament. All the must-see attractions will be included plus a bit of Quebec. Beautiful and cosmopolitan, this Treasures of Ottawa tour will surprise you this spring!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

VIA Rail Canada ~ Ottawa Tulip Festival ~ St. Lawrence Seaway ~ Lake Ontario
Embassy Row ~ Parliament ~ Ottawa River Boat Cruise ~ Rideau Falls
Byward Market ~ Mama Theresa's ~ Changing of the Guard Ceremony
Notre Dame Cathedral Tour ~ Sights & Sound Show ~ 1,000 Islands
Canadian Museum of Civilization ~ Quebec

TOUR INCLUDES

- All motorcoach and first-class rail transportation
- 3 nights first class lodging at the Lord Elgin Hotel in downtown Ottawa
- Three meals: 2 dinners, 1 lunch
- All sightseeing, admissions, luggage handling and most gratuities
- Professionally Tour Manager

TOUR FARE

\$1399.00 per person based on double occupancy
\$1799.00 per person based on single occupancy

Payment Policy: A \$200 per person deposit is now due to secure your reservation with the balance due by April 3, 2023. Make checks payable to Wendt Touring and send to:
Rocky River Senior Center, 21014 Hilliard, Rocky River, OH 44116. Attention: Deb Huff.
For more information, contact Rocky River Senior Center (440) 333-6660. All are welcome.

Refund Policy: Full refund on all monies paid on cancellations made by April 3, 2023.
If you wish, optional trip cancellation insurance is available thru numerous travel insurance companies (on your own) including Travel Insured International (866)-684-0218.
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Itinerary

Day 1: Cleveland - VIA Rail - Ottawa, Ontario

Travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach to Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Upon arrival in Toronto climb aboard VIA Rails sleek, comfortable, high speed LRC train for an exciting ride to Ottawa. There is something magical about train travel. Enjoy plush reclining seats, large observation windows and first-class amenities as we delight in spectacular views that can be seen only by train as we travel along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

A full course dinner with beverages is included on the train. Arrive in downtown Ottawa later this evening for an unforgettable 3-night stay at a first-class hotel, The Lord Elgin, located in the heart of Canada's capital city.

Day 2: Ottawa Tulip Festival - Ottawa sightseeing - Changing of the Guard Ceremony - Canadian Museum of Civilization, Quebec

Experience two diverse cultures, Ottawa (British) and Quebec (French). Steeped in elegance and grace, Ottawa epitomizes a dignified world-class city. Today we will have a comprehensive sightseeing tour. Highlights include: Rideau Falls, Embassy Row, Sussex Drive, Notre Dame Cathedral, Rideau Canal and Byward Market. Later we see the gothic Parliament Buildings, including the Peace Tower with its 53 Bell Carillon. The Ottawa Tulip Festival is one of Canada's great annual events with endless activities throughout our entire visit. The legendary Changing of the Guard Ceremony marches in meticulous formation right in front of our hotel, located across from Confederation Park! Later, we cross over into Quebec to visit the famous Canadian Museum of Civilization. Dinner included this evening at Mama Theresa's Restaurant downtown.

Day 3: Sightseeing - River Boat Cruise - Chateau Laurier - Ottawa at Leisure

Known for its provincial parks and colorful gardens, Ottawa offers boundless opportunities. This morning we see Ottawa and Quebec from a different perspective on a narrated boat cruise along the Ottawa River! A special lunch is included at the historic Chateau Laurier. The balance of the day is free to explore Ottawa on your own. Visit the National Gallery of Canada-impressive for its modern glass architecture as well as its historical European and Contemporary pieces. See the Department of Agriculture's Central Experimental Farm. Tour the Royal Canadian Mint. Other favorites include boutique shopping along Bank Street Promenade. The possibilities are endless. Tonight's evening entertainment is the Sights and Sound Show outside at the Parliament Hill.

Day 4: Ottawa - 1,000 Islands - Cleveland

Morning departure. Travel through the lovely Thousand Islands region of northern New York State. Duty Free, rest and meal stops will be made enroute as we come back home in a different direction from our fun-filled international vacation.

Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring