

MONTREAL & QUEBEC CITY CHRISTMAS

ITINERARY:

LEGEND:

B-Breakfast **D**-Dinner

DAY 1: ARRIVE MONTREAL

Upon arrival in **Montreal** meet your Tour Director and transfer to your hotel for a two-night stay at the historic **Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel**. Although Montreal is one of the world's five largest French-speaking cities, most residents are bilingual. Montreal hosted the 1976 Summer Olympics, and played host to Expo 67, considered to be the most successful world's fair of the 20th Century. Overnight: **Montreal**

DAY 2: MONTREAL CITY TOUR

With its dual English and French cultures, Montreal is Canada's most cosmopolitan city and a city comes alive during the holiday season. Today enjoy a **Montreal City Tour** highlighting the Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Joseph's Oratory, Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University and a panoramic view of the city from atop Mount Royal. Stop to visit the **Underground City (the RÉSO)**, one of Montreal's biggest visitor attractions which keeps Montrealers warm during the winter months. The RÉSO features shops and restaurants, and is connected to subways, train stations & hotels. This evening enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant in **Old Town Montreal**. The Old City features 17th and 18th century architecture, cafes, restaurants & cobblestone streets all contributing to a quaint European-like charm. The festive spirit of the holiday season is found in Old Town and throughout the city during your time in Montreal. (B,D) Overnight: **Montreal**

DAY 3: MONTREAL – RAIL JOURNEY – QUEBEC CITY

This morning board **Via Rail Canada** for the scenic and relaxing train ride to the "Paris of North America," **Quebec City**. Carved into the bluffs overlooking the St. Lawrence River, Quebec City is the provincial capital and probably the best preserved city in North America. Upon arrival, check into the famous **Fairmont Chateau Frontenac Hotel** for a three-night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore one of the oldest cities in Canada. Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, has among its distinguishing characteristics narrow cobblestone streets, stone buildings, fortifications and a French Canadian culture. It has a distinct old-world character and charm including festive holiday decorations and lighting. (B) Overnight: **Quebec City**

DAY 4: QUEBEC CITY TOUR

Today enjoy a **Quebec City Tour** introducing you to Old & New Quebec, North America's only walled city. The tour features the Plains of Abraham, The Citadel and St. Lawrence River views. Later visit the **St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine**, located on the shores of the **St. Lawrence River**. For over 350 years, people of all ages have been gathering at this Shrine dedicated to Saint Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Through the beauty of numerous artistic masterpieces discover the extraordinary history of Saint Anne. Also visit **Albert Gilles Copper Museum**. From copper ore to copper art, discover the mysterious atmosphere of a copper mine. See the copper bearing rocks and then admire the fine artifacts collected from around the world. Then visit the scenic **Montmorency Falls**, the highest falls in Eastern Canada—98 feet higher than Niagara Falls & one of the most popular attractions in the region. Later return to Quebec City and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B) Overnight: **Quebec City**

DAY 5: OLD QUEBEC – LEISURE TIME

This morning enjoy a **Sugar Shack Demonstration** and experience a celebration of all things maple, which is one of Quebec's biggest exports. This afternoon enjoy a visit & leisure time to explore the German inspired **Old Québec Christmas Market**, a market designed to recreate the atmosphere of the big European Christmas Markets. Lights, decorations, and snow create an enchanting setting like no other within Old Quebec. No wonder CNN ranked Québec City among the world's top 15 destinations for celebrating the Holidays! This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers at local restaurant with holiday flair. (B,D) Overnight: **Quebec City**

DAY 6: QUEBEC CITY – MONTREAL AIRPORT – HOME

This morning travel to the Montreal Airport and fly home with wonderful memories of your Montreal & Quebec City Christmas experience. (B)

***Note** – Due to limited air capacity out of Quebec City, PWD reserves the option to transfer some guests to Montreal for flights home. Some departures may operate in reverse.