

# *PILGRIMAGE to Montreal, Quebec and the Holy Door*

**HOLY DOOR OPENED FROM DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> 2023 TO DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

*Celebrate the Jubilee Year at the first Catholic Parish in North America (Canada and USA). Gain Plenary Indulgence by walking through the only Holy Door in the Americas.*

## **Day 1: MONTREAL**

Arrive in **Montreal** (our tour escort will meet your group). In the afternoon, visit St Patrick's Basilica and Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. Transfer to your hotel. Welcome dinner in a nice restaurant downtown. Overnight in **Montreal**.

## **Day 2: MONTREAL**

In the morning, mass at **St-Joseph's Oratory of Mount-Royal** followed by a guided tour of this jewel of Canadian heritage, founded at the beginning of the 20th century by Saint Brother André, a man of God with unshakable faith. After having climbed the stairway to the most beautiful panoramic view of **Montreal**, after discovering the crypt and visiting the Votive Chapel, let us walk through the gardens and follow the Way of the Cross for an unforgettable moment of reflection.

In the afternoon, panoramic tour of **Montreal**. Return to the hotel around 4 p.m. Free time for relaxing and for dinner. In the evening, enjoy the sound and light show at **Notre Dame Basilica** presenting the birth of **Montreal** and highlighting the Basilica's legacy and its many outstanding works of art. Overnight in **Montreal**.

## **Day 3 : MONTREAL – SAINTE ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ**

Early departure to **Sainte Anne de Beaupré**. En route, stop at the **Copper Art of Albert Gilles** and discover 85 years of savoir faire. The artist decorated many churches in North America. Be moved by his religious inspirations.

Then visit the **Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré**, an important pilgrimage place credited by the Catholic Church with many miracles of curing the sick and disabled. It receives about a half-million pilgrims each year.

In the afternoon, continue to **Québec city** and check into your hotel. Free time for dinner in the old Quebec. *In the evening, concert at Notre Dame de Québec (optional)*. Overnight in Quebec.

## **Day 4: QUÉBEC**

In the morning, pilgrimage to the Holy Door of **Notre-Dame de Québec**, then celebrate mass at Notre Dame de Québec cathedral, the oldest parish in North America.



In the afternoon, guided tour with the Corporation du Patrimoine et du tourisme religieux de Québec, explore **Québec City**, discover this UNESCO World Heritage site, meet the three Blessed Founders of the Canadian Church : Mgr François de Laval, first bishop of Québec inside the Cathedral he built ; Marie de l'Incarnation, founder of the Ursuline Nuns of Québec in their exterior chapel ; and Catherine de Saint-Augustin, spiritual founder of the Augustinian Nuns of l'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec (first hospital) inside their monastery. Finish at the church Notre-Dame-des-Victoires. Overnight in **Québec city**.



#### **Day 5: QUÉBEC – WENDAKE – ORLEANS ISLAND - QUÉBEC**

In the morning, optional tour to **Wendake**, the Huron-Wendat museum which recalls native memories and knowledge. **The Old Wendake** offers other interests like the Tsawenhohi House, Notre Dame de Lorette church, the Kabir Kouba falls and a Wendat fresco. Route to **Île d'Orléans** (island) marking the border between the St. Lawrence River and estuary, which is presently the largest historical district of Québec. Fairwell dinner at the **Sugar Shack**, a place of tradition and culture. Enjoy a typical meal as well as traditional music entertainment. Overnight in Québec.



#### **Day 6: QUÉBEC – TROIS RIVIERES – MONTREAL**

Early departure to **Trois-Rivières**: it is under the watchful eye of Mary, Mother of Jesus that we pass our morning at **Our Lady of the Cape Shrine**, the largest Marian shrine in Canada. The visit to the Little Sanctuary which is reputed to be one of the oldest churches in Canada (1720) and of the Basilica will open our eyes to two major events which occurred here: the miraculous ice bridge and the Miracle of the Eyes. We will ponder the symphony of colors, the beauty of the stained glass work of the Basilica with depict among other things, the life of Mary. Continue to Montreal airport or tour extension.

Contact us to book your group or customize your tour: [info@spiritours.com](mailto:info@spiritours.com)



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