

Bicycle Tours in Canada: Cycling Ottawa to Montreal (TourzPlus!)

OVERVIEW

Ottawa boasts an enviable network of scenic bike paths that parallel the city's waterways and includes major points of interest such as Parliament Hill and the Rideau Canal locks. Your hotel is just a short stroll from Byward Market and its stone streets lined with open-air vendors, boutiques and restaurants. The National Gallery of Canada is also nearby. Between Ottawa and Montreal, rural roads and bike paths that pass through farmland. A luxurious stay at Fairmont's historic log lodge and spa, Le Château Montebello, feels like a trip back in time. The peaceful countryside between Ottawa and Montreal offers miles of uninterrupted cycling. Montreal rivals Ottawa for its network of bike paths and routes. Ride the path along the historic Lachine Canal, pedal up Mont Royal for fabulous views, and take a spin around the Grand Prix Formula One track - on your bicycle! Your chic boutique lodging in Old Montreal is the perfect location from which to explore this lively and colorful international city.

Learn more about our **TourzPlus™ partner tours** and how they differ from regular ExperiencePlus! bicycle tours.

HIGHLIGHTS

Extraordinary accommodations, Ottawa, Montreal, Sunday Bike Day

TOUR FACTS

Tour Style	■ TourzPlus: Learn more about our TourzPlus tours at https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus
Includes	9 days, 8 nights' accommodation; Use of a 27-30 speed bicycle; all breakfasts, 2 picnic lunches, 4 dinners; van support; snacks; admissions for all events listed in itinerary; group transfer from and to Burlington, VT
Countries	USA, Canada
Begin/End	Burlington, VT
Arrive/Depart	Burlington, VT (BTV)
Total Distance	264 - 382 miles
Avg. Daily Distance	40 to 60 miles per riding day
Tour Level	▶▶▶▶▶
Keep in Mind	We work hard to maintain consistency across all of our tours, but some trips have unique differences. Here are some things to keep in mind about this tour. A wonderful exploration of city and rural cycling and the opportunity to take full advantage of both.

Please Note: We may have small itinerary changes to this trip after you download this PDF document. If you have booked this trip and there are major changes, including changes to towns or activities, we'll email you directly. However, you should always be sure to refer to the ■ **online itinerary** for the most up-to-date trip information including arrival and departure tips before you depart for your trip:

<https://www.experienceplus.com/bike-tours/canada/bicycle-touring-ottawa-to-montreal>

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DATES & PRICES

DAILY RIDE SUMMARY

Day	Distance/Gain	Terrain	Day Level	Notes
1	31km / 0m (19mi / 0ft)			
2	71km / 0m (44mi / 0ft)			
3	97km / 0m (60mi / 0ft)			
4	47km / 0m (29mi / 0ft)			
5	87km / 0m (54mi / 0ft)			
6	58km / 0m (36mi / 0ft)			
7	42km / 0m (26mi / 0ft)			

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Highlights Drive to Ottawa, city exploration ride

Your tour leaders will pick you up in Burlington for the scenic four hour drive through the countryside of upstate New York to Ottawa. Upon arrival at the Lord Elgin Hotel, an elegant Ottawa landmark, your leader will fit you to your bike, conduct a route review, and provide an introduction to Ottawa. Loosen up your legs with an afternoon spin along bike paths looping around the city. Watch boats navigate the locks on the Rideau Canal and stop to visit impressive Parliament Hill, Canada's government seat. The Bytown Museum, overlooking the locks on the Rideau Canal where the canal meets the Ottawa River, is Ottawa's oldest stone building and houses over 7000 artifacts dating to the city's origins in 1826. Following your afternoon ride, return to your lodging for the next two nights at the Lord Elgin, ideally located in the heart of downtown. Join your tour mates for dinner this evening at the Hotel's outstanding restaurant, Grill 41.

Ottawa

Highlights Capital Pathways, Gatineau Park, Byward Market

Ottawa and neighboring Gatineau roll out their best on Sundays when several major parkways in the downtown area are open only to bicycles and pedestrians. Spin through the wide streets or cross the Ottawa River to ride the famed Gatineau Park road bike loop - free of vehicular traffic! For those who want to spend the day cycling, opt for the longer loops and hilly terrain in the wilderness of Gatineau Park on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River. Immerse yourself in the best of Ottawa by spending the morning on your bike and then visiting the city's finest sites in the afternoon. The Byward Market is one of Canada's oldest public markets and is just a few blocks from the Lord Elgin. What began as a rough working class neighborhood in the 1830's has evolved into one of Ottawa's trendiest neighborhoods. The Market features a farmer's market, artisans, shops and restaurants. The National Gallery of Canada is located on the edge of the Market. Dinner this evening is on your own in the city, with an array of fine options just steps from the hotel.

Montebello

Highlights Ontario's Pastoral Landscapes & The Montebello

Leave the Capital City behind as you follow bike paths east along the Ottawa River. The suburbs soon give way to farm fields filled with sheep, dairy cows, and seas of grain. Rejoin the Ottawa River along a remote section of road where the miles just seem to fly by. Cross the river on a small locally owned ferry to the Fairmont Montebello, an immense and historic log lodge - the largest in the world - where "old world charm meets nature's splendor." Built on the site of a 17th-century seigniorial estate, this stunning property has earned a well-deserved reputation as one of Canada's top luxury resorts. Relax on the grounds, in the pool, or enjoy a massage in their luxurious spa. Immerse yourself in the finest of rustic elegance at this classic wilderness resort. Dinner this evening is in the Montebello's dining room or on the

DAY 1: Sat, Jun 8th

Distance 31 km (19 mi)

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 2: Sun, Jun 9th

Distance 71 km (44 mi)

Meals Breakfast

DAY 3: Mon, Jun 10th

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terrace overlooking the river.

Distance 97 km (60 mi)

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

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This perfectly situated layover day at the remarkable Le Ch?teau Montebello allows considerable room for choice when it comes to how you decide to spend your day. The Montebello overlooks the Ottawa River just south of Qu?bec's Laurentian Mountains and the grounds of the resort offer many amenities such as swimming pools, Jacuzzi, a luxurious spa, tennis courts, golf course, boating, and walking trails, to name a few. For those wishing to explore the nearby countryside, your tour leaders will offer two rides. The longer ride will take you on a hilly loop north through small towns and forested roads. The shorter ride will take you to spectacular Chutes du Plaisance waterfall with the option to visit the wildlife sanctuary of Parc National de Plaisance for a peaceful picnic or wildlife viewing. Dinner this evening is on your own in the village of Montebello or at Le Ch?teau Montebello.

Qu?bec**Highlights** Qu?bec countryside

Quiet back roads and small hamlets of eastern Ontario and western Qu?bec rule the day as you wind your way closer to Montr?al. Today marks the day where you will encounter to more consistently French-speaking locals. Visit the town of Vankleek Hill where 250 homes feature gingerbread styling, and the town's Victorian and Edwardian style buildings are reminders of a once flourishing brick factory. Nowadays, Vankleek Hill may be best known by locals for Beau's All Natural Brewing Company. Sample the local I.P Eh? (you'll understand the "Eh" by the time you arrive!) or their signature Lug Tread Kolsch style lager. Your tour leaders will host a picnic lunch at the brewery, providing hearty fare which will pair nicely with whichever beer you sample. Follow the river to Auberge Willow Place Inn, a beautifully renovated historic property situated on the shore of Lake of Two Mountains. Dinner this evening is overlooking the lake in the Auberge's highly regarded restaurant, featuring gourmet regional cuisine.

Montr?al**Highlights** Follow the Saint Lawrence River to Montr?al

Follow country roads east along the Saint Lawrence River toward Montr?al then wind you way along the wonderful Lachine Canal bike path to Atwater Market. This historic market, first opened in 1933, is surrounded by farm stands whose colorful flowers and vegetables add a rich seasonal dimension. The interior of the building is lined stands and shops featuring selections of local cheese, fresh baked bread, and other regional products. Continue to Old Montr?al and the chic Saint Sulpice Hotel - a boutique property located on a quiet cobblestone street in the heart of Old Montr?al and just steps from some of the city's finest restaurants. The Saint Sulpice perfectly blends old world charm with modern styling and amenities. Guests of the Hotel receive privileged rates at Spa Scandinave which offers exquisite Scandinavian bath and massage

DAY 4: Tue, Jun 11th**Distance** 47 km (29 mi)**Meals** Breakfast**DAY 5: Wed, Jun 12th****Distance** 87 km (54 mi)**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch**DAY 6: Thu, Jun 13th**

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treatments. The Old Port has transformed into a vibrant neighborhood where people live, work, and play on narrow streets lined with restaurants and shops. This evening, enjoy your final dinner together at one of our favorite neighborhood restaurants. Distance: 36 miles. Lodging: Le Saint Sulpice Hotel

Distance 58 km (36 mi)

Meals Breakfast

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Highlights Montreal By Bike, Formula One Grand Prix, Mont Royal,

Distance 42 km (26 mi)

Those up for an early morning spin will be treated to a ride around the actual Formula One Grand Prix race track. Featured during the Grand Prix Circuit's annual Formula One stop in Montréal which attracts the top drivers in the world, you can just imagine the thousands of fans ringing the track as you race your tour mates around the loop. Following the ride, a Montréal-based tour guide will lead a walking tour of Montréal's Old Port. This section of the city is historically rich and includes such icons as Notre-Dame Basilica, a beautiful architectural masterpiece whose history dates to the mid 1600's. This immense, twin-towered Gothic structure was constructed with the intention of featuring similarities in interior design to Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. The group will be transferred back across the border to the airport in Burlington, Vermont in mid-afternoon. Post-tour lodging arrangements at Hotel Vermont are available for those wishing to spend additional time in Burlington, or we'll transfer you to the airport for flights home.

Meals Breakfast, Dinner