
FAM TOURS



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WELCOME TO ONTARIO!

We can't wait to welcome you to Ontario in May 2019 for Rendez-vous Canada! Please join us to explore the Province on a pre- or post-RVC FAM Tour. Discover the neighbourhoods and in-the-know hot spots that define our big cities. Stroll our charming small towns brimming with local character and flavours. Experience our countless lakes and rivers, from the thundering falls of Niagara to the remote lakes of the northern wilderness. Explore by pedal, by paddle, by foot, or hit the open road!

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TORONTO A LA CARTE

As the largest city and most visited destination in Canada, Toronto is where the excitement is. Beneath the city's iconic CN Tower lies a diverse cultural landscape, a thriving arts and music scene, top attractions, multicultural food experiences and vibrant nightlife too. Come for big-ticket events, festivals, sports and an opportunity to experience modern Canada at its best.

If you are eager to discover Toronto prior to Rendez-vous Canada, this 3-night FAM is for you. Arrive on Friday, May 24, and receive a VIP Attractions Pass, giving you complimentary access to over 25 key attractions to explore at your leisure, plus sightseeing tours of the city and its scenic harbour.



Learn about dinosaurs, nature and ancient art at Canada's largest museum, or discover the fashion history of shoes at the Bata Shoe Museum. Take in the splendour of Canada's only castle or dive in to 5.7 million litres of marine life at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada. Get a closer look at the legends of ice hockey at the Hockey Hall of Fame, or 95,000 works of art at the Art Gallery of Ontario. **Choose your own adventure!**



Accommodation for three nights, plus hosted breakfast on May 25, will be provided. All other meals are on own.

Starts: Toronto - Friday, May 24 — Ends: Toronto - Monday, May 27



NIAGARA FALLS & HEART OF ONTARIO

From the world famous natural wonder of Niagara Falls, to renowned vineyards and gardens nearby, experience classic attractions and get some new ideas on this FAM.

Upon arrival at Toronto Pearson Airport, transfer to Niagara Falls for a three-night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner as you overlook the Falls illuminated in bright colours, and mesmerizing fireworks above.

Kick off your Saturday morning with a few iconic Niagara Falls adventures – a ride with **Niagara Helicopters** over the Falls, a breathtaking cruise on **Hornblower's** Voyage to the Falls Boat Tour and a daring ride on **WildPlay's** MistRider Zipline to the Falls. Begin the afternoon with some interesting facts at **Niagara IMAX Theatre** before heading out to yet another Signature Experience – **Journey Behind the Falls**. Travel behind, below and beside the Falls, to truly say you've experienced Niagara from every angle! End on a high note with a Vegas style magic show, put on by the Grand Champion of Magic himself, **Greg Frewin**.



Sunday is all about Niagara's food and wine scene. Enjoy a view with a ride on the **Niagara SkyWheel**, before visiting the brand new maple syrup tasting bar at **Maple Trail** – an authentically Canadian experience. Once your sweet tooth is satisfied, continue to **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, in the heart of wine region, for gourmet food and wine tastings. End the day with some adventure, on a wet 'n wild ride with **Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours!**



On Monday, after a stop at the **Outlet Collection at Niagara** to shop for great brands and prices, it's a quick transfer to "**The Heart of Ontario**" region (Hamilton Halton Brant), conveniently located between Toronto and Niagara Falls. Hamilton, known as the City of Waterfalls, showcases a remarkable collection of spectacular waterfalls, perfectly perched on the cliffs of the **Niagara Escarpment**, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. Visit Devil's Punch Bowl Falls, a spectacular geological gem. Be astonished by scenic views, while enjoying local foodie tastings! Then it's a short drive to **Royal Botanical Gardens** for lunch and a tour of the Rock Garden. Be amazed by this 21st century garden, and its sustainable approach to the environment. Take a picturesque journey up the Escarpment to Halton for an immersive **Indigenous experience**, before transferring to your Toronto hotel.

Starts: Toronto - Friday, May 24 (transfer to Niagara Falls included) —
Ends: Toronto - Monday, May 27



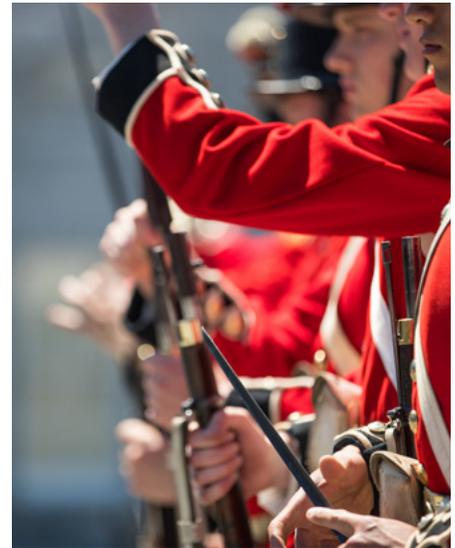
EASTERN ONTARIO

Home to historic cities and natural wonders, Eastern Ontario is an essential stop on any visit to Canada.

The tour starts with three nights in **Ottawa**, to savour the diversity of Canada's capital, home to many Ontario Signature Experiences. Explore the **National Gallery of Canada** and the newly re-imagined **Canadian Museum of History**.

See things from a different perspective with both cycling and walking tours. And no visit to Ottawa is complete without some time in the lively ByWard Market.

On Saturday, step back into the 19th century at **Upper Canada Village**, then admire the breathtaking scenery of the **1000 Islands** with **Rockport Boat Cruises**. En route to the historic city of Kingston, make a stop at **Le Boat's** newest base at Seeley's Bay to see their Horizon Cruiser fleet, now operating multi-day tours on the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Known as "The Limestone City", **Kingston** blends old world charm with the sophistication of a modern city. Learn about local history and contemporary offerings through visits to **Fort Henry National Historic Site**, **Kingston 1000 Island Tours**, **Kingston Trolley Tours** and more.



On Monday, visit charming **Prince Edward County** on your way to Toronto; 'The County' is home to artists, entrepreneurs, farmers, wine makers, chefs and all sorts of creative and passionate folks looking to be a part of the rural renaissance taking place here.

Starts: Ottawa - Wednesday, May 22 — Ends: Toronto - Monday, May 27



RESORT CIRCLE — BLUE MOUNTAIN & MUSKOKA

If you love the outdoors, but don't want to stray too far from an urban centre, Ontario is the perfect playground. This itinerary introduces popular resort regions easily accessible from the heart of the city.

Just 1.5 hours from Toronto Pearson Airport, **Blue Mountain Resort** offers four-season recreation, unique shops, tempting dining and culinary adventures, tranquil spas and exciting festivals & events. Sample some of their exhilarating adventures during your two-night stay in the lively pedestrian village.



On Saturday, at **Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons**, experience living history at a reconstructed 17th century French Jesuit mission in the heart of the Huron-Wendat First Nation. Then transfer to one of Canada's most popular vacation destinations, the **Explorer's Edge** region – an outdoor enthusiast's dream come true. It's home to the beloved **Muskoka** area, filled with sparkling lakes, majestic forests, artisan studios and quaint small towns. Experience the unique "Bog to Bottle Tour", a Canadian Signature Experience, at **Muskoka Lakes Farm & Winery**. Spend two nights at **Deerhurst Resort** in Huntsville and visit the surrounding area, including **Voyageur Quest** where you'll paddle a Voyageur canoe together, a quintessential Canadian experience, and learn about their eco-lodge based experiences. There's even more to discover on your trip back to Toronto, with time saved for a few intriguing road trip stops on the way.

Starts: Toronto - Thursday, May 23 (Flights may arrive throughout the day; shuttles will be scheduled to Blue Mountain at various times) — **Ends: Toronto - Monday, May 27**



ONTARIO'S HIGHLANDS MOTORHOME

There's a new discovery around every corner in Ontario, and the best way to experience it all is on a road trip!

Those with a passion for the outdoors will participate in a range of adventures from wild and challenging to family-oriented outings in **Ontario's Highlands and Kawarthas Northumberland**. Come wander on an escorted motorhome tour – it's a "hands on" opportunity to get behind the wheel of a motorhome and discover Ontario from a unique perspective! This Wonders of our Earth route includes camping with **Ontario Parks**.



Canopy walk and overnight at **Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve**, search for gems with **Yours Outdoors** and engage in a team build activity at **Bark Lake Leadership & Conference Centre**. Visit renowned whitewater paddling resort, the **Madawaska Kanu Centre** for its delicious fare, then craft your own maple syrup with farmer Don Deakin of Mountainview B&B. Go underground at **Bonnechere Caves**, the fossil capital of Canada and share a whitewater thrill on the Ottawa River with **OWL Rafting**. On Monday, canoe culture comes alive at The **Canadian Canoe Museum** in Peterborough and a taste of sustainable farm to table cuisine at **Elmhirst's Resort**. Your Wonders of our Earth passport complete upon your return to Toronto.

IMPORTANT:

Participants will be asked to take turns driving the Recreational Vehicles (RVs). Participants will need to provide drivers licence and passport information upon registration for this FAM.

Participants will be asked to share RV accommodations. Maximum of three guests per vehicle (each guest will have their own bed) and participate in some meal preparations.

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GEORGIAN BAY NORTHERN CIRCLE ROUTE

Ontario is home to 1/5th of the world's freshwater; you'll see some of the most beautiful shorelines, historic waterways and fascinating Northern communities on this trip.

Your first night is in Toronto, then you'll traverse the **Bruce Peninsula**, with its rugged shoreline, recognized as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, to Tobermory where you'll board the MS Chi Cheemaun ferry.



On **Manitoulin Island**, sample a variety of authentic Indigenous experiences with **Great Spirit Circle Trail** during your one-night stay. Continue to **Sault Ste. Marie** for an introduction to key heritage and outdoor attractions, including the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre and the Parks Canada Canal.



Sudbury will surprise you with its intriguing Science North and Dynamic Earth attractions, as well as culinary delights onboard a dinner cruise on Lake Ramsay. Your next stop is **Killarney Mountain Lodge**, where rustic simplicity meets quiet luxury. Nestled in the heart of the Ontario wilderness, this full service resort offers a unique experience for those who desire exploration and retreat in one of Ontario's most treasured regions. On Monday, journey through more stunning landscapes on your way to Toronto.

Starts: Toronto - Thursday, May 23 (participants must arrive in Toronto by **Wednesday, May 22**) — **Ends: Toronto - Monday, May 27**



SAULT STE. MARIE & ALGOMA COUNTRY

Algoma Country is 73,000 square kilometres of amazing outdoor adventures. It's a perfect destination to indulge in paddling, hiking, and epic touring routes, plus urban entertainment and attractions in distinctive Northern communities.

After a short flight from Toronto on Thursday morning, visit **Sault Ste. Marie's** key attractions, including the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre.

On Friday, travel the stunning coast of mighty Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake, with stops at provincial parks and scenic sites. You'll overnight at **Naturally Superior Adventures** and do some sea kayaking on Lake Superior; learn about the variety of paddling programs they offer.



Spent two nights at remote **Lodge Eighty Eight**, an eco-friendly, luxurious wilderness lodge in the heart of the Canadian Shield, accessible by float plane or train. Take a wildlife viewing excursion – watch for moose, black bear and bald eagles. Savour a fresh “shore lunch”, a unique Northern Ontario tradition.



On Monday, see everything from a different perspective as you return to Sault Ste. Marie by floatplane - and on to Toronto.

Starts: Toronto - Thursday, May 23 (participants must arrive in Toronto by **Wednesday, May 22**) — **Ends: Toronto - Monday, May 27**



ST. JACOBS & NIAGARA FALLS

From the market fresh finds in St Jacob's country, to the rush of fresh water in Niagara Falls, experience an idyllic mix of Ontario's hidden gems and Signature Experiences.

Depart Toronto for a one-night stay in St. Jacobs Country. Visit the iconic **St. Jacobs Farmers' Market**, with more than 300 local farmers and crafters.

Admire the rural landscapes aboard one of Waterloo Central Railway's vintage trains. Charming St. Jacobs Village offers shops brimming with original crafts, jewelry, décor, gourmet foods, and craft beer. Here you will enjoy a culinary demonstration and lunch at the Stone Crock Restaurant. Take in The **Mennonite Story** and discover the history and culture of the Old Order Mennonite community.



On Sunday, end your trip to **Waterloo Region** with a step back in time at Doon Heritage Village; a living history museum that recreates life in the year 1914. Depart for Niagara Region. Start your Niagara adventure with a breathtaking helicopter flight over the Falls. Continue to **Niagara-on-the-Lake** to visit several wineries for delicious treats paired with Niagara wine and learn about Niagara Wine and Grape Festival. Arrive to Niagara Falls for your two-night stay, with a welcome dinner at one of Niagara's best Fallsview restaurants.



Monday is all about enjoying the Falls in different ways. Start your day with appreciating the power of Niagara Falls from **Niagara SkyWheel**. Continue to Voyage to the Falls with **Hornblower Niagara Cruises** and **MistRider – Zipline to the Fall**, then over to **Skylon Tower** for your lunch with a view. Now you can really say that you experienced Niagara Falls from different angles! Add a bit of thrill to your day with **Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours** – you will get wet! Complete your day with a very Canadian dinner show – **Oh, Canada, Eh?** On Tuesday, return to Toronto for departures (transfer included).

Starts: Toronto - **Saturday, June 1** — Ends: Toronto - **Tuesday, June 4**



EASTERN ONTARIO

Journey east from Toronto, through a region steeped with Canadian history and defined by majestic waterways.

Kingston, once Canada's first capital, is the perfect mix of heritage and sophistication, from its historic limestone downtown, to its thriving arts and culture scene. Get a "taste" of Kingston on a food tour and learn about local legends on a **Haunted Walk**; you'll also visit the iconic **Fort Henry National Historic Site**, plus **Kingston 1000 Island Tours** and **Kingston Trolley Tours**.



On Sunday, admire the breathtaking scenery of the **1000 Islands** on a cruise and helicopter ride in Gananoque. On Monday, follow the Rideau Heritage Route to **Ottawa**. En route, visit **Le Boat's** main base in Smith's Falls to see for yourself how easy it is to pilot their new Horizon river boats on the Rideau Canal.



You have two nights in **Ottawa** to savour the diversity of Canada's capital city, home to many Ontario Signature Experiences. See Ottawa from the water with **Ottawa City Rafting**. Visit the intriguing **Canadian War Museum** and **Canadian Museum of Nature**. Use your Attractions Passport to explore at your leisure before your flight home on June 5.

Starts: Toronto - **Saturday, June 1** — Ends: Ottawa - **Wednesday, June 5**



SUPERIOR NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Vast boreal forests, pristine wildness and more trees than people, all against the backdrop Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake. This FAM shows you why adventures are bigger in Northwestern Ontario.

On Saturday morning, it's a short flight to **Thunder Bay**; your first stop is **Fort William Historical Park**, where the days of the fur trade are recreated. **Sail Superior** takes you on a sailing experience on Lake Superior; take in views of Sleeping Giant Provincial Park.



Take a breathtaking flight to **Wilderness North's** Miminiska Lodge, deep in the boreal forest, for an authentic Canadian adventure; during your one-night stay, take a wildlife viewing excursion and savour a fresh "shore lunch", a unique Northern Ontario tradition. Do some paddling on iconic Canadian canoe routes. Unwind in the serenity of nature.



On Monday, take a short flight to **Kenora**, an ideal base to sample a variety of outdoor activities; cruise the massive **Lake of the Woods** for views of majestic birds and grand waterfront homes. Then it's westward to **Winnipeg**, where Travel Manitoba will introduce some of their key attractions including the Canadian Museum for Human Rights during your one night stay.

Starts: Toronto - **Saturday, June 1** — Ends: Winnipeg - **Tuesday, June 4**



NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

From the French River to the James Bay coast, there is no denying Northeastern Ontario is big. The towering old-growth forests, expansive historical waterways, sprawling rural landscapes and vibrant communities offer plenty of room to find yourself.

Head north on Saturday morning; en route to North Bay, pass through the iconic **Muskoka Region**, home to sparkling lakes, towering forests, granite cliffs and quaint small towns. Visit **Northern Edge Algonquin**, where you'll sample some of their eco-lodge based adventures and unique cuisine.



After an overnight in **North Bay**, venture further north to **Lake Temiskaming** for a house boat tour and Indigenous presentation with your overnight stay in unique Heritage Homes.



Your next stop is **Timmins** for an overnight at Cedar Meadows Resort and Spa; situated on 175 acres, it showcases the majestic beauty and natural serenity of Northern Ontario. Get up close and personal with wildlife in their 100 acre wilderness park. On Tuesday morning, you'll return to Toronto by air to connect with your departing flights.

Starts: Toronto - **Saturday, June 1** — Ends: Toronto - **Tuesday, June 4**

REGISTRATION

Complete the online form on the FAM Tours section of the RVC website **by March 1, 2019.**

Please provide your top three choices for pre- and/or post-event.

A confirmation will be sent to you in March once your selections have been reviewed for availability.

Thank you!

NOTES

All itineraries are subject to change.

All FAM Tours are fully escorted (English), with the exception of Pre FAM 1, Toronto a la carte.

All accommodations (room & taxes), airport transfers and meals will be hosted for the buyers (with the exception of meals on the Pre FAM 1, Toronto a la carte). All incidentals are at your own expense.

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