



Vive le Québec!

Music in French Canada with WBJC

Château Frontenac

WBJC takes you on an inspiring music-filled sojourn to the province of Québec, the home of French civilization in North America and a cosmopolitan atmosphere unique on our continent. Our trip to Canada

features five superb concerts including performances by the two leading music ensembles of the province and by a leading Canadian cellist and top pianist.



We begin our tour in the charming city and surrounds of Quebec City, the provincial capital and the only walled city in North America north of Mexico.

Our lodging in Quebec will be at the historic and grand Château Frontenac.

We will enjoy a private piano recital by esteemed artist Maxim

Bernard, as well as an evening performance by the town's

pride - Les Violons du Roy, led by renowned violinist

and conductor Anthony Marwood. Then it is on to the exciting

international city of Montreal for three more performances including

an evening with the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal featuring

the orchestra's exciting young maestro Rafael Payare and concertmaster

Andrew Wan. A matinee performance at the Museum of Fine Art's Salle Bourgie and

a private performance of leading cellist and gambist Elinor Frey round out the music

schedule. Our lodging in Montreal will be at the Hôtel Place d'Armes, an elegant hotel

superbly located in the vibrant and engaging neighborhood of Old Montreal. In both

towns, we'll sample the outstanding cuisine and celebrate the rich history of the region,

yet leave ample time for relaxing, shopping, or additional sightseeing.



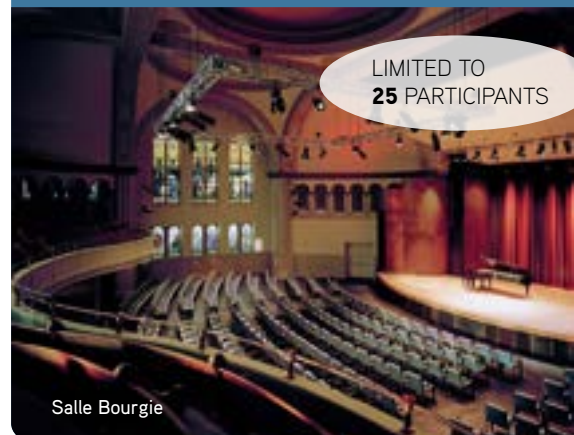
Elinor Frey (left), Maxim Bernard (right)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime tickets to concerts by Les Violons du Roy, Clavecin en Concert and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra
- Two private performances at local and historic venues
- Walking tours of some of the major sites of Quebec City and Montreal led by private and expert guides
- Food and Culture Tours of the Île d'Orléans and in local Montreal neighborhoods
- Commentary by WBJC program director Jonathan Palevsky throughout the trip
- Deluxe accommodations and fine dining at some of Quebec's best restaurants
- Private air-conditioned motorcoach transportation for all activities on the tour
- Free time for further leisure activities



LIMITED TO
25 PARTICIPANTS

Tour Cost: \$4,850 per person, ground only, double occupancy. Single supplement: \$945

Deposit: \$1,000 per person first come, first served

Balance Deadline: Friday, September 8, 2023.
After that date, call for availability.

Contact The Grand Tour to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check made payable to The Grand Tour for the deposit amount to: WBJC Quebec Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458

Registration materials can be downloaded from www.wbjc.com

Questions? Contact The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 or info@thegrandtour.com

The Vive le Québec Tour is organized exclusively for WBJC by The Grand Tour Travel Company of Peterborough, NH.

October 19 - 26, 2023



Palais Montcalm, Québec City



Conductor Rafael Payare

Daily Itinerary

Thursday, October 19 Bienvenue!

Arrival in Quebec City and check in at the historic Château Frontenac on the Saint Lawrence River at the heart of the old fortified city, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our **welcome dinner** precedes a wonderful concert by Les Violons du Roy performing works by Elgar, Mendelssohn and Enesco. Les Violons are led by British violinist and conductor Anthony Marwood in the lovely Palais Montcalm. A festive dessert will be enjoyed after the performance back at the hotel.

Friday, October 20 Vieux Québec

Breakfast daily at both hotels.

This morning we set out with our private guide on a walking tour of the town of Quebec. From the statue of Samuel de Champlain to the Petit-Champlain district, the name of the city of Quebec founder recalls the French presence in America since 1608. The immense mural, the Fresque des Québécois, and the architecture of the Place-Royale which surround it are a couple of the prominent sites we will visit. **Lunch** is nearby and you will have a free afternoon to discover more history at your leisure.

Jean Talon Market, Montreal

Saturday, October 21 La Belle Isle

Today we will enjoy an excursion with our private guide to the Île d'Orléans, one of the first settlements in the Saint Lawrence Valley. Declared a heritage site in 1970, Île d'Orléans is of interest for its historical, landscape, architectural, archaeological, emblematic and identity values.

We'll discover the tastes and treasures of the island as we tour with stops for **tastings** at cideries, jam and jelly purveyors, fromageries, vineyards and more. On our way back into Quebec we will pause for a view of the awesome Montmorency Falls – over 1 ½ times higher than Niagara! Tonight, prominent Canadian pianist Maxim Bernard performs a recital from the Romantic era by Chopin, Liszt and Schumann, at Holy Trinity Cathedral in the Old Town, exclusively for the group!

Sunday, October 22 Au Revoir et Bonjour

We bid adieu to Quebec and board our private motorcoach and follow the Saint Lawrence southward to Montreal. We'll stop for a local **lunch** followed by a performance at The Montreal Museum of Fine Art's Salle Bourgie. Artistic Director Luc Beauséjour joins his *Clavecin en Concert* performers on the custom pianoforte of Salle Bourgie for a concert featuring music by Mozart and Beethoven. Late afternoon check-in to the Hôtel Place d'Armes, housed in four stunning 19th century neoclassical buildings opposite the Notre-Dame Basilica.

Monday, October 23 Vieux Montréal

After breakfast, our private guide will lead us through the narrow streets of Old Montreal. From its origin as an outpost to convert the natives to Christianity, Montreal is now a great cosmopolitan metropolis of nearly two million people. The town is predominately French speaking but with

a sizeable population of English speakers and a polyglot of other ethnic groups. Our course through the lively old town covers three centuries of history. **Lunch** nearby. Your afternoon is free to explore more of Old Montreal and its fine historic museums and other sites.

This evening we will enjoy a private performance in the crypt of the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel by the fine cellist Elinor Frey accompanied by Liza Miller on the harpsichord.

Tuesday, October 24 Montréal Culinaire

Today we will travel by private coach to take in Montreal's diverse neighborhoods and revel in the city's culinary treasures. Stops along the way include **tastings** at the famous St. Viatour Bagel Shop and Lester's Deli, as well as at other delicious bites. The day concludes at the wonderful Marché Jean-Talon – a veritable temple of foods in Montreal. We'll meet local vendors and sample their offerings and enjoy **lunch** nearby.

Wednesday, October 25 Faites Vous-Plaisir!

We begin our day at the beautiful Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal – Saint Chapelle in Paris writ large. We'll climb up into the loft and take a seat around the majestic Casavant organ and enjoy a private performance by Pierre Grandmaison, who celebrates his 50th year as the titular organist of the Basilica. After wards we will enjoy time in the Basilica with our private guide. The rest of the day is free in Montreal and the options are limitless. The Olympic Park (1976 stunner), Botanical Garden (3rd largest in the world) and its insectarium (the largest in North America), underground city (a marvel), and more! Following our **farewell dinner** this evening, we will attend a spectacular performance by The Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal led by Music Director and Conductor Rafael Payare. The OSM is considered one of the most prestigious symphony orchestras in Canada, and one of the best in North America. Violinist Andrew Wan joins the OSM in performing one of the signature works of the repertoire—Beethoven's immortal *Violin Concerto*.

Thursday, October 26 À La Prochaine!

Tour ends after breakfast and hotel check-out.

*Itinerary subject to change. Meals in **bold** included in the price of the tour.*



Rue Saint-Paul, Old Montreal