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An exploration from Boston of Canada's East Coast
& the St Lawrence River aboard the **MVVictory II**
17th to 29th May 2019



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We are delighted to be working with Victory Cruise Lines who have made some cabins available to us for this fascinating voyage from Boston to Montreal aboard their charming vessel, the MV Victory II. This unusual itinerary offers a comfortable mix of sophisticated cities and towns combined with the great North American outdoors. We will see some stunning scenery, encounter marine-life including the famous whales in the Saguenay Fjord, and enjoy the interesting blend of cultures for which Eastern Canada is famous.



Before embarking, we have an overnight stay in Boston with time to enjoy what is surely America's most beautiful and historic city. Once on board we set sail north to the city of Portland, Maine which is home to a wealth of architectural treasures and immortalised by Longfellow in *My Lost Youth*. Leaving New England behind us we head to Maritime Canada for an exploration where, amongst the many scenic highlights, will be a visit to the picturesque village of Lunenburg in Nova Scotia, the region's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nestled on a hilly peninsula, this 19th century village is known for its shipbuilding, seafaring expertise and its natural beauty and we will also visit the bustling city of Halifax with its pretty waterfront area and centuries-old maritime heritage.

There will be included excursions on offer in each port of call with time to stroll along the docks or relax in the waterfront parks as well as ample time to enjoy life on board whilst cruising through some stunning scenery including a day sailing along the St Lawrence River. Where the St Lawrence meets the Saguenay Fjord the waters and the excellent natural conditions support a permanent colony of some 1000 whales and with the help of our onboard naturalist we hope to get as close as possible to many of the marine mammals including dolphins, whales and seals. Finally, to experience the unique culture and heritage of the region, the itinerary includes the cities of Quebec, that exudes old-world charm and French *joie de vivre* and Montreal with a modern style all of its own.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Boston, USA.
Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

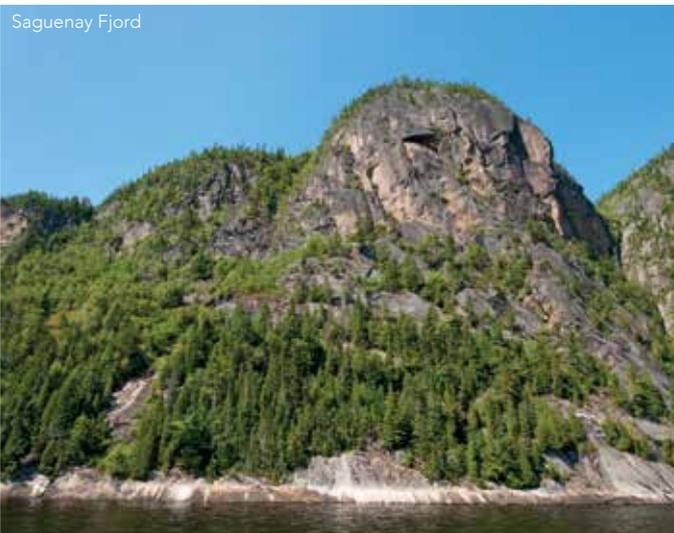
Day 2 Boston. After breakfast in the hotel we explore Boston's iconic

institutions and roam its lively district with a guided city tour. Among the famous landmarks, see the Boston Common, the Trinity Church, the Old State House and the historic Boston North End with some free time to explore the Faneuil Hall Market

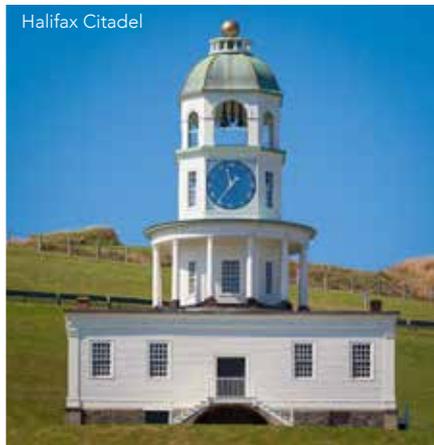
Place. After lunch we will drive north to the coastal city of Gloucester where we embark the MV Victory II and sail in the early evening.

Day 3 Portland, Maine. Arrive this morning into Portland. The Old

Port waterfront combines active fishing wharves with warehouses converted into charming boutiques and quaint cafes, shops and museums. We will depart by coach to explore Portland. Drive through the elegant Victorian Mansion



Saguenay Fjord



Halifax Citadel



Chedabucto Bay



Kennebunkport



Boston

district, past the boyhood home of American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and many of the former Sea Captain's homes. Then drive out to see Casco Bay and the famous Portland Head light that guards the channel and access to this port. After lunch on board, depart via coach for a short ride to Kennebunkport. Kennebunkport's Lower Village and Dock Square are located close to the ocean and the Kennebunkport River. Since the early 1600's this community has been a shipbuilding mecca, with locally constructed five-masted schooners sliding into the Atlantic to eventually work with every corner of the globe. The New England community has long been the summer residence of former President G.W. Bush and many others seeking to relax in this New England maritime atmosphere. We will have free time to visit this quaint community, after which we will tour past the architecturally significant homes of nearby Kennebunk. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery and pause by the quirky 'wedding cake house'.

Day 4 At Sea. Spend a day at sea aboard the casually elegant MV Victory II as we cruise north. Enjoy convivial conversation with your fellow passengers or join an engaging discussion with the onboard experts; who are

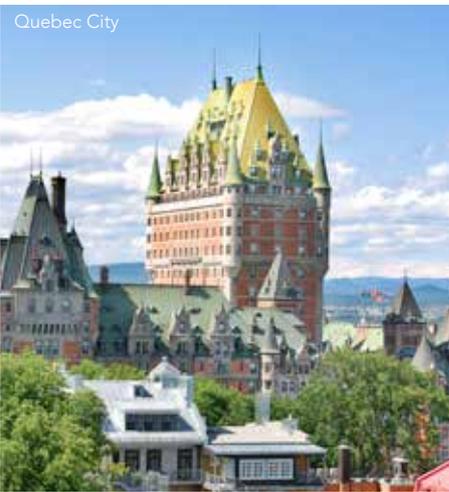
well-versed in the history, peoples and natural wonders of The Great Lakes region.

Day 5 Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada. The Old Town of Lunenburg is one of only two urban communities in North America designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Considered to be the best surviving planned British colonial town in North America, you can still see the tall ships moored off the port and hear the blacksmith's hammer, while our local guide offers tales of lives lost on the ocean. This morning we will stroll and tour Lunenburg's harborside streets, lined with unique shops and restaurants that blend with the well-preserved and colourfully painted historic homes, much like a living museum from the 18th century. Our day ashore includes a visit to the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, an exploration of wharfside vessels, the extraordinary aquarium, and the famous Bluenose II, a replica of the original world-famous racing schooner. After lunch we embark on a scenic drive through Mahone Bay, famous for its picturesque natural beauty and a handsome collection of churches that line the shore. Lunenburg actually contains Nova Scotia's largest fishing fleet and we are likely to see some of these vessels in action.

Day 6 Halifax. We depart for our day exploring Halifax. Our first visit is to picturesque Citadel, which was constructed in 1856 as an eight-pointed-star defence structure to defend Halifax from invading forces. It is populated by the 87th Highlander regiment, who regularly perform re-enactments inside the square. The Halifax Museum of the Atlantic offers an exceptional glimpse into Nova Scotia's maritime heritage, with an emphasis on small craft and the massive allied World War II convoys assembled in the inner Halifax harbour. On our way out of town, we drive past the Fairlawn Cemetery and hear the compelling story of how 100 of the RMS Titanic victims were recovered and buried in this city. We will then continue along the craggy shoreline for a 45-minute drive to Peggy's Cove, one of the loveliest maritime villages in Nova Scotia. Located in St. Margaret's Bay, this active coastal village retains the character and flavor of an active residential community, with a vibrant fishing fleet, quaint multi-coloured homes and the iconic Peggy's Cove lighthouse. Lunch will be taken in one of the local restaurants, after which there will be ample time to stroll through the community, explore the rocks surrounding the lighthouse and shop for typical Nova Scotia souvenirs in the local stores.

Day 7 Canso Canal. As we sail toward Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island, we will navigate through the Strait of Canso. This strait is located in the province of Nova Scotia and divides the Nova Scotia peninsula from Cape Breton Island. It is a long thin channel approximately 16 and a half miles long and averaging almost two miles wide (0.62 miles at its narrowest). The strait connects the Chedabucto Bay on the Atlantic Ocean to St. George's Bay on the Northumberland Strait, a sub-basin of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. The strait is crossed by the Canso Causeway for the vehicular and rail traffic, opened in 1955. The Canso Canal allows ships to pass through the causeway, and this can accommodate any vessel capable of transiting the Saint Lawrence Seaway.

Day 8 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Located on Prince Edward Island, Canada's tiniest and most charming province, Charlottetown is famous for its red earth and white beaches. This morning our coaches leave the port and will initially follow the same historic trail through Charlottetown, which was walked by the delegates participating in the historic conference leading to the Confederation of Canada. We will then drive along the North Shore of Prince Edward Island to



Cavendish Bay, Prince Edward Island National Park, and the farmstead that inspired L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables. Guests can tour the house as well as other settings from the book, including the Haunted Woods, Lover's Lane and Balsam Hollow. Enjoy free time strolling along the shores of the bay or the charming city centre before we return to the ship for dinner.

Day 9 St Lawrence River. Enjoy a day of cruising as our ship navigates the Saint Lawrence River, formed from the world's largest source of fresh water – The Great Lakes.

Day 10 Whale Watching, Tadoussac. Tadoussac, where the Saint Lawrence River meets the outflow of the Saguenay River, is one of the most exciting whale watching sites in the world. Between May and October, up to 13 species of cetaceans make their way upriver from the Atlantic Ocean, then become temporary residents in the salty rich waters of the Saint Lawrence. These sea mammals include blue whales, the largest animals on the planet, and the impressive humpbacks, which swim up into the mouth of the Saguenay Fjord near Tadoussac

to feed. Here, a naturalist will join us on board to help navigate the Saguenay Fjord in search of different species of whales. This region of the Saint Lawrence River has also been the home of several indigenous tribes and at one time travelled into the Saint Lawrence to augment their whale catch. Nowadays the region is committed to sustaining a safe and rich environment for these extraordinary creatures and the only catch one can make is through the lens of a camera.

Day 11 Quebec City. Quebec City is the only walled community in North America and is deeply engaged in preserving its history and its unique place in Canada. This morning we will depart by coach for the Plains of Abraham at the point where the battle between the invading English forces and the defenders took place as they stormed the upper city and captured the town. Then onward to pretty Place Royale in the lower-town, which in 1759 was bombarded from across the river, as fire ships were dispatched towards the port. We then drive out of Quebec City to see the historical and majestic Montmorency Falls including

a cable car ride to the top where you will have magnificent views across to the Ile d'Orleans. This afternoon, as the port is located close to the lower town, you may wish to explore independently and perhaps visit the Petit Champlain or take the funicular railway to the Chateau Frontenac to stroll the magnificent Dufferin Terrace.

Day 12 Montreal to London. This morning arrive in the port

in Montreal. Disembark after breakfast for a tour of this culturally diverse city. See Old Montreal's rich architectural and historical legacy, visit the Notre-Dame Basilica and stop at the Mont-Royal for a panoramic view of the city. Enjoy lunch before transferring to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 13 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Cat E	On Request	On Request
1	Cat D	£5995	£5495
2 & 3	Cat C	£6395	£5895
3	Cat B	£6795	£6295
3	Cat A	On Request	On Request
4	Cat AA	£6995	£6495
3	Owner's Suite	£7995	£7495
1	Cat D for sole use	£8995	£8495
2 & 3	Cat C for sole use	£9395	£8895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Boston on a bed and breakfast basis • Lunch on days 2 & 12 • 10 nights aboard the MV Victory II on a full board basis • Complimentary house wine, beer, spirits & soft drinks on board • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas, dinner on days 1 & 12.



MV VICTORY II

Operated by our American associates, Victory Cruise Lines, the MV Victory II is a newly refurbished vessel that has been upgraded to the highest of standards. With a maximum of just 202 passengers, this unique vessel offers an informal and relaxed atmosphere on board with expansive open deck space and spacious and stylish indoor areas. With her small size, she is agile enough to navigate the canals and locks, tranquil bays, and hidden ports which are inaccessible to the larger ships.

Your Stateroom/Suite

There are a total of 101 staterooms and suites spread over four decks, all benefitting from large windows with outside views. The staterooms range in size from 146 to 184 square feet and all feature two

windows, apart from the Category AA Staterooms on Deck 4 which feature three windows and offer direct access to the open-air promenade. The two Owner's Suites on Deck 3 are considerably



Owner's Suite

larger at 335 square feet and offer a semi-private terrace, queen-sized bed, separate sitting area with a sofa bed, mini-bar and five windows allowing for spectacular views of the passing scenery. The staterooms and suites all feature a private en-suite bathroom with shower, climate control, flat screen TV with on-demand films, safety box and hairdryer. Most of the staterooms offer twin or double bed configuration though a small number have a fixed layout.

Your Space

The vessel's spacious public areas provide panoramic views of the beautiful passing landscapes and include the Sea View Bar and Observation Deck where you can start the day with a morning coffee and snack or relax with a book in one of the outdoor lounge chairs. There are two restaurants on board, the Victory Dining Room



Deck

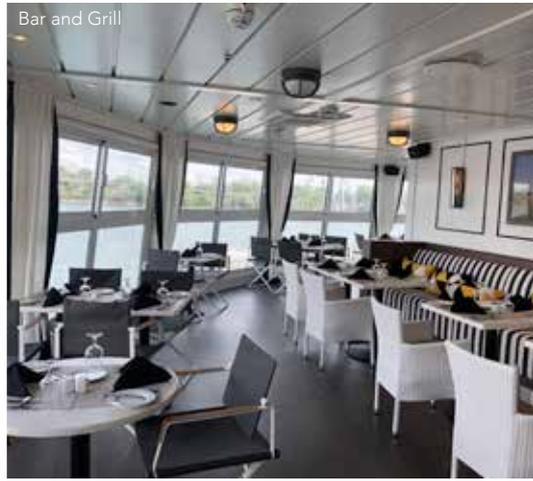
and the Lighthouse Bar & Grille and, for a relaxed drink to catch up with newfound friends, find a spot in the English-style Whale of a Tail Tavern. The onboard team of experts will provide informative talks in the conform of Great Lakes Lounge and, for those looking for an opportunity to indulge, the Latitude Salon and Spa offers a range of treatments at an additional cost. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the vessel.



Cat B Cabin



Cat AA Cabin



Bar and Grill



Dining Room

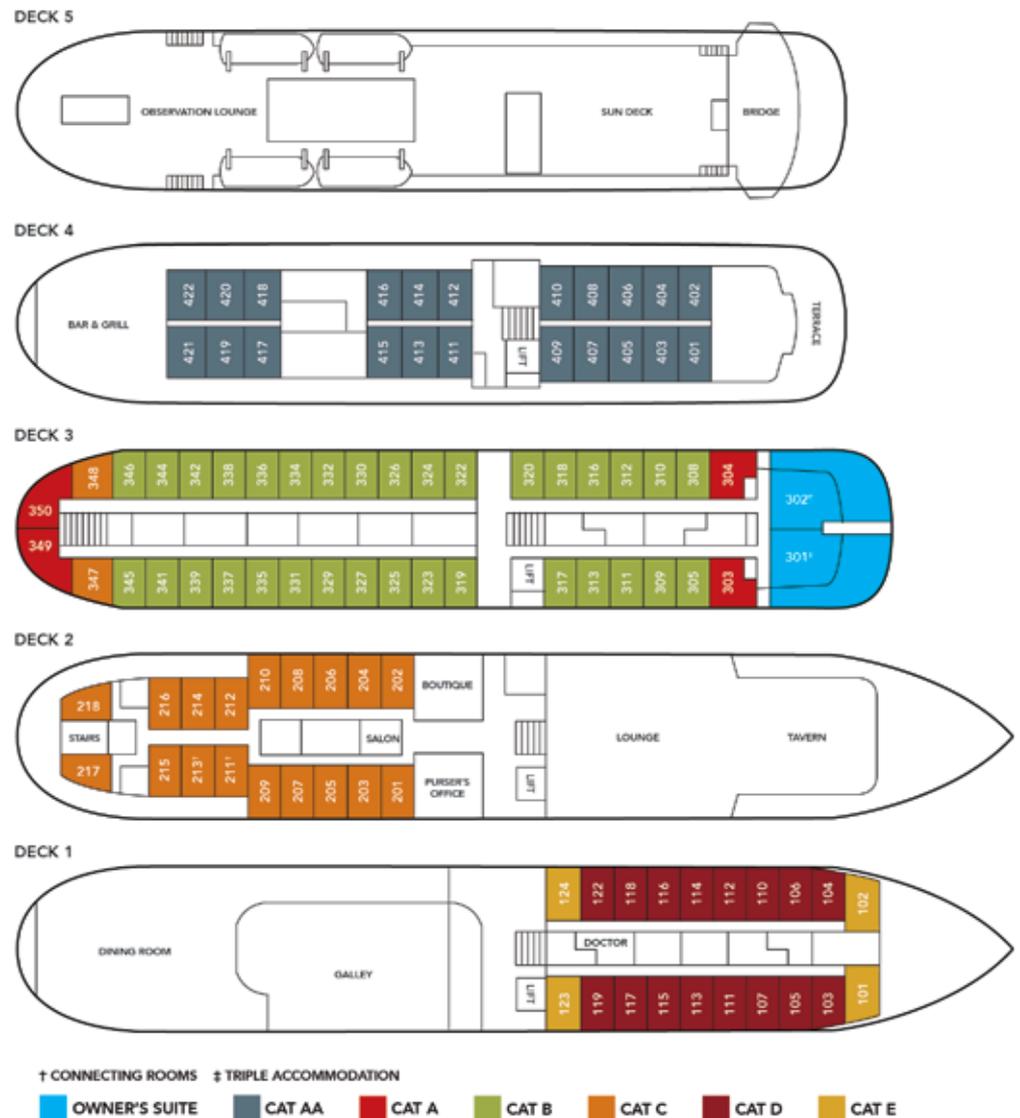
Your Dining

Enjoy delicious cuisine in the easy elegance of the Victory Dining Room where the professional waiting staff serve breakfast, lunch and dinner daily from the chef's menu of regionally inspired dishes. Alternatively, enjoy panoramic dining and fresh selections at the Lighthouse Bar & Grille which serves buffet breakfast, lunch and seated dinner (reservations required for dinner). 'Hot rock' cooking is the speciality of the day here: choose your ingredients and watch them cook to perfection on 100% pure volcanic lava rock. Complimentary house wine, beer and spirits are available on board throughout the day.

Life On Board

The atmosphere on board is casual and relaxed, with the dress code reflecting this. The highly experienced crew will make you feel welcome with their warm, professional and attentive service and will delight in serving to your onboard needs. Return from the day's excursion and enjoy an aperitif before or after dinner in the English-style tavern and unwind in the comfort of the spacious public areas or in your suite or stateroom with its generous window views. You will be travelling in the company of engaging specialists focusing on the regions you are travelling through, providing informative talks to complement the knowledgeable local guides that will accompany you on the included shore excursions.

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