# LOCKS, LEGENDS AND CANALS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND MONTREAL



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DURATION: 14 Days/13 Nights

SHIP: Grande Mariner & Grande Caribe

**From** - \$5,024 (Double) Including Port Charges

## **ITINERARY:**

#### Day 1 - New York, NY

This two-nation cruise has it all, from the dazzle of the Manhattan skyline to the vintage charm of Quebec. The romantic contrast of the city scenes combined with the surging rivers, serene lakes and fjords makes this journey worthy to be in our 'Signature Series' portfolio. Embark today in New York City and prepare to cruise the most renowned waters of New York State and southeastern Canada.



#### Day 2 - West Point, NY

Begin your day with a morning sail through New York Harbor passing the Statue of Liberty before the majestic natural beauty of the Hudson River Valley. This afternoon, arrive in West Point, NY. An optional tour takes you to the campus of the prestigious West Point Military Academy and its awe-inspiring Gothic Revival style chapel. An afternoon sail takes you to Kingston, NY.

## Day 3 - Kingston, NY

This morning in Kingston, an optional tour to Hyde Park includes a visit to "Springwood," the beloved estate home of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, now his presidential library and museum. Later, travel up the northern leg of the Hudson River to Troy, NY. The retractable pilot-house will be lowered to transit the famed Erie Canal. This evening enjoy lively musical entertainment onboard the ship.



## Day 4 - Cruise the Erie Canal

Going where other ships simply cannot go, we transit the Erie Canal, something only Blount boats can do because of their design. Enjoy a full day of cruising the historic Erie Canal, widely considered to be one of the most important works of civil engineering in America. A local historian joins the cruise to narrate about the history of the Canal.

#### Day 5 - Sylvan Beach, NY

Behold the beauty of the Catskill Mountains where approximately 250,000 acres of the Catskill's pristine landscape has been designated "forever wild" thanks to the work of environmental visionaries. Located in the foothills of the Catskills, Cooperstown, NY is home to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Tonight arrive in Sylvan Beach, NY on the shores of shimmering Lake Oneida.

## Day 6 - Oswego, NY

Cruise along the Oswego Canal to Oswego, NY, located on the shores of Lake Ontario. Choose to take a shuttle on a loop around this charming area and view some of the highlights like the H. Lee White Marine Museum, the Richardson-Bates House Museum, or Fort Ontario. Witness the feat of Blount's retractable pilot-house being raised up to its full height. Later, local musicians entertain onboard.

## Day 7 - Clayton & Alexandria Bay, NY

Today, cruise to Clayton, NY in the gorgeous Thousand Islands region. You will visit the notable Antique Boat Museum for a glimpse of the world's largest showcase of classic recreational boats. Spend the night in beautiful Alexandria Bay, NY with views of the famed Boldt Castle.



## **Day 8 – Cruise the Thousand Islands** Cruise through the stunning Thousand Islands along the St. Lawrence River, part of the international boundary between the US and Canada. Visit tiny Dark Island in Chippewa Bay and tour the stately and elegant Singer Castle. Built as a private home in 1905, the mansion was used for rum-running during Prohibition.

#### Day 9 - Cruise the St. Lawrence Seaway

Crossing into Canada, cruise the St. Lawrence Seaway, the gateway from the Atlantic Ocean to the North American Great Lakes. The seaway is a system of locks, canals, and channels dotted with waterfront communities, scenic islands, and amazing wildlife habitats.



## Day 10 - Quebec City, QC

After a day of cruising, arrive tonight in Quebec City.

#### Day 11 - Quebec City, QC

Quebec City, QC, with its distinctly French culture, is considered by many to be the most romantic city in North America. Be sure to visit the Chateau de Frontenac and browse the shops and restaurants along the cobblestone streets of Old Town. This morning, an optional tour introduces the charms of Quebec City and the stunning view from Observation Towers before visiting Montmorency Falls.

## Day 12 - Three Rivers, QC

Your port of call today is charming Three Rivers, QC, also known as Trois-Rivières in French. This morning select from two optional tours: "Churches of Trois-Rivières" to admire the stunning architecture, or a Heritage Walking Tour. This evening, enjoy a special opportunity to visit the Musèe des Ursulines, a short walk from the ship, and listen to a private organ recital inside the museum's awe-inspiring chapel.

## Day 13 - Montreal, QC

Famed for its thrilling cuisines, cobblestone streets, and world-class shopping, Montreal truly appeals to every sense of adventure. You may choose an optional city tour that includes Old Montreal, Olympic Park, Mount Royal Park, and St. Joseph's Oratory; or enjoy exploring this enchanting and historic city at your leisure. This evening enjoy a musical performance of the flute and guitar by local entertainers.

**Day 14 - Montreal, QC** Disembark today in Montreal.



## 2020/21 RATES

CABIN CATEGORY	REGULAR
CAT 1	\$5,024
CAT 2	\$6,424
CAT 3	\$6,624
CAT 4	\$7,324
SINGLE-CAT 3	\$8,124

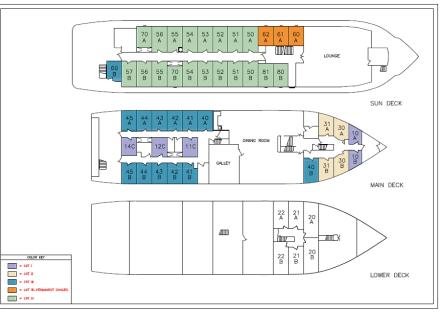
Rates include port charges (\$450). Early arrival package \$150 per person. Includes pre-cruise night onboard, dinner and breakfast.



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