

## Ottawa Hot Air Balloon Festival **NEW for our 2019 Tour** A Progress Dinner in ByWard Market

August 30 – September 2, 2019  
 Friday-Monday

**Passport *OR* Passport Card Required**

If you haven't joined us yet for a trip to Ottawa, then the Ottawa Hot Air Balloon Festival is a perfect opportunity to combine a fun, colorful event with the European charm of Canada's Capital City!

### Day 1 – Friday, August 30

Our journey today will take us through Vermont and over the beautiful Lake Champlain Islands to the US/Canada border crossing at Cornwall, Ont. Home for the next 3 nights is the *4-Star Hilton Lac-Leamy*, just across the river from Ottawa, and offering a beautiful view from every room. Dinner tonight will be a fabulous buffet in the attached Casino with an opportunity, for anyone interested, to enjoy some gambling with the free gaming package offered by the Casino. **Buffet Dinner, 3-Nights Hilton Lac-Leamy**

### Day 2 – Saturday, August 31

Following a wonderful breakfast buffet, a Local Guide will take us on a driving tour to learn the history and see all the wonderful sites of this beautiful capital city. The tour will end at the ByWard Market, Ottawa's version of our Quincy Market, for some shopping and lunch (on own).

Before returning to our hotel for some down time, we'll have a guided tour of the Royal Canadian Mint featuring the world's biggest coin, gold bars, and Olympic Medals on display.

A special treat tonight will be our, *new for this 2019 Ottawa tour*, a progressive dinner in ByWard Market led by a long time local with culinary and wine expertise. On the tour we'll stop at four of the Market's top restaurants allowing them to showcase their relaxing atmosphere and award winning cuisine. Each restaurant represents one course of your 4-course meal which features creative local cuisine. We'll begin visiting 2 different restaurants, each offering a starter, then progress to another for our entrée course, and finally dessert. Wines are hand selected and paired accordingly. The tour also includes beer or soda as alternative to wine. The entire 3-hour dining experience will be in restaurants contained all within only a few blocks of the market. Wine, beer, or soda and gratuities are included at all restaurants. It promises to be a fun and relaxing evening! **Breakfast Buffet, 4-Course Progressive ByWard Market Dinner**

### Day 3 – Sunday, September 1

It's an early start this morning to arrival at the nearby La Baie Park for the Hot Air Balloon Festival's massive ascension when dozens of colorful hot air balloons of all shapes take to the sky. They must fly in the early morning when winds are the calmest. Admission allows coming and going all day so we'll return to the hotel for breakfast and to recharge.

For those not needing to rest after our early morning adventure, we will offer an *Optional morning Excursion* to the nearby Canada Museum of History (formerly the Civilization Museum), the most visited museum in Canada. A special feature of the museum is the spectacular Grand Hall that features a collection of magnificently carved giant Totem Poles from around the country. You'll have time for lunch (on own) in the museum's café. RT Transportation Included. **Additional \$25 per person that day – no pre-sign-up necessary – decide that morning.**



Before returning to the festival grounds, we'll have a relaxing 75-minute narrated cruise on the Ottawa River for the best photo opportunity of the nation's impressive Parliament Building. Queen Victoria selected this magnificent location, perched on the edge of the city's high cliffs overlooking the river, for the country's seat of government. After the cruise, you'll have the late afternoon and evening to wander among the multi-colored balloons, talk to the pilots to learn all about their sport, and enjoy the festival's many craft booths. The highlight of the evening will be the "night glow" when tethered balloons inflate creating a palette of color in the night sky. **Breakfast Buffet**

**Day 4 – Monday, September 2**

This morning we make our way home stopping for some shopping at Duty Free before crossing the border. **Breakfast Buffet**

**Included in your Unicorn Tour: Travel by Luxury Motorcoach**

- Fully Escorted by Professional Tour Director
- **3-Nights Deluxe Accommodations:-** 4-star Hilton Lac-Leamy, Gatineau, Quebec
- All Baggage Handling & Taxes
- **6 Meals:** 3 Buffet Breakfasts – 2 Dinners (including 4-Restaurant Progressive Dinner in ByWard Market with included wine, beer, or soda and gratuities in all restaurants) - \$15 Casino Meal Voucher.
- Ottawa City Tour with Local Guide
- 75-Minute Narrated Ottawa River Cruise
- 1-Day Admission Hot Air Balloon Festival
- Free time to explore ByWard Market
- Duty Free Shopping
- Casino Gaming Package: Day 1-\$10 – Day 2-\$20 –Day 3-\$10 – TOTAL \$40
- **Optional Morning Excursion Day 3 –** Canada Museum of History (formerly Civilization Museum) includes RT Transportation and Admission: **Additional \$25 due that day – no pre-sign-up necessary –** decide that morning

**Not Included:** Gratuities for Tour Director, Local Guides, Driver and hotel housekeeping

**Valid Passport or Passport Card Required**

Cost per person: 999 Double - \$949 Triple - \$899 Quad - \$1249 Single

**Optional** Trip Cancellation Insurance due with deposit:

Per person: \$99.90 Double - \$94.90 Triple - \$89.90 Quad - \$124.90 Single

\$100 Deposit holds your seat and is refundable up until June 30, 2019

Final Payment Due: July 30, 2019

Make checks payable: Unicorn Tours, Inc  
Your canceled check is your confirmation

	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Return</u>
Chelmsford	7:00 am	6:30 pm
No. Andover Mall	7:15 am	6:15 pm
Haverhill	7:30 am	6:00 pm

A minimum of 30 passengers required for trip to be guaranteed

A detailed itinerary will be e-mailed or mailed 10 days prior to trip

