Tom's Christian Tours
presents...

Nova Scotia in Autumn
September 19-October 6, 2014
Price: $2799 per person double

DAY 1 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (P) - Our travels today will carry us through Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Pack a picnic lunch and bring your PASSPORT. We’ll be saying good-bye to the USA for 12 days as we enter the charming and diversified country of Canada late afternoon. Dinner will be on your own at one of our rest stops. Night in Chatham, Ontario.

DAY 2 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (B,D) - After a four-hour drive, we'll spend the rest of the day exploring Toronto. A step-on guide will show us such sites as the renovated Harbourfront, Queens Park, China Town, Casa Loma, trendy Yorkville, the financial district, old and new City Hall, the Sky Dome and the CN Tower. We will have a guided tour of the Sky Dome. This evening we’ll have dinner included in the revolving restaurant atop the CN Tower. Night in Toronto area, Ontario.

DAY 3 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (B,D) - The five-hour drive to Ottawa, capital of Canada, will not seem long because we’ll take a three-hour break in the middle for a boat tour on the St. Lawrence River. We’ll cruise among the Thousand Islands from Gananoque. An early dinner (included) will give a taste of small-town Canada. Later, in Ottawa, we’ll check into our motel with a possible option of visiting the parliament building during its evening illumination. Night in Ottawa, Ontario.

DAY 4 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (B,D) - Our sightseeing of Ottawa, Canada’s capital, will continue today with a city guide showing us such sites as the Parliament buildings, Rideau Canal and Falls, the Central Experimental Farm, Garden of the Provinces. Mid afternoon we’ll drive to Montreal where we’ll become visiting nobles and ladies at the Governor’s Feast (included). Night in Longueuil, Quebec.

DAY 5 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (B) - Today we will head to one of Canada’s loveliest cities: Quebec City. First stop is Montmorency Falls, which is higher than Niagara Falls. You may ride the gondola to the top of the falls or stay on the coach to the top. This afternoon, a step-on guide will share the French provincial elegance of the city. We’ll view the St. Lawrence River and Old Lower Town from Dufferin Terrace. Late afternoon and evening is at leisure for you to stroll through the Old Town and find a unique dinner. Night in Quebec City, Quebec.

DAY 6 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (B,L)- Our journey parallels the St. Lawrence Seaway. At Riviere-du-Loup we’ll swing southeast, through the provincial cities of Edmundson and Frederickton and then on to Moncton. Night in Moncton, New Brunswick.

DAY 7 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (B,D) – A couple-hour drive will bring us to the eight-mile Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island where we'll spend the day enjoying its gently rolling landscape, sandy beaches, & rustic villages. A local guide will share the history of the island with us and we'll visit the home of Anne of Green Gables. Tonight's included dinner and show will round out our evening. Night in Charlottetown, PEI.

DAY 8 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (B,D) - This morning we’ll take the ferry to the mainland. A few hours’ drive will bring us to Baddeck where we’ll tour the Alexander Graham Bell Museum and settle into our Baddeck, Nova Scotia motel for two nights. Dinner included in a nearby restaurant.
DAY 9 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (B,P,D) - Today a step-on guide will share interesting stories of life in Cape Breton, as we follow the famous Cabot Trail, making stops to view the spectacular scenery and breathe the fresh ocean air. Our leisurely day of travel will include Cape Breton's National Park. We'll enjoy a picnic for lunch. Tonight we'll share memories of the day as we also share a meal (included) in a nearby dining room. Night in Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

DAY 10 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 (B,L) - This morning and early afternoon we'll explore the massive fortifications of Fortress Louisbourg, a citadel that was built to save New France from the British. One quarter of the colony has been restored to its 1744 appearance. Lunch (included) will be served in the 1740s Hotel de la Marine and Grand champs Inn. Night in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

DAY 11 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (B,D) - This morning a guide will show us the sights of Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia. We'll have free time following our tour so that we can explore the fort, visit the maritime museum, find lunch, and shop. Later afternoon we'll visit picturesque Peggy's Cove and enjoy an included dinner. Night in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

DAY 12 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – (B,L) - Today we'll enjoy beautiful scenery as we travel to Digby along the northern route, Hwy. 101. En route we'll make a stop at Grand-Pre National Historic Site, which commemorates the deportation of Acadian settlers, made famous by Longfellow's poem, Evangeline. In Digby, we'll enjoy an included lunch. Then head to the ferry terminal where we'll board (bus and all) a luxurious catamaran ferry. Our cruise will take us across the Bay of Fundy to St. John, New Brunswick. Night in St. John, New Brunswick.

DAY 13 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 (B,D) - First, a guide will show us historic St. John, including the famous reversing falls caused by the tidal bore. A few hours' drive south will bring us to the USA border (Have your passports handy today). Soon we'll arrive in Bar Harbor, Maine. This evening we'll be shuttled to a local restaurant for a taste of Maine lobster or other entrée (included). Night in Bar Harbor, Maine.

DAY 14 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 (B) - This morning we'll visit Bar Harbor's Acadia National Park, including the coastal area and Cadillac Mountain. After free time downtown, we'll travel across Maine to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Night in North Conway, NH area.

DAY 15 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 (B,L) - Today we'll travel through the White Mountains of New Hampshire to the highest mountain in the range, Mt. Washington. Weather permitting, we will ride a cog train to the top for a spectacular view of the surrounding states. Lunch is included at the base station. Before leaving the White Mountains, we'll view the former site of the Profile (also known as Great Stone Face or Old Man of the Mountain) and we'll stroll through The Basin walkway which follows a tumbling brook and the glacial potholes. A couple hours of travel will bring us to White River Junction, Vermont, for the night.

DAY 16 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 (B,D) - Today's sights will take us into the Green Mountains. We'll also stop in Bennington, Vermont, to view the historic memorials there. We will close our day with a pizza party at our hotel. Night in Owego, New York.

DAY 17 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 (B)- We have many miles between us and home. Today we'll reduce that number. Only one stop at Corning Glass Center, Corning, NY, is planned. Night in Elyria, OH.

DAY 18 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 (B,L) - One more day on the bus and we're "gonna be home tonight" —with dirty laundry, bags of souvenirs, and lots of great memories. Lunch is included today. Night at home.

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*All lodging, all entrance fees, all transportation (land & water), all step on guide tips, continental breakfasts every morning, and 13 main meals as listed in itinerary are included in the low price of $2799 per person with double occupancy. (Occupancy: Single-$3999, Triple-$2699, Quad-$2399) TCT reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary if it serves the best interest of the participants and/or if it accommodates changes in public transportation.