

Ottawa Canadiana Itinerary: 2 days, 2 nights

Day 1 - Overnight at the Four Points by Sheraton Gatineau-Ottawa

8:45 am - Arrive at [Parliament Hill](#) - Canada's seat of Government (15 minutes required prior to the tour for security check: bilingual English or French one hour tour offered)

10:00 am - Group picture taking with the Peace Tower as the background

Note: **Changing the Guard** Ceremony is a 30 minutes presentation; end of June to the end of August; 8 weeks in summer; free admission.

10:30 am - Sightseeing around Ottawa including the [Rideau Canal](#), [Experimental Farm](#) and Rockcliffe Parkway

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - Visit the [Canadian Museum of Civilization](#) - world largest indoor presentation of totem poles, view Canada's First People and the story of Canada coast to coast.*

Web page specific for Travel Trade: <http://www.civilization.ca/cmc/plan-your-visit/tourism>

3:00 pm - Depart for the [ByWard Market](#), an outdoor farmers market shopping area; good area to buy local products or gifts including Maple Syrup.



Dinner - Enjoy fresh lobster or try a local restaurant as the ByWard Market offers a variety of world cuisine.

Evening - [Sound and Light Show](#) on Parliament Hill (9:30 pm, July - September; free admission) or [Lac Leamy Entertainment Complex](#)

Overnight at the Four Points by Sheraton Gatineau-Ottawa, directly across the street from the Canadian Museum of Civilization overlooking Parliament Hill.

Day 2 – Ottawa: Canada’s Capital City

9:00 am - Visit the [Royal Canadian Mint](#) to see how money is made or visit the boutique to buy Canadian collector coins (45 minute tour). Web page specific for Travel Trade: <http://www.mint.ca/store/mint/about-the-mint/tour-operators-and-travel-agents-3400006>

Or visit the [Bytown Museum](#)* located beside the Rideau Canal, Ontario’s only UNESCO World Heritage site. Learn about Ottawa and the Rideau Canal with audio sets. See the Rideau Canal locks in operation with boats travelling through. (Combined Bytown Museum and Parks Canada tour of the Rideau Canal Locks possible) Web page specific for Travel Trade: <http://www.bytownmuseum.com/en/tour.html>

10:30 am - [Capital Cruises](#) * (sightseeing tour of the Ottawa River); board a boat on the Ottawa side at the Ottawa Locks by foot or use the coach and arrive at the Gatineau Dock

12:00 pm - Lunch in [Chinatown](#) and see the Chinese arch opening October 2010

2:00 pm - Learn about Canada’s First People in a drum and dance presentation at [Aboriginal Experiences](#)* only First Nations Canadian product in an urban setting.

Web page specific for Travel Trade: <http://www.aboriginalexperiences.com/groups.html>



3:30 pm - Tour [Rideau Hall](#), the residence and workplace of Canada’s Governor General; beautiful lawns with flower gardens in summer and beautiful fall foliage.

4:45 pm - Shopping at the [Rideau Centre](#), 180 stores on three floors of a shopping mall. Web page specific for Travel Trade:

<http://www.rideaucentre.net/en/tourism/student-groups>

Additions suggestions:

- [Beavertails](#): Every Ottawa visitor needs to sample this uniquely Canadian tradition; a delicious whole wheat pastry treat; located in in the ByWard Market and served year-round.
- Maple syrup experience at [Fulton’s Pancake House](#); learn about Canada’s maple syrup product and have a tour and traditional meal (year-round); located 1 hour west of Ottawa.
Web page specific for Travel Trade: http://www.fultons.ca/?page=tour_operators
- Fall attraction is [Gatineau Park](#) with the fall foliage, mid- September to late October weather dependent; 15 minutes from the downtown, year-round.

***Attractions offer Mandarin language services with audio sets**