Montreal to New England:
Cruising Historic Towns along Scenic Waterways

September 6–18, 2013

Cornell Adult University in company with Dartmouth Alumni Travel

For this beautiful cruise, CAU is coordinating the academic program—the faculty and lecturers—with Dartmouth Alumni Travel.

Setting forth from Montreal, the 138-guest Yorktown will first visit the idyllic city of Quebec before sailing up the Saint Lawrence River to the Gaspé Peninsula, where Jacques Cartier staked out Canada for France. We’ll savor the historic and natural attractions of Prince Edward Island, including Charlottetown’s old seaport; Prince House, birthplace of the Canadian Confederation; and Prince Edward Island National Park, site of the literature-steeped Anne of Green Gables House. We’ll explore the well-preserved towns and pristine countryside of Nova Scotia, including historic Halifax and Sherbrooke, a living portrait of what Nova Scotian life was like over a century ago. This remarkable passage will culminate with calls along Maine’s inviting shores—from Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park to Boothbay Harbor—before we disembark in Gloucester, Massachusetts.
Friday, September 6
MONTREAL, Quebec, Canada | EMBARK
Fly to Montreal and transfer to board the Yorktown.

Saturday, September 7
QUEBEC CITY
Quebec City, with its old city walls, narrow cobblestoned lanes, country squares, copper gables, outdoor cafés, and historic battlements, remains one of North America’s most romantic spots. The authentic, undeveloped charm led UNESCO to designate it a World Heritage site in 1985. Discover the Upper and Lower Towns; the Citadel; the Plains of Abraham, where General Wolfe claimed the city for England in 1759; and the Place Royale.

Sunday, September 8
TADOUSSAC
The quaint village of Tadoussac, located at the confluence of the Saint Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers, is the oldest surviving French settlement in the Americas—founded in 1600 and thriving in the seventeenth century as France’s first trading post on the mainland of New France. Enjoy strolling the village, visiting the Old Chapel (the oldest wooden church in Canada and the U.S.), and admiring the rugged beauty of the Saguenay fjord. The meeting of the Saint Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers provides an abundance of krill, making the area attractive to whales, and we will have the opportunity to participate in whale watching while here.

Monday, September 9
AT SEA
Relax aboard the Yorktown and attend a lecture by one of our onboard experts as we sail into the Saguenay River, which was an important trade route for Canada’s aboriginal peoples as well as a major route for the fur trade during the French colonization of the Americas.

Tuesday, September 10
GASPÉ | PERCE | ÎLE BONAVENTURE | GASPÉ
Gaspé, on the eastern coast of the remote peninsula of the same name, is where Jacques Cartier first claimed Canada for France. From “Land’s End,” visit the National Park of Bonaventure Island and Perce Rock, rising out of the sea to a height of almost 300 feet. Carved by volcanic action, it is a continuation of the Appalachian Mountains, which extend from the peninsula to Alabama. Its neighbor, Bonaventure Island, houses a migratory bird sanctuary with the largest concentration of northern gannets in North America.

Wednesday, September 11
CARAQUET, New Brunswick
Arrive at the colorful port of Caraquet, situated on the northeastern point of the Acadian Peninsula. Visit the remote villages of Acadia, including Grande-Anse and Île Lamèque. Also explore Caraquet, the oldest of the villages, founded in 1757. We will visit the Acadian Museum and the Historic Village, which demonstrates the Acadian way of life during the eighteenth century.
Thursday, September 12
CHARLOTTETOWN, Prince Edward Island
Visit Prince Edward Island, known as the Garden of the Gulf for its pastoral landscape. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the island, including the colonial seaport of Charlottetown and its historic Province House. Continue to Prince Edward Island National Park, where we will see the Anne of Green Gables House—the inspiration for Lucy Maud Montgomery’s classic novel—and take in some of the 200 bird species inhabiting the parkland.

Friday, September 13
LISCOMB | SHERBROOKE | LISCOMB, Nova Scotia, Canada
Visit Sherbrooke, an open-air museum depicting Nova Scotian village life during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The village is Nova Scotia’s largest museum site with costumed interpreters. We will glimpse the area as it was during its industrial boom with visits to the woodturner’s shop and blacksmith, among others.

Saturday, September 14
HALIFAX
A vital port city, Halifax teems with an impressive array of cultural and historic delights. In the morning, we’ll tour the sandstone Province House; Saint Paul’s Church, the oldest building in the city; the Citadel National Historic Site; and the Public Gardens. In the afternoon, you can explore Halifax’s attractions at your leisure, such as Historic Properties, which mixes Canada’s oldest surviving warehouses with charming boutiques and restaurants.

Sunday, September 15
YARMOUTH
Call in Nova Scotia’s Yarmouth, a fishing port with a long history of shipbuilding and lobster catching. This charming town, with its Cape Forchu Lighthouse and charming Victorian houses, is also home to several cultural centers, including art galleries and museums. Among those you will have the opportunity to visit are the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives.

Monday, September 16
BAR HARBOR | ACADIA NATIONAL PARK | BAR HARBOR, Maine
Explore Bar Harbor, set on Maine’s dramatic coast. Surrounded by Acadia National Park, this quaint fishing village was a fashionable resort town in the late 1800s and the summer home of influential families, including the Astors and Rockefellers. In the afternoon, we’ll tour Acadia National Park to discover the Wild Gardens of Acadia, showcasing over 300 native plant species. We’ll also visit the Abbe Museum’s collections, which chronicle Maine’s 10,000 years of Native American culture and history.

Tuesday, September 17
BATH | BOOTHBAY HARBOR
Call at the Maine Maritime Museum, in the town of Bath, on the banks of the Kennebec River. We’ll see the displays on shipbuilding and lobstering and visit the dock to board the schooner Sherman Zwicker, an example of the boats that once cruised the Grand Banks off of Newfoundland in search of cod. As we continue to Boothbay Harbor—often referred to as “the boating capital of New England”—we’ll enjoy a panoramic view of the lighthouses that dot the coast. In Boothbay Harbor, we’ll walk along the town’s quaint streets, lined with charming shops and restaurants.
Disembark Yorktown and transfer to the Boston airport for return flights home.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS
- 12-night cruise aboard the 138-guest Yorktown
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by accompanying study leaders
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Gratuities to guides and drivers