Petit' Train Du Nord & Champlain Islands

Tour Type: Cycling – Bike Trails and Lakeshore Roads

Gorgeous scenery, nostalgic train depots, and amazing Lake Champlain combine to make this tour unforgettable. Tour begins with three days of cycling on Le Petit Train Du Nord (The Little Train of the North), then continues through historic Montreal, Quebec and across the U.S. border as we cycle right down the middle of beautiful Lake Champlain and through charming Vermont towns where we'll drop the kickstand in super cool Burlington.



Tour Includes: All lodging, full ride support, daily luggage shuttle, ride guides, immense amounts of FUN!!

Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights **Lodging**: Hotels & Inns **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

Total Miles: 250 miles **Avg. Daily Miles**: 35-40 **Hills**: Easy to Moderate







Historic Depots

Gorgeous River Rouge

Bike Causeway, VT

Luggage Limits

Luggage is limited to **2 bags of any type** per guest as defined in our Get Ready" document. We <u>strictly</u> enforce our luggage requirements and you will be charged the oversized baggage fee if your luggage does not meet the requirements. Please carefully review luggage requirements and pack accordingly.

Getting Here

Tour originates in Montreal and ends in Burlington VT.

Arriving by Air: We suggest flying into Montreal Trudeau Int'l Airport and home from Burlington Int'l Airport.

We pick up at the hotels indicated below. If you will stay at another hotel, you'll need to meet us at the pick up location specified.

Arriving by Car: We provide shuttle from V-Trans Park & Ride, 623 Roosevelt Hwy, Colchester, VT which offers safe, free parking. (Shuttle fee \$50/person)

<u>At Tour End:</u> We will shuttle guests back to their parked cars in VT, or for guests returning to Montreal or those staying in Burlington, we'll drop you at the Hampton Inn Colchester where you can make your own arrangements as dictated by your personal travel plans.

<u>Return to Montreal:</u> via AA Transportation – <u>www.taxiinvt.com</u>

Day 1: Arrival Montreal

2:00 PM Optional Shuttle Pickup – Burlington VT

7:00 PM Trip Orientation at Hotel

Arrive Montreal and plan to meet with our team for trip orientation at hotel.

Day 2: Mont Laurier to Lac Nomininque

35 Miles

The tour kicks off with gorgeous cycling on Le Petit Train Du Nord, a converted scenic rail trail through the breathtaking Laurentide Region of Quebec. We end the in lovely Nominingue at Hotel le Golf, where you can spend the rest of the day relaxing, exploring, or perhaps even getting in 9 holes of golf. In the evening enjoy a wonderful dinner at the hotel restaurant (included).

Day 3: Lac Nomininque to Mont Tremblant

40 Miles

Another great day on the trail is in store as we cycle through the beautiful countryside of Quebec, meandering with the Riviere Rouge, with its many rambling cascades, spectacular scenic overlooks and charming little towns and villages. After checking in to our hotel take advantage of the wonderful, heated spa pool and sauna.

Day 4: Mont Tremblant to St. Adele

35 Miles

Gorgeous scenery continues as we cycle through pristine reaches of the Laurentides, with easy cycling as the trail now intertwines with the Riviere Du Nord. We'll have lunch in lovely Saint Agethe' du Mont, before ending our day at Hotel du Lac Lenore where you can relax in the hot tub, take a dip in the pool, or enjoy easy paddling on the lake.

Day 5: St. Adele to St. Jerome and Evening in Montreal

21 Miles

Today we have 21 easy miles to complete Le Petit Train Du Nord, which terminates in St. Jerome, allowing us to get into the city early to mid-afternoon. You'll then have the afternoon and evening to enjoy Montreal where you can visit the Biosphere Environmental Museum, the magnificent Botanical Gardens, or catch a show or free music in one of the many lovely local parks. You may want to do some preliminary planning into activities in the city before your trip.

Things to do in Montreal: https://travel.usnews.com/Montreal Canada/Things To Do/1-day-itinerary/

Day 6: Montreal to Venise-en-Quebec (Spa & Golf Resort)

40 Miles

Our ride today begins on the beautiful Chambly Canal Trail which we'll ride until our lunch stop. History buffs may want to add a short side trip to Ft. Chambly to their day (< \$10). After lunch, we're on to rural roads using designated bike lanes that wind through charming Quebec farming communities as we make our way to the northernmost shore of Lac Champlain where you'll enjoy a fantastic sunset and a lovely dinner at our hotel!

If you'd like to spend the afternoon on the golf course or the spa, make reservations for 1:00 PM or later.

Hotel offers golf and lovely spa amenities. Appointments required: https://cachelacchamplain.com

Day 7: Venise-en-Quebec to Grand Island, VT

40 Miles

Today we head straight across the US Border enjoying spectacular views of Lake Champlain as we cycle not only along the banks of the lake, but right down the middle atop the gorgeous Champlain Islands. We end the day with a ferry ride across Cumberland Bay to Plattsburgh NY for our night's stay.

-- Tour Ends (approx. 1:00 PM)

Our last day of cycling takes us across the Champlain Islands with incredible views of not only the lake but the beautiful Adirondacks to our west and the Green Mountains to the east. The ride ends with an incredible ride atop the nearly 4-mile long Lake Champlain Causeway which will make you feel as though you're cycling directly on the water. Our tour ends in charming Burlington.

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