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LA VERNA MINISTRIES – QUEBEC PILGRIMAGE 2025 SEPTEMBER 22 – 26, 2025







Join Bro Alan and Bro Stephen from La Verna Ministries on a Quebec Pilgrimage.

DAY 1 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Join us this morning as we depart from Peterborough at 8:00 AM to begin our La Verna Ministries Quebec Pilgrimage. An optional Mass will take place at 7:30 AM prior to departure. We travel to Montreal and Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal where we'll encounter: unique stained-glass windows, master paintings, sculptures, lots of gold leaf, a 7000-pipe organ, and the story of Montreal's founding. Later this afternoon we will visit St. Joseph's Oratory, a shrine dedicated to Saint Joseph visited by nearly 2 million pilgrims and visitors each year. Our overnight accommodation is at the Ville-Marie Hotel & Suites, Montreal.

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 LAC-BOUCHETTE, QUEBEC

Breakfast is included at our hotel this morning before we travel to Montreal's South Shore and the community of Kahnawá:ke, an Indigenous community which is one of eight territories that make up the Mohawk Nation. The shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is located at the Saint Francis Xavier Mission Catholic Church. 'Lily of the Mohawks', as Kateri was known, was a young Mohawk woman who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. The saint's tomb is found to the right of the main altar. An optional Mass will be held at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha shrine. We visit the Saint Kateri Interpretive Centre, a museum based on the life and afterlife of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha which is located next door to the mission. This afternoon we travel to the eastern shore of Lac Bouchette and the Ermitage Saint-Antoine for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 SAINTE-ANNE-DE BEAUPRÉ, MONTMORENCY FALLS, & OLD QUEBEC

Following Breakfast and an optional Mass, we travel southward to the Quebec City area. Our first stop will be at the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré which welcomes almost a million visitors annually. For over 350 years, people of all ages have been gathering at this Shrine dedicated to Saint Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Through the beauty of numerous artistic masterpieces (paintings, mosaics, stained-glass windows, stone and wooden sculptures), discover the extraordinary history of Saint Anne and the important role she played in the faith of our

people. Next we visit Montmorency Falls. At 83 m (272.3') high, a full 30 m (98.4') taller than Niagara Falls, Montmorency Falls are a spectacular sight and the tallest waterfall in the province. Our day will conclude with some free time in Old Quebec before checking in to the Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton Quebec/Beauport for overnight. Should you wish to enjoy dinner this evening on your own in Old Quebec, it is just a short taxi ride back to your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE, & TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QUEBEC

Breakfast at our hotel prior to our departure to Cap-de-la-Madeleine. The Notre-Dame-du-Cap Sanctuary, located on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, is a spiritual beacon and a haven of peace. Its gardens, its historic chapel dating from the era of New France, and its impressive Basilica with its exceptionally beautiful stained-glass windows offer all visitors an inspiring and meaningful experience. An optional Mass will take place at Cap de la Madeleine. Lunch is also included here today. Later we will visit the Frédéric Janssoone Museum which presents the life of Father Frédéric. This evening our accommodation will be included at Hôtels Gouverneur Trois-Rivières. **(B, L)**

DAY 5 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 HOME

Following Breakfast we begin our return journey back to Peterborough. Upon arrival in Peterborough we will have an optional Mass. We hope that you have enjoyed the La Verna Ministries Quebec Pilgrimage Tour. Thank you for traveling with us and we look forward to seeing you again. **(B)**

COST PER PERSON:

TWIN/DOUBLE: \$1785.00

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$635.00 (for Single Occupancy of a Room and added to Twin/Double Rate)

A Non-Refundable Deposit of

\$500.00 per person is due at time of

booking to secure your space. Final

Payment is due by July 31, 2025.

COST INCLUDES:

- Transportation by motorcoach
- Four nights accommodation including hotel tax
- Four Breakfasts
- One Lunch
- One Dinner
- Gratuities on included meals
- All visits and admission to attractions visited as a group as noted in itinerary
- HST and Blowes & Stewart Travel Professional Fee

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, bottled water, etc.
- Any meals or items not specified as being included
- Trip Cancellation, Interruption and/or Out-of-Province Medical Insurance
- New Government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases beyond our control

Blowes & Stewart Travel Group Ltd highly recommends the purchase of Cancellation & Trip Interruption insurance as well as Out-of-Province Medical Insurance Coverage for your holiday.

TO CONFIRM YOUR SPACE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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BST Escorted Group Terms & Conditions

(These Terms & Conditions do not apply to Charters. Separate T & C apply.)

Please carefully review the Terms & Conditions outlined below. Any reservation made with BST constitutes a binding agreement signifying your acceptance of, and your agreement to follow, these Terms & Conditions, and to be bound by them.

To process your reservation, we will need your personal information including your name, address, telephone number, email address, passport number, date of birth, citizenship, and information you have disclosed regarding health, medical, dietary, mobility and other special requirements. BST will require a copy of your valid passport at time of deposit.

Deposit and Final Payment

Deposit is due at time of booking to secure your reservation. The deposit per person is noted on your itinerary.

The final payment deadline is due in our office on or before the date included on your invoice.

All payments once received are non-refundable. Please refer to insurance sections below.

Please make cheques payable to Blowes and Stewart Travel. We also accept in-office cash / debit payments, or Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit cards.

Completion of the electronic credit card authorization form or the PDF credit card authorization form commits you to your reservation and the charges on your credit card.

The Company reserves the right to cancel a reservation if payment has not been received by the specified due date. Final Travel details will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure.

Not Included in the Trip Cost

All quoted trip costs do not include items of a personal nature such as but not limited to; medical insurance, cancellation/interruption insurance, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, phone calls, airline baggage fees where applicable and meals that are not included or listed in the itinerary.

Escorted Group Cancellation Policy

All escorted groups require a minimum number of passengers to travel. Should minimum numbers not been reached, the Company has the right to cancel the tour with a full refund to the passengers booked. Refund will be processed in manner received. Tours unable to operate due to Travel Advisory, acts of God, Terrorism or any other event and no fault of BST, will be subject to cancellation charges as listed above.

BST highly recommends the purchase of cancellation/interruption insurance for all trips. BST will not be held responsible for loss of monies due to cancellation/changes. Your travel advisor will review your travel insurance options at booking.

Medical insurance is mandatory for all trips outside of the Province of Ontario. If client has out of province medical insurance with a separate insurance provider, BST must be advised of insurance company name, policy number & company contact information prior to trip commencement.

Persons leaving the tour during operation will not receive a refund of unused services and all costs of returning to the point of embarkation will be borne by the client. For additional information on packages/plans offered, please visit https://www.igoinsured.com/Direct/ManulifeGlobal.aspx?ag=STEWPET&lang=E

Global Pandemic

Customer acknowledges the risks related to the spread of infectious or contagious diseases. It remains the customer's responsibility to take the necessary precautions applicable to any health hazards, including but not limited to a Global Pandemic. To ensure the safety of all guests and employees, suppliers may have mandatory safety protocols in place, and the availability of their services and facilities may be impacted.

Customer agrees to follow all current and future regulations/protocols set forth for safety in compliance with government policies at your own expense.

BST is not responsible for any fees for, or associated with, mandatory government testing in destination or for returning to Canada, quarantine or expenses relating to any Global Pandemic or similar. If additional insurance protection is declined, it remains the customer's responsibility to verify if their travel insurance policy covers a Global Pandemic.

BST will not be held liable should customers be denied boarding due to insufficient proof of a negative Global Pandemic test prior to departure, or displaying symptoms of a Global Pandemic upon check in. No monies will be refunded to customers who have been denied boarding or refunded at port of entry.

Additional Notes

All prices listed are per person in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise noted. Pricing is based on supplier cost, currency exchange rates and conditions in effect at the time of brochure printing. Final payment may fluctuate based on changes to the currency exchange at that time. Should there be a pricing increase, a maximum of 7% of base cost, may be applied, or to the taxes and/or government-imposed fees, fuel surcharges or additional airline fees before final payment, these increased charges will be levied to the customer and applied to the final invoice. No additional surcharges may be applied after the trip is paid in full. All trips may be subject to change in situations beyond our control.

When travelling outside of Canada all Canadian passengers require a valid passport. If travelling with a foreign passport (not Canadian) BST must be advised at time of booking so we can advise accordingly. Most countries require passports to be valid for 6 months beyond the expected return date.

Some countries may also have visa requirements for entry. Any fees to obtain visas or additional travel documentation that may be required are the responsibility of the traveler. Entry into another country cannot be guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the local authorities. BST takes no responsibility for a customer being denied entry into another country. Cancellation charges and any additional fees will be at the customer's expense.

It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain information, and to have in their possession, all the required documentation to trave (such as passports, visa where applicable, etc.) required by the relevant governmental authorities, for themselves and passengers in their care. Note that the documents required for the outbound portion of your travel may differ from those required for the return.

BST is not responsible for any missing or inappropriate documents. Failure to have proper travel documents will result in denied boarding and automatic cancellation of your reservation without refund.

BST accepts any passengers that have a disability, intellectual or physical condition providing they are able to care for themselves during the trip which includes boarding the plane/bus on their own; participating in any included tours/sightseeing without assistance; the ability to understand meeting points/times and the ability to care for their own documents. BST will accept any passenger who's intellectual or physical condition is such as to render him/her incapable of caring for him/herself without assistance, provided that he/she is accompanied by an attendant (at an additional cost) who is responsible for the passenger enroute and with the care of such attendant, he/she will not require attention or assistance beyond that which is usually provided by BST tour escort. Some destinations may not be suitable for physical mobility issues.

Baggage restrictions vary by airline and destination. Specific details will be provided with your final travel documents. Please ensure that you have secured baggage tags to your luggage prior to arriving at the airport, train station or boarding the coach.

Please note that you are responsible for carrying your own luggage and are responsible for the safety and security of your luggage at all times. BST will not assume liability for loss, theft, or damage due to breakage, fire, water, or theft, during transport on the plane, coach, train or at hotel. Ask your agent for details of Baggage and Personal Effects Insurance coverage.

Airline seating requests are taken into consideration and sent to each airline if applicable. Additional charges apply for premium seating on aircraft. Specific seating on coaches or trains cannot be guaranteed. BST will try to accommodate all requests.

BST reserves the right to decline any person as a member of the trip at any time before or during the trip should such person's presence be considered detrimental to the interest, comfort, and enjoyment of the other members. Persons leaving the trip after commencement will not receive a refund of unused services and all costs of returning to the point of embarkation will be borne by the client.

When travelling outside of Ontario, please note local customs may differ and conditions of travel may not be the same as home. Clients not travelling on full itinerary as outlined assume full responsibility for any cancellation penalties or fees incurred due to cancellation or alteration to itinerary in any way.

Our Role

In offering travel arrangements for sale, BST acts solely as the organizer of the tours and responsible for making al reservations as outlined. BST cannot be held responsible for supplier errors or omissions. We do not maintain any control over the personnel, equipment or operations of any supplier and we assume no responsibility for, and shall not be expected or required to pay for any financial loss, personal injury, other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which you may experience either by reason of (1) non-performance by any supplier for whatever reason (2) wrongful causes, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any supplier or its employees or on the part of any other party not under the control of BST (3) any defect, breakdown or other failure of any aircraft, train, bus, automobile, accommodation, ship or other equipment or instrumentality operated and owned or otherwise used by a supplier or (4) BST is not liable for any loss, damage, injury or death resulting from circumstances beyond its direct control such as unexpected weather conditions, civil unrest, acts of God, force Majeure or any other unforeseen circumstances.