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VSA FALL STUDY TOUR | SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2016

MONTREAL & OTTAWA

CANADA

ART • ARCHITECTURE • CULTURE

Meet at 6:00 in our hotel lobby to join Heritage Montreal representative and this evening's speaker, Dinu Bumbaru, who will lead the short walk down Rue Sherbrooke Ouest (the "Fifth Avenue" of the city) to the Montreal apartment of Barbara Mitnick, a Victorian Society board member. **The Linton** (1907) was the city's grandest full-service "apartment hotel," where many of the elite had residences. Our speaker will relate the history of the era and the "Golden Square Mile" area in a short presentation to prepare us for the next day.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 MONTREAL ARCHITECTURE

Breakfast and Dinner on your own • Lunch provided

8:45 AM

Board our bus outside the hotel for a prompt 9:00 AM departure. Our first stop will be **Dorchester Square**, with its grand array of late 19th- and early 20th-century buildings by Canadian, British, French and American architects. After a guided walk around the area, we will reboard the bus and proceed with stops interspersed with walks to other central areas including **Place Jacques-Cartier** and **Place d'Armes**. We will then travel by bus up **Mount-Royal** (for which the city was named) and walk back downhill via Des Pins and Docteur-Penfield Streets through parts of the once-grand **Square Mile** residential area.

Box lunches will be provided at the **Montreal Museum of Fine Arts**.

2:00 PM

In the afternoon guides from Historic Montreal will conduct a **walking tour starting at the Museum** and proceeding eastward, stopping at points of interest including the Erskine and American Church, the Holt-Renfrew department store, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and the Reid-Wilson and Forget houses; the final destination of this tour will be the **McGill University Campus**, with its landmark buildings including the Redpath Museum and Baumgarten House/ Faculty Club.

5:00 PM

The final event of the day will be a guided tour of **Shaughnessy House** (1874), the central building of the internationally renowned **Canadian Centre for Architecture**. Afterward, you will be free to tour other areas of the institution on your own, or get a drink or dinner in the neighborhood (a list will be provided); return to the hotel on your own.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | OTTAWA

Breakfast and Dinner on your own • Lunch provided

7:45 AM

Board the bus outside the hotel for a prompt 8:00 AM departure. We will be met in Ottawa by David Jeanes, President of Heritage Ottawa, who will be our guide for the first part of the day. He will accompany us around the **grounds of Parliament Hill**, the epicenter of the Canadian government. After an official groundbreaking in 1859, the massive and ambitious building effort (said to be the largest in the world at the time) proceeded in fits and starts, culminating in the 1870s; the central building burned in 1916 and was rebuilt in the 1920s. We will divide into two groups to be escorted through the parts of the **Parliament buildings** open to the public (access has been tightened due to security concerns), and then proceed outside the Parliament grounds. Our guide will take us past **other government buildings** and stop at the **Rideau Canal** for remarks.



A seated luncheon will be served at the landmark **Hotel Chateau Laurier** (1908-12), built for the Grand Trunk Railway (later incorporated into the Canadian National Railway). The mighty edifice stands just across the canal from Parliament Hill and was a huge hit with the public when it opened, becoming a model for other chateau-style buildings in the area and across Canada.

After lunch, we will continue on our walking tour, which will pass the ominous-looking **American embassy** (Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, 1999), **Notre-Dame Basilica** (begun 1841) and end at the **National Gallery of Canada** (Moshe Safdie, 1983-88). Participants will then have free time to visit the National Gallery on their own, or further explore the city.

We will leave promptly on the bus at 4:00 PM and then drive back to Montreal for an evening on our own.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 MONTREAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner on your own

We will board our bus at 9:00 AM and head toward the eastern part of the city, traditionally the home of many primarily French-speaking Montrealers.

The first stop will be **Chateau Dufresne** (1916-18), the grand Beau-Arts double house and showplace of two of the city’s most ambitious architects and real estate promoters, the brothers Dufresne. The interior is elegantly appointed with rooms in most every luxe style of the time, and it was furnished to match. It is also the home of the **stained glass studio** of Guido Nincheri. Formerly the city’s museum of decorative arts, Chateau Dufresne is currently owned and operated by a local governmental entity.



In the late morning we will drive through other parts of the city, most of them **ethnic middle- and working-class areas**, and our guide will discuss features of the characteristic vernacular architectural styles. The **Boulevard St.-Laurent** roughly divided English-speaking districts to the west and French-speaking neighborhoods to the east; in between was a zone with stores, other businesses and homes primarily operated and occupied by Jewish Montrealers, with dozens of synagogues and other religious institutions to serve their needs. By special arrangement, we will visit the only survivor of these, the **Bagg Street Shul**, which has been continually active since 1906.

After our visit the bus will return to the hotel, after which participants will be on their own for lunch and the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. This will be a good time to visit sites we may have missed or that you want to revisit.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Breakfast and Dinner on your own • Brunch provided



When Quebec was part of New France, it was divided into royal land-grant areas, or *seigneuries*. Each *seigneur* was literally the lord of the manor (*manoir*), with the right to exploit his domain as he wished. By the 19th century, the seigneurie of “La Petite Nation” had passed to the Papineau family, whose most august member was “the Great Louis Joseph,” a francophone firebrand politician, bane of the British rulers. His greatest tangible legacy is the **Manoir Papineau** (1850, 1892), the manor house he built, expanded and remodeled. With a tower at each of the house’s four corners and surrounded by landscaped grounds and outbuildings, including a granary and chapel that still survive, Papineau could survey his domain and fantasize that he was in provincial France.



Built nearby, on land sold off from the Manoir Papineau, is one of the most remarkable buildings of 20th-century Canada – the **Chateau Montebello** (1930), which once claimed to be the largest log building in the world – constructed in the shape of a six-pronged asterisk from over 10,000 pre-shaped logs shipped across Canada from British Columbia. Centerpiece of the Seigneurie Club, a Montreal businessmen’s getaway, it later became a hotel and conference center. It has hosted world leaders at international conferences and summits – and now it will host us at our **Farewell Brunch**. Afterward, there will be time to explore the public areas of the building and its grounds on the banks of the Ottawa River.

On the way back to the hotel in Montreal, the bus will stop at the **Montreal International Airport** for the convenience of those participants who have flights out that evening.

FALL STUDY TOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND REGISTER WITH THE SOCIETY AND BOOK THEIR HOTEL BY AUGUST 1, 2016

The Study Tour Package includes site admission fees and bus transportation as described above; Wednesday evening reception; Thursday lunch; Friday lunch; and Sunday brunch. Hotel accommodations are **NOT** included in the Annual Meeting Package. Transportation costs to and from Montreal are **NOT** included. If you have dietary restrictions, you **MUST** discuss these with us **BEFORE** you register

Getting There

YOU MUST PRESENT A VALID PASSPORT TO ENTER CANADA AND RE-ENTER THE UNITED STATES. Montreal's Pierre Trudeau International Airport is accessible from all major cities in the United States and internationally. The city is also easily accessible by train, bus and car. Amtrak runs a reasonably priced daily train, the Montrealer, to and from New York; advance reservations required.

Weather & What to Wear

Average September temperatures are in the 70s during the day and the 50s in the evening, but it is advisable to check the local forecast before departure and dress accordingly. Layers are always practical.

Special Note

Bear in mind that there will be extensive walking so please bring comfortable shoes. We regret that we cannot provide alternate means of transportation for those who have walking or endurance difficulties. (Public transportation options are available in some areas, but participants will be responsible for the cost if they use them.)

Eating Out in Montreal and Ottawa

MONTREAL IS A FOODIE TOWN. There are dozens of restaurants – of myriad types, cuisines and price points – within walking distance of the hotel. Others are easily accessible by taxi, bus, or subway. A list of suggestions will be provided.

Hotel Information

Our headquarters hotel is the **Cantlie Suites Hotel**, 1110 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal H3A 1G9, Quebec, Canada. The main phone number for reservations is 1-800-567-1110. Please use this number to make your room reservation and be sure to mention that you are with the Victorian Society in America to get the discounted rate. We have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate of **\$199.00 in Canadian dollars** per night (**around \$150 US dollars per night at the exchange rate prevailing at the time of writing**) single or double occupancy, and these rooms will be held for us exclusively until August 12, 2016. After this date, the discounted rate will no longer be available and the rooms will be subject to availability.

MAKING RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOTEL IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AT YOUR EXPENSE. THE SOCIETY'S ONLY ROLE IS TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE.

How to Register

We recommend reserving early, as space is limited. Registrations can be made via check (preferable), credit card, or money order. Your spot in the program is secured only after we receive payment.

Cancellations

Cancellations received on or before August 12, 2016, will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. **There will be no refunds after August 12, 2016.** If you think that there is a chance that you will need to withdraw from this program, you may wish to consider purchasing trip insurance. Trip insurance protects you against any unforeseen need to cancel. Trip insurance can cover the Society's fee and your airfare and hotel costs. There are many providers of this type of insurance; one place to start looking is www.insuremytrip.com (800-487-4722). The Society is providing this information purely as a service to you, and we do not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

Disclaimer

The Victorian Society in America is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal items during this program. The Victorian Society in America reserves the right to make such changes to the schedule, sites to be visited, or personnel as may become necessary or desirable.

	COST	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Registration fee	\$50	_____	= _____
Fall Study Tour Package (Member)	\$595	_____	= _____
Fall Study Tour Package (Non-Member)	\$645	_____	= _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

Please check payment option

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made payable to The Victorian Society in America

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Name _____ First name on name tag: _____

Additional Participant _____ First name on name tag: _____

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