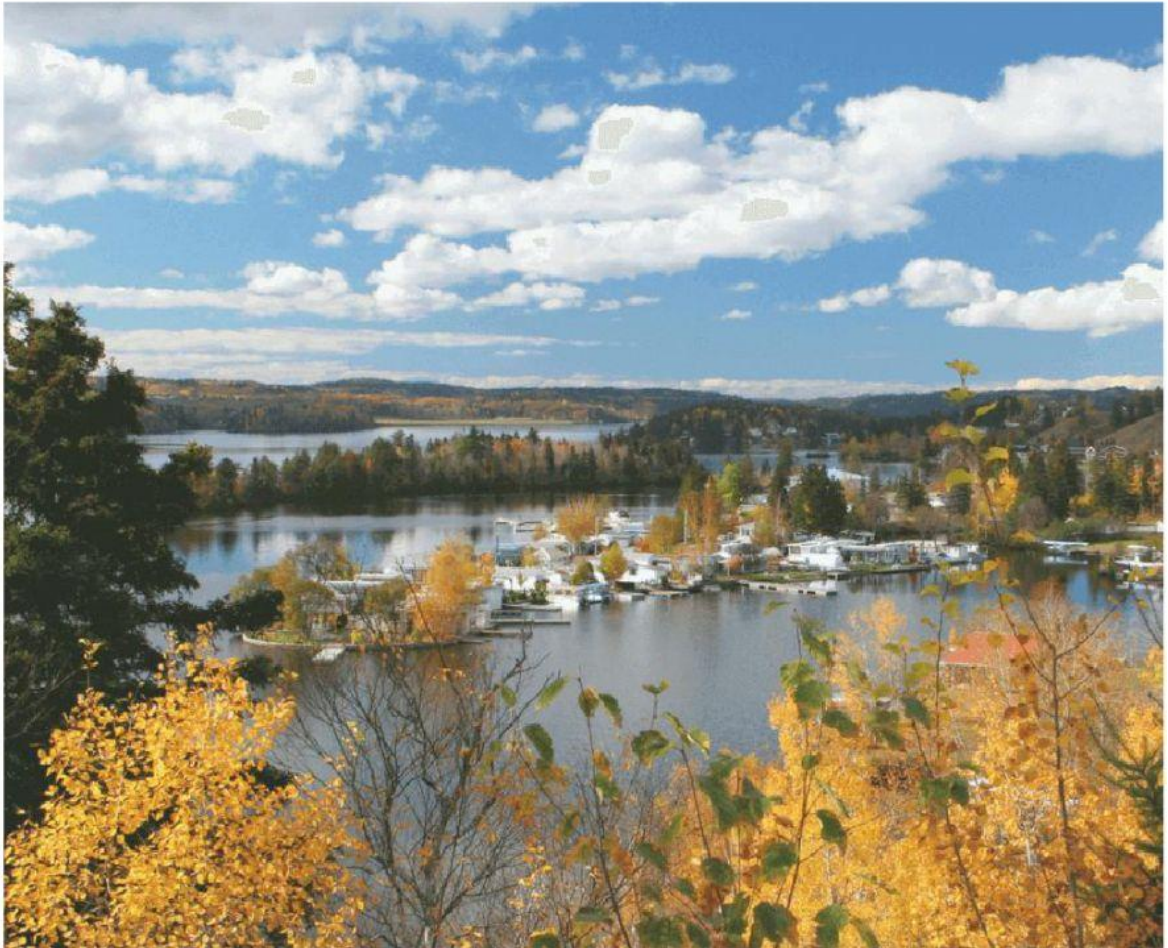


CANADA : EXPLORING THE SPECTACULAR GREAT LAKES

Discover the largest expanse of freshwater on the planet.

From the mouth of the Saint Lawrence River to its source in the remotest Great Lakes, life is lived gently and tranquilly during the Indian summer in Canada.

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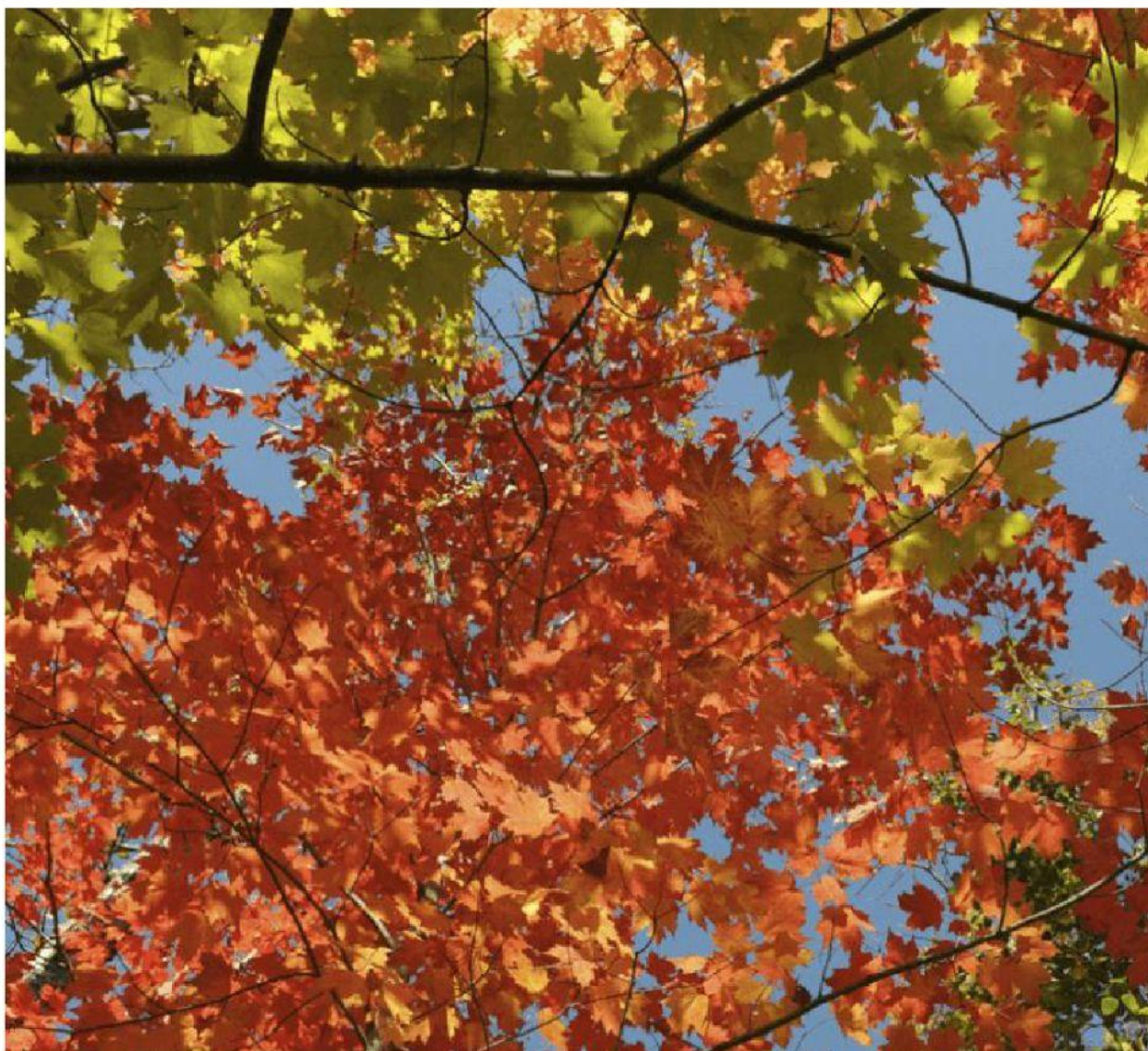


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The legendary Canadian Great Lakes

To travel the waterways of Canada is to offer [] the opportunity to engage in one of the most powerful dialogues man can have with his []. To begin with, there are the Great Lakes, which together constitute no less than the largest expanse of [] on the planet. It's typical to see smaller boats [] these waters, as the Lakes are generally [] for navigation by larger vessels. And thanks to Ponant's new pride and joy, Le Champlain, you can now experience an intimate sailing that takes you as close as possible to the Lakes' myriad treasures.

The incredible colours of the Indian summer



atmosphere cabins grow onboard paintings ranges shades variety

The reflections produced by Canada's inland waters are part of what makes them so beautiful. The thousand and one different [] are a result of the leaves of the maples and other tree species that [] all around the lakes. As you glide gently across these waters, you discover a palette of colours that [] all the way from yellow to magenta, passing through each of the various shades of ochre along the way. As you gaze upon this simply unparalleled [] of shades and tones, you begin to understand just why Canada's famous Indian summer has been the subject of so many [] and songs. As the sun begins to set and the banks become ablaze with rich, vivid hues, everyone [] the boat takes the opportunity to savour this special, privileged moment. On land the next day, the combination of horse treks, wood [], campfires and thick blankets lends a touch of gypsy chic to the unique ambiance and [].

Niagara Falls up close



appreciate border immensity power separate spectacle

The Niagara Falls express the full [] of nature. The visual hallmark of this ancient Iroquois land, the falls [] Lake Erie from Lake Ontario and also form a natural [] between Canada and the United States over a distance of one kilometre. Everyone is able to gain a sense of their own insignificance when faced with the [] of this place. It's an unforgettable [], and one that everyone is able to [] all the more thanks to detailed explanations from expert guides.

development discovered estuary flows role voyage wildlife

The tranquillity of the Saint Lawrence

Fed by the Saint Lawrence Seaway, along which Le Champlain sails throughout this [] the five Great Lakes are all linked to each other solely and uniquely by the river's immense []. Named thus by Frenchman Jacques Cartier, who [] it on August 10, 1535 (the Feast of Saint Lawrence), the Saint Lawrence continues to play a major [] in the country's economic []. And with good reason, as it [] through the entire territory of Quebec. It is also home to an especially rich range of aquatic [], of which the blue whale is the standard-bearer.

In the realm of giant mammals



accompanied approach distance disturbing length migration privilege weight

It is to the mouth of the Saint Lawrence that blue whales, in all their 25 metres in [] and tens of tonnes of [] come to feed each autumn before setting out on their long winter []. From the boat, we frequently spot a first spout of water in the []. This is the signal for the crew to launch the dinghies.

Gradually, as the passengers [] closer and closer, the excitement mounts and the sense of thrill begins to increase. To avoid [] the whales, everyone becomes quiet. The curtain rises. Part of its back comes into sight first, then the tail, dotted with little shells. The luckiest passengers may even have the immense [] of seeing a whale breaching. Far from being isolated, the whales are [] by an army of fellow creatures: prominently moustachioed seals and black-and-white robed killer whales.

Everyone takes photos to capture these precious moments, smiles visible on their faces. And thus, as you glide along the water, the most poignant, wonderful memories are formed.