

# CT Hort Presents: Lakes, Lights & Lavender Fields

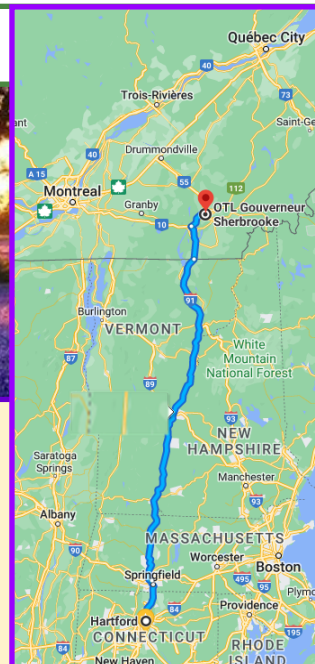
## Quebec's Eastern Townships

Sept 7 - 11, 2023 4 nts / 5 days Thu-Mon

Unique Gardens \* Fall Festival \* Dinner Cruise \* Bleu Lavande

Join The Connecticut Horticultural Society to travel back in time and take in the old-world flavor of Québec's Eastern Townships. In the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, uncover the delights of charming French villages, lush green valleys, enchanted woods, idyllic farmland and Victorian Architecture.

Savor the local flavors of the area with Traditional High Tea, Local Honey, Cheese tasting, Black Currants, Quebec Wines, Spirits, and Craft Brews. Bask in the sights and scents of Lavender, flowers, topiary, sculptures & more. Relax at the beautiful 5-star OTL Gouverneur Hotel for all four nights.



**Day 1:** We depart for the border with a lunch stop enroute. Upon arrival in **Sherbrooke**, we will enjoy a **Traditional High Tea at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center**, complete with period

costumes, tea, scones and of course the cucumber sandwiches. **Guided Tour of Sherbrooke** will show us this wonderful town including the topiary & greenhouses.

**Welcome Dinner at OMG Resto**, located in the former Sainte Thérèse church. Our home for 4 nights will be the 5-star **OTL Gouverneur Hotel** in Sherbrooke.



**Day 2:** After breakfast we will head to **Parc Marie-Victorian** in Kingsey Falls. This oversized garden will surprise all! Discover its amazing 3D giant mosaicultures and gigantic

statues made of recycled metals. Tour through six themed gardens and a tropical greenhouse. Enjoy our boxed lunches here, then head to **Herbes Orford**, gardens on a 3-acre site designed for walking and relaxation along the Mont Orford National Park.

Back to hotel to freshen up. Enjoy an unforgettable **Dinner Cruise** aboard the Grand Cru over the waters of legendary **Lake Memphremagog**, a natural wonder in the Eastern Townships. You'll be swept away by the poetry of the scenery...You'll indulge in a delicious menu, enjoy live music and narration.

**Day 3:** We begin our day with the bees! We visit **Miellerie Lune de Miel**. Prepare yourselves to enter the fascinating world of bees. A guided tour for all awaits you on their well-organized social life and the production of honey. Off to **Bleu Lavande**, discover the lavender farm in Magog. Bleu Lavande...the peaceful haven of unforgettable fragrances &

unique sensory experience. This amazing purple haven awaits with a tour & time to enjoy your boxed lunch.

Afternoon to enjoy **Fête des Vendanges** (Magog-Orford), the Fall Festival focused on the discovery of Quebec wineries and agri-food products. In a festive atmosphere and enchanting setting on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, music and fun not to be missed!

Dinner on own before our evening event, **Foresta Lumina**.

Walk through the enchanted forest to meet fantastic fairies & creatures within this magical illuminated world.

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**Day 4:** First stop today, **Private tour at Glen Villa Art Garden** in North Hatley. A country 750 acre property, owned by Patterson & Norman Webster, located on the traditional territory of the Abenaki, this lakeside treasure weaves formal and wild gardens, ponds and cascades, tranquil walks, sculptures, Asian artifacts and art installations into a rich tapestry of experiences. Explore ideas about history, memory and our relationship to the land as you walk through themed garden rooms, fields and forests.

After lunch on own, visit **Fromagerie La Station** for a tour and tasting.

Fields, cows, delicious organic cheeses and people who really enjoy what they do! Off to **Domaine Ives Hill**, to learn about black currants including a tasting. **Farewell Dinner** tonight.

**Day 5:** Return to the States with great memories of the Eastern Townships! (Appropriate rest/food stops enroute)



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**Glen Villa Art Garden**



**Bleu Lavande**



**Mosaicultures**



**Dinner Cruise**

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**\$1709pp double / \$2239pp single** Based on 30 passenger minimum

**With CT Hort Member Discount: \$1659pp double / \$2189pp single**

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**Includes:** Deluxe motorcoach, 4 nights hotel accommodations, tax & baggage, 4 breakfasts, 2 boxed lunches, 3 dinners, High Tea, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary, all gratuities, \$50 donation to CT Hort, Friendship Tours Tour Director

**Departure Points:** **West Harford:** Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Dr.

**Manchester:** Commuter Lot, 1515 Pleasant Valley Rd

*(Cars are left overnight at your own risk)*

**DEPOSIT:** \$300 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** June 1, 2023

**FOR RESERVATIONS:** Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

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