



TOPDECKER, meet North America (TD)

(Most similar to this previous trip: USA & Canada Adventure (ex New York City)) TRIP VIBE = fast-paced fun with tons of socialising, bucket-list sights and good times all round. Game time: would you rather travel the USA or Canada? Psych! On this 12-day adventure you get both rolled into one. From the land of the free and beyond, we'll tick off the A-listers New York, Boston, Quebec City, Montreal, Toronto and Washington, DC. Plus, get sprayed (in the best way) by the mighty Niagara Falls. Visit the homes of sporting legends. Test our waistbands with alllll the diverse foodie delights. And uncover the heart-and-soul of these incredible cities. Ready to embrace it all? We thought so.

WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Get Social



Nights



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This is a sector
trip.

already in progress.

Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Driving/walking tour of New York with Trip Leader
- + Driving/walking tour of Boston with Trip Leader
- + Orientation walk of Quebec with Trip Leader
- + Driving/walking tour of Montreal with Trip Leader
- + Walking tour of Toronto with Trip Leader
- + Visit Niagara Falls
- + Driving/walking tour of Pittsburgh with Trip Leader
- + Driving/walking tour of Washington, DC with Trip Leader

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

New York City
United States of America

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

New York City
United States of America

TRIP CURRENCIES

- + United States of America -
- + Canada -

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 | NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

The Big Apple. One iconic city to kick off one UNbelievable US and Canadian adventure. Makes sense. First: get some bucket listers under your belt with a driving-walking tour of NYC's hot spots. Then? Get cheers-ing your trip mates over tonight's included dinner. Ready for 12 days of jam-packed, fun-filled North American road trippin'? Hell yeah!



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving/walking tour of New York with Trip Leader

DAY 2 | NEW YORK CITY TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Stock up on snacks and whip out the AUX cord – we're heading to Boston first thing. A city that was key to the American Revolution and Independence movement, Boston's got a BIG past– and our expert Trip Leader has the lowdown on today's driving-walking tour. Tick off the likes of Bunker Hill, Charleston Bridge, the USS Constitution and North End Neighbourhood. And tonight? Head to Faneuil Hall Marketplace for alllll the foodie goodness.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving/walking tour of Boston with Trip Leader

DAY 3 | BOSTON

This is your day, your way. But if you need some suggestions, we've got some immense optional activities lined up (obvs). Get on your bike and explore six different neighbourhoods with an in-the-know-local. Or brush up on your Red Sox trivia with a visit to Fenway Park. Rather do your own spontaneous thing? No worries. Follow the story of the American Revolution along the Freedom Trail. Jump aboard the USS Constitution. Check out the Boston Tea Party Museum. Then, hunt down the perfect cannoli in North End. It doesn't get much better than this.



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour of Fenway Park:
from \$25 USD

+ Bike tour of Boston: from \$60
USD

DAY 4 | BOSTON TO QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC

Wave goodbye to Beantown – the French-speaking city of Quebec is calling our name. Oh là là. Fun fact: Quebec City is one of North America's oldest settlements. And it's looking goooooood for its age. We've got a bit of a drive across the Canadian border, so settle in and verse your trip mates to a not-so-friendly game of UNO. When we roll in, our Trip Leader will point out the must-sees. And tonight: there's the option to wander the cobblestone streets on a spine-tingling ghost tour. With over 400 years of murder, tragedy and hauntings – you might need a spare pair of undies for this one.



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation walk of Quebec
with Trip Leader



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

+ Ghost tour of Quebec: from
\$25 CAD

DAY 5 | QUEBEC CITY TO MONTREAL

Au revoir, Quebec – we're swapping you for Montreal today. After a driving-walking tour around the big guns, dump your stuff and get exploring. Head to Old Montreal and check out the Place d'Armes, Place Royal and Notre Dame Basilica. Get all the views of City Hall and Nelson's Column from Place Jacques-Cartier. Stroll along the waterfront and Old Port. Or flash some plastic in the boutiques and stalls of Bonsecours Market. Haven't tried poutine yet? Go. Now.



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving/walking tour of Montreal with Trip Leader

DAY 6 | MONTREAL

Today, it's all about you. Need some suggestions? Put your fat pants to the test on a food tour of the Mile End district. Think: three hours of the best carb-laden, cheese-topped, bagel-shaped stops in the city. Mmmmm. Or tackle the Lachine Rapids with an adrenaline-fuelled jet boating experience. Spoiler: you will get wet. Prefer to do your own spontaneous this-is-what-I-came-here-for thing? Climb Mt Royal for alllll the views. Get your history fix at the Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History. Or uncover the maze of shops and museums hidden beneath the city streets at the Underground City. Tonight, you're in Disneyland for foodies – go get it.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

- + Food tour of Montreal: from \$45 CAD
- + Jet boating in Montreal: from \$55 CAD

DAY 7 | MONTREAL TO TORONTO, ONTARIO

Sum up Toronto in one word: diverse (that's not cheating). Welcoming over 40 million people annually, speaking over 140 different languages and home to Canada's largest LGBTIQ+ community – this place has got acceptance down pat. When we reach T-dot, tick off all the showstoppers on a walking tour. We're talking: CN Tower, Rogers Centre, Old City Hall, Yonge-Dundas Square and Hockey Hall of Fame. Then, gather the gang and sample a slice of this city's famous nightlife.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Toronto with Trip Leader

DAY 8 | TORONTO

A city exploding with culture and seriously good food – you've got 24 hrs of freedom to embrace it all. So, don't muck about. Do the obvious and scale the CN Tower – with a stomach-churning glass viewing platform at over 342m high, this one's pretty epic. Let your inner hockey-freak flag fly at the Ice Hockey Hall of Fame (home to the Stanley Cup). Wander the cobbled alleyways of the Distillery District. Put your waistbands to the test at St Lawrence Market. Explore the 98 OTT rooms of Casa Loma. Channel your inner hipster at Kensington Market. Then, head to Chinatown for cheap beers and drool-worthy dumplings. This is what you came for.



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

- + Climb the CN Tower: from \$25 CAD

DAY 9 | TORONTO TO PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, VIA NIAGARA FALLS

Down that coffee and wave goodbye to Toronto – we're outta here. But before crossing back into the States, we'll treat our eyeballs to the 'holy sh*t'-worthy Niagara Falls. Watch from Table Rock as 600,000 gallons of water cascade into a thunderous show of mist and rushing water. Wanna get closer? There's an optional boat tour on the cards (if you brought your raincoat). Next: Pittsburgh we're coming for ya. Rally the troops and swing by The Church Brew Works for tonight's feed. PB and jelly cocktails? Yes please.



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Niagara Falls



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Niagara Falls boat tour: from
\$40 CAD

DAY 10 | PITTSBURGH TO WASHINGTON, DC

You want more city highlights? Alright, greedy. We'll kick things off today with a driving-walking tour around the 'burgh. This place is known as the 'Steel City', so things are about to get shiny. Then: onwards to the OG of American politics! When we pull up in Washington, the evening's yours for exploring. Our hot tip? Track down some pupusas – think pocket-sized, cheese-and-bean-stuffed pouches all the way from El Salvador (not literally, they'd go cold).



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving/walking tour of
Pittsburgh with Trip Leader

DAY 11 | WASHINGTON, DC

After another group brekkie, we're squeezing one last driving-walking tour into this trip. 'Cos that's how we roll. Then? More of that sweeeeet free time. Get yourself a set of wheels on a Segway or bike tour. Next, hit up the array of FREE museums. From the National Museum of American History to the National Air and Space Museum, and the International Spy Museum - there's something for literally everyone. Washington FTW! Just make sure you're back in time for tonight's farewell dinner – this UNreal adventure deserves one super-sized American send-off!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving/walking tour of
Washington, DC with Trip
Leader



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Bike or Segway tour: from
\$40 USD

DAY 12 | WASHINGTON, DC, TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

And just like that, it's all over. After breakfast we'll jump on the coach back to NYC. Say your goodbyes (no tears, pls) and get planning next year's reunion trip. Where to next?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

TIPPING

NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's

souvenir).

TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

PLEASE NOTE: The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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PASSENGER SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and

activities run by local guides

- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

PLEASE NOTE: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!)

Heading on our Namaste India trip? Your luggage is capped at 15kg, so maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops

- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



THAT'S IT!