

# GoMedia Canada 2020

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## Ottawa, Ontario

## Ottawa: Canada In One City

September 13-16, 2020

### Theme

Get your fill of Canadiana experiences in the country's urban yet green capital city, Ottawa.

### Description

As the capital, Ottawa is filled with people from across the country, and its institutions and attractions reflect the entire country. Indulge in Canadian treats, visit museums that interpret Canadian culture from coast to coast to coast, and learn about the institutions of Canada such as the House of Commons, Rideau Hall, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. You'll also be active: Taking the world's first interprovincial zipline, enjoying a culinary walking tour, and exploring the city on a bicycle tour!

### Considerations

- Upon check-in at each hotel, media guests will be required to provide a credit card to cover any incidental expenses (ie. mini-bar, room service, phone calls, movies, etc.)
- Participants should advise if they have any dietary restrictions or food allergies.
- It is the responsibility of the media guests to ensure they have adequate travel and health insurance to cover participation in the trip.
- While this adventure is not overly strenuous, participants must be of "fair" physical fitness and able to walk short distances. The tour includes a bicycle tour, culinary walking tour and an opportunity to zipline over the Ottawa River.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Sunday, September 13

10:05am Depart Victoria on flight AC 8056

10:35am Arrive in Vancouver

12:00 pm Depart Vancouver on flight AC 342

7:36pm Arrive in Ottawa

Evening Check in at the [Fairmont Château Laurier](#) hotel. One of Canada's most recognized landmarks since 1912, Fairmont Château Laurier is located in the centre of downtown Ottawa, overlooking the historic Rideau Canal, Ottawa River, and steps from Parliament Hill, the Byward Market neighbourhood, National Gallery of Canada, National Arts

Centre, and other attractions. The recent completion of a multi-million dollar guestroom revitalization is a modern addition to the property's regal elegance.

Dinner Ottawa's culinary scene is as diverse as our country and you can taste the flavours of Canada while staying here. We'll have dinner at a nearby local restaurant. Will it be poutine? Or maybe shawarma or pho? Will dessert include maple - a Canadian staple? You can be sure our dining destination will represent the impact of immigrant communities in this part of the country.

Overnight Fairmont Château Laurier

## Day 2 - Monday, September 14

Breakfast Included at Fairmont Château Laurier.

Morning Tour of the new "temporary" [House of Commons](#). This has been in operation since February 2019 as the government's former home, the Centre Block, undergoes a comprehensive multi-year restoration. Learn about how the country is represented at the highest political levels.

Take the electric water taxi, [Au feel de l'eau](#), across the Ottawa River to arrive at the Canadian Museum of History. We'll take a guided tour of the [Canadian Museum of History](#), which interprets more than 10,000 years of settlement on this land and also includes the world's largest indoor collection of totem poles.

Lunch Visit Indigenous Experiences (located at the museum) for lunch and dance performances.

Afternoon We'll take a short walk to the nearby [Zibi](#) site, a waterfront property development highlighting the history of the riverfront sites and focusing on sustainability, with long term goals of more residential and commercial real estate. Take a ride over the Ottawa River on the new [Interzip Rogers](#), the world's first interprovincial zipline, that opens in summer 2020.

Free time to explore or relax.

Dinner Enjoy dinner and a show with the Canadian-themed production of [Oh Canada Eh!](#) featuring all-Canadian music.

Overnight Fairmont Château Laurier

## Day 3- Tuesday, September 15

Breakfast Included at Fairmont Château Laurier

Morning Visit [Rideau Hall](#), the home and workplace of Canada's Governor General (the Queen's representative in Canada) since Canada's birth in 1867. It is where exceptional Canadians are honoured; where world leaders and visitors from around the globe are welcome; and where people from across Canada are at home. The historic residence, set amidst 79 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, is located just minutes from downtown Ottawa and is open to the public throughout the year.

- Late Morning Visit the [Royal Canadian Mounted Police Stables](#) and see where the horses and riders of the world-renowned Musical Ride train for performances.
- Lunch Indulge in a [culinary walking tour](#) of a great Ottawa neighbourhood, meeting passionate chefs, retailers, and bakers as you go! It's a tasty overview of Canada's Capital's vibrant food scene and an opportunity to explore the city.
- Afternoon Discover the flora and fauna across Canada from coast to coast to coast at the [Canadian Museum of Nature](#). This castle-like building shares stories from the North in its Arctic Gallery.
- Free time.
- Dinner Another great culinary experience that highlights the diversity of Canadian cuisine.
- Overnight Fairmont Château Laurier

#### **Day 4 - Wednesday, September 16**

- Breakfast Included at Fairmont Château Laurier.
- Morning Take a [fun guided bicycle tour](#) of downtown Ottawa with a knowledgeable guide that provides a last look at the city, before returning to the hotel to check out and depart to the airport.
- Lunch TBD - based on departures
- If media have an evening flight, the rest of the afternoon can be enjoyed exploring Ottawa using the VIP Attractions pass
- Mid-afternoon Depart Ottawa. Transfers to airport provided.

### **Recommended items to bring**

- The weather can change so please bring layers for warm days and cool evenings
- Water bottle, insect repellent, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Comfortable clothing for cycling and for the zipline