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Dear Shelley and Elaine,

The memories will last forever. Mel and I thank you so much for all you have done for us.

September 10th. The adventure began....

Quebec City. The Hotel Le Concorde is simply beautiful! The staff made us feel special, and were so attentive. The "view from our room" - we looked towards the St. Lawrence Seaway. The Plains of Abraham. The Fortress Citadel. There are no words to adequately describe the view! ♡ The Musée Des Plains Abraham and the Fortress Citadel, so very world class. The Rouge Line Quebec hop on, hop off tour bus was energizing and unique. The sights and sounds! We loved the flair and sophistication of Quebec City. The city has a heartfelt and touching acknowledgement to their city's history, and are filled with excitement for their future!

Our TRAIN journey began! The train ride was one of the best experiences of my whole life! The VIA rail station in Ste. Foy is great. The VIA rail Canada staff is even better. Mel and I stayed in a cabin, and it was delightful and magical! Our cabin was so cool, I couldn't get over it! We were able to watch the cities and towns passing by from the Observation Dome Car - wne! The group of passengers on board with us had the same fabulous time!

The sunshine greeted us as we rolled into Halifax. The Delta Barrington is awfully nice! The Harbourfront boardwalk, isn't it something? The Atlantic Ocean, the fishing boats, the yachts, the birds... and the goings on with the restaurants and shops and music, we were in awe. The Maritime Museum of The Atlantic and The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. We were entranced and intrigued, as we read and heard and took in everything. We lunched at The Wooden Monkey in Dartmouth!

Peggy's Cove - a treasured Canadian landmark - ♡

The White But Lodge is so charming! The BEACH was right outside our deck! The Lodge Resort was built in 1928, and we were so taken with the entire property - the ocean views, the trees and flowers, the cabins, the restaurant!

Annapolis Royal is funky and artsy and laid back! ♡ The Blomidon Inn in Wolfville is "times past", with every room filled with antiques and a fireplace! We were tenants in The Thompson Room for the evening! A cup of hot coffee, english muffins with marmalade, fresh fruit - a dream morning!

Wolfville, and on to the Apothic Inn in Anchester. The Apothic Inn is located on one of the most exquisite streets. The Inns and homes are stately, and the landscaping is given so much care. Our accommodation - our bedroom was magnificent. As we wound down for the evening, we spent time reading and talking in our own living room. The next morning, we breakfasted on eggs benedict with bacon, homemade blueberry waffles with infused whipped cream. Can you imagine. Rhonda was the owner and hostess, and she is so wonderful!

We were in New Brunswick for two nights, my Grandpa's family hails from Hillsborough. Mel ventured to the Hopewell Rocks while I spent time at The William Henry Steeves Museum. David, the volunteer at the Museum, was so helpful and so pleased we were there! I learned so much! The covered bridges! The days in New Brunswick were meaningful and so special for me. We stayed at The Howard Johnson - we didn't care for it at all.

Prince Edward Island - I got a lump in my throat as we crossed The Confederation Bridge. Charlottetown is all we hoped it would be ♡. The Road Royalty Hotel is vibrant and bustling with guests and activity! We toured the Island - the lighthouses we saw - The West Point Lighthouse and The Cape Bear Lighthouse. ♡ We did the North Cape Coastal Drive and the Central Coast Drive; we motored by Cornwall, Clyde River, Tignish to name a few! We dined at The Lobster On The Wharf - the seafood!

We spent nights in Sydney on Cape Breton Island. Our "Museum" touring began and ended with the Louisberg Historic Site of Canada. We decided to join a group to properly "realize" everything. We were happy we did, our tour guide was insightful, smart, and full of good humor! The Canadian government, the government of Nova Scotia, the businesses in Louisberg, the citizens of the area, and the hard working workers, including the former coal miners, are to be commended and forever thanked for this National treasure!

The Travel Lodge in Sidney is terrific! ♡

Our car made it's way to the Ceilidh Country Lodge in Baddeck.

The rooms are large, the beds are comfy, the furniture and television make you feel at home! The breakfast room was lovely in decor, and the food and beverages - divine! The Cabot Trail is the number one reason tourists come to Cape Breton. The miles of endless water, miles of endless foliage, miles of endless color, beauty, exploring or relaxing! The best Canada has to offer! We spent five glorious hours at The Alexander Graham Bell Museum - a masterpiece of a museum! Baddeck has it all, and we LOVED it!

The Marriot Harbourfront Hotel in Halifax was truly nice! The small and quaint rooms are tasteful and "mellowing." We spent the last two days in the city walking, eating and shopping!

Shelley and Elaine, we will never forget every day and every night of our holiday, you made everything you did for us perfect!! Thank you!

Mel and Bonnie