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Nature & Cultural Journeys  
for the Discerning Traveler

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN THE

## SHEDD AQUARIUM

ON A WILDLIFE DISCOVERY ADVENTURE TO

## QUÉBEC, CANADA

### WHALE OF AN ADVENTURE IN NEW FRANCE

AUGUST 1 TO 5, 2018



## YOUR ITINERARY:

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### DAY 1~WEDNESDAY~AUGUST 1

#### CHICAGO/QUÉBEC CITY

Bienvenue dans la province de Québec! This experience encompasses Québec Province's French charm and beauty, as well as its fine wildlife preserves and unparalleled nature parks. The province is the most unique in all of Canada, having developed a distinct, bilingual culture, as a result of centuries of influence from both the French and British. Travels through this beautiful region begin in Québec City, the only fortified city north of Mexico. The St. Lawrence River, with its diverse ecosystem and many bird species, provides the route for your journey.

Upon arrival at the Québec City International Airport, greet your tour guide and driver and transfer to the Hotel Clarendon, your home for the evening. Located in the historic part of Quebec City it is the oldest continuously operating hotel in the city. This seven-story Art Nouveau building with an Art Deco façade, furnishes 143 rooms with free Wi-Fi, cable TV and coffeemakers. Dinner and a welcome presentation await you.

Overnight at HOTEL CLARENDON. (D)

<http://www.hotelsvieuxquebec.com/>

### DAY 2~THURSDAY~AUGUST 2

#### QUÉBEC CITY/BEAUPRÉ/CHARLEVOIX

Québec City is perched high above Cap Diamant, overlooking the St. Lawrence River. Once an outpost for fur traders, the city now has a dynamic port and is home to the Provincial Parliament. Québec City played roles during the Revolutionary War, when American Revolutionaries attempted to "liberate the city", and World War II, hosting two different conferences, including one where a large portion of the battle plans for D-Day were drawn. The Old Town is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and this morning, spend time walking its streets and learning local history. Visit important sights including le Chateau Frontenac, a hotel built for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, le Plaines d'Abraham, site of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759, and le Petit Champlain, the oldest commercial district in North America.

Downstream from Québec City is the Charlevoix region, your destination this afternoon. Along the banks of the St. Lawrence River, you'll stop at Cap Tourmente, a wildlife reserve. Wander along the trails to observe the different species of birds the reserve hosts. Year round, the reserve is home to numerous birds and mammals including the Wood Duck, Blue Jay, red fox, American porcupine and white tailed deer, and hosts the migration of the Canadian Geese during the spring and fall.

Your destination for the evening is La Malbaie, a small town set on the edge of the magnificent St. Lawrence River. Tourism has seen significant growth in this corner of the





Charlevoix region, known as the birthplace of resort vacationing in Canada and which boasts a return to romanticism.

Check into your home for the night, Le Petit Manoir Du Casino, perched on a headland of the region, offering spectacular views of the St. Lawrence River. The rooms are simple but comfortable, accompanied by newly built spas, and a heated pool. Free Wi-Fi is accessible in all guest rooms.

Overnight at the LE PETIT MANOIR DU CASINO. (B)  
<http://petitmanoirducasino.ca/>  
Travel time and distance: 93 miles, 2 hours



### DAY 3~FRIDAY~AUGUST 3

#### TADOUSSAC/SAGUENAY FJORD

This morning travel east to the oldest French settlement in North America and the longest continuously inhabited settlement in Canada. Tadoussac occupies a privileged position at the maritime crossroads of the Saguenay fjord and the majestic St. Lawrence River, with sand dunes and a small lake in the heart of the village. Named after the native word "tatouskak," meaning breasts and referring to two rounded hills by the fjord, the village is home to only 900 residents.

Walk along the boardwalk and enjoy the views of the pier and the St. Lawrence. The sand dunes are definitely one of the most beautiful places that you need to visit while in Tadoussac. The original village, which has since disappeared, was first established in this sector. Agriculture led to deforestation and erosion led to desertification. The dunes, is an exceptional site to relax and contemplate the majestic St. Lawrence River.

Your afternoon is at leisure. Take a walking tour and learn more about the history of the fur trading post, which dates back to the late 1500's. You may want to visit the eye-catching chapel, the oldest wooden church in North America. It was built in 1747 and now is a small museum



Your stay for the next two evenings will be at the vintage Hotel Tadoussac. Invoking memories of an earlier time, the hotel features white-washed walls, a red roof, and amazing views of the St. Lawrence River and Tadoussac Bay. The hotel prides itself on capturing the history, character and soul of the region, providing intimate accommodations and regional cuisine.

Overnight at HOTEL TADOUSSAC. (B,D)  
<http://www.hoteltadoussac.com/en/>  
Travel time and distance: 87 miles, 2 hours

### DAY 4~SATURDAY~AUGUST 4

#### CAP DE BON-DESIR INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Transfer to Cap de Bon-Desir Interpretive Centre for a lecture by a marine biologist on the St. Lawrence marine wildlife – seals, whales, marine birds, and a diversity of underwater flora and fauna. The mix of salt and fresh water found here makes the St. Lawrence estuary one of the richest ecosystems on earth.



Enjoy lunch before boarding a Zodiac for a two hour whale watching expedition where the Saguenay Fjord and the St. Lawrence River meet. This is a unique opportunity to view some of the thirteen species of whales, mink and seals that inhabit the area. If you're fortunate, you may spot the pod of beluga whales that call the fjord home.

Overnight at HOTEL TADOUSSAC (B)

**DAY 5~SUNDAY~AUGUST 5**

**QUEBEC/CHICAGO**

After breakfast, transfer to Quebec for your flight home. (B)



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT QUÉBEC

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### Participants:

- Participants should also be able to stand and / or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill.
- You must be able to get in and out of vehicles and boats unassisted.

### In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. **The start and end cities for this program are Québec City.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*





## INCLUSIONS

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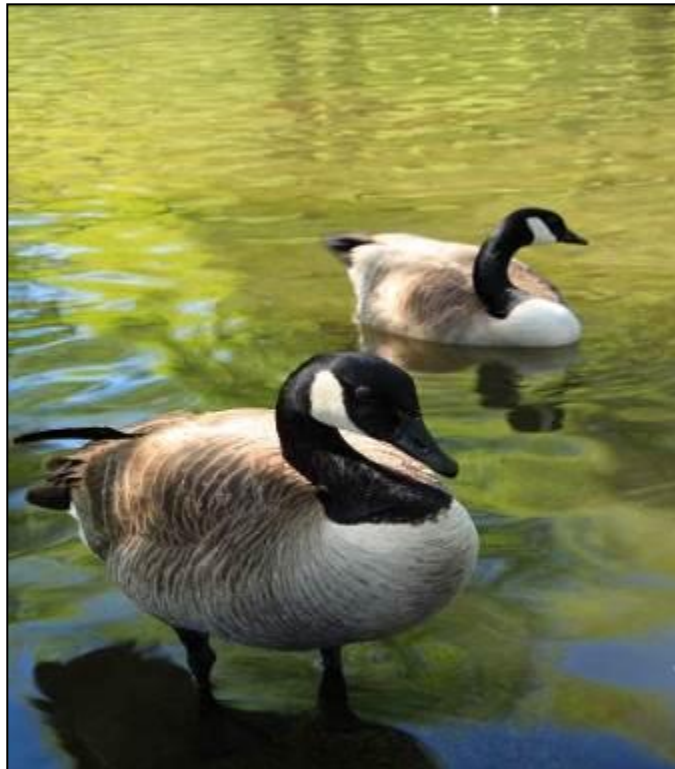
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Meals as outlined in itinerary.
- Services of an experienced Canadian driver/guide, as well as local guides joining the group as specified.
- Airport transfers.
- Transportation in a 12 or 21-passenger minibus.
- An escort from the Shedd Aquarium with minimum of 10 travelers.
- All park and admission fees.
- All applicable hotel taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Roundtrip airfare from home city.
- Meals other than those specified and all beverages.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Gratuities to driver/guide and other conveyance attendants.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,  
But Is Subject To Change.



## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE:

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**INCLUDING:** QUEBEC CITY, BAIE ST-PAUL, CAP DE BON – DESIR INTERPRETIVE CENTRE.

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** SHEDD AQUARIUM

**ESCORTED BY:** AN ESCORT FROM THE SHEDD AQUARIUM

**DATES:** AUGUST 1 TO 5, 2018

<b><u>COSTS: PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY</u></b>	<b>MAIN TRIP BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>
LAND ONLY	\$2,995 PER PERSON
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – LAND ONLY*	\$695 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

*\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS ARE VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED BASIS.*



## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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### REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: Classic escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

### PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$500 per person must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days before departure – **April 28, 2018** - you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are **NOT** included.

### CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to April 28, 2018, \$300 handling fee.
- April 29 to May 18, 2018, deposit is forfeited
- May 19 to June 2, 2018, less 50% of tour cost.
- After June 2, 2018, 100% of tour cost.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.



### DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to enroll - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions, you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and refer to ARC #71298.



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Simply fax or email your responses to [reservations@classicescapes.com](mailto:reservations@classicescapes.com)!

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Tour Code: 18NAQ0801/Shedd

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Thank you for your support



**Reservation Form:**

**Shedd Aquarium - Quebec**

18NAQ0801/Shedd

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Quebec Program departing on August 1, 2018. Cost is \$2,995 per person, double occupancy, land only.

Final payment due date is **April 28, 2018**.

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd. Woodside, NY 11377 **OR**

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Shedd Aquarium or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of \$795

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of July 13, 2017, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.  
58-25 Queens Blvd.  
Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

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PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you