

# Louise Penny – *Three Pines Tour*

Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> to

Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Four days/Three nights

## Exploring the Epic Sites That Created the Backdrop to Louise Penny's Captivating Novels

Award-winning Canadian author Louise Penny has captivated the world with her compelling mystery novels set primarily in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. Her wildly popular books from the Three Pines series have consistently topped the New York Times bestseller lists and have been translated into twenty-nine languages, selling more than ten million copies worldwide. Her recent collaboration co-authoring *State of Terror* with Hillary Rodham Clinton has cemented her as one of the mystery genre's all-time greats, and this spring HNA Travels wants to take you to the center of her universe as we visit the idyllic real-life locations that inspire the settings to her novels. HNA's special four-day excursion will take you to the heart of the Eastern Townships and to the locations that have been immortalized by Penny and her brilliantly fashioned characters. We will visit the Victorian village of Knowlton- the direct inspiration for Penny's fictional village of Three Pines- with stops at Brome Lake Books and the Brome County Historical Society Museum where Jane's painting from *Still Life* is on display. Your tour will continue with visits to many sites that are cherished parts of the fabric woven in Louise Penny's novels, including (among others) Abbaye de Saint-Benoît-du-Lac (the inspiration for Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups Abbey in *A Beautiful Mystery*), and of course, Sarah's Boulangerie. Join us as we uncover the important settings that make Penny's novels so endearing and the secrets behind them!



## Tour itinerary:

### Day 1

This morning, we will leave the Ajax/Pickering area and head south of Montreal to the beautiful Eastern Townships of Quebec. Our three-night stay will be at the 4-star Domaine Château-Bromont. After a short tour of the countryside, we will check into the hotel and enjoy a lovely Welcome Dinner. (D)

### Day 2

After breakfast, we will make our way to Knowlton, Quebec, with Sharman, our knowledge Louise Penny Guide. Our first stop will be at **Elderberry Farm**, to get you into the feel of the Townships and into the spirit with which Louise Penny writes. We will then head into Knowlton itself, a town known to Penny for its pastoral beauty and the inspiration for Three Pines in her books. Our first visit will be to the **Brome County Historical Society Museum** where you will find Jane's painting from *Still Life*. While in Knowlton we will visit **Brome Lake Books** (Myrna's Book Store). This small village bookstore has all the trappings of an early 20th century building with bookcases filled with both hardcovers and paperbacks. You can even leave a message for Louise Penny in a book dedicated to this purpose. Lunch is included today at Le Relais Restaurant, in Knowlton. After our visit to Knowlton, we will visit an award-winning **winery**, just outside of Magog, known particularly for its sparkling wines. Later in the afternoon, we will return to the hotel, to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Dinner will be on your own, either at the Chateau, or using our coach as a shuttle to area restaurants. (B, L)

**Day 3**

After breakfast, we start our day, heading to Georgeville, where you can visit the General Store, the inspiration for **Mr. Belliveau's General Store**, and **St George's Church**, inspiration for St Thomas Church.

**High tea will be enjoyed at the Uplands Cultural Centre** (included) followed by a tour of an amazing local cheese farm/factory. More adventure waits for us in the remainder of the afternoon. Dinner is again on your own – with the coach acting as our taxi, if needed. (B, L)

**Day 4**

Our last day begins with a journey to Sutton. On our way, we will stop at **Abbaye de Saint-Benoît-du-Lac**. This abbey was the inspiration for Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups Abbey in *A Beautiful Mystery*. The abbey itself has a history that dates back to 1912. At the time of its construction, it was rather isolated, but in an incredibly beautiful locale. The Benedictine monks of the Saint-Benoit-du-Lac abbey are famous for and have been making cheeses since 1943. You will have the chance to purchase some of this incredible cheese. Leaving the abbey, we will continue on to Sutton where you will have a chance to visit the delicatessen (**La Rumeur Affamée**) on which Sarah's Boulangerie was based. After lunch at LaFontaine (included) we will have an opportunity to taste some chocolate at a **Chocolaterie** – both Louise and Gamach being great gourmards. We then bid adieu to Louise Penny's Three Pines Tour and depart for home. (B, L)

***HNA Travel's fabulous "Three Pines" adventure will be sold out- early booking is essential.***  
**Two Tours SOLD Out in 2023!!**

**Your tour package includes:**

- Return motor coach transportation from the **Ajax/Pickering area**. Call for alternative pick-up locations
- Three night's accommodation at the Domaine Chateau Bromont.
- Admission to all attractions stated in the itinerary:
- Meals: three breakfasts; three lunches; one dinner (Welcome dinner).
- Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director

**What's not included:**

- Meals not stated in the itinerary.
- Gratuities to Sharman, our Louise Penny guide
- Gratuities for the HNA Tour Director and our motor coach driver
- Items of a personal nature.

**Cost of package: \$ 1,299.00 per person/double occupancy (plus HST – total: \$ 1,467.87)**

Single occupancy: \$ 1,699 Per person (plus HST - total \$ 1,919.87)

Nonrefundable deposit of \$300 upon booking, balance due April 7, 2024

**READY TO BOOK?** Simply call us and you are on your way.

- ✓ HNA Travels at 613-843-9900 or toll free: 1-877-672-3030
- ✓ OR e-mail: [hnatravels@gmail.com](mailto:hnatravels@gmail.com)
- ✓ Pay by Cheque/Visa/Master Card.

**PICK-UP INFORMATION:**

The coach will depart from the Ajax/Pickering area – call for more alternative pick-up locations.

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