



Tourist circuits to explore

# CHEMIN DU ROY

Cap-Santé

The Chemin du Roy (King's Road) is the first roadway built between Québec City and Montréal that could accommodate wheeled vehicles along its entire length. It runs from Old Québec and winds through Old Cap-Rouge, Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Portneuf and several villages before coming to an end in Montréal.

Starting from the square in front of city hall (Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville) head over to Place D'Youville. From there, complete the tour by car, following the tourist route signs .

Today, nearly all of the Chemin du Roy has been integrated into the "Route verte" provincial bike path network.

Enjoy the many outstanding panoramas along the majestic St. Lawrence River. *[Ad p. 50]*

## Québec City



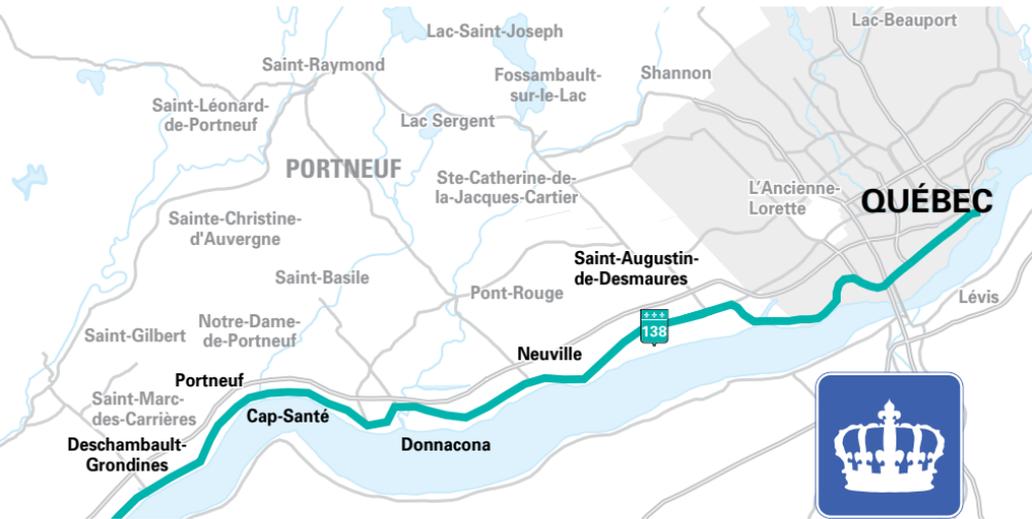
543,095 inhabitants

### Parliament Building



1045, rue des Parlementaires  
418-643-7239 • 1-866-337-8837 • [www.assnat.qc.ca](http://www.assnat.qc.ca)

The most important historical site in Québec City. The Parliament Building is an imposing structure consisting of four wings that form a square of about 100 metres (330') per side. One of the few buildings in North America whose architecture is in the Second Empire style. The tour of the Parliament Building includes the National Assembly Chamber (where the members of the provincial parliament sit) with its Renaissance architecture and the Legislative Council Chamber (standing committees have been held here since 1968). Reservations required for groups of 10 or more. Guided tours in English, French, and Spanish. **Hours:** June 24 to Labour Day, daily. September to June, Monday to Friday.



### Maison Henry-Stuart (house)

82, Grande Allée Ouest

418-647-4347, ext. 201 • [www.maisonhenrystuart.qc.ca](http://www.maisonhenrystuart.qc.ca)

Step into this Regency cottage built in 1849 and tour the house. The Maison Henry-Stuart is one of the few remaining examples of a popular style of residential architecture in the 19th century. Immerse yourself in the ambiance of Québec bourgeois society in the early 1900s. Before you leave, stay for tea on the wide veranda. **Hours:** end of June to Labour Day, closed Sundays and Mondays. Guided tours upon reservation for groups.

### Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec

179, Grande Allée Ouest

418-643-2150 • 1-866-220-2150 • [www.mnbaq.org](http://www.mnbaq.org)

An unforgettable rendez-vous with the works of Québec's greatest artists. Discover the Lassonde pavilion and visit the exhibition galleries, where contemporary Québec art since 1960 is on display, including Inuit art, the decorative arts and design, the Baillairgé which served as the Québec City jail and the Morisset with its collection of Québec historical art. Complete your visit by enjoying the creations of renowned chef Marie-Chantal Lepage or by visiting our boutique. **Hours:** closed Mondays. Reduced rates for groups. *[Ad p. 40]*

### Sillery Heritage Site

This heritage site consists of some 350 buildings and several small woods. On the banks of the St. Lawrence River stands the Maison des Jésuites (heritage house) and a few 19th century working-class homes. St. Michael's Church and a cluster of working-class homes are located in the Côte de Sillery district. Luxurious villas, some owned by 19th century lumber barons, as well as several institutional buildings, are perched atop the promontory.

### Parc du bois-de-Coulonge

1215, Grande Allée Ouest

418-528-0773 • 1-800-442-0773

[www.capitale.gouv.qc.ca/parcs-et-places-publiques/parcs/parc-du-bois-de-coulonge](http://www.capitale.gouv.qc.ca/parcs-et-places-publiques/parcs/parc-du-bois-de-coulonge)

The property, once known as Spencer Wood, became well-renowned in the field of horticulture in North America. For nearly 20 years, the Governors General of United Canada lived on the property, which was purchased by the Québec government in 1870 and served as the residence of Québec Lieutenant Governors until 1966. Bois-de-Coulonge is remarkable on account of its proximity to the St. Lawrence, the beauty of its gardens and its historical characteristics. Parking. **Hours:** open year-round.

**Villa Bagatelle**  

1563, chemin Saint-Louis

418-654-0259 • [www.maisonsdupatrimoine.com](http://www.maisonsdupatrimoine.com)

Villa Bagatelle, with its cross-shaped layout, asymmetrical garden and superb wooden ornamentation, was built in the picturesque English architectural style of the 19th century. Admire the magnificent gardens with hundreds of local plants and underbrush species. The 2018 program features an exhibition on insects (March 7 - May 27), the École des Beaux-Arts de Québec (June 19 - September 2) and beautiful gardens (September 26 - December 16). **Hours:** flexible, March to December. Special rates for groups upon reservation. [*Ad p. 51*]

**Domaine Catarauqui**  

2141, chemin Saint-Louis

418-528-7433 • [www.domainecatarauqui.com](http://www.domainecatarauqui.com)

This 9.7-hectare estate consisting of a villa and nine outbuildings with stunning architecture is one of the few remaining sites to bear witness to the vitality of the English community in Québec City in the 19th century. Entirely renovated in 2010, the villa may be rented for private or corporate events. In the summer, you may visit the interpretation centre. **Hours:** historical gardens, open daily. Summer: the interpretation centre is open daily.



Maison des Jésuites de Sillery

**Maison des Jésuites de Sillery**   

2320, chemin du Foulon

418-654-0259 • [www.maisonsdupatrimoine.com](http://www.maisonsdupatrimoine.com)

Located at the site of the area's first Jesuit mission, founded in 1637. Permanent exhibition on the history of the mission. The artifacts on display describe how the Jesuit, Europeans and Native population co-existed. From April 18 to December 16, 2018, there will be a temporary exhibition on the Hurons-Wendat who lived in the area, as well as their relationship with the Mohawk. **Hours:** flexible. January and February: closed. Special rates for groups upon reservation [*Ad p. 51*]

**Promenade Samuel-De Champlain**  

2795, boulevard Champlain

418-528-0773 • 1-800-442-0773

[www.capitale.gouv.qc.ca/promenade](http://www.capitale.gouv.qc.ca/promenade)

The promenade Samuel-De Champlain is a large park extending nearly 4.3 km along the St. Lawrence River, from Pierre-Laporte bridge to the Côte de Sillery. A gift from the government of Québec to the city for its 400th anniversary, this park provides a renewed perspective of the riverbank. Contemporary art park, observation tower, thematic gardens, interpretation panels and a guided tour for groups upon reservation. **Hours:** open year-round.

**Maison Hamel-Bruneau (house)**  

2608, chemin Saint-Louis

418-641-6280 • [www.maisonsdupatrimoine.com](http://www.maisonsdupatrimoine.com)

This charming house has been transformed into a centre for the arts and science. It displays exhibitions dealing with a range of topics, including current events. The program comprises a number of cultural activities and exhibitions presenting famous contemporary artists. **Hours:** flexible, March to December. Group rates upon reservation.

**Aquarium du Québec**

1675, avenue des Hôtels  
418-659-5264 • 1-866-659-5264  
[www.sepaq.com/aquarium](http://www.sepaq.com/aquarium)

Our collection comprises nearly 10,000 specimens representing 300 species of mammals, indigenous and exotic fish, invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles. Marine mammals, such as polar bears, walrus and many types of seals, frolic in the outdoor park. Touch live starfish, sea urchins or rays—if you dare! Water games and ropes course for children in the summer. **Hours:** open year-round. [Ad p. 42]

**The Québec Bridge and the Pierre-Laporte Bridge**

Designated as a national historic site by the minister of Canadian Heritage and an international historic monument of civil engineering by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Québec Bridge has a suspended span of 549 metres in length between the two main pillars. It is considered the longest cantilever bridge in the world. During construction, its central span collapsed twice (1907 and 1916). After years of construction, the bridge was finally opened to railway traffic in 1917. It was not until 1929 that motorists began to use it. The bridge is now illuminated at night.

Right beside it stands the Pierre-Laporte Bridge, the longest suspension bridge in Canada, which took four years to build and opened in 1970. Its flooring is attached to two cables measuring 60 cm (23.6 in) in diameter. They are made up of more than 12,500 steel wires which, placed end to end, would circle three-quarters of the globe.

**Cartier-Roberval Archaeological Site**

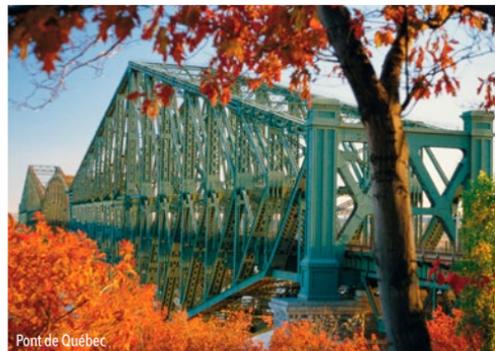
The site of the first French colony in America, this site has provided archaeologists thousands of artifacts and colonial vestiges. Their research shed new light on this historic episode, challenging the traditional vision of failure associated with it. Discover the history of this first France in America as well as several artifacts unearthed on the Cartier-Roberval archaeological site in the exhibition *The Rediscovered Colony*, presented at the Musée de l'Amérique francophone.



Promenade Samuel-De Champlain



Aquarium du Québec



Pont de Québec



### Cap-Rouge Historical Site

Old Cap-Rouge includes rue Provancher, rue Saint-Félix and the marina (Parc nautique de Cap-Rouge). This area has been revitalized and has regained its pride of yesteryear. Many heritage buildings are located here. The numerous art galleries add to the charm of this picturesque district, which is laid out at the foot of a 55 m (181 feet) high railroad trestle over 1,000 m (3,280 feet) long. To the east lies a park (the Parc de la Plage-Jacques-Cartier), where you can go for a pleasant stroll. North of rue Provancher you will find trails lined with interpretation panels that run along the Cap-Rouge River. Cap-Rouge Church, designed by architect Joseph Ferdinand Peachy, was built in 1859 using stone quarried in the region.

## Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures

19,164 inhabitants



### Érablière le Chemin du Roy



237, chemin du Lac  
418-878-5085 • 1-877-876-5085  
[www.erablierequebec.com](http://www.erablierequebec.com)

This sugar shack takes its name from the 18th-century highway that crosses the grounds (Le Chemin du Roy is French for The King's Road). Savour a delicious Québécois sugar shack meal or local cuisine in a quaint setting (reservations required). Enjoy traditional folk music and entertainment, tour of the sugar shack and grove, maple products made on the premises, parking. **Hours:** open year-round, reservations required.

## Neuville

4,360 inhabitants

## Donnacona



7,182 inhabitants

## Cap-Santé

3,482 inhabitants

[www.capsante.qc.ca](http://www.capsante.qc.ca)

Located in a natural setting, Cap-Santé is a charming site the whole family will enjoy. Spread over terraces at different levels along the St. Lawrence River, Cap-Santé is the oldest parish of the regional county municipality of Portneuf. A number of special events and festivals showcasing heritage sites are held here, such as a traditional Christmas market, an art show (symposium Cap-Santé Riche en Couleurs) and Sunday concerts in August.

### Vieux Chemin



The Vieux Chemin roadway, named one of the 20 most beautiful streets in Canada by the *Globe and Mail*, overlooks the beautiful St. Lawrence River from atop a promontory. Guided tours in the summer. This majestic church (1752-1768), one of the last examples of French Regime architecture, is part of the tour circuit of historically significant churches in Portneuf, *Les Voies du Sacré*.

## Portneuf

3,200 inhabitants

## Deschambault-Grondines



2,283 inhabitants

[www.deschambault-grondines.com](http://www.deschambault-grondines.com)

In 2002, two villages on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River merged to form Deschambault-Grondines, a cultural, touristic and historical hub. Today, it is one of the villages in the province of Québec that seek to promote themselves as tourist destinations by conserving and enhancing their heritage.

**Vieux Presbytère de Deschambault** 📍 📶 📶 🇸🇨

117, rue Saint-Joseph, Deschambault-Grondines  
418-286-6891

[www.culture-patrimoine-deschambault-grondines.ca](http://www.culture-patrimoine-deschambault-grondines.ca)

This former presbytery was built in 1815 on Cap Lauzon, a beautiful site overlooking the St. Lawrence River. Visit the permanent exhibit on traditional architecture and the temporary exhibitions on contemporary art. A designated historical monument, this heritage interpretation centre constitutes the institutional heart of the village, along with the church, convent, city hall, community hall and general store.

**Hours:** June 16 to September 3, open daily.  
September 5 to September 30, Wednesday to Sunday

**Moulin de La Chevrotière** 📍 🇸🇨

109, rue de Chavigny, Deschambault-Grondines  
418-286-6862

[www.culture-patrimoine-deschambault-grondines.ca](http://www.culture-patrimoine-deschambault-grondines.ca)

Built in 1802, this mill, located on the western edge of Deschambault, was named an historic monument. It stands on rue Chavigny, a street formerly part of the King's Road. Today, this mill houses a permanent exhibit on the skilled trades and hosts visual art exhibitions. **Hours:** June 16 to September 3, open daily. September 5 to September 30, Wednesday to Sunday.

**Moulin à vent de Grondines** 📍 🇸🇨

535, chemin des Ancêtres, Deschambault-Grondines  
418-268-3362 • [cpdg@globetrotter.net](mailto:cpdg@globetrotter.net)

Built in 1674, the Grondines windmill is the oldest of the 18 windmills in the province of Québec. A permanent exhibition tells of the windmill's dual role, first as a flour mill, and then as a lighthouse. **Hours:** June 27 to August 19, open Wednesday to Sunday.

**Aliksir Essential Oils** 🇸🇨

1040, chemin du Roy, Deschambault-Grondines  
418-268-3406 • 1-866-596-3406 • [www.aliksir.com](http://www.aliksir.com)

Aliksir, located on a family farm, has been producing essential oils since 1988, concentrating on coniferous-based oils before progressively expanding to include oils from different shrubs and organically-grown wild plants. Aliksir imports a vast range of essential oils from the four corners of the world, purchasing these products directly from producers or distributors. They ensure the purity and quality of all products they sell. **Hours:** June to October, open daily. October to June, closed Sundays.

The *Chemin du Roy* stretches all the way to Montréal. Ask for a brochure for more information about this historic roadway.

For more information:  
[www.lecheminduroy.com/en/](http://www.lecheminduroy.com/en/)



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