Welcome!

Québec City and the surrounding area will charm and surprise you!

Discover “l’accent d’Amérique!”
This guide will help you discover why Québec City is unlike any other city in North America and will wow the traveller in you.

**Authentic**
That is proud of its European heritage and Indigenous roots.

**Active**
That loves to move and get you moving, with its nearby natural areas and the festive spirit that reigns all year long.

**Alluring**
That awakens all the senses and celebrates the pleasure of speaking French, the language of love, every single day.

**Welcoming**
That welcomes every visitor with its legendary “joie de vivre” to make them feel right at home.

Photos: Louise Blouin (Wendake), Luc-Antoine Couturier (plains), Valérie Busque (Chic Shack), Barrons-Nous (couple)
Did you know that...
Old Québec has been a UNESCO World Heritage jewel since 1985, thanks to the conservation of its fortifications?

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Québec stands out because of its history, its human warmth and its beauty in all seasons, which is good to discover all year long. Turn the page and fall in love...
FOUR SEASONS IN OUR CITY

Québec City is more than just a city; it’s an entire region to explore, in winter and in summer.
History in every corner

Once in the heart of Old Québec, take the time to wander through the European-style streets and discover the over 400 years of history of this bastion of French America.

With a fantastic view of the river and stunning vistas, the must-see Dufferin Terrace and the Château Frontenac make it feel like you’ve just stepped into a fairy tale. Starting at the Place D’Youville intersection, the boutiques, restaurants, churches and historic buildings along Saint-Jean Street create an eclectic and entirely unique ambiance.

And then there’s the Citadelle, the plains of Abraham, the Old Port, Place-Royale, Petit-Champlain and Parliament Hill. Go to pages 150 to 171 to learn more about these extraordinary places!

A RICH HERITAGE TO EXPLORE

Inquisitive minds are welcome here! Given Québec City’s long and abundant history, there’s something to learn and experience on every street corner! Head to pages 28 to 31 to see!

Vibrant and alive all year long

Savour the fun and soak in the festive atmosphere any time of year at the Québec Winter Carnival, summertime’s Festival d’été de Québec and many more. Let your senses be your guide through this world-renowned and completely unique culture.

Four seasons, one lifestyle

Summer on the patio, winter in ice skates, and anything is possible in between! It goes without saying: the city is alive and buzzing in every season! Quebeckers know how to have fun, regardless of the weather. With the countless festivals, museums, dinners out, urban artworks and window-shopping strolls, there’s plenty to choose from to enjoy the city 365 days a year.

A musical language

Set at a geographical and cultural crossroads, Québec City is like a hyphen between Europe and the Americas, serving as the honoured guardian of the French language in North America. Quebeckers are proud to speak French and will jump at the chance to chat with you in their langue natale*.

*mother tongue
Seasonal pleasures
The best season for an outdoor vacation in Québec City is the one you choose!

Summer
Looking to take a breather away from the city? Nothing’s better than a short jaunt to parc national de la Jacques-Cartier, the Parc de la Chute-Montmorency, Île d’Orléans or Mont-Sainte-Anne. There are choices galore! Want to bike, swim, canoe, climb or hike? You can do it all in the Québec sunshine!

Spring
The maple sap is running, and that means it’s time to satisfy your sweet tooth at the sugar shack. Springtime is also when the snowmelt swells up the rivers, making it an excellent moment to see the Montmorency Falls and Canyon Sainte-Anne in action!

Fall
Nature lovers’ favourite time to visit Québec is in the fall. The trees clad in blazing leaves put on an unforgettable show! Admire the colours on a walk in the woods or while observing wildlife, like the snow geese at Cap-Tourmente national wildlife area.

Winter
Winter in Québec City is simply magical! Hit the invigorating ski slopes, be filled with wonder while cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, explore miles and miles of snowmobile and fatbike trails or go for an exciting dogsled excursion.

An entire region to explore
Québec City and its lively neighbourhoods have much to offer, but the surrounding area also has gems to discover!

Île d’Orléans: Treasure island
Île d’Orléans, just 15 minutes from downtown, across from the Montmorency Falls, is well worth a visit! Head off counter-clockwise around the island, stopping when you like to sample its many treasures.

Portneuf: A natural way to relax
The area around Portneuf is known for the legendary chemin du Roy and its charming towns. Anyone who loves outdoor sports and nature will get their fill in this area.

Côte-de-Beaupré: A magnificent history
A drive along the Route de la Nouvelle-France scenic route will not disappoint. The picturesque landscapes bordered by the St. Lawrence River, the Montmorency Falls and Mont-Sainte-Anne are Côte-de-Beaupré’s irrefutable assets. It’s also a sacred pilgrimage site and an excellent destination for those seeking local culinary delights.

La Jacques-Cartier: A breath of fresh air
The mountains and forests of the La Jacques-Cartier area make it a real recreational paradise in every season. The national park, the Réserve faunique des Laurentides and the Station touristique Stoneham are just a few of its attractions for nature lovers!

Photos: Francis Gagnon (dogs), Francis Fontaine (runners), Jeff Frenette Photography (right)
Why visit Québec City?

Because Québec City is completely unique in North America! While there are hundreds of good reasons, here are the top 6:

1. **A UNESCO World Heritage treasure**
   It’s nearly impossible to resist the charms of Old Québec, the heartland of French America and the only walled city north of Mexico! Soak up the old city’s exceptional heritage and European charm as you stroll its 400-year-old cobblestone streets.

2. **A distinct culture in Canada**
   Quebeckers have a reputation for their warm welcome and their pride in their Francophone culture. And given Québec City’s location in North America, don’t be surprised to hear “Bonjour!” “Hello!” You’ll feel welcome in both English and French! The many activities and attractions in and around Québec City reflect this vibrant, authentic and rich culture.

3. **A winter wonderland**
   A covering of snow transforms Québec City into an enchanting wonderland. Throughout winter, and especially during the holidays, Old Québec turns up the magic. And there are still a whole host of activities to enjoy, in the city and in nature. Just be sure to bundle up and the snowy season is yours to enjoy!

4. **World-class food scene**
   Québec City’s chefs—from the newly arrived to the seasoned experts—are deeply passionate about food and contribute daily to the city’s culinary renown. The food scene is recognized for its range of culinary experiences, its top-notch service and its French, British, North American and Indigenous influences.

5. **Close to the great outdoors**
   A short 20-minute drive from Old Québec brings you to breathtaking natural areas, like the Montmorency Falls and the dizzying heights of Canyon Sainte-Anne. You might want to check out the parc national de la Jacques-Cartier or one of the many rivers that flow through the area, including the majestic St. Lawrence!

6. **Four seasons of fun**
   Come enjoy all kinds of events that delight Quebeckers throughout the year, like fireworks, concerts, historical celebrations, plays and sporting events. With so many exciting choices, it’s not surprising that Québec City is one of the top travel destinations in the world!
Perched with an unimpeded view of the entire city, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is the world's most photographed hotel!

Founded in 1608, Québec City is the oldest Francophone city in North America.

Inaugurated in 1919, the Québec Bridge is the world's longest cantilever bridge.

The chemin du Roy (King's Road), built in 1737, is the oldest roadway in Canada. It passes through the most beautiful towns in the Portneuf region.

Although the city's culinary reputation is firmly established, poutine (French fries, gravy and cheese curds) is still its most emblematic dish!

This city's two parts—Upper Town and Lower Town—are connected by some 30 stairways.

BANCO DE NEIGE (SNOWBANK) Where the snow gathers in ever-growing piles.

DÉPANNEUR (CONVENIENCE STORE) Neighbourhood store selling pantry staples, candy and beer.

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FUN IN FRENCH

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Did you know...

Québec City is the only walled city north of Mexico. The fortifications have withstood the test of time so well that Old Québec was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985.

Year after year, the Québec City region ranks among the best destinations on the planet, if we rely on magazines specializing in travel!

**Awards**

- The Port of Québec was named Best Canadian Port. — Porthole Cruise Magazine (USA) – Editor-in-Chief Awards 2019
- Québec City was named Top Cruise Destination in the U.S. and Canada. — Cruise Critic Cruisers’ Choice Destination Awards 2019
- Québec City was ranked 3rd among the 10 best small cities in the world (outside the United States). — Condé Nast Traveler (USA) – Readers’ Choice Awards 2019
- Québec City was rated 2nd best city for families around the world, scoring 99.06. — Movinga
- Québec City was ranked 3rd safest city in the world. — CEOWORLD Magazine
- Québec City ranks 8th among the 20 best cities in the world. — Condé Nast Traveler (UK) – Readers’ Choice Awards 2019
- Québec City ranks 23rd out of the top 50 most beautiful cities in the world. — FlightNetwork (USA)
- Québec City is ranked 3rd among the 10 best small cities in the world (outside the United States). — Condé Nast Traveler (USA) – Readers’ Choice Awards 2019
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- Travel + Leisure readers rated Québec City as the best destination in Canada for the fourth year in a row. — Travel + Leisure – World’s Best Awards 2019

Our region 15
Québec City’s top 10 Must-See Attractions

Whether you have two days, two weeks or two months to explore the city, don’t miss these 10 exceptional spots!

1. Old Québec
   Wander along the oldest streets in North America
   Walk along the fortifications that surround this UNESCO World Heritage site. Get a peek into history at Petit-Champlain, the place Royale and the plains of Abraham. Wrap up your tour at the Dufferin Terrace with a picture of the famous Château Frontenac, the most photographed hotel in the world!

2. Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier
   Explore one of the most beautiful glacial valleys in Québec
   This vast mountain plateau streaked with rivers is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Experience how a kayak trip, a hike, a snowshoe outing, an overnight camping trip or a fishing excursion can transform into an unforgettable expedition in such lush, natural surroundings.

3. Parc de la Chute-Montmorency
   Stand in awe of this waterfall, which is 30 metres taller than Niagara Falls
   Whether you take the cable car, the panoramic stairway or the suspended bridge, you’ll be captivated by the powerful Montmorency Falls, just 15 minutes from downtown. For the even more adventurous, three via ferrata routes and a double zipline will get your blood pumping!

Photos: Emmanuel Coveney (left), Jeff Frenette Photography (canoe), Yves Marcoux (waterfall)
4
**Île d’Orléans**
*Discover local food artisans*
You’ll want to stop again and again to test the thousand-and-one wares at the many artisanal farms and produce stands. Fill your shopping bags during a gourmet trip to the country courtesy of Île d’Orléans, with its rich historical towns, farms, churches and century homes.

5
**Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec**
*Take in the inspiring works of the largest collection of art made in Québec*
The museum is unabashedly proud of its Québec-made art collection of more than 38,000 works. You’ll experience a vast panorama of the history of art in Québec, from the 17th century all the way up to the present. Roam the museum’s four pavilions, set in the heart of the Plains of Abraham, and appreciate the artistic talent found in the province and elsewhere.

6
**Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine**
*Take some time for reflection at the oldest pilgrimage destination north of Mexico*
Walk the holy grounds of this place of worship dedicated to Sainte Anne, which has welcomed visitors for 350 years and is one of the five national shrines in Québec. Inside the church, contemplate the sumptuous stained glass, paintings, mosaics, and stone and wood sculptures.

7
**Village Vacances Valcartier**
*Have a blast at the biggest recreational and tourist attraction in Eastern Canada*
Whether you’re inside or outside at the Village Vacances Valcartier and its Bora Parc water amusement park, you’ll leave all your cares behind and experience pure, exhilarating fun! In winter, let loose at the continent’s biggest winter playground and explore the Hôtel de Glace, an ephemeral, architectural wonder that is absolutely unique in North America!

8
**Aquarium du Québec**
*Immerse yourself in the fascinating universe of nearly 10,000 specimens*
Located on a magnificent site with a view of the St. Lawrence River, the Aquarium du Québec will introduce you to the living things hidden in the depths of the Pacific Ocean as you walk through the underwater tunnel. You’ll meet some marine mammals, too, like polar bears, walruses and several seal species.
Wendake

Learn about the Huron-Wendat people’s ancestral traditions
Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture at the Huron-Wendat Nation in Wendake. Dance performances and storytelling of myths and legends take you into the nation’s imagination. The Huron-Wendat Museum and the boutiques displaying handcrafted treasures give you a glimpse into the proud nation’s culture and traditional skills.

Musée de la civilisation

Increase your knowledge at Québec City’s popular interactive museum
The whole family can participate in interactive workshops on historical, current and sometimes quirky topics. The huge museum’s 10 exhibits take a fresh look at a wide range of cultures and time periods, focusing on Québec identity and global issues as well.

THE MUSÉE DE LA CIVILISATION IS A TRUE “HOUSE OF THE WORLD” WHERE EVERYONE MEETS TO LEARN ABOUT TODAY’S SOCIETY.
What to do?

No matter your personality, if you are travelling alone, as a couple, as a family or as a group, Québec has something to offer you in every season!
ONE CITY, SIX ANGLES

Here, you will find 400 years of history and 1001 experiences to have.

Living History
Follow in the footsteps of history at astounding and remarkable heritage sites.

Vibrant Culture
Awaken your emotions by immersing yourself in an original, vibrant culture that merges art and urban pleasures.

Outdoors Nearby
Venture to the nearby nature areas and experience the outdoors like never before.

Local Food
Sample local flavours and cooking that combine influences and honour the seasons.

Family Fun
Create lasting memories you and your loved ones will talk about for a long time.

Shopping
Shop for original treasures made by passionate local craftspeople.
Living History
More than 400 years of history

Québec City was founded by French explorer Samuel de Champlain in 1608, establishing the cradle of French civilization in North America. A little later, the siege of Québec City and the famous Battle of the Plains of Abraham irrevocably changed the future of New France. The era of French reign had a huge influence on the culture and particularly on the dominant language, still spoken today in the province. Discover this rich heritage and the English and Indigenous influences!
10 ways to travel back in time

Welcome to the only walled city north of Mexico! With its rich past built on its European roots, Québec City is overflowing with historical museums and attractions. Get ready to experience over 400 years of history in this bastion of French America!

1. A UNESCO World Heritage site

History can be felt everywhere in Old Québec, at every street corner, monument, historical site and heritage building. The best way to appreciate its long history is to walk the cobbled streets. You’ll be dazzled by the various neighbourhoods’ charm and the European architecture.

2. The legacy of the founding nations

The Québec City area resonates with the history of people who are unique on the continent, proud of their Indigenous and European roots. Get acquainted with the Huron-Wendat people, an Indigenous nation that has witnessed the shaping of the country. And visit several buildings and remnants of early New France that are still here, like the Maison des Jésuits de Sillery, and from the days of English reign, like the Holy Trinity Cathedral.

3. A rich military legacy

Explore the “Gibraltar of North America” on Cap Diamant. An integral part of the city’s fortifications, the star-shaped Citadelle of Québec is an excellent representation of the city’s military past.

Also visit the Musée Royal 22e Régiment located in a French gunpowder magazine from 1750 and in an old military prison from 1842, the summertime changing of the guard and cannon firing, the official residence of the Governor General of Canada, and the Musée du Fort devoted to Québec City’s military history.

4. Places of historical importance

Walk along part of the 4.6-kilometre Fortifications of Québec that surround Old Québec. Wrap it up at Artillery Park where people in period costumes welcome you into the 17th and 18th century military buildings.

Listen to the history of the Saint-Louis Forts and Châteaux—an archaological crypt discovered under the Dufferin Terrace—where decisions were made that changed the fate of North America.

Then find out what Jacques Cartier’s first winter in 1535 was like and delve into the Jesuits’ story here at the Cartier-Brébeuf National Historic Site.

GET IN ON THE FUN!
In early August, immerse yourself in colonial times in the midst of the authentic Old Québec setting at the New France Festival.
Parades in period attire, street performances, shows, plays, historical re-enactments and public markets bring the era’s habits and customs to life during the entertaining historical festival!

The fortifications around the city are 4.6 km long!

The European atmosphere of the city is so romantic.

Take a look at traditional Huron-Wendat clothing during a powwow.

Photos: Jodi Fournier Photography (church, wall, couple), Francis Gagnon (powwow)
Architectural marvels

Religious tourists will find that Québec City's churches hold veritable heritage treasures. The amazing crypt at the Notre-Dame de Québec Basilica-Cathedral preserves the tombs of four governors from the New France era. Also of note are the Notre-Dame-des-Victoires Church, erected in 1688 (the oldest stone church in North America), the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine and the many century-old churches in the area.

Treasures before you

Several artifacts in the vaulted cellars of the îlot des Palais shine a light on the era of the Intendant’s Palace and Jean Talon’s brewery, dating back to the 18th century. At the Augustines’ museum, the nuns were the ones who carefully preserved nearly 40,000 objects, starting in 1639. Lastly, the continent’s colonial history and the religious heritage of the Séminaire de Québec are rekindled before your eyes at the Musée de l’Amérique francophone.

Sites that witnessed Canada’s making

Head out to the Plains of Abraham, where the French and English armies clashed. The Battlefields Park is one of the most prestigious urban parks in the world. You’ll find several exhibits and interpretation activities here as well.

Age-old roadways

Admire magnificent ancestral homes, mills and churches along the Route de la Nouvelle-France, one of the oldest roadways in North America. Or take the Chemin du Roy (King’s Road) in Portneuf, built in 1737 as the first road between Québec City and Montréal.

What to do? — Living History
Discover ancestral traditions in Wendake

Learn about the Huron-Wendat Nation and its culture in Wendake, an Indigenous community right in Québec City.

Indigenous history and culture
What to expect on your visit: Indigenous hospitality and the lure of a timeless world built on wisdom and traditions. Begin by walking through Old Wendake and admiring the Notre-Dame-de-Lorette church, built in 1730, and its treasures. Learn about the chiefs who lived in the Tsawenhohi House, dating back to the early 19th century. Go on a guided visit of the home, watch handicraft demonstrations and explore the exhibits of cultural objects and archeological items.

The Fresque du peuple wendat mural depicts myths and legends of the Huron Nation and other First Nations. Nearby, the stunning Kabir Kouba Falls awaits your visit. Stop at the interpretation centre to learn more about the geological and human history of this unique natural site.

A visit to Wendake wouldn’t be complete without stopping at the Onhó:oa Chetekë Traditional Huron Site. This authentic replica of a Huron village provides a glimpse into the nation’s history, traditions and lifestyle. Wendake is also home to a vibrant community of artists and artisans. The local galleries and stores offer a wide range of artworks and traditional and contemporary handcrafted items.

Food and hospitality
More curious visitors won’t miss the occasion to try Indigenous foods at local restaurants, like NekBarre and Sagamité. The Hôtel-Musée Premières Nations welcomes you to its enchanting setting on the banks of the Akiwenrahk’ (Saint-Charles) River. This four-star hotel and its gourmet restaurant, La Traite, give you the chance to explore the many facets of the Huron-Wendat Nation’s rich universe. After a visit to the museum and a phenomenal meal, the storyteller will take you straight to the heart of Indigenous myths and legends. Continue the adventure by spending the night in a traditional longhouse!

The fascinated powwow
Don’t miss the chance to attend the Wendake International Pow Wow in late June! Traditionally, powwows were shamanic events or occasions to celebrate warriors’ exploits. Today, they are festive events, and the occasion for the First Nations to express their cultural heritage through dance, chanting and regalia. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

From June to October, take the shuttle (for a fee) between Old Québec (12 rue Sainte-Anne) and the Hôtel-Musée Premières Nations.

Celebrate the culture
In late August, experience the KWE! festival. This free, knowledge-sharing event hosts a range of activities—shows, workshops, discussions and more—on the cultural treasures of 11 Indigenous nations in Québec. Kwe! (That’s “Hello” in Wendat!)
Huron Traditional Site
ONHOÛA CHETEKSE "from past to present"

A visit in the heart of our Huron traditions.
A must-see attraction in Wendake since 1989

The Battlefields Park,
Plains of Abraham

huron-wendat.qc.ca  418 842-4308
Although it was the stage of the great battles of 1759 and 1760, the Battlefields Park isn’t stuck in the past. This enormous city park that extends from the Plains of Abraham to the Des Braves Park and farther is as alive as ever with a host of activities.

The Battlefields Park, Plains of Abraham: History comes to life

The veritable lungs of the city’s core, the park nicknamed Québec City’s Central Park not only preserves the city’s natural environment, but also its heritage, through a rich program of interactive activities. Your visit begins at the Plains of Abraham Museum where you can interact with its dynamic, user-friendly exhibits. Did you see the immersive film projected onto a 180-degree screen? There’s no better way to literally plunge into the action!

WALKS, EXHIBITS, PICNICS, CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND ICE SKATING ARE JUST SOME OF THE THINGS YOU CAN DO AT THE BATTLEFIELDS PARK.

LET’S HAVE FUN

You can even try an escape game in Martello Tower 4.

Historical!

All year long, Canada’s first national historic park offers interactive activities led by historical figures like storytelling evenings—some that will make your hair stand on end! It’s the most exciting way to learn about history! And don’t forget the many outdoor shows, sporting events and the four million visitors that make the Battlefields Park a living gathering place.

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theplainsofabraham.ca
Vibrant Culture
A unique culture in North America

Regardless of what you decide to do, it’s impossible to avoid the city’s joie de vivre... It’s ingrained! Take your time to savour the fun moments, immerse yourself in the festive spirit and let your senses guide you toward this culture that is known around the world for its unique character, bold cultural initiatives and warm welcome.

Photo: Catherine Côté
Stroll through avant-garde museums

The museums peppered throughout the region share their rich history and varied treasures. Here are six to get you started.

Did you know... there are 11 museums and no fewer than 19 interpretive centres in the city?

The Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec now boasts a new pavilion, itself considered an architectural masterpiece. Awe and wonder guaranteed!

Explore more than 10 intriguing interactive exhibits and attend family-focused workshops on current, historical and sometimes unusual topics.

Travel back in time to experience Québec City’s military history with the light and sound show at the Musée du Fort. In just 30 minutes, you’ll find out why Québec City was impenetrable!

Located at the Citadelle of Québec, the Musée Royal 22e Régiment possesses one of the largest military collections in Canada. The permanent exhibit traces the history of the fortress and the only French-language infantry regiment in Canada.

Finally, the Plains of Abraham Museum will teach you about the major battles of the 18th century that forever changed the course of Québec history. A real voyage in time!

With a pride-inspiring collection of more than 38,000 works, the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec fine arts museum now boasts a new pavilion, itself considered an architectural masterpiece. Awe and wonder guaranteed!

The Musée de la civilisation will surprise and inform all visitors, young and old. Explore more than 10 intriguing interactive exhibits and attend family-focused workshops on current, historical and sometimes unusual topics.

Machin Club, which initiates artistic and gathering projects for children in art and culture

Briséis Trahan, 11 years old
“Le Diamant made a big impression on me and I can’t wait to go back again. I liked its architecture, location and plays of all kinds, from all over the world.”

Amine Haouari, 11 years old
“I chose the Méduse complex because, every time I go, there are tons of activities, like movies, paintings and even the Mois Multi. It’s great!”

Marine Caron, 11 years old
“I chose the Morrin Centre because I really like its history and a lot of things impressed me, like the library and prison.”

BROWSE THROUGH THE HISTORY OF QUÉBEC

Two exhibitions that explore Québec society

This is our Story
Explore the 21st century realities of First Nations and Inuit communities.

People of Québec
Discover Québec then and now through the revolutions that changed the province.

mcq.org
8 cultural experiences you just can’t miss

Feel like taking a deep dive into the Québec culture and lifestyle? Here are eight ways to do just that!

1. Catch the rhythm of the city’s many events and festivals
The city hosts an ever-changing roster of cultural festivities. As soon as summer begins, street performers inject vibrancy into the lanes of Old Québec. The Festival d’été de Québec music festival brings well-known international artists to the stage, while the walking theatre (Où tu vas quand tu dors en marchant?) is one of the best kept secrets of Québec City’s cultural scene. Turn back time during the New France Festival and celebrate the cold at the Québec Winter Carnival!

2. Immerse yourself in French culture
As the bridge between Europe and the Americas, Québec City’s great advantage is its location at a cultural and geographic crossroads. As a proud guardian of the French language in North America, the city is a great place to learn this second language. But don’t worry if the only French you know is “Bonjour.” The city welcomes all visitors and you can get by easily in English.

3. Discover art that reflects who we are
All around the city, historical monuments and figures rub shoulders with contemporary public art and bold, often surprising murals. In summer, an outdoor self-guided tour (Les Passages Insolites) encourages visitors to see the city from a different perspective by taking them on a tour of several temporary art installations in Old Québec. On Avenue Cartier, take a moment to admire Lumière sur l’art, where painting invites itself onto lampposts, whose giant lampshades are adorned with reproductions of works of art.

4. Keep an ear out for literature in real life
Québec’s authors and poets like to take literature out of the box, and do so at festivals celebrating the written word (Québec en toutes lettres, Salon international du livre de Québec). Drop by the Maison de la littérature public library to meet authors from here and farther afield. And take the opportunity to check out the incredible Victorian library of the Morrin Centre that’s right next door.

5. See artists at work
The street called Rue du Trésor is like an outdoor gallery, with a flurry of artists exhibiting their works on the walls of the surrounding buildings. During the Nuit des Galeries in the Old Port, dozens of galleries and artisan shops open their doors in this festival combining art, music and food. Finally, in August you can’t miss Plein Art and in fall, you should head to the Salon des artisans de Québec craft fair!

6. Relax like the locals
To truly capture the city’s vibe, take a break in one of the temporary summer sitting areas or winter warming stations located in all of the downtown neighbourhoods. Distinctive and welcoming, these hang-outs are the perfect place to get a sense of the city’s rhythm, chat with locals and take great photos.

7. Look up to appreciate original architecture
Québec City owes its eclectic charm to many influences: French, British, romantic, Art Deco and more. The proof is in the magnificent repurposing of the Monastère des Augustines and the Maison de la littérature, the construction of the new super-modern Pierre Lassonde pavilion at the MNBAQ, the preservation of the Petit-Champlain neighbourhood, the charming and colourful houses and storefronts in the Saint-Jean-Baptiste neighbourhood and more!

8. Take in the whole city in a glance
Journey up to the highest point in Québec City—the Observatoire de la Capitale—to admire the singular and spectacular views of the city, its maze of streets, the majestic St. Lawrence River and the two nearby mountain ranges. The panorama will take your breath away!
The Plains of Abraham
We couldn’t even start this list without mentioning one of the most beautiful parks in the world: the Plains of Abraham, Québec City’s Central Park! With jogging, cycling and inline skating in summer and cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowshoeing in winter, the park’s trails deliver everything sports-lovers could want in every season. While you’re there, check out the Martello Towers, remnants of the city’s military past.

Parc linéaire de la Rivière-Saint-Charles
This 32-kilometre path meandering alongside the river from Saint-Charles Lake to the Old Port is a runner’s delight!

Jardin Jean-Paul-L’Allier
With its waterfall and myriad types of plants, this cool oasis in the heart of downtown is the lungs of the Saint-Roch neighbourhood.

Promenade Samuel-De Champlain
Along the river between the Pierre-Laporte bridge and the Sillery shore, the promenade of 4.3 km is a large park built on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. The shoreline redevelopment offers walkers, cyclists and motorists new perspectives on the Québec shore.

Parc du Bois-de-Coulonge
One of the city’s best public parks, this is a great spot to people-watch, play with your kids or see various bird species.

Domaine de Maizerets
This historical estate offers over 10 kilometres of trails that are open year-round. This is also the starting point of two bike paths: the Corridor des cheminots and the Corridor du Littoral.

Enjoy the green life
The region's many parks and gardens are the ideal places to unwind and to revel in the glorious views.

Ophelia & L’Atelier
Photos: André-Olivier Lyra (left); Catherine Côté (right)
Ophelia and L’Atelier: There’s nothing quite like them!

These two unique culinary establishments add a bit of spice to the enduring and popular Grande Allée. Housed under the same roof, L’Atelier and Ophelia draw epicureans into the city’s core.

Feeling like a gourmet meal in good company? Ophelia is the answer. Its chic, luxury yacht-like décor invites you into the elegant restaurant to discover its land-and-sea menu, where you’ll find grilled octopus rubbing shoulders with Angus beef, in a dazzling setting. Chef Hugues Rhéaume will tantalize your taste buds with his unparalleled attention to detail and his refined, distinctive cooking.

Or are you planning a fun night out with friends? Then L’Atelier is the hip, buzzing spot for you. Its goal is to pump up the energy until late into the night.

A combination bar and bistro, this is the place to celebrate whatever occasion is at hand! Québec City’s first cocktail bar is a standout thanks to its avant-garde creativity. It was also one of the first to democratize and customize tartares, which still take the star role on L’Atelier’s mouth-watering menu, along with burgers and shared appetizers.

Photos: Stéphane Groleau (left), Catherine Côté (meat), André-Olivier Lyra (drink)

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L’Atelier
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SkySpa’s urban location, on the 17th floor of the Complexe Jules-Dallaire, invites you to replenish your energy in the Californian baths on its terrace, with a great view of the city!

On the shore of the St. Lawrence River, the Strøm Nordic Spa in Old Québec lets you relax in nature, just a few steps from downtown.

Just outside the city, the Sibéria Spa is an oasis in the middle of the forest that offers the benefits of heat therapy. Move from the hot pools, to the cold river, to the relaxation spot in the yurt!

After a full day of activities at the Village Vacances Valcartier, there’s nothing better than a visit to Aroma Spa for the hot water baths, a massage or a skin care treatment.

For an unbeatable restful experience in the middle of the wilderness, you should try one of the two Nordique Spas, either in Mont-Sainte-Anne or in Stoneham.

The Spa des Neiges makes the most of the splendid views at its riverside location, right near Mont-Sainte-Anne. It’s the perfect place to let it all go after a long day skiing or hiking.

Hot and Cold
Gift yourself a day of deep relaxation in any season. Experience the sensations of going from hot to cold at one of the Québec region’s Nordic spas. It’s pure heaven!
Le Capitole enters a new era

This iconic figure stands tall in Place d’Youville, at the entrance to Old Québec. To celebrate its 115 years of existence, the legendary Capitole got a major facelift and a new hotel, which offers a distinctive and unique experience.

New design!

The new and improved version added several elements that will quickly win over clients. Apart from the completely renovated restaurant—the Ristorante Il Teatro is now two storeys and offers four private luxury loungers—there’s also a new multi-use reception hall called Le Confeccional and an eye-catching and prestigious hotel.

Built onto the northern side of the building, the hotel, with 109 rooms, suites and penthouses, also boasts luxurious meeting rooms, a pool and a terrace on the ninth floor. You’ll want to drink in the panoramic view of Old Québec and the Laurentian mountains as you check in at the reception desk on the seventh floor.

History with a modern touch

Its new architecture was designed to retain the character of the building, given its immense heritage value. Fully in keeping with its purpose, the new Le Capitole is even more unique and entertaining than before, with its sumptuous mix of prestige and comfort that offers an unparalleled experience in Québec City.

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As soon as you step inside, you’ll be blown away by the combination of modern architecture and carefully preserved historical character.

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Open to the public, Le Restaurant showcases healthy, local, organic cuisine. Order the Experience plan for a genuine culinary adventure in six courses. And the menu changes every night! Another great reason to keep coming back.

5 Enjoy the area
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Outdoors Nearby
Nature in all its grandeur
Getting from city to nature in 15 minutes is yet another amazing quality of Québec City! And coated in a thick blanket of snow, it’s simply magical.

Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier
Photos: Jasmin Brochu (mountain), Luc Charbonneau (falls)

At the Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier, take in the area’s natural wonders on the 100-plus kilometres of hiking trails. Whether they lead you alongside a river or into the heart of a spectacular glacial valley, the park’s trails promise exceptional views in every season.

The Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area is a protected nature area filled with stunning features, like vast coastal wetlands, plains, the mountain and, of course, the river itself. Witness the spring and fall migration of thousands of snow geese that stop here to feed.

Mont-Sainte-Anne offers three skiable slopes that are lit at night, snow parks and 200 km of cross-country skiing trails. In summer, the mountain biking trails and hiking trails are perfect for sport-lovers of all levels. In fall, the panorama of colours will leave you in awe!

The Vallée Bras-du-Nord promises fun in every season, with hiking, canyoning, snowshoeing, guided backcountry skiing and fatbiking. In spring, summer and fall, you can travel the river by canoe or kayak, try out canyoning and the via ferrata, spend a few nights camping or hit the mountain biking trails.

At Parc de la Chute-Montmorency, the Montmorency Falls are breathtaking standing at a dizzying 83 meters! Get close enough to feel the falls’ mist by taking the 487-step panoramic stairway or the suspended bridge. Or take the cable car up for stunning views, then give yourself goosebumps on the via ferrata. In winter, the frozen falls resemble a sparkling loaf of sugar. If you really want a thrill, try out the zipline!

The Canyon Sainte-Anne is entirely unique in Canada. Take one of three suspended bridges over the chasm, then try out the Air Canyon suspended ride or the via ferrata course that’s open in winter too.

All the fun and fresh air you could want
The city is surrounded on every side by incredible nature areas just begging to be visited. Here are seven outdoor experiences to enjoy them to the fullest.
Extraordinary sleeping arrangements!

Sleeping in the middle of nature is great. But trying out a very different sleeping experience, like in a longhouse or ice hotel, takes it to a whole new level!

In a yurt
Yurts come with the basic amenities, like beds with mattresses. Some of them have glass domes in the roof so you can spend the evening stargazing!
Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier
Vallée Bras-du-Nord
Centre de l’Hêtre

In a log cabin
The mournful cry of the loon and the crackling of the fire in the hearth... It’s just what lovers of open spaces would expect from a stay in an authentic log house. It’s the quintessential Canadian cabin experience!
Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier
Au Chalet en bois rond
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In a ready-to-camp
Effortless camping is possible at ready-to-camp sites. Since all the equipment you’ll need is provided, it’s a great solution for camping aficionados who want to travel light and worry-free.
Forêt Montmorency
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In an igloo
Since snow is an excellent insulator, inside an igloo is surprisingly comfortable and soundproof. For the ultimate experience, build your own igloo then spend the night in it!
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The St. Lawrence River is part of Québec City’s DNA. To experience it to the fullest, go ahead and get out there, in a sailboat, on a kayak or in a dinghy!

Head out from the Old Port in a dinghy to get a completely different view of the Château Frontenac, the Montmorency Falls and Île d’Orléans. Or take a cruise on the river, with brunch, dinner or a show!

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Treat yourself to a river crossing aboard the Québec-Lévis ferry. The panoramic view of Québec City and Cap Diamant is breathtaking in every season!

Stop in the Baie de Beauport, just a few minutes outside the city, to try your hand at a panoply of nautical activities. The unique maritime location offers windsurfing, catamaraning, kayaking, sailboating, stand-up paddleboarding and kitesurfing!

Families, walkers, runners, cyclists and roller-bladers will adore spending a warm day at the delightful Promenade Samuel-De Champlain linear park. Are you up for it?
Tourisme Jacques-Cartier: The biggest playground in Québec!

Are you craving the fresh air? The Jacques-Cartier region is an outdoor enthusiast’s paradise, in all seasons! Just 20 minutes from downtown Québec City, it’s the perfect destination for carefully planned or impromptu excursions.

Whether you’ve got a stay with family or friends in mind, or it’s a last-minute outing, there’s something here for everyone! Are you adventurous? Contemplative? Take it at your own pace! From Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier to Station Duchesnay, there’s a vast network of hiking trails at your fingertips. Depending on the season, thrill-seekers can hop on a fatbike or mountain bike, or speed down the tubing hills or waterslides at Village Vacances Valcartier.

Looking for an out-of-the-ordinary experience? How about sleeping in a geodesic dome at the Centre de l’Hêtre, riding a dogsled or relaxing at a spa perched on the shores of the Jacques-Cartier River, all in the same day? You’ll even have time to get back to town for an evening show!

Nature is well within reach in the Jacques-Cartier region, and there are several packages that enable you to enjoy a range of activities.

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DID YOU KNOW?
The national park offers more than 100 km of hiking trails in summer and over 90 km of snowshoeing trails in winter.

Photos: Xavier Gaud (canoe, little boy), Christyna Merette Photographe (dome), Village Vacances Valcartier (tubes)
Local Food
An unforgettable culinary experience

Québécois cuisine combines French and Indigenous knowledge with British influences to entice food-lovers with the best of all worlds. Here, passion-fuelled artisans and cutting-edge chefs work together to showcase local products. Here, the concept of farm-to-table isn’t just a trend: it’s a way of life. Here, every meal quickly becomes a pretext for a celebration, and Québécois are proud to share their unique gastronomy. Pull up a chair and enjoy!

Photo: Valérie Busque
Île d’Orléans: a food lovers’ island

Some 15 minutes from Québec City, a legendary island holds hidden gourmet treasures. Get out the picnic baskets and jump in the car. Destination? The island of gourmet delights!

The island’s left side exudes the scents of apples and wine. Our first favourite stop is in Saint-Pierre at Cassis Monna & Filles, where they have transformed the liqueur-maker trade into an art. At the gourmet restaurant La Monnaguette, the Monna family serves one of the best handcrafted soft ice creams in the Québec City area.

When the clock strikes noon, it’s time for a break at the Isle de Bacchus winery and vineyard. The feast reaches its summit with a delicious glass of ice cider from the Cidrerie Verger Joe Giguère and a selection of delectable cheeses from Fromages de l’île d’Orléans. Intersperse all this good food with stops along the Royal Road, which goes all around the island, to taste the garden-based products made by the island farmers and witness their infectious zest for life.

Continuing your trip, you’ll arrive at the island’s eastern point, where there’s a required stop at the Confiserie de la vieille école, a confectionery that concocts fudge and nostalgic candies that can be enjoyed at the end of the pier or on the sandy beach.

Next, there’s La Boulange where their buttery brioche is best appreciated on the sunny patio. The ultimate delicacy is to pair a warm slice of bread with Confiturerie Tigidou jam, made with berries, fresh herbs, boreal spices and lemon.

Don’t feel like driving around the entire island? Take a shortcut on the north-south crossroad, Route du Mitan. Feeling thirsty? Pop into the Pub Le Mitan for handcrafted beer made by the local Microbrasserie de l’Île d’Orléans.

And don’t miss the Panache Mobile in Sainte-Pétronille. This gourmet food truck tucked between the grapevines of the Vignoble Ste-Pétronille vineyard serves up exceptional food accompanied by divine elixirs. And the view is majestic, like everywhere else on this enchanted island!
Île d’Orléans

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Le Saint-Amour: An undying passion

After more than 40 years, what motivates Chef Jean-Luc Boulay to stay at Le Saint-Amour, which he co-founded, nourished and brought to its peak? “I’m still passionate about what I do. I have an amazing team that’s as dedicated as I am.” And he’s nowhere near ready to hang up his apron!

A well-established gourmet institution in Québec City, Le Saint-Amour brings to life the full range of French haute cuisine in local, up-to-date flavours. While some flock there for the popular duck foie gras, others are drawn to the new dishes, like the seafood plate featuring Québec products including abalone, Stimpson’s surfclam and sea urchin. Saint-Amour’s menu proposes a selection of dishes for everyone, ranging from meat and fish options to vegetarian. The final touch—dessert—is a work of art, again highlighting the finesse and inquiry that goes into each creation. The most exacting wine aficionados will be pleased to know the restaurant’s wine cellar has won the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence several times, in recognition of the quality and diversity of its wines.

Have a seat in the garden! Even when the mercury dips, the solarium still offers sunlight and greenery. The restaurant’s warm décor, white tablecloths and attentive service are what co-founder Chef Boulay, a virtual city ambassador, believes keep customers coming back again and again.

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IMPRESSIVE!
The Saint-Amour wine menu includes more than 13,000 carefully selected bottles.

Sheer delight

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Stop by one of the many restaurants in the region to sample traditional Québecois cuisine, like cretons (a pork spread), beans with lard, pea soup, meat pâté, sugar pie or pouding chômeur (a syrup-soaked cake). For the best of the best, try Buffet de l’Antiquaire in the Old Port that’s been run by the same family for generations, or Aux Anciens Canadiens in Upper Town, lodged in a magnificent ancestral home built in 1675. If you’re heading to Île d’Orléans, visit the appropriately named Les Ancêtres restaurant and enjoy its majestic view of the Montmorency Falls!

DID YOU SAY POUTINE?
A visit to Quebec City wouldn’t be complete without an illustrious poutine! It’s particularly satisfying on a cold winter day or with a great beer. Where do you go for the best? With so many opinions, it’s nearly impossible to narrow it down! Chez Ashton, Casse-Croûte Pierrot, Chez Gaston, Frite Alors!, Chic Shack, Poutineville, Le Projet... Or try them all!

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So French
Many French chefs are drawn to Québec City. That’s why the city can boast bread and pastries that are just as good as those in Paris! And French cuisine is very much alive here, particularly at the classic Le Continental, the authentic Lyonnais Le Pied Bleu, the sophisticated Saint-Amour, the friendly Café du monde and the original Clocher Penché.

Indigenous influences
In the purest tradition, this cuisine relies on the basics: hunting, fishing and gathering. Consequently, Huron restaurants feature corn, game meats and fish. Wild mint, balsam fir jelly, wild berries and black spruce add a unique touch to these savoury local meals. You’ve got to try bannock and sagamité, two typical Indigenous dishes. Experience Indigenous cuisine at La Traite, Restaurant NEKBARRE at the Traditional Huron Site and Sagamité in Old Québec.

Northern inspiration
The heir of northern cookery, boreal cuisine changes with the seasons and relies on our forests as its pantry. Have you ever tasted green alder pepper, balsam fir, haskap berries or sea buckthorn? Discover these uniquely North American plants and fruits in renowned restaurants like Chez Boulay, Tanière, L’Orygine, Légende, Kerrmess and the Monastère des Augustines.

Treat your sweet tooth to maple
A trip to the sugar shack means a steady flow of maple syrup and maple taffy on snow. But it’s also the joyful music of the fiddle, accordion and wood spoons, musicians playing one rigodon after another to fuel the festive feel, and tables weighed down with traditional dishes. For an urban version at any time of year, head to La Bûche in Old Québec.
Build up an appetite
Since walking makes you hungry, taking a food tour is one of the most fun ways to explore the city’s neighbourhoods or Île d’Orléans! Discover Québécois cuisine, the trendiest new restaurants or local island food with Cicéroné Tours, HQ Tourism Services, Local Québec City Food Tours or Québec Bus Tour. Good walking and above all... good tasting!

Time to eat!
Québec City treats its gourmet visitors well all year long with high-calibre food festivals. In March, there’s Foodcamp Québec. In May, Québec Exquis! presents about two dozen restaurants and producers, then there’s the Fêtes gourmandes de Neuville in late August. November welcomes the Québec table gourmande. And there are several special-focus weeks: Poutine Week (February), Burger Week (September) and Gin Week (November).
Served by the chef himself

In Limoilou, innovative chef Julien Masia decided to put a different spin on things.

Originally from Lyon, France, the young chef has an impressive backstory, taking him from the Haute-Savoie of the Alps to various places in Canada, where he worked in the greatest restaurants of Québec City such as Laurie Raphaël and Bistro B. With his valuable experience, he opened his own restaurant: Chez Arvi.

To create a unique gourmet experience, each course is prepared and served by different employees. “I wanted to combine two ideas: warm, friendly bistro-type cooking and gourmet cuisine, from my restaurant experience,” Masia explains. “When you come into the restaurant, the kitchen and the dining room are in the same space. Arvi breaks down borders, and people love it! The comment we get most often is that guests have the chance to see the whole team at work.”

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JULIEN’S FAVOURITES

Tora-Ya Ramen
“My daughters and I regularly eat at this Japanese restaurant. The agedashi tofu (fried tofu) is one of the best things you can eat in the city!”

The five-course menu gets a complete overhaul every six weeks. “We don’t really have a fixed culinary identity. We might just as easily serve a steamed bun as a classic dish. Essentially, we choose three products to highlight that work in harmony. They’re usually products from Québec, of course!”

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The boreal forest: our pantry

Even though he's from France, Chef Arnaud Marchand loves boreal cuisine, so called for the use of ingredients from our northern location.

Arnaud Marchand, the chef and co-owner of Chez Boulay, a boreal bistro in Old Québec, explains the influence of local products on his cooking this way: “I don’t think there’s really a common definition of boreal cuisine. Each chef has an interpretation. Given my background in gourmet restaurants, I offer French cuisine that’s adapted for local products and the particularities of northern ingredients.” As an example, he explains how they flavour blanquette de veau (with Québec-grown veal, of course) with sweet gale rather than cloves. “You can only find sweet gale here. It gives the dish an authentic, local touch.”

Both on the Chez Boulay menu and at his nearby Comptoir Boréal pastry shops, the chef expresses his creativity through ingenious yet delectable substitutes: organic canola, camelina or hemp oil replaces olive oil, wild berry vinegar or verjus subs for lemon. He also highlights the province’s berries, like black currant and haskap, by following the seasonal harvests. “We’ve had the sea buckthorn pie, much like a lemon meringue pie, on our menu for eight years, and I still love it!”

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ARNAUD’S FAVORITES
▷ Old Québec and the Petit-Champlain
  “In my mind, Old Québec and the Petit-Champlain neighbourhood are where it’s at. They’re incredibly charming! Even for me, and I live in Lac-Beauport, walking in the area with my kids is something special.”

The top choices of...

Rémy Charest, wine writer and commentator

Honô Izakaya
“An exceptionally well-executed Japanese restaurant with reasonable prices and a welcoming feel in a simple, pleasing décor.”

Kraken Cru
“My favourite place in Québec City for oysters, with its open-minded and slightly crazy kitchen and some good wine.”

Le Pied Bleu
“The most generous restaurant in Québec City for portions, but also for its spirit of excess that overflows with joyfulness.”
Mixology madness

As with many of the world’s capital cities, Québec has plunged into the cocktail culture. Mixologists experiment with creating tasty cocktails from local alcohols and other ingredients. They’re the perfect accompaniment during cocktail hour or a night out with friends!

Coffee shop by day, the Maelstrøm Saint-Roch dons its evening attire to ply cocktails at what many call the best cocktail bar in the city. In the same neighbourhood is the festive Deux22 and its interesting “bar and boutique” concept, where you can enjoy tacos and cocktails on a heated terrace, even in winter. Also nearby, Québec meets Japan at Honō Izakaya, a Japanese pub where what’s in your glass is just as interesting as what’s on your plate. Over in Saint-Sauveur, the place to be is Chez Tao!, with its combination of Vietnamese-inspired street food and an impressive cocktail menu in a fun atmosphere. In Upper Town, L’Atelier is your best bet; the city’s first cocktail bar is still its most innovative!

Don’t overlook hotel bars! The fabulous decor at the Le SAM Bistro at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is as impressive as the cocktails mixed by the reputed mixologists. The warm atmosphere at Bar Artefact in the Auberge Saint-Antoine will inspire you to raise a glass to the city.

The return of gin

Micro-distilleries are also making strides in the city. Craft distilleries like Stadaconé (in Limoilou) and Vice & Vertu (Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures) make gins based on local ingredients.

Cheers!
Fairmont Le Château Frontenac: A variety of choices

Renowned for its hotel, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is also acclaimed for its food. The “most photographed hotel in the world” invites visitors to a completely singular experience, whether it’s for Sunday brunch, afternoon tea or a romantic supper.

The charm of the setting, the staff’s attentiveness and the attention to detail are apparent everywhere, including on the plate. Drawing on regional knowledge and local, seasonal products, the emblematic hotel offers a diverse selection of restaurants.

“Would you like a spot of tea?” Rediscover afternoon tea, now more contemporary and popular than ever, at Place Dufferin.

Hip and creative, the ever-changing Le Sam always has a few surprises in store for guests: the chefs’ choices change every day, and sometimes depending on the time of day!

A visit to the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is also perfect for all kinds of celebrations. For an unforgettable evening, the Champlain restaurant makes any event special with Chef Stéphane Modat’s inspired new takes on tradition.

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The bubbling microbrewery scene

The city has over 20 microbreweries from downtown to nearby areas, with more on their way!

A steady flow of beer production is nothing new in this city! Early on in New France, the clergymen had the honour of filling the first vats. These days, microbreweries are giving new life to this time-honoured industry through the fresh talent of new beer-makers, who are excited to incorporate local ingredients, like blueberries, maple, pumpkin, Labrador tea and more.

1. **Build your own beer route in downtown, or take a road trip to Portneuf, Côte-de-Beaupré, the Jacques-Cartier region or Île d’Orléans. Check out our sections on the local regions and our neighbourhood maps on pages 222 to 231 to plan a winning itinerary!**

2. **Dive into the world of beer on a guided tour of local microbreweries with Broue-Tours, for example, and meet passionate beer-makers! Or create your own circuit using the “Je bois local!” passport that you’ll get stamped at each microbrewery you visit.**

3. **Attend one of the many annual beer festivals, such as Festibière in mid-August, the Grand Cru Brassicole in April, 100% IPA in May, the Festival des brasseurs et artisans in late August, the Foire brassicole du quartier Saint-Sauveur in October, the Winter Warmer in February or the Foire brassicole de la Jacques-Cartier in August.**
Portofino:
The very best of Italy

It’s party time at Portofino! It’s always lively at this popular restaurant, but this year is particularly special as it’s the Italian mainstay’s 25th anniversary. A quarter of a century of putting Italy on a plate and making customers’ taste buds sing! Now that’s worth celebrating!

A few years ago, a second Portofino opened its doors. Whether you visit the hip city-chic Sainte-Foy address or the historical Old Québec spot, both locations offer the same refined menu, in very distinct atmospheres.

Lodged in a historic home built in 1760, the Old Québec bistro is warm and inviting, with its brick walls, Ferrari lounge and Italian-designed wood oven. This is where it all began 25 years ago, recalls the restaurant’s founder, François Petit.

A quarter of a century later, the place hasn’t lost a bit of its charm. More relevant than ever, it still draws crowds. Its perfect location makes it an ideal spot for exploring the city and its attractions, either before or after your meal.

What should you eat? At Portofino, the food is sunny and delicious, and has been adapted to local tastes. Veal, fish, seafood, pasta and pizza make up the backbone of a full menu.

Make a reservation online to guarantee a table!

François Petit, Owner

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Family Fun
Perfect moments

Holidays are all about having fun with our families and creating lasting memories. It just so happens that Québec City offers loads of activities to keep the little ones entertained!

Toboggan
Slide Au 1884
Dufferin Terrace

Photo: Catherine Côté
Plan a family getaway
Québec City is the ideal destination to fill those family photo albums with unforgettable memories.

Learning is fun!
Bring school learning to life by introducing your children to archeology, history and art through the Jeunes explorateurs program. This intern-for-a-day program gives children under 11 free entry to the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, the Musée de la civilisation, the Fortifications of Québec National Historic Site and the Saint-Louis Forts and Châteaux National Historic Site.

Round off your historical tour with the Citadelle of Québec, Artillery Park, the Plains of Abraham Museum, the îlot des Palais museum, the Huron-Wendat Museum and a guided tour of the Château-Frontenac. You’ll meet illustrious figures who shaped history. Take a little detour to the Hôtel-de-Ville public square to join in the laughing, singing and all around amusement with the street performers. End your day with a picnic where everyone can share their favourites from the day!

Set out on an adventure
Hop on your bike to discover the Québec City area on the safe, paved cycling paths that criss-cross the region. If it’s hot, instantly please the kids by taking them to the splash parks near the Promenade Samuel-De Champlain linear park or at the City Hall gardens.

Thrill-seeking teens will love the double zipline across the Montmorency Falls or the mind-blowing Air Canyon ride at Canyon Sainte-Anne.

Village Vacances Valcartier is a guaranteed hit with families all year long! In winter, the site becomes a gigantic, snow-covered playground, with snow tubing and rafting. In summer, it’s time for waterslides and the wave pool!

A regional gem, the Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier offers free entry to all children aged 17 and under. Take the whole family on a rafting or tubing trip down the river for an exciting floating expedition!
They’ll love the Au 1884 winter slide on the Dufferin Terrace, with its incredible view of the river. Hold onto your hat, though! With speeds reaching 70 km/hr, this slide promises an exhilarating ride!

Lace up your ice skates and try out the cheerful free skating rink at Place D’Youville, in the middle of the Old Québec bustle. Since the rink is refrigerated, you can skate starting in mid-November.

For a completely unique excursion in nature, visit the Vallée Secrète gnome forest, designed to dazzle young and old. Do one of the 12 treasure hunts they’ve set up in the heart of the beautiful Portneuf area. Wonder and magic are guaranteed!

Speaking of wonder, the Hôtel de glace (ice hotel) will knock your socks off! This ephemeral work of art at Saint-Gabriel de Valcartier is made entirely of ice and snow. And no, it isn’t heated! The temperature is kept at -5°C (23°F). But yes, you can sleep there! You better go soon, because it will be gone by springtime!

Fickle Mother Nature?

Nobody can predict the weather ahead of time, but Québec City offers a number of indoor activities that families will love.

The Méga Parc at the Galeries de la Capitale mall boasts 18 attractions, including roller coasters and a Ferris wheel, that will please the whole family.

Or maybe you’d prefer plunging into the underwater world of the Aquarium du Québec to see some 10,000 marine specimens from 300 different species and walk through the majestic Grand Océan tunnel.

Or get suited up for fun at Bora Parc, an indoor water park with slides, a wave pool, a lazy river and a surfing wave!

The little ones can burn off their energy at the Récréofun or Carie Factory indoor amusement centres.

Bounce to your heart’s content at iSaute, a vast trampoline park for everyone.

Rekindle childhood joy with a visit to Benjo, a sensational toy store in Québec City!

A happening place!

Here are three major events for fun at any age!

1. Every summer, the Grands Feux Loto-Québec puts on six huge fireworks shows to enjoy from the riverbanks.

2. In February, families flock to the Québec Winter Carnaval for night parades, snow sculptures, the canoe races on ice and Bonhomme’s Ice Palace.

3. The Flip Fabrique circus troupe always has a few surprises in store in its free outdoor shows.

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Favourite family restaurants

At these four friendly restaurants, kids and parents will find exactly what they want, with varied tastes accounted for.

**Spag & Tini**
Families are given the royal treatment at this welcoming Italian restaurant in Petit-Champlain. Best thing: the allergen-free options.

**Chez Boub**
This fantastic number is located in Lac-Beauport, and it has its own playroom! Best thing: drinking your hot coffee while watching the kids play.

**Paillard**
Pop into this lovely bakery and sandwich shop in Old Québec for a quick lunch. Best thing: the children’s menu with milk and a sweet treat.

**Cochon Dingue**
All four locations of this Parisian bistro welcome families in style, especially for brunch. Best thing: the attentive service and the menu you can draw on.

＞ **Nina pizza napolitaine**
“Everything at Nina’s is perfect: the pizza—which is as good as in Naples—the warm welcome, the toys and crayons to keep the kids busy. It's awesome!”

＞ **La Salsa**
“The whole family loves the sun-filled cuisine from El Salvador and Mexico, right in the heart of our neighborhood. The kids love the horchata, especially on the terrace in summer.”

＞ **The Billig**
“Eating crêpes for supper is dreamworthy for my family, including me!”

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Downtown businesses with the “Certifié famille” sticker posted are easily accessible for strollers, have high chairs or booster seats, and allow parents to bottle-feed or breastfeed their children on-site without making a purchase. It’s great!
Delta Hotels by Marriott Québec:
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If you feel like getting active, try out our fitness centre during your stay, then hop into the heated outdoor pool to swim a few laps (it’s open all year!).

After a day spent strolling through beautiful Québec City, nothing hits the spot better than a delicious meal at our Le Bistro restaurant. You’ll feel taken care of, with a flavourful meal and an unmatched holiday atmosphere.

Newly renovated with Québec-grown maple to create a luxurious feel, Le Bistro has something for everyone. From breakfast to late night, its menu changes throughout the day. And you’ll always enjoy an excellent view of the Laurentian Mountains.

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Shopping
Local Shops
A little window shopping is a must when visiting Québec City. With the number of stores it offers, here is an exercise as commendable as it is pleasant!

The art of shopping
If you love to shop, there are plenty of excellent opportunities in the area. Be prepared to fill your bags to bursting!

The Petit-Champlain neighbourhood
The oldest commercial district on the continent will draw you into its stores filled with colourful art and its refined designer clothing and handicraft boutiques. Stroll along the pedestrian walkways while admiring the lovely windows of ancestral homes and drinking in the area’s romantic atmosphere. Come winter, the snow brings a sense of magic, with the holiday decorations and lights topping off the wonderland feel.

The Old Port and Place-Royale
The Old Port’s straight streets and venerable architecture are infused with history. In this charming neighbourhood, along Saint-Paul and Saint-Pierre streets, you’ll enjoy visiting the many antique stores, craft shops and art galleries. It’s easy to fall under its spell and just want to linger.

Rue Saint-Jean
You’ll fall head over heels for the European charm of Rue Saint-Jean! Just outside the fortifications, you’ll encounter a dense area of lovely original shops, handicraft boutiques and fine-food purveyors. Within the walls, the more touristic side offers a host of clothing and souvenir stores. It’s the perfect place to poke around and find a few unique items!
The Arts District
Wander down Avenue Cartier in the Arts District to check out around one hundred businesses in this less touristy area. You’ll adore the lively atmosphere, gourmet food marts and hip specialty stores. Take a look upward to marvel at the giant streetlamps decked out in artwork by important Québec artists!

Saint-Roch neighbourhood
The more contemporary Saint-Roch district is worth a visit for its designer boutiques and trendy shops along Rue Saint-Joseph. You’ll find pretty much anything your heart desires: CDs, unusual gifts, vintage treasures, books, cookware, beauty products, video games, jewellery, toys, musical instruments and more!

Shopping centres
Three malls are located near Québec City’s bridges: Laurier Québec, Place de la Cité and Place Ste-Foy. Together, they offer a range of options: popular stores, luxury brands, gourmet grocers, bookstores, specialty boutiques and more.

The Galeries de la Capitale is an exceptional family destination. The mall’s Méga Parc offers an indoor ice-skating rink, amusement park rides, an arcade and the country’s largest IMAX screen. Foodies will love the Galeries gourmandes food court.

The Fleur de Lys mall houses 200 stores and services under one roof and is only five minutes from downtown Québec City, not far from the Videotron Center and the Grand Marché.

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**To wear**
Fur garments, local designers’ pieces, handcrafted jewellery, leather or wool accessories, Indigenous items like the famous traditional moccasins, all made locally.

**To admire**
A piece from an art gallery or on the Rue du Trésor, or some blown glass, a wooden sculpture, a work in copper repoussé or a religious object from Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.

**To give**
Antiques from Rue Saint-Paul, a novel by a local author, a ceinture fléchée (traditional woven belt), a Je me souviens licence plate, a coffee table book on the city.

**To taste**
Maple products, apple- or berry-based alcohol, beer, boreal spices and more.

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The queen of epicurean delights

Founded in 1871, J.A. Moisan is the oldest grocery store in North America! Inside you’ll find a vast selection of Québec-made products, including preserves, cheeses and charcuterie. Stepping into this store on Rue Saint-Jean is like taking a trip back in time.

Wonder is for everyone

Located in the Saint-Roch neighbourhood, the Benjo toy store seems sprinkled with fairy dust. Just a peek behind the child-sized front door is enough to make your eyes widen as if looking into Santa’s workshop itself! Little ones can wind through the store on an electric train, their brains whirring with possibilities!

Put some Québec City under the tree

The best places for holiday shopping!

Craft shows

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Loads of fun and festivities
In summer, Québec City comes alive with an array of exciting activities. On sunny days, wander the cobbled streets of Old Québec and stop to enjoy a microbrew on a patio. If you prefer to bask in nature, there’s nothing better than a trip to Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier, Parc de la Chute-Montmorency, Île d’Orléans or the Portneuf region. There are so many options to choose from!
Les Capitales de Québec
Mid-May to September
Bring the whole family out for a ball game and hot dogs! Enjoy a fun-filled baseball game featuring Les Capitales de Québec at the Canac Stadium in Québec City.

Wendake International Pow Wow
Late June
This is the perfect opportunity to discover traditional First Nations dances, as dancers from near and far gather to compete! You can also try handicraft workshops, watch demonstrations of traditional skills and sample authentic Indigenous foods.

Défi Escaliers Québec
End of June
Participants will cover all the staircases that connect Québec City’s upper and lower towns. Alternately climbing one staircase and descending the next, participants get to run about 30 staircases and a total of more than 3,000 steps.

Imagine Van Gogh
End of June to mid-September
Québec City Convention Centre will be host to the spectacular immersive exhibition dedicated to the works of Vincent Van Gogh. An invitation to wander through more than 200 paintings, projected in giant proportions.

Passages Insolites
Late June to mid-October
For this free event, Les Passages Insolites invites professional artists and architectural groups to create unusual and surprising artwork on sidewalks, walls and other urban features in the Old Port, Place Royale, and the Petit-Champlain and Saint-Roch neighbourhoods.

In Québec City, we love to celebrate sunny summer days!

Fête nationale (Québécois Day) on the Plains of Abraham
End of June
A large number of free festivities and activities are organized, from morning to evening, for locals and visitors on many different locations in Québec City, as well as a great show on the Plains of Abraham.

Canada Day in Québec City
Early July
A great line-up of free activities and festivities will be on offer at two great Québec City locations: Dufferin Terrace and the Plains of Abraham. There will be activities, ceremonies, entertainment and performances all day long. And be sure to stick around for the nighttime fireworks display!

Québec City Day
Early July
Québec City celebrates 412 years! Everyone can celebrate together; a number of free activities will take place!

Festival d’été de Québec (FEQ)
Early July
The FEQ hosts a star-studded line-up of international and emerging artists on indoor and outdoor stages. It’s Canada’s largest outdoor musical event, involving 1,000 artists and 300 shows in 10 venues over 11 days!

The Transat Québec Saint-Malo
Mid-July
The Transat Québec Saint-Malo is the oldest west-to-east, nonstop, trans-Atlantic, crewed race. Every four years since 1984, ocean-going racers speed along the St. Lawrence River between Québec City and Lévis, to face the challenge of sailing its hazards, currents and tides.

Flip Fabrique
Mid-July
Flip Fabrique’s outdoor circus show is back with an all-new concept! For the fourth time, this grandiose event starring world-calibre circus artists is being offered to the public free of charge.

Plein Art
Late July to early August
Over 120 professional artists and artisans from Québec come together to showcase their handicrafted items. Plein Art is the summer’s most inspiring event for fans of the creative arts and for the general public!

Novena
Mid-July
Over the nine days before Saint Anne’s Feast Day on July 26, pilgrims and the faithful from around the world converge on the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré for the Novena. This time of grace is marked by a torchlight procession, preaching, singing, music and celebrations.

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**Grands Feux Loto-Québec**  
August  
From the bank of the St. Lawrence River, enjoy the impressive fireworks of the Grands Feux Loto-Québec, set against the beautiful backdrop of Québec City.

**Festival d’opéra de Québec**  
Late July to early August  
Music lovers get an opportunity to spend two weeks with exceptional musical creators and artists, to enjoy an array of events showcasing local and up-and-coming artists.

**The New France Festival**  
Early August  
Travel through time to 17th and 18th century North America under French rule. The authentic setting of Old Québec comes alive with many performances, as well as gourmet activities, talks, historical recreations and period costumes!

**Vélirium - Mountain Bike Festival and UCI Mountain Bike World Cup**  
Mid-August  
Over 800 athletes representing 50 countries compete for a UCI Mountain Bike World Cup. Several other amateur competitions, long-distance raids, kids’ races and shows make Vélirium the ultimate mountain bike festival!

**ComediHa! Fest-Québec**  
Mid-August  
This is THE comedy event in Québec City! Festival-goers can see a whole array of indoor and outdoor shows by comedians from here and elsewhere.

**Festibières de Québec**  
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It’s in Québec City’s DNA to celebrate music, play sports year-round and get together for drinks!
Fêtes Gourmandes Desjardins de Neuville
Late August
This gourmet festival showcases Neuville's renowned sweet corn along with other local produce from the Portneuf and Québec City regions. It also features artists and artisans from across the province.

Raid Bras-du-Nord
Late August
This super-popular mountain-biking marathon will be back in August with new circuits! You won’t want to miss it!

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In town
Québec City has a whole network of bike paths branching out in every direction from downtown. Saddle up and discover the city, the outskirts and its greenbelt!

3 paths to discover

1. Corridor des Cheminots
   22 kilometres (14 miles)
   Starting from Domaine de Maizerets, explore the residential neighbourhoods of the northern suburbs, all the way to Wendake.

2. Corridor du Littoral
   50 kilometres (31 miles)
   From Bassin Louise (Old Port), pedal along a mostly flat route bordering the St. Lawrence River to the Montmorency Falls.

3. VéloPiste Jacques-Cartier/Portneuf
   68 kilometres (36 miles)
   Starting at the Corridor des Cheminots bike path, explore the area along this former railway track, from Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier to Rivière-à-Pierre.

Mont-Sainte-Anne (MSA)
MSA is a fantastic mountain biking destination, thanks to its variety of cross-country and downhill trails, some with spectacular views of the St. Lawrence River, and its facilities for the whole family (pump track, playground, beginner enduro track and forest parcour circuit).

Sentiers du Moulin
If you want to combine a ride with another activity, opt for this biking area close to downtown. You'll find a network of fun, technically challenging trails, several of them on the mountainside.

Empire 47
Most of this mountain bike trail network, in Lac Delage and in Stoneham-et-Tewkesbury, is open to beginners, but there are also a few expert-level trails, all in a majestic setting.

In nature
Less than an hour from downtown, you’ll find several mountain biking options that will put your skills—and legs—to the test!

Vallée Bras-du-Nord
In Saint-Raymond, experience majestic vistas as you ride through fields and over mountains on short, rolling trails and on other, sometimes more technical, singletracks. After a great ride, kick back at the on-site microbrewery.

Beginners may prefer the beautiful rolling scenery of the Shannahan area, which has few steep uphills, and a series of long, narrow, fast trails with gorgeous riverside stretches.

QUÉBEC SINGLETACK EXPÉRIENCE
In early August, Mont-Sainte-Anne hosts Eastern North America’s only mountain bike stage race: 6 stages, 6 days, 6 exceptional destinations, plus 6 timed descents (Enduro) and 6 timed ascents (King of the Mountain). Now, that’s a mountain of a challenge!
Cool off!
Beaches, swimming and spray parks—find an oasis to make the most of the hot weather!

Beaches
There’s a beach just five minutes from downtown! You’ll find tons to do at Baie de Beauport: swim or sunbathe, or get active with a canoe, kayak, rabaska, catamaran, windsurf board or paddle board. And the kids will have a great time at their very own playground with water games.

The Base de plein air Sainte-Foy is a large, easily accessible recreation centre to enjoy nature just steps away from the city. Swim at the beach or rent kayaks, pedal boats and canoes.

Lac Saint-Joseph in Duchesnay has a nice little sandy beach just perfect for playing and lounging. Access it with a daily pass.

Pools and spray parks
On a hot summer day, the whole family will enjoy time at one of the city’s spray parks: at the Aquarium du Québec, on Promenade Samuel-De Champlain, at Place des Canotiers in the Old Port, or at the city hall gardens.

Most public outdoor pools open on June 23. Located in the city centre along the Saint-Charles River, Marina Saint-Roch offers a swimming pool and a lively area the whole family will enjoy.

You can also cool off at Village Vacances Valcartier, which has 35 water slides, 2 river rides and a massive wave pool. Little ones can slide, splash around and generally get soaked at the Cockadoodle Farm, Pirates Hideout and Mirage water games.

Rivers
Chill out at Canots Légaré, a calm 20-kilometre (12.5-mile) stretch of the Saint-Charles River where you can canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard.

Parc nautique de Cap-Rouge is dedicated to recreational boating. Explore the St. Lawrence and Cap-Rouge rivers aboard a canoe, kayak, sailboat or deck boat.

5 of the best patios in the region
The patios of Québec City’s bars and restaurants are some of the best places to revel in summer. Here are five where you can build unforgettable memories.

1. La Barberie
La Barberie brews and bottles its own varieties of top-quality beer that’s best enjoyed on the patio after lunch. Decked out with the work of the Urbainsculteurs horticultural artists, this Saint-Roch terrace is the best place to get a taste of the good life!

2. La Cour arrière du Festibière
An oasis in the heart of the Old Port! On weekends, enjoy the live music acts at a pool/terrace that’s beloved by craft beer fans. La Cour arrière is the most refreshing terrace in town.

3. Le Lapin Sauté
Tucked in the shade of the adjacent park, this terrace in the Petit-Champlain neighbourhood looks tiny under an enormous cliff. The whole place takes on the personality of the rock face, which gives off a subtle fresh breeze. You have to experience it to really get the full effect.

4. Panache Mobile at Vignoble Ste-Pétronille
Just the scenery around this food truck is worth the visit to Île d’Orléans! Overlooking the vines and the Montmorency Falls, Panache Mobile’s terrace is the most highly coveted view according to local gourmets.

5. L’Orygine
With its partial view of the St. Lawrence River, its giant parasols and its many heaters available in cooler weather, the patio at L’Orygine bistro, in the Petit-Champlain neighbourhood, rises to the top as the loveliest patio in Québec City.
Vertically
You don’t need to be a great athlete to enjoy canyoning, which is rappelling down and along a waterfall. Give it a try at Jean-Larose Falls at Mont-Sainte-Anne. And Vallée Bras-du-Nord features four canyoning sites (from intermediate to expert). Will you risk getting wet?

Descending
At Parc de la Chute-Montmorency, jump into the void and go whizzing over the falls on a zipline, solo or with a friend. Or try the via ferrata. Either one is a guaranteed adrenaline rush! At Canyon Sainte-Anne, you can cross one of three suspension bridges over the deep canyon, then hop on the Air Canyon or try one of the via ferrata adventures. Breathtaking!

Floating
The Québec City area is full of waterways. Let the current carry you downriver through the stunning scenery. Try paddle boarding (SUP), kayaking or canoeing on a lake or valley river, or on the majestic St. Lawrence River.

Load up on vitamins
Why not get away for the day and discover the local fruit by berry picking?

Starting in mid-June, you can pick your own strawberries in many places in the region. Île d’Orléans grows the most well-known berries in the province!

In July, it’s raspberry season. It’s a short one, so take advantage of it while the berries are ripe and tasty. Pure delight!

And finally, in August, the blueberries are ready. This iconic Québec fruit is a favourite of young and old. Enjoy them as you pick, but don’t eat them all!

The area sports lots of rivers and outfitters where you can fish for brook trout and many other species, particularly in the Portneuf and the Jacques-Cartier areas.

See you on the green
Located just minutes from Québec City are several 9- and 18-hole golf and links courses (Club de golf Royal Charbourg, Golf de la Faune, Le Grand Portneuf, Le Grand Vallon). They’re the perfect way to make sure your swing doesn’t suffer during your stay!
Fall is undoubtedly the best time for nature lovers to visit Québec City. In late September and early October, the leaves burst into colour! The brilliant shades of orange, yellow and red create a spectacular show you'll long remember.
FALL: A GREAT TIME TO BE OUTDOORS

Rouge et Or Football
August to November
Laval University’s football team enjoys the support of an incredibly loyal fan base. Local supporters head to the PEPS university stadium parking lot at dawn on game days for an old-fashioned tailgate party. It’s more than a football match—it’s an experience!

Québec City Pride Festival
Early September
This social and artistic festival of LGBTQ+ pride offers a colourful program of music and drag queen shows, street performers and more!

Envol et Macadam
Early September
This festival shakes up the city, showcasing the best alternative music from here and elsewhere!

Festival Celtique de Québec
Mid-September
Celebrate the culture of the Celtic peoples and learn about Québécois’ Celtic heritage! This festival is jam-packed with unique and amazing activities.

Québec City Film Festival
Mid-September
Created in 2011, the Québec City Film Festival (QCFF) offers its city and visitors a major cinematographic event. The event takes place at an exceptional site where a multitude of high-quality works evolve, with a special place reserved for Québec artists and artisans.

Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec
Mid-September
The world’s greatest cycling teams come to Québec City to take part in this prestigious event registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar. A must for sports fans!

Saint-Roch XP
Mid-September
This event celebrates music, food, art and comedy, at the heart of the trendy, urban Saint-Roch neighbourhood. Rue Saint-Joseph is closed to traffic and turned into a pedestrian mall for the event.

Great Colour Adventure
Mid-September to mid-October
Tons of activities are organized for all to enjoy as Mont-Sainte-Anne dons her colourful autumn attire. Come to the mountain, enjoy the fall colours and join in the fun!

Les Remparts de Québec
Mid-September to March
The Remparts are among the candidates for the Québec Major Junior Hockey League’s top honours. Get ready for action and a fun atmosphere on game nights at the Videotron Centre!

Saint-Roch en toutes lettres
Mid-October
This 11-day literary festival brings together over 140 authors from Québec and beyond, to promote literature through round tables, literary performances, meetings, film screenings and more.

SSQ Québec City Marathon
Early October
Close to 10,000 marathon runners from around the world take part in this challenge that criss-crosses the city’s neighbourhoods.

Québec en toutes lettres
Mid-October
During this food-centric event, enjoy great meals at reduced prices, as some 30 restaurants offer a fixed-price menu starting at $25.

Halloween
October
Get into the Halloween spirit with the many activities organized around the city.

Québec table gourmande
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3 must-do activities this fall

Be dazzled by nature’s fall transformation!

1. **Wonder at the multi-coloured landscapes**
   As the days grow shorter, the woods gradually take on their fall colouring, culminating in an explosion of red, orange and yellow. In mid-autumn, Mother Nature generally gifts us a period of warm, sunny weather, commonly referred to as Indian Summer. It’s the perfect time for outdoor activities.

   **Where to go leaf peeping**
   1. **At Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier**, there is over 100 kilometres (62 miles) of hiking trails so you can explore the park’s most spectacular vistas.
   2. **At Mont-Sainte-Anne**, the yearly Great Colour Adventure appeals to families and sports enthusiasts.
   3. **At Sentier des Caps de Charlevoix**, you’ll find a range of colourful forest trails with stunning views of the St. Lawrence River.
   4. **Vallée Bras-du-Nord** offers hiking, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking and canyoning—all in a breathtaking setting.

2. **Observe wildlife**
   Wildlife is rather active in the fall, so get ready to enjoy some thrilling encounters.
   - In Forêt Montmorency, join a moose observation safari to search for the largest member of the deer family.
   - At the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area, witness the pageantry of the greater snow goose migration.
   - North of Saint-Charles Lake, listen closely to the hundreds of bird species that have been reported in the Marais du Nord marshes.

3. **Enjoy invigorating walks in the woods**
   Fall hikes offer cooler temperatures, few mosquitos and the unmistakeable scent of earth and leaves. They’re one of the best ways to savour autumn’s spectacular colours.
   - Lace up your hiking boots and explore.
   - The Bras-du-Nord trail is an 8-kilometre (5-mile) hike on fairly flat terrain leading to the majestic Delaney Falls. It’s perfect for kids.
   - The Plonniers trail on Mont-Sainte-Anne unfurls for 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) in the heart of the forest. Do the whole loop or take the gondola up.
   - The 11-kilometre (7-mile) Les Loups trail offers breathtaking views of the stunning Jacques-Cartier Valley. Shuttle service is available to trailheads.
   - Head out to Mount Wright and admire 300-year-old trees while hiking 5 km to reach the summit.
   - The Mestachibo trail is a steep path of 12.5 kilometres (7.8 miles) that links Saint-Ferréol-les-Neiges to the Jean-Larose Waterfalls along the Sainte-Anne River. It is suitable for advanced hikers. And plan for transportation back.
   - In the city, hike Parc linéraire de la Rivière-Saint-Charles, a 32-kilometre (20-mile) walking trail that goes from the Old Port to the source of the river.

Photos: Francis Fontaine (left), Julie Audet (right)
The winter wonderland capital
The impressive snow-covered landscapes, nearby nature and tons of fun activities offered in the city will warm your heart! In winter, there’s magic gently falling from the sky, turning this French-speaking city into something out of a fairy tale. Québec is a city of the true north and offers ideal conditions for an array of winter activities. In fact, you’ll have trouble choosing from among the many ways to enjoy the 300 centimetres (118 inches) of snow that fall on our region every year!

Gorgeous orchards
It’s not only the forests that turn brilliant green, orange, yellow and red. Colour also takes over the fields and orchards.

Go apple picking
Picking apples is a fall tradition for Québécois. And it offers a great backdrop for family photos!

On Île d’Orléans, wander down the quaint roads to pick apples and even squash and pumpkins. The farms also offer homemade foods made with fresh-picked fruits and vegetables from their orchards and gardens.

Harvest grapes
The region’s wineries, like the Mitan and Isle de Bacchus vineyards, offer you the opportunity to take part in the grape harvest and to learn more about vine and vino. Cheers!
For a magical holiday season

Check out our suggestions for an enchanting winter stay in Québec City!

Christmas markets
Go to...
- Bask in the European atmosphere created by the wooden booths at the German Christmas Market (read more on page 130)
- Discover the over 1,000 gourmet Québécois foods at the Christmas market at the Grand Marché de Québec
- Relive the traditions of the early 20th century at the Marché du Noël d’Antan de Cap-Santé

Themed tours
Go to...
- Learn about historical facts and legends with Promenades Fantômes
- Find out about the Christmas traditions of yesteryear, accompanied by a historical figure from New France, with Cicérone Tours

Holiday shows and Christmas services
Go to...
- Hear the best holiday songs performed by international artists
- Take time to reflect in our heritage churches

5 festively decorated spots
1. Rue du Petit-Champlain and Place-Royale, with... their old-world charm and intimate ambiance, are purely romantic!
2. Place D’Youville, with... its skating rink surrounded by illuminated buildings, is right out of a fairy tale. It’s perfect for family outings.
3. Fairmont Le Château Frontenac with... its long corridor of decorated trees and a truly regal atmosphere.
4. Grande Allée and the Parliament Building with... their myriad lights. Brilliant!
5. Avenue Cartier with... its oversized streetlights, decorated with artwork from Québec painters, casting a soft light on the snow. A cultural treat!

Family festivities
Here are five original ideas for sharing the magic of Christmas with your kids!

1. Walk through Old Québec
   Immerse yourself in a real-life Christmas village, where the snow, lights and European architecture create a perfect backdrop for beautiful family photos.
   - In the picturesque Petit-Champlain neighbourhood, from late November to late December
   - In local shopping centres (and you can do your shopping at the same time!)
   - At the Vallée Secrète nature park in Portneuf, where you can visit a gnome forest

2. Meet Santa
   Santa has magical powers that allow him to be at various places in the city. Keep an eye out!
   - In the picturesque Petit-Champlain neighbourhood
   - In local shopping centres (and you can do your shopping at the same time!)
   - At the Vallée Secrète nature park in Portneuf

3. Bask in the glow at Festilumières at the Aquarium du Québec
   Your little ones won’t believe their eyes in this outdoor circuit featuring illuminated animals. There are also bouncy castles for maximum fun!

4. Participate in the Parade des jouets
   In early November, join the Christmas parade, with floats, marching bands, entertainers, mascots and even letter carriers to take the kids’ letters to Santa!

5. Awaken your inner artist at our museums
   Immerse yourself in the world of classic storytelling at the costume workshop of the Musée de la civilisation, or head to the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec to create a family artwork and explore the Family Gallery.

Did you know... the holiday celebrations last several days in Québec City?

One more idea
Unique in Québec City, the toboggan slide on Dufferin terrace has existed since 1884! With four on the slide, fly down at 70 km/h with an amazing view on the river.

DON’T FORGET YOUR HATS, SCARVES AND MITTENS!

Photos: Yves Tessier (left), Stéphane Audet Photo (right)
From the end of November to the end of December, its more than 90 charming wooden booths add to the area’s irresistible charm. You’ll find artisanal products from Québec, gingerbread from Nuremberg and traditional Christstollen cake. It’s also a perfect opportunity to enjoy German specialities like bratwurst sausage and pretzels!

Even the Grinch’s heart would melt before the beauty of the twinkling lights and the warm comfort of hot chocolate or mulled wine. The WinterBar is the perfect spot to share a drink in a European ambiance and get in the holiday spirit.

The kids can enjoy tons of free activities: crafts, board games, music workshops and holiday stories in the chalet, outdoor games at Kinderplatz Ravensburger and puppet shows at Theaterplatz. Good times guaranteed!

The music program is also rich and varied, including musicians from Germany, an opening night performance by the choir of the Orchestre symphonique de Québec, free indoor and outdoor shows, Christmas choirs and more. You won’t want to miss a thing!

Québec City’s German Christmas Market
is a unique opportunity to experience the atmosphere of a European Christmas market, right in the heart of Old Québec, in front of City Hall.

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4 reasons to celebrate New Year’s on the Grande Allée
Looking for an original location to ring in the New Year? You don’t have to go far. There’s tons going on outside, right on one of Québec City’s main streets!

Count down to midnight and then enjoy the spectacular fireworks

Dance to a DJ and traditional music

Party with friends on the heated patios of the Grande Allée

Celebrate as a family on the Ferris wheel with a view of Old Québec
Hit the slopes

The area around Québec City is bursting with breathtaking scenery and exceptional snow conditions. Four ski resorts offer different experiences for every level skier. All the resorts make snow, rent equipment and have respected ski schools, food services and ski boutiques. And then there’s the legendary après ski!

Did you know... it snows an average of 300 cm in Québec City every winter?

ATTENTION SKI BUFFS!

Ski Québec Charlevoix not only offers discounts and specials for lodging, it also sells a multi-resort ticket. Snow enthusiasts can decide each morning whether they want to ski at Mont-Sainte-Anne, Stoneham or Le Massif. This ticket is only available at select hotels in Québec City and Charlevoix. skiquebeccharlevoix.com

Day and night skiing at Mont-Sainte-Anne

Just 30 minutes from Québec City, Mont-Sainte-Anne offers exquisite snow conditions across 71 trails, 2 snow parks, 1 boardercross area and 3 cross-country ski trails, on 3 sides of the mountain. With 19 lighted trails, Mont-Sainte-Anne provides the most elevation for night skiing in the country. Take in the fantastic view of the St. Lawrence River from the gondola.

Get up there at the Massif de Charlevoix

One hour’s drive from Québec City, the Massif boasts the highest vertical drop east of the Canadian Rockies. With vast skiable terrain and breathtaking runs that plunge right toward the river, the mountain is also known for its abundant precipitation, piling up to nearly 600 cm (20 feet) of snow on average every year. Proficient skiers will adore the nearly 100 acres of off-piste skiing.

A winning trio at Stoneham Mountain Resort

Just 20 minutes from the city, Stoneham proposes 43 trails, an Olympic half-pipe, 3 snow parks and 19 lighted trails, on 3 mountain slopes. This first-rate ski resort offers a selection of trails from easy to double diamond. The vibe at the Quatre-Foyers bar and the delicious meals at the Feu-Follet restaurant create the perfect power duo of great skiing and great food.

Family skiing at Le Relais

Le Relais is an outstanding winter family destination near Québec City. Just 15 minutes from downtown, you’ll find 33 trails, 28 of which are lit at night, plus 3 snow parks and 2 bunny hills. The pros will love the glade runs!

All aboard the shuttle!

Climb aboard the SKI BUS shuttle that takes you from Québec City to the Mont-Sainte-Anne and Le Massif de Charlevoix ski areas. The bus picks you up at your downtown hotel and drops you off at the foot of the slopes. What an easy way to make the most of your winter vacation!
Northern adventures
Want to enjoy winter to the max while staying in shape and having fun? When it comes to winter sports, Québec City has it all!

Cross-country skiing
Get ready for the cross-country skiing adventure of a lifetime thanks to our outstanding snow cover. Head for Mont-Sainte-Anne, Canada’s biggest cross-country ski area, or Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier, with its off-trail Nordic ski area, or Forêt Montmorency, which opens in late October, or Camp Mercier.

Snowshoeing
Most cross-country skiing spots offer trails groomed for snowshoeing. If that sounds appealing, try the 40 kilometres of trails at Vallée Bras-du-Nord, or the Sentiers des Caps de Charlevoix and its breathtaking views of the St. Lawrence River.

Fatbiking
The only qualification needed for riding these beefy-tired bikes is knowing how to ride a bike! Several centres and national parks offer trails, but Empire 47 at Lac-Delage is truly the best of the best, with about 40 kilometres (25 miles) of groomed trails.

Snowmobiling
Snow abounds from Portneuf to Saint-Tite-des-Caps, by way of Québec City, La Jacques-Cartier and Île d’Orléans. With the Charlevoix and Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean regions included, the entire area offers more than 5,000 kilometres of fantastic snowmobile trails through unforgettable scenery.

Canyoning
Try ice canyoning on the frozen 41-metre-high (135-foot) Jean-Larose Falls for a guaranteed adrenaline rush!

Ice canoeing
Now for something really different! Take an introduction to ice canoeing in downtown Québec City with Ice Canoeing Experience. Learn the rowing and “scooterizing” techniques on the St. Lawrence River, amid a magnificent frozen waterscape.

Go play outside with the family
Bundle up the kids because it’s time to go slide and play outside!

The go-to destination
Village Vacances Valcartier is the largest winter playground in North America, with more than 35 runs for thrill-seekers of all ages. Slide on individual inner tubes, experience the Tornado or race down the slopes on a snow raft! There are also special play areas for the little ones!

Dizzying descent
The Toboggan Slide Au 1884 has been around for over a hundred years and is located next to the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, on the Dufferin Terrace. Hang on to your hat as you zoom down one of the three icy runs at speeds of up to 70 kilometres per hour (44 miles per hour)! After all that excitement, a hot chocolate is a welcome treat!

Lace up your skates
For a unique family outing, head to the Méga Parc amusement centre at the Galeries de la Capitale mall. Ice skate on the 750-metre (half-mile) track—the longest indoor skating path in North America—that loops around the park’s fun rides. It’s the perfect spot to introduce the little ones to skating, as learning supports are available for rental.

Woof!
If you’re looking for an adventure that’s really out of the ordinary, go dogsledding! This activity is offered at Portneuf (Au Chalet en Bois Rond), in the Jacques-Cartier Valley (Aventure Inukshuk and Aventures Nord-Bec Stoneham), at Mont-Sainte-Anne (Les Secrets Nordiques) and at Lac-Beauparl (Pourvoirie du Lac-Beauparl). Experience the excitement of tearing up the trails on a sled pulled by impressive huskies.
Warming stations are set up by the City of Québec for visitors to warm up during their winter explorations. Each station offers a range of activities for passers-by. Keep your eyes open; there might be one near you!

Québec City is the true north! No matter the weather, there’s always something fun to do outdoors.

**Ice skating**
Skate on a refrigerated rink at **Place D’Youville**, in the magical setting of Old Québec, right in the heart of the action. Or, try the loop rink on the **Plains of Abraham**: it’s a fantastic place for winter fun in a beautiful snowy landscape.

**Cross-country skiing**
Whether you prefer classic cross-country or skate skiing, there are groomed trails throughout the city, including at the **Plains of Abraham**, **Domaine Maizerets** and the **Base de plein air de Sainte-Foy**. For a family outing, the best spots are **Parc linéaire de la Rivière-Saint-Charles** and the **Centre de plein air de Beauport**.

**Fishing**
Fish are still active in winter. Seasoned or novice fishers will be thrilled to catch trout, perch or walleye-mosquito free and in a gorgeous snowy setting! **Pourvoirie du Lac-Beaupre** is an especially good spot.

**Snowshoeing**
Grab your snowshoes and head to the **Plains of Abraham**, **Domaine Maizerets** or the **Base de plein air de Sainte-Foy** for a full immersion in nature, right in the city!
The sweet delights of spring

As the snow melts and temperatures rise above the freezing point, Québécois trade their winter garb for less bulky clothing. Spring is also sugaring-off season, which means it's time to head to the cabane à sucre (sugar shack) for lively French-Canadian folk music and hearty dishes that locals top with maple syrup. There's sweet excitement in the air!
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THE SPRING BUZZ

FIS Cross-Country World Cup
Late March
See the world’s top cross-country skiers compete in the finals of the FIS Cross-Country World Cup on the Plains of Abraham.

ImagiNation Writers’ Festival
Early April
Meet celebrated authors from Québec, Canada and beyond, during this English-language literary festival at the Morrin Centre.

Salon international du livre de Québec
Mid-April
Over 60,000 visitors come to meet local and international writers at this book fair, an immensely popular literary event!

Québec Exquis
May
For this gourmet festival, more than 20 restaurants pair up with local food producers to create special menus showcasing local fare, offered at special prices.

Carrefour international de théâtre de Québec
Late May to early June
A major event in the theatre world, the Carrefour presents award-winning productions from around the world, complemented by strong Québécois and Canadian components. The highly popular and free outdoor walk-through experience, Où tu vas quand tu dors en... is a highlight of the season.

St. Patrick’s Day
Late March
Québec City goes green for a weekend in celebration of its Irish heritage. Enjoy the St. Patrick’s Day parade, Festibiére beer festival

Québec City Magic Festival
Early May
Be astonished, amazed and mystified by over 40 professional artists and 70 free events held in the

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Photos: Francis Gagnon (skiers sitting), André-Olivier Lyra (Alex Harvey)
4 activities for milder weather

Ah, spring, when the days get longer and the sunshine grows warmer! It’s the perfect time for a spring getaway! Get inspired by these four outing ideas.

1. Return of the greater snow geese
   In April and May, observe the greater snow geese coming back through the area on their yearly migration! And while you’re at the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area, why not take time to wander the 20 kilometres (12.5 miles) of hiking trails to enjoy the spring sunshine?

2. Relaxing, Nordic style
   Hang out in a hammock, eat in your robe and relax in a hot tub outdoors, at one of the Nordic spas in or around the city. See our spa guide on page 48 to plan your day of repose.

3. Spring skiing
   Hit the slopes under the warm spring sun at these four ski resorts: Mont-Sainte-Anne, Le Massif de Charlevoix, Stoneham Mountain Resort and Le Relais Centre. And don’t forget that cross-country skiing is also an option!

4. Garden visits
   As nature awakens, head to one of the city’s many urban parks and gardens (list on page 44) to admire the early flowers. Parc du Bois-de-Coulonge and the gardens of Villa Bagatelle are especially enchanting in spring.

The sweetest tradition

Visiting a sugar shack is one of the best ways to celebrate the beginning of spring. Gathering in large rustic log cabins, families sit down at long tables to enjoy a hearty maple-soaked meal of traditional Québécois cuisine. There is often a small stage where local musicians play Québec folk songs, rigodons and square dancing music.

Outside, enjoy maple taffy on snow. Maple syrup is boiled, then poured in lines on clean snow. As it cools, ice pop sticks are used to roll the maple taffy into a chewy lollipop.

After your maple extravaganza, you may want to walk off your meal while enjoying the first warmer days.
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Québec City’s neighbourhoods—nestled closely together, safe and welcoming—have been shaped by the people who live there. Stores, cuisine, leisure, celebration: they each have their unique flavour. For the whole picture, check them all out!
First and foremost a UNESCO World Heritage site, fortified Old Québec offers a postcard-perfect setting in which to amble, whose beauty is only rivalled by the hospitality of its residents and shopkeepers.

1 Château Frontenac
2 Musée du Fort
3 La Basilique-cathédrale Notre-Dame de Québec
4 Cathédrale Holy Trinity
5 Hôtel de ville
6 Morrin Centre
7 Lieu historique national des Fortifications-de-Québec
8 Séminaire de Québec
9 Terrasse Pierre-Dugua-De Mons
10 Terrasse Dufferin
11 Place D’Youville
12 Citadelle de Québec

Leave the car at home: Québec City is made to be walked.
In summer, when Rue Saint-Jean is closed to traffic, pedestrians stroll, sip cold drinks on friendly terraces and admire the talents of street artists. In winter, the scene is straight out of a fairy tale, with gently falling snow and the cute wooden booths of the German Christmas market.

Rue Saint-Louis, with its great restaurants and art galleries, is fun to explore at any time of year. Follow the street to its end, in front of the Samuel de Champlain monument and Dufferin Terrace, to the foot of the Château Frontenac for an absolutely breathtaking view of the river.

Beyond the hustle and bustle, it’s the quiet side streets that bare Old Québec’s soul, with surprises around every corner: the Victorian-style Morrin Centre library, the Maison de la littérature library, along with jazz bars and little coffee shops patronized by artists and students. To get a unique view of the city, take a walk on the ramparts and around the Citadelle of Québec. You’ll be able to admire the military history of a city protected by 4.6 kilometres of fortifications. And be sure to get a picture of yourself with a real cannon!

In summary, Old Québec has it all: gastronomic delights, cultural treasures and a fantastic setting to appreciate it all.

**Restaurants**

You’re spoiled for choice in Old Québec! The French influence is strong at Saint-Amour (one of the best restaurants in the city), L’Entrecôte Saint-Jean (winning steak and fries), Chez Jules (friendly bistro), Au petit coin breton and Casse-crêpe Breton (battle of the crêpes!), D’Orsay (European pub), Petit Château (crêpes, raclette and fondue), Café Buade (opened in 1919), Continental (with cooking at your table), Tournebroche (rotisserie chicken) and Frères de la Côte (all-out European). Italy is also on the map, at Ristorante Il Teatro (at Le Capitole theatre and hotel), Portofino (Italian bistro in an ancestral home), Conti Caffe (always popular), Parmesan (traditional fare and music) and Bello (with its incredible terrace).

Quebecois and Indigenous cuisines are proudly represented at La Bûche (urban sugar shack), Aux Anciens Canadiens (typical dishes), Sagamité (traditional Indigenous cuisine), Maison Livernois (gourmet pub and distillery), Chez Boulay (boreal bistro) and its sibling, Comptoir Boréal, and, in gourmet renditions, 1608 - Bar à vin et fromages, Le SAM and Champlain at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac.

Casual diners will love the burgers at Trois Garçons, the pizza at Sapristi, the updated club sandwiches at Beclub, the fish and seafood at Brasserie Les Mordus and the Bistro le 1640, with its terrace facing the Château Frontenac. Then there’s Restaurant Wong, the king of the city’s Chinese restaurants.

For quick eats, choose from Baguette & Chocolat (sandwiches and crêpes), Peppe (sandwiches and juice bar), Chic Shack (burgers and locally flavoured poutines), La Galette Libanaise.
Don’t miss…

The passageway in Rue du Trésor where local artists deck the walls in their art, to the great pleasure of passers-by.

The nights never end at the area’s Irish pubs, like Pub Saint-Patrick, Saint-Alexandre or Chez Murphy’s. If you like folk singers, Les Yeux Bleus is the bar for you. Jazz and gin lovers will get their fill at Bar Sainte-Angèle.

Stores

Rue Saint-Jean inside the walls is a favourite shopping area. Get your wool sweaters at Ça va de soi; knitwear at Jourdain; tree ornaments at Boutique de Noël de Québec; hats at Bibi & Cie, Chapelier; designer labels at Maison Darlington, original decorative items at Ziba beautés d’Orient; Indigenous handicrafts at Boutique Stadaconé, Atelier-Boutique Atikuss or Boutique Le Sachem; handbags at Bagages de France; sweets at Kandju Bonbons, Bec et Bonbon or Confiserie C’est si bon; rustic-chic items at 3 Poules or ARTEQ; ambiance-shapers at Bougies de Charroux; colourful accessories at Ketto; adorable kids’ clothing at Souris Mini; Quebecois creations at Caméléon; super-smelling concoctions at Lush; gifts for the whole family at La petite maison bleue par Hatley, Sentiers or Magasin

Coffee shops, pubs and bars

If there’s one famous coffee shop in the neighbourhood, it’s Chez Temporel. But you can also wake up with a cuppa and a quick bite from La Maison Smith, Local or Café-boulangerie Paillard. So fast and easy!

Culturally curious

On opposite sides of Place D’Youville but acting in harmony, Palais Montcalm, Le Diamant and Le Capitole each offer original programming you’ll want to experience.

Pierre-Dugua-De Mons Terrace

“To wind down after work, for a picnic in summer or fall and to enjoy its amazing view of the St. Lawrence River and Old Québec.”

Café La Maison Smith

“It’s close to Chic Shack, so it’s easy to grab a coffee and croissants, but also it has a delicious date bar where I can fuel up before a long day at the restaurant!”

Quincaillerie du Vieux-Québec

“This hardware store is completely unique! I usually hate hardware stores, but this one has a very particular personality and great customer service.”
Petit-Champlain’s picturesque pedestrian streets and the magnificent Place-Royale—where Samuel de Champlain established the first permanent French settlement in North America—will take you back more than 400 years, to Québec City’s founding.

You are not dreaming; it almost feels like we’re in Old Europe.
Two- and three-storey stone houses later covered with plaster, raised common walls acting as firebreaks, charming dormer windows, gable roofs and wide chimneys. Be sure to take a moment to admire Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, one of the oldest churches in North America.

One of the oldest and most charming commercial streets in North America, Petit-Champlain is lined with boutiques offering locally made handicrafts, art galleries, gourmet food stores and a variety of restaurants. Look up to see the decorative umbrellas hung overhead and the ladders on the roofs of some homes. In winter, Petit-Champlain gets into the Christmas spirit with tasteful lights and decorations. This neighbourhood is the perfect place for a leisurely evening stroll in a setting straight out of a fairy tale.

Lovers of architecture will adore this area, where the French influence abounds. The Old World’s influence is crystal clear in this neighbourhood!

The European neighbourhood

Restaurants
To really feel the magic of Petit-Champlain, there’s nothing like sitting on the Lapin Sauté’s terrace or within the old walls of Bistrot le Pape Georges. We also like the contemporary character of Bistro Sous le Fort and Q-de-Sac Resto-Pub. For a quick meal in the heart of the action, there’s Le Casse-Cou and the indispensable Cochon Dingue at any time of day. Families will get their fill at Sapristi Bistro-Bar or Spag & Tini. How about cocktails at Pub L’Oncle Antoine? Grilled fare at Côtés à Côtés? Or a full-on gastronomic experience at La Tanière?

stores
Rue du Petit-Champlain, like the neighbouring streets, is a paradise of lovely boutiques! For fashion, check out Oclan, Atelier La Pomme, Zazou, Atelier Huguette Fecteau, Bilodeau Canada, Blanc Mouton, Boutique Rouge Canoe, Charlevoix Pure Laine and Le Capitaine D’a Bord. You’ll find beautiful accessories and shoes at Ibiza, Lowell, Amimoc (with their renowned mocassins) and Chaussures Fluchos. Get your skin care products at L’Occitane en Provence or Shamâne Cosmétiques, and treat the kids at les ptits mosüs.

Auditory pleasure
The intimate, welcoming Théâtre Petit Champlain showcases singer/songwriters, especially in French. Before the show, hang out in nearby Parc Félix-Leclerc on beautiful summer evenings.

If you love jewellery and handicrafts, you’ve got to see Boutik Art Denis Nicolas, Boutique Artnika, Jules Perrier Joaillier, L’Oiseau du Paradis, La Dentellière, Boutique Le Sachem and Forgeron d’Or.

And stock up on fun gifts and original souvenirs at Brin de Folie, Pot en Ciel, T-Dingue, Tabagie Casse-Cou, Temps Libre, Collections Feejos, Boutique Expression and La Malle aux souvenirs. There’s a good chance you’ll run out of room for it all in your luggage!

DID YOU SEE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD’S TWO FRESCOES? SIMPLY STUNNING!
Food shops
This neighbourhood really has a sweet tooth, with La Petite Cabane à sucre de Québec, Madame Gigi Confiserie, La Fudgerie and the latest, La Nougaterie Québec. So much choice! But don’t forget to taste some local products at Cidrerie et Vergers Pedneault. Kick back with some crêpes and waffles at Crêperie et Cie 5.0 or a good coffee at the La Maison Smith, right in the middle of Place Royale.

Art galleries
Like an extension of the Old Port, the streets around Place Royale are also filled with art at Galerie d’art Royale, Beauchamp, Douce Passion, Espace Galerie BB, Galerie Québec Art, and Boutique des métiers d’art du Québec and Galerie d’art Chez l’Artiste, in Petit-Champlain.

Petit Champlain Theatre
“I love this intimate theatre; it’s definitely my favourite in Québec City. You almost get the impression that the artist on stage is playing only for you!”

Lapin Sauté
“I fell in love with this little restaurant that looks like an old Canadian house. It’s my favourite place to taste sophisticated and comforting dishes paired with Québec spirits.”

Mary’s Popcorn Shop
“This popcorn shop is like Ali Baba’s cave for those who, like me, crave this delicacy! Must try: the sweet and savoury Québec style mix.”

Marie-Soleil Le Houillier, marketing advisor at Restos Plaisirs
A great place to wander and explore, Québec City’s **Old Port** offers stunning views and a wonderfully casual atmosphere. Filled with art galleries and antique shops, it is a treasure trove of great finds.

**Map:**

1. Marina du Port de Québec
2. Bassin Louise
3. Rue Saint-Paul
4. Espace 400
5. Musée naval de Québec
6. Musée de la civilisation
7. Gare du Palais
8. Silos à grain Bungee
9. Place de la FAO
10. Place des canotiers

**Did you know...**

**Québec City is a famous international cruise port?**

The Old Port’s charming setting is dotted with stately historic homes, and its magnificent **Gare du Palais**, built in 1915, was named a Heritage Railway Station. In the midst of the old financial district, the sculpture-fountain at **Place de la FAO** stands proudly, attracting passers-by, while **Place des Canotiers** is the perfect spot for watching huge international cruise ships come in. Québec City is now the leading destination for cruises on the St. Lawrence as well as a major port of call.

If you wander down a side street, like **Saint-Paul**, **Sault-au-Matelot** or **Sous-le-Cap**, you’ll find a cozy bar, an unexpected terrace or a nationally known restaurant. It’s the perfect spot to take a break before heading off for the **Musée de la civilisation**, the **Naval Museum of Québec**, the **ilot des Palais** or **Louise Bassin**, a marina popular with pleasure boaters from all over.

As soon as night falls, the **Bunge grain silos** form the backdrop for the stunning Aurora Borealis show, an impressive projection that paints the massive silos with dancing northern lights.

**The quiet neighbourhood**

Quiet, but never boring! The Old Port is the perfect place to leisurely browse antique shops, visit art galleries and enjoy a drink on a terrace. It invites you to discover the city at your own pace, without constantly checking your watch.

**How to get there**

RTC bus line 1 departing from the Avenue Belvédère / Boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest area, and the RTC bus line 11 departing from Sainte-Foy both head to the ferry terminal and pass through the Old Port. When the weather is nice, you can take the 800 Métrobus, get off at the Gare du Palais and walk.
Restaurants
The Old Port boasts some of the finest dining in the capital: Légende, owned by the La Tanière group; Laurier Raphaël, run by the distinguished Vézina family; Café du Monde, with its terrace overlooking the river; L’Échaudé, with its impeccable French cuisine; Charbon Steakhouse, sure to satisfy meat-lovers; Chez Rioux et Pettigrew and its local cuisine; Louise Taverne & Bar à Vin with its fantastic wine list; and Chez Muffy, in the beautifully cozy Auberge Saint-Antoine.

Let’s not forget the tried-and-true: the festive atmosphere at the Claddagh Irish pub; the variety at Mille et une pizzas; the delicious burgers at Chez Victor; the gluten-free bistro menu at Veravin; Vietnamese and Thai dishes at Restaurant Asia; fine Italian favourites at Matto; and the comforting Québec-inspired menu at the popular Le Buffet de l’Antiquaire.

Coffee shops
When you’re ready for a break from browsing antique shops, stop in at Café du Soleil for an espresso and a pastry, or at Packwood for a quick meal. Miss your animal companion? The surprising Café félin Ma langue aux chats cat café is there to comfort you, with plenty of cats to “pet onsite.”

Train station or castle?
Built in 1915 in the same style as the Château Frontenac, the Gare du Palais gives visitors arriving by train a glimpse of the romanticism and picturesque architecture that awaits them in the city. In 1992, it was named a Heritage Train Station for its architectural, historical and environmental value.

In the summer months, head to Cour arrière du Festibière behind the cruise terminal, to enjoy great beer, pub fare and games, all while cooling your feet in the mini-pool!

Musée de la civilisation
“It’s felt like home since I was a child. With its plays, conferences, exhibitions and special events, the museum always offers stimulating and smart activities. You learn something and enjoy it at the same time!”

The river
“It would be ridiculous to be in the Old Port but not make the effort to go down to the river. You can take the wooden paths alongside the marinas or the bike path that winds between the cruise ship terminal and the river, where the winter ice is so majestic. And the colours when the sun rises and sets are breathtaking!”

Auberge Saint-Antoine
“Whether I’m treating myself to a night in a hotel in my own city or going to the restaurant or the coffee shop, there’s always a good reason to keep coming back to the inn, where I feel like I’m on vacation!”
With its steeply sloping streets, colourful houses all squeezed together and its fun-loving, welcoming nature, Saint-Jean-Baptiste is a lively neighbourhood that likes to celebrate!

1. Cimetière St. Matthew
2. Centre des congrès de Québec
3. Hôtel du Parlement de Québec
4. Observatoire de la Capitale
5. Grand Théâtre de Québec
6. Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste
7. Tour Martello 4

It’s worth wandering out of the gates of the walled city!
The bohemian neighbourhood

Nestled between Old Québec and Montcalm, Saint-Jean-Baptiste is bisected by Saint-Jean, the main commercial street. This barely one-kilometre stretch contains something to please everyone, and more!

Foodies will love the little neighbourhood bistros offering mouth-watering local cuisine, as well as all the different food shops: gourmet bakeries, grocery stores, chocolate shops, health-food counters, coffee shops, a gelato shop and on and on!

The gastronomic adventure continues in the bars and pubs, where locally crafted beer flows late into the night. Whether you enjoy live music, jam sessions or poetry readings, the neighbourhood’s many venues offer a variety of events to liven up your evening.

Along Rue Saint-Jean, get recommendations from passionate record store owners and find literary gems in the used bookstores.

Lastly, the experience wouldn’t be complete without a little shopping in the neighbourhood’s boutiques, where you will find beautiful, one-of-a-kind clothing and home décor items. Locally designed fashions and handmade articles are especially popular. Now you know why the residents look so stylish!

Restaurants

The Saint-Jean-Baptiste neighbourhood is just a tiny part of downtown, but there’s a concentration of excellent restaurants there: seafood’s the star at Albacore; Swiss comfort at La Grolla; fun sharing plates at La Buvette Scott and its little “brother” Sardines; the new Bleu Marine bistro; crêpes bretonnes at Billig; the must-visit Le Hobbit; the surprising Sinsemilla focused on hemp; the Japanese Tokyo; the laidback vibe at Bonnet d’Âne, the burgers at Chez Victor; and the food-nightlife combo at elli.

In a rush? Grab a quick but delicious bite at Snack-Bar Saint-Jean, Comptoir. Vegetarian options are available at Gourmandises Louca, Pow Ramen, Attaboy, pizzéria de quartier or Bols et Poké.

HOW TO GET THERE

The Saint-Jean-Baptiste neighbourhood is easily accessible on foot from Old Québec. Simply leave the fortifications via the Saint-Jean gate and cross Avenue Honoré-Mercier. You can also take the 800, 801 or 807 bus lines, which stop at Honoré-Mercier/ D’Aiguillon and the Place D’Youville bus station.

Walks on rue Saint-Jean are a must!
Coffee shops, pubs and bars
Start the day off at Cantook Micro
Torréfacteur or La Brûlerie Saint-Jean, and wrap it up at Sacrileège (a veritable institution), Pub Nelligan’s, Drague (LGBTQ+), La Ninkasi or Projet.

Don’t be surprised to see locals enjoying a cup of coffee or a gelato in the Saint Matthew cemetery. This Protestant cemetery, going back to 1772, was desacralized and has become a green oasis in the neighbourhood. The church was also transformed... into a lovely library!

1. La Buvette Scott
“Wow! The food is delicious and the menu changes often, so every time we go, we taste something different. The owners are really welcoming and create a lot of ambiance in their place. You couldn’t ask for better!”

2. Nina pizza napolitaine
“This is a new addition to the neighbourhood, but we’ve loved their other location for a long time! The décor is superb, the pizza delectable, and it’s fun to eat there as a family or to order out. Besides that, it’s run by a team of women entrepreneurs, and we love to support them! You’ve got to try it!”

3. Boutique Schü’z
“You’ll feel like a kid in a candy store here. Everything is carefully selected. It’s hard to resist with such a great choice! The owner is super friendly and extremely on point with advice!”

Food shops
Craving gluten? Stop by the Paingrüel and Epi’Fanny bakeries. Satisfy your sweet tooth with nostalgia at Pâtisserie Simon, get your chocolate fix at Érico and cold treats at the Tutto Gelato Italian ice cream shop. Pick up some gourmet health food at Crac, aliments sains and European staples at J.A. Moisan and Épicerie européenne. To explore beers from the province, stop by La duchesse D’Aiguillon or Axe du Malt.

Stores
For clothing, head to Jupon Pressé, Roba & Casso, Exil, Séraphin, Schü’z, L’un et l’autre and Point d’exclamation. For music, there’s CD Mélomane and Musique Chez Sonny. And for great used-book finds, go to Laforce, Nelligan and Comptoir du Livre.

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A perfect balance between bourgeois and bohemian, the Montcalm neighbourhood attracts foodies, sports enthusiasts and art and culture lovers to its beautiful historical setting. Head to Upper Town to enjoy a feast for the eyes, ears and palate!

1 Avenue Cartier
2 Grande Allée
3 Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec (MNBAQ)
4 Plaines d’Abraham
5 Cinéma Cartier

Festive Grande Allée, classy Avenue Cartier: this is Montcalm!
The arts neighbourhood
Bookstores, a theatre, a museum, a movie theatre and art galleries: Montcalm has everything culture fans could want.

In July, the neighbourhood grooves to the beat of the Festival d’été de Québec. For 11 days, the city turns into an open-air concert hall, featuring both renowned international and homegrown artists. When you add its theatres, art galleries and bookstores (offering both new and used books), it’s clear why Montcalm is known as the arts district! Art even graces giant lampshades that top the street lights along Avenue Cartier!

If you enjoy exploring museums, you’ll love the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec (MNBAQ), which offers a wide scope of Québec art through its extensive collection of more than 38,000 works.

People don’t just come for the culture; the food justifies a visit too! Choose among friendly neighbourhood bistro, affordable chain restaurants, pubs, bars and coffee shops. Avenue Cartier also has a number of lovely little boutiques, great for a little browsing or window shopping. In the summer, its urban patios are very popular, and for good reason! Grande-Allée, the main street leading directly to the foot of the Château Frontenac, offers many dining and entertainment options year-round.

HOW TO GET THERE
The Montcalm neighbourhood is only a 10-minute walk from Old Québec via Boulevard René-Lévesque. You can also get there on the RTC Métrobus lines 800, 801 or 807 (get off at the Cartier stop) and via bus route 11 from the ferry terminal.

Montcalm’s local faves

Restaurants
There are many styles of cuisine to choose from in Montcalm! Take your taste buds around the world, to Corsica at Petits Creux Corsica Originale; to the Mediterranean at Café Sirocco, Graffiti and Bistro La Goulette; to Greece at Mezzé taverna grecque; to Ireland at Pub Galway, to Italy at La Scala and Milano Pizza; to India at Cari Doré; to Belgium at Frites Alors; to France at Moulins La Fayette and Cochon Dingue; to Japan at Metropolitain Eddie Sushi Bar; and to a few different places at Blaxton. Or get a taste of Québec with locally inspired cuisine at Bistro B or Quarante 7.

Coffee and food shops
To put a little pep in your step at any time of day, head to Café Krieghoff (a veritable institution) or Café Castelo. And for tea, there’s Sebz. If you’re craving something sweet, feast your eyes on the selection at the Gaël Vidricaire bakery.

Need a hit of sugar? Step into Confiseries Pinoche, Glacier Aberdeen or Chocolats Favoris. Start your day on the right foot with a warm bagel fresh out of the oven from Bügel or assorted pastries from Les Cousins.

In the heart of Montcalm, Cinéma Cartier offers the best of popular and art-house movies.

Photos: Idra Larié (MNBAQ), André-Olivier Lyra (Cochon Dingue), Marie-Hélène Raymond (Avenue Cartier)
Foodies will adore exploring Halles Cartier, with its 30-something food shops and restaurants, including the Morena Italian grocery store and catering service.

Stores
Montcalm residents love fashion and it shows at MUSE par Christian Chenail, Autrefois Saigon, Moi Lingerie, Urbain Prêt-à-Porter, Les Nanas Chic, Murmure, Boutique IVY, Chaussures Leclerc, Paris Cartier, Le coureur nordique and more. Plenty of choice! Happy shopping!

You can also browse books at the Librairie du Quartier bookstore; check out the magazine selection and stock up on office supplies at Un Coin du Monde, and find the perfect home décor at Zone Maison or Au Loft par Style Libre.

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Desjardins
Société historique Alphonse-Desjardins

The Plains of Abraham
“A truly beautiful place to stroll around or practice a sport, both in winter and summer!”

La Librairie du Quartier
“A lovely bookstore where we get good tips and can discuss with other readers.”

The Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec
“For its huge collection of Quebecois art, its impressive bookstore-boutique and its international exhibits.”

Marie-Hélène Raymond, digital strategy coordinator, MNBAQ
Like Griffintown in Montréal and Williamsburg in Brooklyn, the trendy Saint-Roch neighbourhood has gone from working-class to where-it’s-at in a few short years. Good food, culture, technology, fashion, nightlife: discover the best of what Québec City’s Lower Town has to offer.

Saint-Roch

1 Église Saint-Roch
2 Jardin Jean-Paul-L’Allier
3 îlot des Palais
4 Rue Saint-Joseph
5 Stade Canac (baseball)

Saint-Roch, the neighbourhood that practically never sleeps!
Québec City’s busiest commercial street until the 1960s, Saint-Joseph East is now taking back its title as The Main with the arrival of creative young entrepreneurs. The area is especially notorious with food lovers. Fine dining establishments rub shoulders with small neighbourhood restaurants with more modest fare, while the ever more popular microbreweries offer a thirst-quenching selection of original beers. And don’t forget to visit one of the gourmet food stores for local products to enjoy at home!

In summer, young web programmers and video game designers join students having lunch in Jardin Jean-Paul-L’Allier, an oasis of greenery in the midst of the city. On your way, stop to gaze up at the imposing Saint-Roch church, built in the early 20th century.

There’s entertainment to be found year-round, day or night, thanks to Saint-Roch’s many bars and pubs, where you can extend the evening after a great concert or play. An inviting lighted path will guide your way on Rue Saint-Joseph. Brilliant!

Photos: Stéphane Aulet Photo (left), Sam St Onge (jjaques)

HOW TO GET THERE

Saint-Roch is an easy five-minute walk from Old Québec or the Saint-Jean-Baptiste neighbourhood. You’ll need to climb a few stairs, but it’s good cardio! The Faubourg elevator at the corner of Sainte-Claire and Saint-Réal also connects the Upper and Lower towns; practical if you’re pushing a stroller or have a bike with you. The 800 and 801 RTC Métrobous routes serve this neighbourhood regularly, with stops at De Sainte-Hélène and Université du Québec. You can also get there London-style on a double-decker bus, whose tourist route includes a stop midway down Rue Saint-Joseph.

Saint-Roch has art in its blood. You’ll find music at L’Imperial Bell, LANT bar et spectacles, District Saint-Joseph, and Le Knock-Out music store; fabulous writing in the stacks at Librairie Pantoufle and Bouquinerie Rock’ n Livre; plays at La Bordée and contemporary art at Méduse.

Restaurants

Prepare your stomachs, because you’ll eat well—in all meanings of the word—in this neighbourhood! Start at sweet bistros like L’Affaire est Ketchup (chic comfort food), Le Clocher Penché (must try), La Gueule de Bois (market cuisine), Les Sales Gosses (European influences), Table (twist on Quebecois cuisine) and jjacques (seafood and cocktails). Or tour the world, with stops in Italy at the highly reputed Birra & Basta pub; in Japan, with the noodles at Tora-Ya Ramen, the small, sharable dishes at Torii Izakaya and the modern Italian-style Birra & Basta pub with cocktails; in Mexico at the Tequila Lounge, with its impressive choice of tequilas; and in Southeast Asia with Bati Bassac and its lunchroom next door. And it continues with the buvette (wine bar) trend, where good food meets a good wine list at Laurentien Buvette Gourmande and Buvette Le Voisin, and with the friendly yet unclassifiable La Cuisine (comfort food and DJ) and Deux22 (food/bar/boutique). For pubs, the neighbourhood has nothing to envy the others, with the likes of London Jack (typical English style), le Pub du Parvis (for sports matches), Le Phœnix du Parvis (food/beer/shows) and Shaker (cuisine and mixology). Find a quick, affordable bite at Bols et Poké (Hawaiian influence), Ogari-San Sushi (Japanese bowls), Poutineville (the name says it all), Casse-Croûte Chez Gaston (authentic), Phil Smoked Meat (also pretty clear) and Stat Café (a coffee/sandwich shop).

Coffee shops, bars and microbreweries

There’s a great choice for liquids: find your hops at La Barberie, La Korrigane
Food shops
The best spots for a great gourmet selection are Accro cuisine et dépendances or La Place. For a bakery, go with La Boîte à pain or Croquembouche. Got a hankering for cheese? Hit Fromagerie des Grondines et ses amis. Meat? Boucherie Eumatimi. European sausages and hot dogs? William J. Walter Saucissier. And last but definitely not least, chocolate? Champagne Chocolatier!

Stores
Saint-Roch’s stores are just as eclectic as the rest of the neighbourhood. You’ll find toys for little kids at Benjo and for big kids at La Planque jeux vidéo and Fanamanga, high fashion at Cœur de Loup and Baizenville; edgy looks at X20 and EXO; secondhand clothes at Friperie Babelou; skin care at Bloomi; fun and weird stuff at L’Inventaire and Rétro Bordello; fresh new décor items at Brico Déco and somewhat less new at Déjà Vu.

Limoilou

1 Deux22
“I go there for the cool stuff they have in the boutique and for the delicious tacos and tequila.”

2 Hono Izakaya
“The menu at this Japanese wine bar is always sumptuous, the cocktails are original and refined, and the team is easy to get along with.”

3 jjacques
“It is a hidden bar that’s really worth a visit for its awesome ambiance, wild cocktails and inspirational menu.”
Limoilou is streets lined with majestic trees, narrow alleyways with playing children and old brick buildings with charming spiral staircases. Welcoming, original (it has a circus school!) and very popular with young families and entrepreneurs, this up-and-coming neighbourhood even has its own hashtag: #Limoilove!

1. 3rd Avenue
2. Grand Marché de Québec
3. Centre Vidéotron
4. École de cirque
5. Parc linéaire de la Rivière-Saint-Charles
6. Parc Cartier-Brébeuf
7. Centre de foires

A not-so-touristy neighbourhood that certainly deserves a visit!

The family neighbourhood

Limoilou’s streets and perpendicular avenues form a grid, like in New York City. When you “go up” 3rd Avenue, between 2nd Rue and 16th Rue, you come across a cluster of quaint little shops just begging you to go in: gourmet grocers, bakeries, coffee shops, artisan boutiques, art galleries, a tea room, an ice cream parlour and more!

Limoilou’s food scene is hopping, with many young chefs opening restaurants on 3rd Avenue. On warm summer evenings, the patios fill up quickly. Patrons happily greet their neighbours in a joyful hubbub typical of the close-knit community. The pubs and microbreweries also offer a great way to stretch a pleasant evening late into the night.

On lazy summer Sundays, stop by Marché public de Limoilou for something tasty to take to Parc Cartier-Brébeuf, where Jacques Cartier wintered more than 450 years ago. Or take advantage of the Parc linéaire de la Rivière-Saint-Charles for some family exercise.

IN JUNE, SEARCH FOR UNIQUE FINDS AT THE GRAND BAZAAR DU VIEUX-LIMOILOU STREET SALE. IT’S QUITE THE EXPERIENCE!

HOW TO GET THERE

When the weather is nice, you can easily get to Limoilou on foot from the Saint-Roch neighbourhood by crossing the Dorchester Bridge over the Saint-Charles River. You can also take the bike path to Upper Town or Lower Town.

Otherwise, the RTC Métrobus routes 801, 3 and 28 offer regular service in the Limoilou area, departing from Upper Town or Lower Town.
Restaurants
On 3e Avenue, you’ll find all the essentials: inventive local cuisine at La Planque; fresh Japanese flavours at Hosaka-Ya; the comforting warmth of Soupe & Cie; sumptuous breakfasts at La Signature; a retro look and scones at Lièvre et la tortue; caffeinated concoctions at Nektar Caféologue, La Maison Smith and Café Sobab; dipped sweet treats at La Diperie; ice cream cones at Maître Glacier; Neapolitan pizzas at Pizzéria N° 900; sun-inspired dishes at La Salsa; a gustatory trip east at Miyagi and Nicky Sushi; the feel of a friendly neighbourhood bistro at Colocs, Ket’Chose and Fistons; and finally, mouth-watering calzones and pastries at La boîte à pain/Café Napoli.

Bars and microbreweries
For a nice cold one, head to the La Souche, Le Trèfle or Brasserie Générale 18e Rue microbreweries: there’s no shortage of choices! For a local hangout, think Bal du Lézard. If you like gin, you’ll want to visit Distillerie Stadaconé. Finally, see if you can find Nénuphar, an authentic speakeasy tucked away somewhere around 4e Rue.

Stores
Limoulou residents love good food. They stock up on cheese at Yannick Fromagerie; on fresh bread at Chez Lefebvre or Borderon et Fils; on all sorts of delicious spreads at Conserverie du Quartier or La Réserve, epicerie fine; and on fine deli meats cured onsite at Boucherie Le Croc Mignon!

Readers will love browsing the Librairie Morency bookstore, and those who enjoy a good find will delight in the handmade and vintage items at Article 721.

Absolute musts
For gourmet items, be sure to visit the Grand Marché (see page 68) and drop by SNO Microbrasserie Nordik while you’re there.

La Diperie, Hosaka-Ya, La Planque, La Signature, Colocs, Ket’Chose, Nektar Caféologue, Nénuphar, La boîte à pain/Café Napoli, La Souche, Le Trèfle, Le Cendrillon, Distillerie Stadaconé, La Taqueria, Article 721, MC Grou.
Saint-Sauveur, affectionately called “Saint-So” by its residents, is a working-class neighbourhood that has, over the last few years, welcomed a growing number of families and professionals seeking the feel of a close-knit community. Welcome to Lower Town!

Get off the beaten track in Saint-Sauveur!

1 Parc Victoria
2 Parc Durocher
3 Rue Saint-Vallier
4 Rue Marie-de-l’Incarnation
5 Rivière Saint-Charles

Photo: André-Olivier Lyra
Tucked into the side streets, you’ll find Asian grocery stores, artisan boutiques, fashion stores and institutions that have withstood the test of time and changing trends!

The strong community spirit that unites Saint-Sauveur residents can be felt during neighbourhood events, which bring together locals and visitors in a festive atmosphere. Another neighbourhood favourite is the public market held in Parc Durocher on Saturdays in summer, great for stocking up on fresh produce!

Because Saint-So residents enjoy getting together, several public places have been set up as meeting spots in a one-of-a-kind urban setting: a refreshing oasis in the concrete jungle, raised garden beds, inviting seating areas and streetside terraces. There’s also Parc Victoria, where you can stretch your legs and relax with family and friends. Saint-Sauveur is a great place to meet new people!

To discover all Saint-Sauveur’s best-kept secrets, take Rue Saint-Vallier Ouest, the main commercial thoroughfare. Here you’ll find friendly neighbourhood restaurants offering unbeatable quality for great prices, a coffee shop, a bakery, pubs, bars, quaint independent shops and more.

The authentic neighbourhood

To a trip to Saint-Sauveur is a must for foodies! You’ll find the Le Fin Gourment bistro with its wonderful comfort foods; legendary Lyon-inspired Pied Bleu and its wine-bar cousin, Le Renard et la Chouette; beloved cocktails at Chez Tao; the classic Fabrique du Smoked Meat; creative concoctions at Patente et Machin; gourmet fast food at Dîner Saint-Sauveur and its nearby Supérette (mini-market); fresh oysters and seafood at Kraken Cru; a flavour trip to the Andes at El Ceviche; unbeatable pizza with homemade dough at Pizzazorg; tasty sandwiches at Franky-Johnny and hearty Hellenic eats at Deli-Grec.

Coffee shops, microbreweries and food shops

Griendel’s reputation for cold beers and a warm atmosphere has spread beyond the neighbourhood, as has news of the giant waffles at Ma Station Café and the mushrooms of Chapeau les bois. The best breads and pastries can be found at Pains sur la planche, a cooperative bakery, or at Saint-Suave Librairie-Café (a play on the neighbourhood’s name if you didn’t catch it). Cravings for sweets are satisfied by the delectable selection at Au royaume de la tarte, and it’s always pleasant to wander the aisles at the Lao Indochine and La Montagne Dorée grocery stores.

Restaurants

1. Thania Goyette and Louis Bouchard Trudeau, owners of Pied Bleu and Le Renard et la Chouette and residents of the Saint-Sauveur neighbourhood

“Saint Charles River
“It’s one of the most beautiful spots in Québec City! We leave the house and take a walk along the riverbanks. The kids’ school is right nearby too. It’s really amazing!”

2. Borderon et Fils

“Mostly for François cheery welcome, but also for the generous loaves of bread, the variety and the great-quality flours.”

3. La Fabrique du Smoked Meat

“Louis takes the kids there every Saturday. It’s a family ritual!”

HOW TO GET THERE

It’s easy to visit the Saint-Sauveur and Saint-Roch neighbourhoods on the same trip. Take a pleasant walk on Rue Saint-Joseph Est, which leads directly to Saint-Sauveur. RTC bus route 1 serves Petit-Champlain and Saint-Roch, travelling along Rue Saint-Vallier Ouest and Rue Marie-de-l’Incarnation Street, while route 18 connects Saint-Sauveur and Saint-Roch (departing from Gare du Palais). Finally, bus route 19 connects the Limouliou and Montcalm neighbourhoods via Saint-Sauveur.
Straddling the Saint-Roch and Saint-Sauveur neighbourhoods, Parc Victoria offers playgrounds, soccer fields, tennis courts, a skate park, a bike path and walking paths. Something for everyone!

**Stores**
Its high-quality leather hats, moccasins and accessories make Cuir Indiana a must-visit. Prefer hunting and fishing? You’ll find everything you need at the huge Latulippe store. For unique finds of all kinds, stop at Cœur de Mailles for wool and knitwear; Zozo et Arty for carefully curated toys and accessories; Les Ateliers de la Pente Douce for quality antiques and Lucia F. for second-hand fashions that will make you look like a million bucks.

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Overlooking the river from the cliff-top, this neighbourhood offers magnificent views in any direction you look, whether toward the horizon or the dynamic, picturesque Avenue Maguire. You’ll be intrigued by the history of Sillery!

The ultimate in class!

1. Domaine Cataraqui
2. Avenue Maguire
3. Villa Bagatelle
4. Parc du Bois-de-Coulonge

The refined neighbourhood

While somewhat removed from downtown, Sillery is definitely worth a detour, especially to visit the lively main commercial artery, Avenue Maguire.

Packed together within a few hundred metres are attractive boutiques featuring the latest in fashion and excellent restaurants and coffee shops where you’ll want to linger. In summer, you’ll want to sit on a patio, enjoying a glass of wine or a latte while watching life buzz on the street.

Get your fill of sweet and savoury surprises at the area’s bakeries, pastry shops, tea salons, ice cream shops and chocolate makers. There’s plenty to bring home, or to sneak before you get there!

To help digest it all, take a walk in the area with forays onto the side streets to admire pastel-coloured 200-year-old homes that look like doll houses or the Maison des Jésuites de Sillery, a historic site of the first Jesuit mission in 1637. A little farther northwest lies the Parc du Bois-de-Coulonge, a true representative of Sillery’s grace and refinement, with its footpaths, arboretum, flower gardens and amazing view of the river.

HOW TO GET THERE

Public transit serves Avenue Maguire via RTC bus lines 11 (ends at the ferry terminal) and 16 (a loop that includes Sainte-Foy and Université Laval). There’s also the Métrobus lines 800 and 801, which stop at Gérard-Morisset, on Boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest, just a 10-minute walk from Maguire.
Restaurants
How can a single street have so many great places to eat? Avenue Maguire and the surrounding streets offer a ton of delicious options: the best bagels at Bagel Maguire Café; Lebanese take-out at Galette Libanaise, pizza at Nº 900 and Pizza Mag; classic eats at the legendary Pat Rétro diner, followed by dessert at its Crime Puff dairy bar; bistro fare at Chaz, L’Épicurien and Montego; Portuguese chicken at Lio Fiesta; Asian cuisine at Champa Maguire, Saveurs de l’Inde and Erawan Lao; great wine and bites at Tapas & Liège; huge sandwiches at the famous Brynd Smoked Meat; fresh seafood at La Gaspésienne S1 and Middle Eastern flavours at Rameau d’Olivier.

Coffee shops
Locals take their coffee break at Café Castelo, which roasts its own beans, while tea lovers gather at La Maison des 100 thés.

Sillery has a strong New England feel. Visit Villa Bagatelle or Domaine Cataraqui’s incredible vegetable garden to soak up this neighbourhood’s overflowing charm.

Stores
A trip to Avenue Maguire would not be complete without tasting chocolates at Eddy Laurent and foie gras at Canard Goulu!


Finally, readers and culture lovers will appreciate the vast selection at Librairie Vaugeois, the eclectic collection at the L’ancre des mots used bookstore and the handmade cards and other unique items at Papetruc & Paillasson.

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1 Faks
“Eating at Faks is like being at a restaurant but feeling at home. We love it just as much for the food as for the extremely friendly service.”

2 Mount Hermon Cemetery
“We like to walk there for its peacefulness and beauty, and all the different headstones, the amazing view of the river and especially the sign of rules from 1851.”

3 Villa Bagatelle
“This heritage home presents inspiring exhibitions. Whenever we go there, we also spend time admiring its wonderful garden.”
Sainte-Foy, located at the base of the two bridges that cross the river toward Québec City, welcomes you with open arms. As the settling point for new arrivals, transient students and the area’s workers, Sainte-Foy is buzzing with activities.

1. Complexe Jules-Dallaire
2. Laurier Québec
3. Place de la Cité
4. Place Ste-Foy
5. Université Laval
6. Pyramide
7. Aquarium du Québec
8. Base de plein air de Sainte-Foy
9. Parc de la Plage-Jacques-Cartier
10. Parc Roland-Beaudin
The “Knowledge hub” neighbourhood

Sainte-Foy is home to schools, colleges and the oldest French university in North America: Université Laval. In addition to the enormous and highly popular shopping centres, the neighbourhood also has a wide selection of coffee shops, businesses and stores on its boulevards and main thoroughfares.

Sainte-Foy’s liveliness isn’t anything new. This former municipality experienced a demographic boom at the end of the last century, when its large swaths of agricultural land were converted to a combined residential, commercial and institutional neighbourhood.

Families will love meeting the 10,000 species of aquatic animals at the Aquarium du Québec. You can paddle, swim and practice a host of outdoor activities at the Base de plein air Sainte-Foy. Or visit the Jardin universitaire Roger-Van den Hende or the supremely peaceful Parc de la Plage-Jacques-Cartier, one of the only natural wooded areas open to the public that is located right on the St. Lawrence.

HOW TO GET THERE

Going from parliament hill westward, Métrobus lines 800 and 801 take René-Lévesque and Laurier boulevards, while line 807 takes Chemin Sainte-Foy. Coming from south of the river? Cross the Québec Bridge or Pierre-Laporte Bridge and you’re there!

Restaurants

Need a quick lunch? Head to La Pyramide where all the student favourites are located under one roof. If you’re going out, grab a creative cocktail at Shaker, the most popular pub in the quad. The more nostalgic stick with Le Pub Universitaire and get coffee at Au Temps Perdu. The urban vibe continues on Boulevard Laurier, where trendy bistros like Cosmos, La Belle et la Bœuf, La Voie Maltée, Paris Grill, JAJA Sainte-Foy, Chez Victor, the Houston, the Bistango, the Ginger and Ô 6e Sens attract crowds. If you have a sweet tooth, you won’t be able to keep your hands off the decadent doughnuts at Beiko.

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like La Maison Simons, Boulevard Laurier also boasts some extraordinary boutiques. You can spend hours dreaming up new home designs at MUST or Un fauteuil pour deux, with its distinctive furniture. Fill your food bags at Halles Sainte-Foy and the Sainte-Foy public market, with its vegetable growers, florists and local farmers.

The Bibliothèque Monique-Corriveau is a cultural gem. This church-turned-library is named after a beloved Quebecois children’s author.

Going out
See a movie at Le Clap, one of the most high-tech theatres in the country, now located in Place Ste-Foy. Need some downtime? Contemplate the city from the 17th floor at SkySpa, or mix relaxation, an overnight stay and good food at Amerispa in the Bonne Entente hotel.

1 Cochon Dingue Place Ste-Foy
“With its ambiance of a French bistro, it’s perfect for weekday breakfast or weekend brunch.”

2 Parc Roland-Beaudin
“From late June to the end of August, the park’s stage hosts musical shows and film screenings, so you can make the most of summer evenings without getting caught in the crowds.”

3 Mayflower café
“The favourite of avid coffee lovers. Definitely one of the best coffee shops in the neighbourhood!”

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24 hours in Québec City

How can you get the most from a one-day visit to Québec City? By taking in the main historic attractions on foot and devouring a delicious poutine, that’s how!

Morning

**Place Royale and Petit-Champlain**

Stroll the cobblestone streets in this historic district, the cradle of French-speaking America, and visit the Notre-Dame-des-Victoires church. At the end of Rue Sous-le-Fort, you’ll find the Casse-Cou (Breakneck) steps and, to the left, Rue du Petit-Champlain with its cool boutiques, restaurants and artisan shops. After exploring all the nooks and crannies in Petit-Champlain, take the funicular next to the Breakneck steps to get to the summit of Cap Diamant.

**Dufferin Terrace and Château Frontenac**

A ride in the funicular provides an amazing view of the Petit-Champlain neighbourhood, the Place Royale and the St. Lawrence River. At the top are the Dufferin Terrace and the Château Frontenac. Admire another beautiful view from the Terrasse and observe the Château. Then, stop by one of the many restaurants to try some local food!
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Afternoon

Choose a theme for your afternoon based on your interests!

For history buffs
Upper Town is brimming with intriguing sites like the Citadelle of Québec, the Musée du Fort and the Fortifications of Québec National Historic Site.

For happy shoppers
Québec City has countless boutiques, and depending on your time (and budget), you could stay in Old Québec or explore the neighbouring districts. For antiques and art, head toward the Old Port. For fashion, you’re in the right place! Old Québec, Petit-Champlain and Saint-Roch are your best bets. For food finds, you’ll want to go to the other side of the Saint-Jean gate to the Saint-Jean-Baptiste district, where you’ll find a host of delights to bring home with you!

Evening

Indulge!
After spending your day walking to explore the city’s best attractions, you might want to have a bite at one of Old Québec’s traditionally Québécois or gourmet restaurants. Do you flip for microbrews or unique bistro food? You’ll find just what you need at Griendel in Saint-Sauveur as well as in the Saint-Roch district, where you can quench your thirst at Korrigane, Noctem Artisans Brasseurs or La Barberie. We hope you enjoyed your day!

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Sonia Plourde, fashion designer and resident of Old Québec

“During summertime, the Pierre-Dugua-De Mons Terrace is our favourite picnic. The view is just breathtaking! You can see the Château, the Terrasse Dufferin, the majestic river and the bridge to the island. It’s peaceful. And when the lights come on at the end of the day, it’s pure magic.”
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The best of Québec City in 72 hours

What should you do if you have three days to spend in Québec City and don’t want to miss anything? Here’s our suggestion for an itinerary that will make the most of your stay, regardless of the season.

Day 1

Explore Old Québec
Get your bearings by touring Old Québec on the famous red double-decker bus. Get on and off at will while enjoying the exceptional view from the top deck.

As you ride along the historic streets of Old Québec, snap some pictures of the city’s iconic features: Château Frontenac and the Dufferin Terrace, the fortifications and the gates, the Citadelle, Parliament and the Tourny fountain, and of course, the Plains of Abraham.

In summer, you’ll feast your eyes on street performers! In the evenings, sit out on a terrace, then after your meal, stroll along the streets oozing with European charm.

In winter, enjoy the magical feeling of the decorated and cheerily lit streets. Hungry? Sample some traditional Québécois cuisine in one of the area’s specialized restaurants (see page 73).

During the day, get a 360-degree view of Québec City from the Observatoire de la Capitale, the highest viewpoint in the city.

FOR CULTURE BUFFS
Make sure you plan to visit the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec and the Musée de la civilisation. In summer, walk through Lower Town to see Passages insolites, a temporary installation of outstanding public art.

Day 2

Walk along the oldest streets in Canada
Walk along Rue du Petit-Champlain, one of the most beautiful streets in Canada, to shop and discover our talented local craftspeople. In the same neighbourhood, fall under the spell of the legendary Place Royale, the founding place of Québec City. Keep your eye out for the many architectural details evoking our French and British origins.

From April to October, take a cruise aboard AML Cruises’ MV Louis Jolliet. The panoramic view of Québec City from the St. Lawrence is breathtaking!

Next, see what’s happening in town on the event calendar quebec-cite.com/en/what-to-do/events. You just might catch one of the city’s many festivals, concerts or summer activities.

In winter, take a thrilling ride down the Dufferin Terrace toboggan slide. When you’re ready to relax, try a beer at one of the many microbreweries (see page 84) or wrap up the evening in one of the popular bars featuring folk singers.

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Day 3

Discover the best of the surrounding area

Wonder at the immense waterfalls of the Parc de la Chute-Montmorency, lodged between the river and cliffs. If summer is in full swing, hop over to the other side of the bridge to take in the view of Québec City from the tip of Île d’Orléans and sample some regional specialty foods (see page 66-67). Head back to the city for dinner (if you still have room!) and get acquainted with cuisine inspired by the boreal forest or Indigenous traditions (see page 73).

When it’s cold out, take a drive to see the one-of-a-kind Hôtel de Glace, and spend the afternoon at the Village Vacances Valcartier, North America’s biggest winter playground featuring 35 tubing slides and illuminated skateway. In the evening, throw on your bathing suit to enjoy the magical and relaxing atmosphere at one of the region’s many Nordic spas.

FOR NATURE LOVERS

If it’s snowing, head to Mont-Sainte-Anne for all kinds of activities, including downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, dog sledding and even ice canyoning at the base of the mountain! Visiting in summer? The Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier is a must for an unforgettable hike.

Feel like you haven’t quite discovered all the secrets of Québec City? How about staying a little longer to really get to the heart of all the region has to offer? Follow the guide!

Photos: Renaud Philippe (Hôtel de Glace), Francis Gagnon (snowboard), Emmanuel Coveney (right)

2 more days

Planning on spending five days in Québec City? Add one of these seasonal itineraries onto the three-day suggestions and you’ll have the dream plan for discovering the national capital!
### Summer

#### Day 4

**Live like the locals**
Visit one of the area’s major attractions: the Aquarium du Québec. Meet more than 10,000 marine specimens and take a fascinating stroll through the Grand Ocean tunnel.

At Village Vacances Valcartier, have fun at the outdoor water park on its 35 water slides and river rides. Unless you’d rather do the indoor water park, with its hints of Polynesia!

In Wendake, discover the ancestral Huron-Wendat culture through Indigenous dance, stories and legends. Visit a traditional long house and taste Indigenous foods (see page 32-33).

For a unique evening, get off the beaten track with a visit to one of the neighbourhoods that locals love too, like Saint-Roch, Saint-Jean-Baptiste or Limoilou.

#### Day 5

**Replenish with open spaces or culture**
Nature lovers, take a beautiful hike at the Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier. And why not kayak or canoe down the river? Or visit the Vallée Bras-du-Nord adventure resort and explore nearly 100 kilometres of mountain biking trails.

Arts and culture connoisseurs, visit the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, home to the largest collection of Québécois art. Then hop over to the Musée de la civilisation where its innovative, interactive exhibits will completely absorb you. Still have some time? Double your enjoyment with a trip to the Musée de l’Amérique francophone and the Musée du Fort, which are right next to each other.

For your last evening, take a second look at the street or neighbourhood that most struck your fancy so you can really etch the ambiance in your memory. And don’t forget to try a poutine before you leave!

### Winter

#### Day 4

**Replenish with open spaces or culture**
Strap on snowshoes to discover the Parc national de la Jacques-Cartier, one of the most beautiful glacial valleys in Québec. If nature isn’t your cup of tea, plan a visit to the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec or the Musée de la civilisation for some cultural immersion. Settle in with a good book in the stunning surroundings of the Maison de la littérature, then marvel at the neighbouring Morrin Centre’s Victorian library.

Wrap up your day with hot and cold baths at one of the region’s Nordic spas (see page 48). It’s a good idea to relax on vacation too!

#### Day 5

**Fall in love with winter**
Did you know that some of the residents at the Aquarium du Québec adore winter? Strap in to admire the seals, bears, walruses and more than 10,000 marine specimens.

If you’re interested in Indigenous culture, you won’t want to miss Wendake and the Onhoüa Chetek8e Huron Traditional Site, to see the most authentic replica of an Indigenous village in the province.

Love skiing? Spend at least half a day at one of the four downhill ski resorts in the area (see pages 132 to 133).

Most importantly, don’t leave until you’ve tasted the famous poutine, a classic Québécois dish whose reputation has crossed the border.
Go on tour!

Downtown is the doorway to everything you could desire. There’s a whole range of guided tours and visits available, whether you want a classic tour, a specific theme or something completely custom.

1. By theme
Learn the history of the city straight from the mouths of its New France residents with a tour by the King’s daughters (À la Rencontre des Filles du Roy). Or get a fun thrill with a ghost walk (Les Promenades Fantômes or Les visites fantômes de Québec). You could always opt for a private guided tour by historian David Mendel, trusted city guide of dignitaries!

2. Through the stomach
Find out all there is to know about the food scene with a food tour. It’s a delicious way to experience authentic culture in the city’s neighbourhoods or on Île d’Orléans, with Cicérone Tours, HQ Tourism Services, Local Québec City Food Tours, Québec Bus Tour (Île d’Orléans) or Broue-Tours (microbreweries).

3. On a regal bus
Get on and off at any of the 14 stops around the city as you ride on the red double-decker bus (Bus Tours of Old Québec). You can explore whatever piques your curiosity, then climb back aboard to move on!

4. From a different angle
Imagine exploring the city from above, in a helicopter with GoHelico or a plane with Québec Hydravion. Or take two wheels with Cyclo Services or Location Echo Sports. Unless you’d rather go for a romantic carriage ride with Calèches du Vieux-Québec, or take the picturesque train to the Charlevoix region. See the surrounding areas in a completely different way!

For couples
Share a romantic interlude at one of the city’s excellent cocktail bars, like Artefact at the Auberge Saint-Antoine or Le SAM at the Château Frontenac. Ice skate hand in hand at the Place D’Youville, or snuggle up on a horse-drawn carriage ride.

For families
The Méga Parc amusement park at the Galeries de la Capitale mall offers 18 rides the whole family will love, and the Benjo toy store will thrill children and adults alike.

For history buffs
Travel back into the city’s military history with a visit to the Citadelle of Québec. Watch the changing of the guard and tour its exceptional museum. Then wander all over the extraordinary Plains of Abraham!

For foodies
Stop by the Grand Marché de Québec public market to load up on local products and meet the passionate artisans who make them. And don’t miss a visit to the Saint-Roch neighbourhood, known for its adoration of food!
Île d’Orléans
Île d’Orléans, just 15 minutes from downtown, right across from the Montmorency Falls, is well worth a visit! After crossing the island’s only bridge, you’ll immediately fall for this small island, where agriculture, culture and local cuisine will delight you year-round.

Fall in love with this unique island, the cradle of French civilization in North America.

Welcome to treasure island!
Drive around the entire island, taking time to admire the views. Head off counter-clockwise to discover its many treasures.

1. Parc maritime de Saint-Laurent
2. Manoir Mauvide-Genest
3. Confiturerie Tigidou
4. Maison Drouin
5. La Boulange
6. Espace Félix-Leclerc
7. Cassis Monna & Filles
8. Vignoble de l’Ile de Bacchus

The tip of the island
Called this by local islanders, the village of Sainte-Pétronille lays out an unobstructed view of the Montmorency Falls, the Baie de Beauport, Cap Diamant and the Château Frontenac. It’s one of the most popular viewpoints in the area!

Treat yourself by stopping at the town’s vineyard, cider house and chocolate shop. While nibbling some divine chocolate, stretch your legs with a walk along along Rue Horatio-Walker to take in the river, or walk on the tidal flats!

FOOD LOVERS
Some call the island the food basket of Québec City. Check out our gourmet suggestions on page 65 to 74 to chart an itinerary to tantalize your taste buds!

1. Chocolaterie de l’île d’Orléans

THE TOP CHOICE OF Dominique Laflamme, Director of operations of a non-profit organization and resident of Saint-Laurent-de-l’Île-d’Orléans

“I swear by the strawberries and raspberries from OhBio! at Jean-Pierre Plante’s farm in Saint-Laurent. They are grown with love by the fourth generation of the Plante family on that land, young farmers who innovate and try new things. Their products are sold at the stand in summer.”
Welcome to the garden
You’ll notice that Saint-Laurent-de-l’Île-d’Orléans is home to countless vegetable farms and strawberry fields, for which the island is known.

Around 1830, the parish had about 20 boat-builders and a few shipyards. You can learn about their history with a visit to the local Parc Maritime.

Standing on the pier, with your eyes on the river and the cliffs of Lévis, take a deep breath of sea air. On your way to the next town, keep your eye out for the flour mill, built in 1715.

A wealth of history
At one time, most of the residents of Saint-Jean-de-l’Île-d’Orléans were ship pilots and sailors. You’ll see some of their houses, dating between 1825 and 1860, in the town centre. Take a guided tour of the Manoir Mauvide-Genest, a gem of the New France period, built in 1734.

Saint-Jean boasts the largest strawberry farms in Canada, growing berries from spring to fall. It’s a beautiful place to taste the red fruit, whether fresh or processed, like at the Tigidou jam factory.

Another essential stop is at the riverside La Boulange for its delectable European-style pizza.

How about them apples?
The oldest parish of the island, Sainte-Famille provides an amazing view of the Côte-de-Beaupré and Mont-Sainte-Anne. Awaken your senses at its orchards, most of which allow you to pick your own. Continuing on, you’ll spot the largest grouping of stone houses from the French Regime, including the Maison Drouin, one of the first dwellings from the 17th century.

Urban centre
Since it’s close to the bridge, Saint-Pierre-de-l’Île-d’Orléans is the most accessible and populated area of the island. The Espace Félix-Leclerc is located here as a place to honour and present the music of this well-known Québécois singer and poet. Before leaving, pop into the artisans’ gift stores to taste cider, terrines and confits, apple butter and other local products, including the renowned blackcurrant liqueur made by island liqueur-maker Cassis Monna et Filles and the delicious products of the vine from the Île de Bacchus winery.

Saint-Jean boasts the largest strawberry farms in Canada, growing berries from spring to fall. It’s a beautiful place to taste the red fruit, whether fresh or processed, like at the Tigidou jam factory. Another essential stop is at the riverside La Boulange for its delectable European-style pizza.

A moment of observation
Saint-François-de-l’Île-d’Orléans, at the island’s eastern end, attracts many tourists to its municipal rest area and observation tower, where you can spy the islands of the archipelago and the St. Lawrence estuary.

Photos: Benoit Camirand (boat), Francis Fontaine (vineyards, observation tour)
Chemin du Roy

The Chemin du Roy (King’s Road) is a marked road starting in Old Québec that showcases the rich heritage and history of Québec City. Built in 1731, the Chemin du Roy, which connects Québec City and Montréal, is the oldest drivable route in Canada.

You’ll find uniquely beautiful homes and gardens, and tasty places to stop along the way.

In the Québec City region, the Chemin du Roy is mainly associated with the Portneuf area, where you’ll come across some of the most beautiful towns in Québec, like Neuville, Cap-Santé and Deschambault-Grondines. Why not break for a snack at the Parc de la Plage-Jacques-Cartier?

First is Neuville, notable for its century homes and the patios facing the river. In summer, as you drive along Route 138 from Neuville (and the best corn on the cob!) to Donnacona, produce stands beckon you to stop and fill up on fresh local fruits and vegetables.

Then you come to Cap-Santé, the proud home of one of the rare churches from the French Regime. In fact, the Sainte-Famille church, built between 1754 and 1767, is the largest church to have been constructed in a rural area. And the view of the river is stunning!

Last stop, Deschambault-Grondines with its old Presbytère, built in 1815, and the splendid Saint-Joseph church. And don’t miss the nearby mills, Moulin de La Chevrotière and Moulin à vent de Grondines, which are registered historic monuments.

Tracing our history

Travelling over this land-based twin of the St. Lawrence will take you through Québec’s history, with glimpses of gorgeous landscapes and fascinating history!

Discover Québec’s wealth and heritage through different must-see attractions!
Running along the majestic St. Lawrence River and crossing three tourist regions of Quebec, the Chemin du Roy invites you to discover a rich historic route, with many must-see stops along the way!

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Route de la Nouvelle-France

This tourist route between Old Québec and Côte-de-Beaupré was mapped out by Monseigneur de Laval, then used by residents of Côte-de-Beaupré to transport food goods to the city.

1. Sanctuaire Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
2. Aux Trois Couvents
3. Parc de la Chute-Montmorency
4. Atelier Paré
5. Ferme ancestrale du Comte de Roussy
6. Vignoble Domaine L’Ange-Gardien
7. Chez Marie
8. Auberge Baker

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SINCE 1737

Hit the road... See the sights!

The Chemin du Roy invites you to discover a rich historic route, with many must-see stops along the way!
Follow this route steeped in history and heritage, and meet local artisans and artists along the way.

Go ahead – friendly encounters and mouthwatering discoveries await!

Explore Route de la Nouvelle-France at cotedebeaupre.com

**5 stops along the Route de la Nouvelle-France**

1. **Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré**

Just 20 minutes from Québec City, the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, one of five national shrines in the province, welcomes nearly one million visitors every year, and has been visited by pilgrims for more than 350 years. Explore this important house of worship that honours Saint Anne, Jesus’s grandmother, through paintings, mosaics, stained glass, and stone and wood sculptures.

2. **Aux Trois Couvents**

Located on the historical and archeological site of the Château-Richer convents, this interpretation centre presents the regional history of one of the first French settlements in North America. You’ll wonder at the archeological remains of the first two convents (1694 and 1830) and the reconstructed classroom from 1912. Take a break at the cultural café before you go!

3. **Parc de la Chute-Montmorency**

Just a few minutes outside of the city, Parc de la Chute-Montmorency offers several high points to catch the view, including the thrilling via ferrata on the cliff-side and its zipline. A unique and exciting outing!

4. **Atelier Paré**

This wood-sculpture “economuseum” takes an original approach to incarnating Québécois’ joie de vivre with works that represent well-known Québec legends. Take your time envisioning the stories about werewolves, will-o’-the-wisp ghost, forest demons and other characters who have populated the collective imagination for generations.

5. **And a few scrumptious stops**

Take the road through L’Ange-Gardien to Château-Richer to taste the local treasures. Start at the Comte de Roussy homestead with its patio overlooking the river, then stop in at the Vignoble Domaine L’Ange-Gardien vineyard and winery. Surrender to the tantalizing aromas of bread baking in a 150-year-old oven at Chez Marie, then conclude your food tour at the renowned Auberge Baker restaurant for a gourmet meal in the house dating back to 1776.

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**Route de la Nouvelle-France**

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Photos: André-Olivier Lyra (left), vignoble Domaine l’Ange-Gardien (right)
Customers are expected to leave a 15% tip on the total, before taxes, in restaurants, bars and taxis.

Quebec City is located in the same time zone as New York City.

There are two types of sales tax in Quebec: the 5% federal goods and services tax (GST/TPS) and the 9.975% provincial sales tax (PST/TVQ). Most prices are displayed without the taxes.

French is the official language of the province of Quebec, but English is widely spoken in tourist areas.

Canada uses the metric system. Temperatures are given in degrees Celsius, and speed limits are posted in kilometres per hour.

Quebec City has several free internet access points through ZAP Quebec.

The legal currency is Canadian dollars.

In Quebec, gasoline is sold by the litre (1 gallon = 3.8 litres).

Winter tires are required between December 1 and March 15. However, if your vehicle is not registered in Quebec, winter tires are not mandatory.

The legal age to drink alcohol is 18 years old. Alcohol is sold at SAQ stores, convenience stores and grocery stores.

It is recommended to have an international driver’s licence if your valid licence is not in English or French.

In case of emergency, dial 911 (police, ambulance, fire) or *4141 for the public safety service.

Canada’s National Day / Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day June 24

The Tobacco Control Act prohibits smoking (tobacco, cannabis and electronic cigarettes) in all public establishments including bars, restaurants and terraces.

Cannabis is legal in the province of Quebec for consumers aged 21 or over. It is prohibited to use cannabis in the streets or in public areas.

New Year’s Day January 1
Good Friday March or April
Easter Monday March or April
Victoria Day second to last Monday in May

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Tourist information

Permanent Tourist Information Centres
Open year-round

Centre Infotouriste® de Québec
12 rue Sainte-Anne, Québec
1-877-BONJOUR (266-5687)
quebecoriginal.com/en-ca

Maison régionale du tourisme,
Tourisme Chaudière-Appalaches
Tourist Welcome Bureau
800 autoroute Jean-Lesage, Lévis
418-831-4411 | 1-888-831-4411
chaudiereappalaches.com/en

Île d’Orléans Tourist Welcome Bureau
490 côte du Pont
Saint-Pierre-de-l’Île-d’Orléans
1-866-941-9411
tourisme.iledorleans.com

Saint-Raymond Tourist Welcome Bureau
160-2 place de l’Église, Saint-Raymond
1-855-337-6667
saintraymond.ca

Tourisme Wendake
Tourist Welcome Bureau
10 Place de la Rencontre, Wendake
1-888-WENDAKE (936-3253)
tourismewendake.ca

Did you know... tourist information agents ride electric bikes or walk around the Old Quebec area to give information?

Network of tourist information centres

- Personalized service by qualified staff
- Official tourist guides to Quebec regions
- Suggested itineraries
- Full details on attractions, events and accommodation

Seasonal Tourist Information Centres
Open Mid-June to early September

Borough of Charlesbourg
Tourist Welcome Bureau
7960 boul. Henri-Bourassa, , Québec City
418-624-7720
moulindesjesuites.org

Côte-de-Beaupré
Tourist Welcome Bureau
5572 boul. Sainte-Anne, Boischatel
1-877-611-6145
cotedebeaupre.com

Tourist Information Stands
Open year-round, 24 hours a day. Unstaffed.

Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures
Tourist Information Stand
290 Autoroute Félix-Leclerc
Avt. 40 Est, between exits 285 and 295
Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures
quebec-cite.com

Lac-Beauport Tourist Information Stand
340 boul. du Lac, Québec City
lacbeauport.com (French only)

Lac-Beauport Municipality
Tourist Information Stands
65 chemin du Tour-du-Lac, Lac-Beauport
lac-beauport.quebec (French only)

Laurier Québec Tourist Information Stand
2700 boul. Laurier, entrance 4B
Québec City
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Getting around

Walking
Old Québec has two sections: Upper Town and Lower Town. From Rue du Petit-Champlain, a ride in the funicular is the perfect way to easily get from one section to the other. The free Faubourg elevator connects the Saint-Roch neighbourhood in Lower Town to the Saint-Jean-Baptiste district in Upper Town, but you can also take one of the many stairways to get from one place to another.

Taxis
You’ll recognize taxis in the Québec City area by the small dome on the car roof. You can call a taxi company or ask an employee at your hotel’s reception desk, a restaurant or an attraction to call for you. To reach Taxi Coop Québec, dial 418-525-5191.

Bike
The Québec City region offers nearly 400 kilometres of bike paths and routes. Bike rental: Cyclo Services, Demers bicyclettes, Location Echo Sports, Vélos Roy-O, Québec Aventure Tours (Île d’Orléans), Éco Plein Air (Saint-Raymond).

Car rental
If you’d like to rent a car, there are several companies to choose from in the Québec City area, including Avis, Budget, Discount, Enterprise and Hertz.

Public transit
Québec City’s public busses (run by the Réseau de transport de la Capitale, or RTC) serve most tourist attractions. There are several types of tickets to choose from that allow unlimited trips (one day, unlimited weekend or five consecutive days). Children 12 and under travelling with a paying parent always have free access.

WHERE TO BUY RTC TICKETS
You can pay your way on the bus with exact change. Tickets are available at most convenience stores and drug stores: look for the sign in the window.

By foot, bike or bus, Québec City is incredible to discover, no matter how you do it!

Ferry
The ferry between Québec City and Lévis runs daily, all year long. It departs every 30 minutes during the day and every hour at night.

Airport
The Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport is about 15 kilometres from downtown Québec City. It’s easy to get to and from using public transit (bus lines 76 and 80) or by taxi.

Train
All trains serve both stations in Québec City: the Gare du Palais in Lower Town (RTC bus lines 800 and 1) and the Gare de Sainte-Foy (RTC Métrobus 800 and 801).

Parking
Most downtown and nearby streets have parking meters or allow parking for a specific period of time. The free Copilote application can be used to pay the meters remotely (iOS and Android).

There are also several paid parking lots.

Parking during snow clearing operations: From November 1 to April 15, parking is prohibited on certain streets during snow clearing operations. Drivers are notified of parking restrictions by the blinking orange lights installed throughout the city.

Bus terminals (intercity transport)
All long-distance busses serve both bus terminals in Québec City: the Gare du Palais terminal (same location as the train station, RTC lines 800 and 1) and the Sainte-Foy bus station (RTC Métrobus 800 and 801).
ATTRACTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Heritage Site
L’ilot des Palais
8, rue Vallière
418-692-1441

Museums and interpretation centres
Musée de la civilisation
85, rue Dalhousie
418-643-2158, 1-866-710-8031

Musée naval de Québec
170, rue Dalhousie
418-922-4923

Nature and outdoor activities
Corridor de la Rivière Saint-Charles
418-641-6290, 1-877-783-1608

Ice Canoeing Experience
1141, boulevard Champlain
418-564-5691

Nightlife
La Cour arrière du Festibière
84, rue Dalhousie
418-802-8233, 1-866-774-8673

Spas and health centres
Spas and health centres
418-802-8233, 1-866-774-8673

Cyclisme AML
10, rue Dalhousie
418-692-2634, 1-800-563-4643

Cyclo Services
289, rue Saint-Paul
418-692-4002, 1-877-692-4050

Excursions Maritimes Québec
180, rue Dalhousie, Quai 14
418-845-4564

Québec L’Expérience Scooter
141, boulevard Champlain
418-453-8312, 1-855-448-9998

PLACES TO EAT
Croissers AML $$$
10, rue Dalhousie
418-692-2634, 1-800-563-4643

Laurie Raphael $$$
117, rue Dalhousie
418-692-4555

Légende par La Tanière $$$$
255, rue Saint-Paul
418-614-2555

Charbon Steakhouse $$$
450, rue de la Gare-du-Palais
418-522-0133

Chez Muffy $$$
10, rue Saint-Antoine
418-692-1022, 1-888-692-2211

Le Café du Monde $$$
84, rue Dalhousie
418-692-4455

L’Échauze $$$
73, rue du Sault-au-Matelot
418-692-1299

Louise Taverne & Bari à Vin $$$
48, rue Saint-Paul
418-780-7255

Matto 71 $$$
71, rue Saint-Pierre
418-266-9444

Sagamité Vieux-Québec $$$$
68 1/2, rue Saint-Louis
581-491-6999

Le Don $$
97, rue du Sault-au-Matelot
418-800-9663

N’900 Pizzéria Napolitaine - St-Paul $$
71, rue Saint-Paul
581-491-4900

Buffet de l’Antiquaire $5
95, rue Saint-Paul
418-692-2661

Café Félin - Ma Langue Aux Chats $5
307, rue Saint-Paul
581-742-2428

Central boroughs/ Limoulo

ATTRACTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT
Heritage Site
Cartier-Brebeuf National Historic Site
175, rue de l’Esplanade
418-648-7016, 1-888-773-8888

Local Food
Distillerie Stadaconé
235, 2e Rue
418-914-3773

La Récolte - Aliments en vrac | Minimaliste
885, 3e Avenue
418-523-1696

Maître Glacier Limoulo
301, chemin de la Canadière
581-742-9444

Museums and interpretation centres
Distillerie Stadaconé
235, 2e Rue
418-914-3773

Maison Dorion-Coulombe
332, rue Domagaya
418-691-4790

Nature and outdoor activities
Parc linéaire de la Rivière-Saint-Charles
418-691-4710

Société de la rivière Saint-Charles
332, rue Domagaya
418-691-4710

Nightlife
Bar-Spectacle le Quartier de Lune 2.0
1096, 3e Avenue
418-523-4011

Le Bal du Lézard
1049, 3e Avenue
418-529-3829

Shopping
Article 721
721, 3e Avenue
581-742-4333

Chez Alfred-Pellan, galerie d’art
581, 3e Avenue
418-914-5511

Visits and guided tours
Taxi Coop Québec 525 5191
418-525-5191

Central boroughs/ Montcalm

ACCOMMODATIONS
Bed and Breakfast
B&B 4 Saisons $$287, boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest
418-525-6426, 1-888-325-6426

Couette et Café
L’Arvidienne $$280, Grande Allée Ouest
418-682-2755, 1-866-682-2755

Hotels/Motels
Bistro Petit hôtel
Café Kriehoff $$$
1089, avenue Cartier
418-522-3711

C3 - Hôtel Art de vivre $$$
170, Grande Allée Ouest
418-525-9726, 1-800-782-9441

Aux Petits Délices $$$
1100, boul. René-Lévesque Est
418-524-9088, 1-800-928-9441

La Récolte - Aliments en vrac | Minimaliste - Montcalm
580, avenue Cartier
418-353-1616

Maison Thalasséine $$$
3, boulevard René-Lévesque Est
418-523-1849

Morena Épicier Traiteur
1040, avenue Cartier
418-529-3688

Pâtisseries Gaët Vidicale
200, rue Crémazie Ouest
581-741-3050

Shopping
Galerie d’art uNo
805, avenue Cartier, 2nd floor
418-524-1781

Librairie au Lieu du Livre
169, rue Crémazie Ouest
418-648-6210

Lucinco65
65, boulevard René-Lévesque Est
418-524-3884

Muse
7, boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest
418-524-9493

PLACES TO EAT
Café Sirocco $$$
64, boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest
418-529-6868, 1-855-524-6868

Le Graffiti $$$
1191, avenue Cartier
418-529-3509

Le Mezzé $$$
95, chemin Sainte-Foy
418-529-6868, 1-855-524-6868

Montcalm

ACCOMMODATIONS
Bed and Breakfast
Auberge J.A. Moisan $$619, rue Saint-Jean
418-914-3777

À L’Augustine $$
775, rue Richeulieu
418-648-1072, 1-866-648-1072

Au Petit Roi $$
445, rue Burton
418-523-3059, 1-877-523-3105

Hotels/Motels
Hilton Québec $$$$
1100, boul. René-Lévesque Est
418-647-2441, 1-800-447-2441

*Closed in 2020, reopening planned for 2021.

Château des Tourelles $$
212, rue Saint-Jean
418-647-9136, 1-866-346-9136

Auberge Aux deux Lions $$$
25, boulevard René-Lévesque Est
418-780-8100, ext. 1

Hôtel Delta par Marriott Quebec $$$$
690, boulevard René-Lévesque Est
418-522-8889

Central boroughs/Saint-Jean-Baptiste

ACCOMMODATIONS
Bed and Breakfast
Café Castello $$
807, avenue Cartier
418-524-8783

Café Kriehoff $$
1089, avenue Cartier
418-522-3711

Café Les Cousins $$
1029, avenue Cartier
418-522-8889

Sandwicherie Fastoche $$$
919, avenue Cartier
418-948-3773

Subway Cartier $$$
1094, avenue Cartier
418-657-5515, ext. 1
PLACES TO EAT
Restaurant La Grola $$
815, côte d’Abraham
418-529-8107
Chez Victor - Saint-Jean $$
145, rue Saint-Jean
418-529-7702
Délicatesse Tonkinoises $$
732, rue Saint-Jean
418-523-6211
Éli $$
815, rue Saint-Augustin
418-649-7212
La Piazzetta Saint-Jean $$
707, rue Saint-Jean
418-529-7489
Bols et Poké $
545, rue Saint-Jean
581-997-0558
Cantook Micro Torréfaction $ 
575, rue Saint-Jean
418-529-4769

ATTRACTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT
Historic
St. Matthew’s Church and graveyard
755, rue Saint-Jean
418-641-6798
Local Point
Dépanneur La Duchesse d’Aiguillon
469, rue Saint-Jean
581-742-1242
Épicerie J.A. Moisan
650, rue Saint-Jean
581-742-1242

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