

AUBERGE

SAINT-ANTOINE

NEIGHBORHOODS & SHOPPING AREAS

QUARTIER PETIT-CHAMPLAIN (FEW STEPS AWAY)

Taking a stroll through the pedestrian streets in this neighborhood should be part of your first steps in the city. Great shopping is the main attraction of Quartier Petit-Champlain, the oldest commercial streets of Québec. Original fashions, crafts, decorations, gifts and great food.

OLD PORT (OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!)

Famous neighborhood for art galleries and antics lovers, but you will also find a selection of unique boutiques and restaurants! Discover local delights at the Farmers Market and visit the Museum of Civilisation.

OLD QUEBEC (UPPER TOWN SECTION, 5-MINUTE WALK)

Walk around the Château Frontenac and along the Dufferin Terrasse to enjoy a pretty view overlooking the lower town and the river. The biggest part of the Old City regroup a number of smaller museums such as Musée du Fort, Monastère des Augustines, Musée des Ursulines, Musée de l'Amérique Francophone, or the Morrin Centre. Other cultural visits include the Citadelle, churches, local craftspeople, boutiques and popular restaurants.

SAINT-JEAN BAPTISTE (20-MINUTE WALK)

Continue pass the Old City on Saint-Jean Street, discover this local neighborhood offering a selection of funky boutiques, old markets and quirky bars, cafés and restaurants.

NOUVO SAINT-ROCH (20-MINUTE WALK)

Up and coming neighborhood offering funky restaurants, bars, design stores and hip boutiques on the main street...all on Saint-Joseph street.

MONTCALM (40-MINUTE WALK)

Cartier Street offers a selection of unique fashion boutiques, fine groceries, small local cafés and groceries. Perfect mix with a visit of the Musée des beaux arts (Fine Art Museum) located nearby.

LIMOILLOU (40-MINUTE WALK)

Cool off the beaten path neighborhood in constant evolution. Discover for its cool restaurants & cafes.

TOUR OPTIONS

WALKING TOURS

[Les Tours Voir Québec](#) - Historic city tours, food tours, group or private (170\$). Join these professional and passionate guides to learn more about our wonderful city!

[Tours Lévis-Quebec](#) – Excellent new company offering 2.5-hour walking tours and private tours (160\$). They focus on providing the history of Quebec City in perspective with the North American history. Only company offering regular tours departing from our neighborhood!

[Mendel Tours](#) – Excellent private walking tour with Mr. Mendel who is well renowned for its deep knowledge of the City and his historic books. Private walking tour starts for 260\$. *Reservations required weeks in advance.*

[Quebec City Food Tour](#) – The company specialized is Food Tours in Saint-Roch neighborhood, and new this year: in the Old City & Faubourg Saint-Jean-Baptiste! Fun and friendly approach. Reservation online only.

[Ghost Tours - Les Promenades Fantômes](#)

On several nights over summer, enjoy a great animated 2-hour guided tour with an interactive street theatre where ghosts from the French regime tell you about their stories. Scandals, criminals, legends, historical incarcerations and executions...be ready to learn about the dark side of Quebec! Also, regular animated guided tours offer every night except when the interactive street is on. *Adapted for families, however a few curse words are used.*

[Cicerone](#) - Learn the rich history of Quebec City with an historical character. Group and private tour available.

BOAT TOURS

[AML](#) offers nice cruises on the Saint-Lawrence river: 90 minutes guided cruises, dinner or brunch cruises, whale watching (including bus transport or not) and special events.

[Vieux Port Yachting](#) offers a 4-hour introduction to sailing three times daily (9am, 1pm and 5pm). It is also possible to reserve a sail boat for a private or group excursions with a captain.

[Excursions Maritimes](#) offers zodiac excursion on the Saint-Lawrence River. This is a nice way to discover the beauty of the shores of Quebec and Lévis.

WHEELED TOURS

[Old Quebec Tours](#) - Give you a nice overview of the city, inside and outside the walls or enjoy a countryside!

[Quebec Bus Tour](#) - Country-side tour of the Orleans Island including 5-gourmet stops. Excellent deal & small groups.

[Limo A1](#) has exceptional driver-guides to discover the city and the countryside in style! Please allow 90 minutes to two hours for a City Tour and three hours to a full day for a country side tour. Starts at 75\$++ per hour.

[Horse buggy tour](#) - Romantic way to discover the City, 40 minutes tour for 100\$ (maximum 4 people per buggy). No reservation, we will indicate you where to find them in the upper town.

WINGED TOURS

[Helicopter tour](#)

Amazing way to enjoy city or country flyovers. "Pilot of the day" package available for the most memorable experience!

[Hot Air Ballooning](#)

Picture yourself crossing over the majestic Saint-Laurence River and the Old City from high above! The landing site is never predicted, the winds will keep the surprise until the end. Highly experimented team. Departures are subject to be cancelled or changed depending on weather.

[Seaplanes](#)

All packages include round-trip shuttle service. Short excursions, city flyover or personal tours on request. Seaplanes, planes and hydra skis.

MUSEUMS & CULTURAL VISITS

[Musée de la Civilisation](#) - The Musée de la Civilisation links the past, the present and the future. While remaining strongly rooted in the reality of Québec, it projects a new, attentive and dynamic outlook on all of human experience in its whole, and on civilizations from the world over.

[Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec](#) - Located in the heart of the Plains of Abraham, the Fine Arts Museum presents exhibitions featuring Québec artists, past and present, and prestigious international art exhibitions. The brand-new pavilion, Pierre Lassonde, has opened since the end a June 2016, a must!

[Monastère des Augustines](#) – Opened since 2015, this brilliant museum introduces you to the evolution of the spiritual and social engagement of the Augustinian Sisters of Quebec through the history and from the 40 000 artifacts drawn from 12 monastery hospitals. By visiting the permanent exhibition, you will discover their way of life, their work caring for the sick, and how they balanced their traditional vocations by action and contemplation. *Tip: make the most of your visit by having a healthy lunch on site or joining one of the daily classes given on site such as yoga and meditation.*

[Musée du Fort](#) - This museum presents a sound and light show that recreates the six attempts to take the city over the years. The military history is related using a spectacular 36 m2 (400 sq. ft.) historic model of Québec City in 1759 along with the latest visual and audio technology. Permanent exhibitions with artefacts complete the show.

[Morrin Centre](#) - This National Historic Site featuring the first prison in Quebec City built over 200 years ago, the Morrin Centre also houses one of the world's most beautiful libraries.

[Musée des Ursulines](#) - The Musée des Ursulines de Québec is an art and history museum whose mission is to preserve and present the rich heritage of the oldest teaching order in the province, based in Quebec City since 1639.

[La Citadelle de Québec](#)

La Citadelle is an active military garrison and cannot be visited individually. The one-hour guided tour will provide you information about the American attacks, the construction of the fortress and its buildings. The visit of the Royal 22^e Régiment Museum located in an old French powder magazine (1750) and a former military prison (1842) is included in the tour. Guided tours are offered in French or English.

Traditional military ceremonies *Changing of the Guard takes place daily from early June to September 3rd at 10 am at the Citadelle (except July 1st & 3rd) Beating of the Retreat is at 6pm every Fridays and Saturdays in July and August (except July 1st).*

[The Governor house](#)

Located in the Citadelle, the Governor house is now open for guided tours; visitors can explore this outstanding residence in the heart of Quebec City's historic quarter. Enjoy the breathtaking views and striking collection of Canadian art, objects and furnishings, both historic and contemporary, while learning about the central role of the Governor General in Canada's public life. **Guided tours of the residence are free.**

[Parliament building](#)

The guided visit is free, more or less 4 times a day, more during the holidays alternatively in English and in French.

Open 7 days a week during the summer and closed on week-ends the rest of the year.

Concierge tip: try to mix a visit with a lunch at their restaurant: Le Parlementaire; sumptuous dining room!

[Plains of Abraham \(Battlefields Park\)](#)

Wonderful historic park enjoyable all year round which offers pretty views overlooking the river. This park is one of Canada's most important historical parks as well as one of the most prestigious city parks. This is where the historical battle between the French and the English troops took place in 1759.

[Saint-Louis Forts and Châteaux National Historic Site](#)

For over 200 years in Québec City under both the French and English regimes, the Saint-Louis forts and Châteaux served as the official residence and seat of power for most of the governors. Take your time to appreciate this unique archaeological site at your own pace. Open 7 days a week during the summer from 10am until 6pm, 3.90\$ per person.

[Aquarium](#) - 10,000 marine animals inhabit the Aquarium: fish, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and sea mammals. Among them, polar bear, walrus, and seals will provide you with unique moments. Watch them when they're feeding or being trained.

[Village Vacances Valcartier](#)

This fabulous water park is one of the best familial activities. Only 30 minutes driving from Quebec City. New in 2017: the Bora Park, an indoor water park, perfect for rainy days. Reservation required for the Bora Park only.

[Wendake Village](#)

Visit this native village located at 30 minutes driving distance from Quebec downtown. This is the only Huron-Wendat community in Canada! Discover their culture by visiting their top attractions such as the [Huron traditional site](#) or the [Hotel Musée Premières-Nations](#) .

DISCOVER THE COUNTRYSIDE

[Jacques Cartier National Park](#)

30 minutes driving from Québec City, Jacques-Cartier National Park features a remarkable landscape characterized by contrasts: mountainous uplands fractured by steep-sided valleys. A river winds through the most spectacular of them, the Valley de la Jacques-Cartier, a trench more than 550 m deep. Activities including *paddling down-river*, *calm water excursions* are available upon reservation (48 hours prior).

[Orleans Island](#)

From early summer to late fall, the Orleans Island offers a charming half-day trip with its small typical villages. Local craft and products, vineyards, cider houses, farms to visit or where to enjoy u-pick fruits (apples, strawberries, raspberries along the seasons). Specialties to look for: apple products, maple syrup, duck products, local wines and ice ciders.

Our favorite lunch spot in our very own gourmet food truck, Panache Mobile, sharing the site with the vineyard Sainte-Pétronille for a perfect match! Enjoy an exceptional view overlooking the vineyard and the Montmorency Falls with high-end street food and a glass of wine. Our top picks: a lobster roll and a glass of white wine, Le Voile de la Mariée! Delicious!

***Concierge tip: combine your visit to the island with the Montmorency Falls located in the same area. To get on the Island: Car rental, limousine service for private tour or bus tours.*

[Montmorency Falls](#)

Located between the river and the cliffs, the Montmorency Falls (83 m) dominates the landscape. It can be visited on foot, by cable car, or from the gourmet restaurant. This park is a few minutes from Québec City.

[Sainte-Anne de Beaupré Basilica](#)

This world pilgrimage Basilica can be visited all year long. Superb visit!

[Canyon Ste-Anne](#)

At 45 minute driving distance from Quebec City, explore the imposing 74m high Sainte-Anne waterfall rumbling into its 1.2 billion year old notch. Go across the highest pedestrian bridge in Quebec, 55 meters high. Thrilling via ferratas and Giant zipline.

[Charlevoix region](#) is located further up the East (pass Beaupré Coast). The main reason to visit is the charming artist town of Baie-Saint-Paul and the stunning scenic drive linking Baie-Saint-Paul to La Malbaie (road 362 East). The region is accessible by road and also by train in summer time... travelling between mountains and seashore, along 140 km of breathtaking riverside scenery between Québec City and La Malbaie, the [Train de Charlevoix](#) conveys passengers on a unique cruise experience. *****Reservations have to be made in advance*****

Whale watching (About 3 hours driving from Quebec City)

Tadoussac village is located at the mouth of the Saguenay River, on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. This area was the first North American member of the *Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club*. It is an ideal place for visitors to observe whales and other sea birds and mammals, by taking the whale-watching cruise tour with [AML](#). The interpretation centre will give you more information about these impressive animals.

AML also offers packages including bus transportation from Quebec City.

GOLF OPTIONS

[Le Royal-Quebec](#) – 25 minutes

Founded in 1874 and established in Boischatel since 1925, the Royal Quebec Golf Club is a high-end semi-private club. Offering 36 holes and considered one of the oldest clubs in America, it has a typical country club atmosphere. Located a few steps from the Montmorency Falls, the clubhouse panoramic windows offer spectacular views of Île d'Orléans and Quebec City.

[Club de Golf Alpin](#) – 30 minutes

Located on a plateau surrounded by beautiful Laurentian Mountains, the club continues to improve and modernize since its opening in the 60s, so that it now offers its members and visitors one of the finest golf venues in the region of Quebec. A visit to the Alpine Golf Club will enchant you! The playing conditions are quite remarkable throughout the season and so is the scenery.

[Le Grand Vallon](#) – 45 minutes

One of Eastern Canada's most beautiful golf courses. 6,583 yards long, it alternates undulating tree lined fairways and a large plain at mid-course. Four lakes and 42 white sand bunkers contribute to the golfer's challenge.

SUMMER EVENTS

[National Holiday of Quebec](#) - June 24th (main festivities are on the evening of June 23rd)

Celebrate the National Holiday of Quebec with the free show on June 23rd from 9 p.m. until the end of the night, on the beautiful Plains of Abraham. A wide variety of free activities are on the agenda of June 24th

[Canada Day](#) - July 1st

A wide range of free activities and festivities will be on offer to celebrate Canada Day in style on the Dufferin Terrace and The Plains of Abraham. Make sure not to miss out the fireworks!

[Quebec City Summer Festival](#) - July 5th to 15th

A major festival this summer is the Quebec City Summer Festival; an internationally renowned outdoor music festival with more than 300 performances! Contact our concierge team to get the passes to the festival during your stay! The performances on the Hydro-Québec stage at Place d'Youville, do not require passes.

[Circus at the Agora in Old Port](#) - free – Dates to be confirmed – Tuesday to Sunday

Crépuscule is the name of this twilight show, conceived and realized by the company Flip FabriQue, promises to delight the spectators at the Agora of the Old Port without admission fees! The show will feature many outstanding artists who return to the city that saw them grow up. They set up their headquarters at the Agora for an unforgettable show! Presented just a stone's away from the Auberge Saint-Antoine, all summer long.

[Plein-Art](#) – July 31st to August 12th

Created in 1980, do not miss 2018's edition of Plein Art, the largest exhibition of local crafts in Canada. Under huge tents in the Old Port of Québec, you have the possibility to discover Québec's best cabinet makers, glassmakers, potters, toy makers, leather workers and local jewelers.

[Les Grands Feux Loto Québec](#) - August 2, 9, 11, 16, 18 & 23

Enjoy a brilliant late evening! Six breathtaking fireworks will be presented directly on the Saint-Lawrence River.

[Les Fêtes de la Nouvelle-France- New France Festival](#) - August 1st to 5th

Travel back to the days of Nouvelle France by immersing yourself in this festival with historical accents, inspired by the rich colonial past of Quebec. The various festival sites will tell you more about the lives of early settlers and of the history of Quebec in multiple ways. Several parades and artistic performances are the pride of the event, creating the perfect ambience for the visitor to celebrate history in the cradle of French America!

[Le Festibière](#) (Beerfest) - August 16th to 19th

Discover 70 microbreweries, breweries, pubs and local cider in a unique atmosphere, very much like an Oktoberfest in the enchanting setting of the Old Port. Upgrade your experience with a tasting of local products, culinary and brewing conferences. Several music shows are also planned!

[Quebec City Celtic Festival](#) - Dates to be confirmed

This festival is for all those who love or wish to discover the Celtic culture or connect to their roots through its nations: Breton, Irish and Scottish. The festival features musical performances, dances, workshops and many other activities for an amazing experience!

To organize your stay, make your bookings, request other suggestions or tailor-made itineraries feel free to ask our concierge team, we will be happy to introduce you to our wonderful city and its surroundings!

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