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Wake up here = AUBERGE SAINT-ANTOINE, QUÉBEC CITY

Rising above the St Lawrence River and boasting astoundingly picturesque old streets, North America's oldest French-speaking city is postcard perfect.

Québec City's dramatic setting owes much to humankind and their role in creating this aesthetic treat. The city's historic core is a crenelated town of mansard-roofed old stone buildings, rainbow façades and hidden alleys and cobbled streets, a town unlike anyplace else in North America.

In the Old Port on Îlot Hunt lies a world-renowned boutique hotel, Auberge Saint-Antoine. Part of the exclusive Relais & Châteaux association and spread across three buildings on the banks of the Saint Lawrence River, Auberge Saint-Antoine is the true treasure of Québec City.

This family-owned hotel is a union of timeless elegance and contemporary flair within Canada's richest historical district. Blending seamlessly into the surroundings of the UNESCO World Heritage city it calls home, Auberge Saint-Antoine is magically charming and represents much that visitors have come to love about

Québec. Incorporating the historic stone walls of a 19th-century battery, wharf and warehouse, inside the hotel is filled to the brim with artefacts dating as far back as the 1700s. These were dug up during a reconstruction of the hotel and guests can request a complimentary 20-minute tour of the artefacts, offering an insight into Québec City's rich history before leaving the building. While the hotel oozes Old World charm in character, much of the style comes from the present day.

Potted plants, wooden chandeliers, pops of red fabric and modern staircases open up the 300-year historic hotel to a new wave of complementary interior styling. Bedrooms overlook the St. Lawrence River on one side and the courtyard on the other, while each is unique in its interior design, featuring handpicked antiques and local designer touches. Most impressively — and the first we've ever seen — each bedroom comes with a 'Do Not Disturb' button beside the

bed...genius! While most rooms are housed in the six-story main building of the hotel, there are also some suites in the hotel's Hunt House, which dates to the early 1700s. Auberge Saint-Antoine is a hotel for all types of travellers, so you'll likely find business bods, families and couples populating the beautifully lit lobby bar and outdoor terrace.

The hotel's signature French-Canadian, farmhouse-inspired restaurant is where culinary skill, a clever and considered wine selection, warm service and conversations meld together. Here, local farmers, fishermen and producers are integral to the food. Set within a historic maritime warehouse dating back to 1822 with natural stone walls and wooden beams, the Chez Mulfy dining room offers a warm atmosphere along with stunning views of the St. Lawrence River. Following a delectable dining experience here, retreat to Bar Artefact to experience one of Québec City's top cocktail menus.

Residing at Auberge Saint-Antoine during your time in Québec City is equal to staying at The Plaza, New York — integral to the city's culture, recognisable and world-renowned, steeped in local history and a truly iconic landmark in itself. There's no other hotel like it in the city!

