

AUBERGE
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Welcome in Quebec City!

We are very pleased to provide you our favourite recommendations of tours and activities in Quebec City! As many options offer a multiple choice of schedules and fares, we have included hyperlinks from which you can access websites for further information. We would be happy to assist you choosing the activities that suit your expectations best, as well as making reservations on your behalf.

First of all, here are some visit options depending on the length of your stay:

24 hours in Quebec City

If you have a short period of time to spend in Quebec City, your main focus should be the Old City, cradle of French America and ranked among '*world heritage site*' by UNESCO since 1985. It is the only fortified city north of Mexico, and we promise that you will fall in love with its stunning architecture and culture. Discover its winding streets, stroll in its beautiful parks and lovely boutiques, and taste the unique flavours of this amazing culinary destination. From two to 30-minute walk from our property, you can enjoy a number of sights and attractions.

Before taking off to the Upper Town, drop your bags, and start your visit by Quartier Petit-Champlain, located at few steps only from the Auberge Saint-Antoine. Find the oldest merchant's streets in Quebec, with a line-up of local designer boutiques and handcraft, decoration and gifts, as well as many charming restaurants. Then head up by taking the *casse-cou* stairs or the funicular, linking the Lower and Upper Town.

When the Old City will no longer hold any secrets for you, come back down via the Old Port, our neighborhood. After a gourmet stop at the Farmers' market, follow Saint-Paul Street, renowned for its antique dealers, then Sault-au-Matlot, the art galleries street, before heading back home to relax at Auberge Saint-Antoine.

You wish to deepen your historical knowledge? Why not take advantage of a walking tour, bus tour or a private driver guide to learn more? It will be our pleasure to introduce you to a personalised path which will satisfy your curiosity following your interest.

You have more time in hands?

After visiting the Old City, visit beautiful neighboring areas such as Montcalm, Saint-Jean-Baptiste & Nouvo St-Roch. Ready for more? The [Montmorency Falls](#), the [Orleans Island](#) & [Beaupré coast](#) is excellent half a day to a full day excursion. You do not mind more time on the road? [Charlevoix](#) region, an hour East of Quebec City, is a stunning destination for art and landscapes lovers. Our team will be delighted to provide you with nice visit options to ensure you make the most out of your journey.

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 Terrasse Dufferin 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.

Limoilou (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!

[Québec 1608](#) – Excellent company offering 3-hour private walking tours (170\$). Possibility to arrange a full-day tour with lunch, and many other tailor-made experiences! They focus on providing the history of Quebec City in perspective with the North American history.

[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 at 270\$. *Reservations required weeks in advance.*

[Quebec City Food Tour](#) – The company specializes in food tours in both Saint-Roch neighborhood (Lower town) –Quebec’s foodie scene- and in the Old City & Faubourg Saint-Jean-Baptiste (Upper town), in a fun and friendly approach. Reservation online only.

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 or reserve a sail boat for private or group excursions with a captain.

[Private yacht excursion](#) - Explore the Saint-Lawrence seaway in fashion by renting a private yacht with an excellent captain! Possibility to bring drinks and food.

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

Motorized Tours

[Old Quebec Tours](#) - Les Tours du Vieux Quebec offers 2-hour city tour and 4.5—hour countryside tour. Hop on, hop off double-decker bus available over summer time, a great way to get a general overview of the different neighborhoods and to find your bearings!

[Quebec Bus Tour](#) - Countryside 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 countryside tour. Starts at 75\$++ per hour in a sedan car (2 people).

[Helicopter tour](#) - Amazing way to enjoy city or country flyovers. "Pilot of the day" package available for the most memorable experience!

Spa & Thermal Experience

[Strom Spa](#) - Located at a 10-minute taxi ride only from our property, treat yourself with a thermal experience, Nordic baths, outdoor whirlpools, eucalyptus steam bath and more with scenic views on the Saint Lawrence River.

Concierge tip: Try their unique flotation bath for an optimal moment of relaxation. \$\$

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 of 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.

[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).*

[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, walruses, 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 40 minutes driving distance from Quebec City. The Bora Park, an indoor water park, is also perfect for rainy days.

[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](#) – Located at 30 minutes driving distance 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).

[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 (\$).

[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!

Concierger 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 tours or bus tours.

[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](#). They also offer packages including bus and helicopter 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 4th to 14th

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 Place Jean Boliveau](#) - free – July 16th to September 1st – Tuesday to Sunday

Feria is the name of this twilight show, conceived and realized by the company Flip FabriQue, promises to delight the spectators 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 Place Jean Boliveau, a 15 minute drive from the hotel, it is an unforgettable show!

[Plein-Art](#) – July 30th to August 11th

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 Quebec's best cabinet makers, glassmakers, potters, toy makers, leather workers and local jewelers.

[Les Grands Feux Loto Québec](#) - July 31st and August 7th, 17th, 21st & 24th

Enjoy a brilliant late evening with breathtaking fireworks presented directly on the Saint-Lawrence River! Entertainment and music from Place des Canotiers, just across the street.

[Les Fêtes de la Nouvelle-France- New France Festival](#) – August 1st to 4th

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 15th to 18th

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!

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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