

AUBERGE
SAINT-ANTOINE

We are very pleased to provide you with our favourite recommendations of visits 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 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 Fine Art Museum located nearby.

Limoilou (40-minute walk) - Cool off the beaten path neighborhood in constant evolution. Discover for its cool restaurants & cafes.

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 (170\$), half or day walking tour (to be discussed). They focus on providing the history of Quebec City in perspective with the North American history. Only company offering regular tours from our neighborhood!

[Mendel Tours](#) – Excellent private walking tour with historian David Mendel who is well renowned for its deep knowledge of the City and his historic books. Private walking tour starts for 270\$. *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.

Wheeled Tours

[Old Quebec Tours](#) – Allow yourself a nice overview of the city, inside and outside the walls, or enjoy a countryside discovery! *Shuttle for ski stations or Hotel de Glace on wintertime.*

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

Private driver- guide - [Limo A1](#) has exceptional 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 with a sedan car.

Winged Tours

[Capitale Hélicoptère /Go Hélico](#) - Amazing way to enjoy city or country flyovers. “Pilot of the day” package available for a most memorable experience!

[Montgolfière Aventure](#) - Wow! An hot-air balloon flight is always a memorable experience, picture yourself crossing over the majestic Saint-Lawrence 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. This is surprisingly a great winter activity as the conditions are at their best!

Museums

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. *Closed on Mondays and on December 25th.*

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! *Closed on Mondays and on December 25th.*

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. *Open from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, closed on December 24th & 25th.*

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 22e 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. *Closed on December 25th and January 1st. Visits are available from 10am to 3pm.*

Parliament building - The guided visit is free, more or less 4 times a day, more during the holidays alternatively in English and in French. *Tip: try to mix a visit with a lunch at their restaurant: Le Parlementaire; sumptuous dining room! Open on week days.*

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. *(See Festi-lumière event below)*

Winter Pleasures

Ice skating ring of Place D'Youville - Free skating ring access, rental available on site (8\$), music ambiance and very romantic site just beside St-Jean's Gate and the ramparts.

From mid-November to mid-March: open Monday to Thursday: 12pm to 10pm, Friday to Sunday: 10am to 10pm, except December 24th & 31st: 10am to 5pm

[Glissade de la Terrasse \(Slide of Terrace Dufferin\)](#) - Unique attraction in Québec, this slide is over 100 years old (renovated of course!). Imagine! You go down at 70 km/hour (45 miles/hour) during 250 meters! Maximum of 4 people per slide. Thrill guaranteed! *Open every day from the holiday season to mid-March (weather permitting) 11am to 10pm, schedule subject to change, 3\$ per run.*

[The Ice Hotel](#) - A fantastic concept offering lodging (if you want to try this one night in your life!), special events (wedding, party...) and simple visits to satisfy your curiosity. Package including a shuttle service from downtown Quebec City is available with [Tours du Vieux Québec](#). *Opening and closing date to be confirmed (usually upon the **first week of January** until last week of March, depending of temperature).* *Same site as Village Vacances Valcartier

[Village Vacances Valcartier](#) - A winter wonderland awaits you at Valcartier Vacation Village, only 40 minutes from Québec City. With 17 lifts and more than 4500 tubes, snowmaking equipment, the winter action is in full swing! *Since 2017, the Bora Park, an indoor park with slides and water sport.* ** Same location as the Ice Hotel **

[The Plains of Abraham](#) - Wonderful historic park enjoyable all year round which offers pretty views overlooking the river, it is where the battle between the French and the English troops took place in 1759. This magnificent park loses none of its charms in winter, even more, it becomes a meeting point for winter sports enthusiasts! Go slide, or to skate on the rink in a magical setting, at day and at night. Enjoy cross-country skiing on the 12.6 km of groomed trails for beginners and intermediates, or even snowshoeing on a 3.8km course round trip. *Cross-country ski and snow shoe equipment and can be rented at the chalet next to the skating rink. The site is open every day between early December and mid-March from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.*

[Ice Cannoning:](#) Canot à glace experience offers half day or day trip initiation on the Saint-Lawrence River. You will paddle the canoe through open water and pulled it across the ice. Winter is the best time to canoe, as frozen waterfalls make the most scenic playgrounds!

Snow Shoeing, Dog Sledding & Snowmobiling

Dogsledding is one of our favourite winter activities, yet you need to know that this is physical and it involves you riding the sled after a short class. Feel free to reach out to us if you are unsure if it is the right activity for you.

[Aventures Nord-Bec Stoneham](#) Warm welcome, very kind dogs (Malamutes & Huskies), passionate guides, snow, snow, snow! If you feel for a pure winter activity, that's a place to go. Their trails involve flat section as well as going uphill and downhill. *Shuttle service upon request (\$)*

[Les Secrets Nordiques](#) - Very nice place, at the feet of Mont Ste-Anne ski station thus flat trails. Friendly staff, kind dogs and wonderful surroundings. Other activities on site: ice climbing, skijoring, snow shoeing, Norwegian kick sled. *Shuttle service upon reservation with [Tours du Vieux Québec](#) (\$)*

[Voyage Motoneige Québec](#) - Enjoy a scenic snowmobiling excursion for half a day or a full day with an excellent guide on Beaupré Coast and different areas. Multi-day packages also possible.

Ski Stations

[Mont Saint-Anne](#) - 40 minutes driving from Quebec, wonderful spot with river view. Alpine and cross-country skiing is available in the same area. Shuttle service from downtown Quebec City is available with [Tours du Vieux Québec](#) (\$). Possibility of combining skiing and dogsledding with [Les Secrets Nordiques](#), see information above.

[Stoneham](#) - 25 minutes driving from Quebec, the snowboarders preferred station, very animated nightlife! Alpine ski.

[Le Massif](#) - Around one hour driving from Quebec. Not the nearest one, but this station offers stunning views overlooking the Saint-Lawrence River, highest slopes and best choice of difficulty levels... This is actually the national alpine ski training centre!

Another fun activity to discover the Massif from a totally different angle is to experience the 7.5km sled run that winds down Mont Liguori, a unique attraction in North America that offers spectacular sceneries! ***reservations required weeks in advance as it is a very popular activity*** Shuttle service from downtown Quebec City is available with [Tours du Vieux Québec](#) (\$).

Discover the Countryside

[Orleans Island](#) - From early summer to late fall, the Orleans Island offers a charming half-day trip with its small bucolic villages. In winter, even if most sites are closed, it's still a beautiful drive to do! 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. *Tip: the chocolate factory is open year-round... Perfect stop for a hot cocoa!*

[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. Less than 20 minutes' drive from Québec City.

[Sainte-Anne de Beaupré Basilica](#) - This world pilgrimage site can be visited all year long. Superb visit! (40-minute drive from the hotel, past the Falls)

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. \$\$

Special Events

German Christmas market - Visit this magical Christmas market taking place in the Upper Town. Local and German products available and festive ambiance with animation.
From November 22nd to December 23rd, on Thursday to Sunday

Toboggan (winter Music Festival) – Brand New winter festival situated on Grande Allee Street (20-minute walk), offering live Hip-Hop performances and DJ!
From December 28th to December 31st, each evening from 8:30 pm (\$\$)

Festi-Lumières - All lights and colours animate the trees and ice sculptures, for a nice family getaway at the aquarium! Enjoy illuminated slides and inflatable games. *Details are yet to come.*

The Québec Winter Carnival - The biggest winter festival in the world, with activities for the whole family -a tradition since over 60 years! *February 7th to 16th*

Snowboard Jamboree and FIS Snowboarding World Championships - Snowboardcross, half pipe, and parallel giant slalom action in Stoneham—and a Big Air competition right downtown.
Dates to be confirmed, in March.

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