

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 sites*' 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 a 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 a 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. 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. Follow Saint-Paul Street, renowned for its antique dealers, then Sault-au-Matelot, the art galleries street, before heading back home to relax at Auberge Saint-Antoine.

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 winter activities to ensure you make the most out of your journey.

Neighborhoods & Shopping Areas

Quartier Petit-Champlain (a 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 antiques lovers, but you will also find a selection of unique boutiques!

*A few steps from us, discover the [Nordik Village](#) in the old port! Open from **February 4th to March 7th**, you could enjoy the pleasure of ice fishing in Bassin Louise. Multiple activities will be offered on site as well, such as children games or snowshoeing.*

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.

While you are on the Dufferin Terrasse, enjoy the [traditional slide](#) going down at 70km/h... what a fun activity! Open every day from mid-december to March.

Go through Saint Louis gate to discover our National Assembly, enjoy a walk on the Battlefield park and discover its various winter landscapes.

Make sure to take your ice skates with you! The famous [skating rink of the Plains of Abraham](#) allows you to take a breath of fresh air and fully enjoy your winter in Quebec city! Open daily, reservation is not needed.

Saint-Jean Baptiste (20-minute walk)

Continue past the Old City on Saint-Jean Street, discover this local neighborhood offering a selection of funky boutiques, old markets. Make sure to stop at [Erico](#), the chocolate museum for one of the best hot chocolate of the city!

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.

Having fun during wintertime!

Ice skating rink of Place D'Youville

Free skating rink access, music ambiance and a very romantic site just beside St-Jean's Gate and the ramparts. Rental is not available this year, it is required to sign you up on this website for the time of your preference (sooner is the better): <https://loisirs.ville.quebec.qc.ca/>

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

Ice skating rink of 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.

Rental is not available this year, reservation is not required. The site is open every day between early December and mid-March from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Tuques & Bicycle expériences

Brand new company in our neighborhood, offering fat bikes rental or guided tours. Winter bikes with special tires to adjust perfectly with our winter... a perfect family activity!

90 minute guided tours and initiation at 9:30 am, 12:30pm or 3:30 pm daily, réservation is required in advance.

Glissade de la Terrasse (Slide of Terrasse 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 (same family bubble). 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!), and simple visits to satisfy your curiosity. Enjoy ice cocktails at the bar while discovering the design of each room and suite.

Opening on January 2nd, highly recommend taking tour tickets online before showing up. Same location at 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!

Same location as the Ice Hotel, make sure to take your tickets in advance, this is a popular activity.

[Ice Canyoning](#)

Canot à glace experience offers 90 minutes or half day initiation on the Saint-Lawrence River. You will paddle the canoe through open water and pull it across the ice. Winter is the best time to canoe, as frozen waterfalls make the most scenic playgrounds!

Available from December 26th, it is recommended to book your initiation in advance online.

[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.

During wintertime, accessibility is only possible via Manoir Montmorency (higher level of the falls), you could walk on the park and have amazing points de vue on the surroundings as well as the falls.

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 sections as well as going uphill and downhill.

[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 kicksled.

Concierge's tip: *They are offering a guided visit of the kennel and facilities at 4pm every day (\$), should you wish to learn more about training puppies for sledding.*

[Expédition Mi- Loup](#)

30 minute drive on Orleans Island, this is a small family business, offering smooth paths of dog sledding. Perfect place for family or your initiation!

Concierge's tip: *Make sure to stop at the chocolate factory at St Petronille open year-round... Perfect stop for a hot chocolate! Cross the street and discover Horacio Walker path, where you could have snowy views of Quebec city and Montmorency Falls.*

[Les Sentiers du Moulin](#)

Located near Lac Beauport, this is a superb site for snowshoeing, cross country skiing or fat bikes! This is the best for beginners, or someone looking for moderate slopes and paths.

Open daily (depending on the weather), we recommend to take your daily tickets in advance before heading to the park. Rental equipment available for snowshoeing and fat bikes.

[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.

Daily tickets need to be taken before showing up. Rental equipment is possible by reservation in advance.

[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 are also possible.

[Nord Expe](#)

With the wonderful team of Nord Expe you will discover their passion for snowmobiling a unique location only 40 minute drive from Quebec City! *À la carte package depending on your level and time needed.*

Ski Stations

[Mont Sainte-Anne](#)

40 minutes driving from Quebec, wonderful spot with river view. Alpine and cross-country skiing is available in the same area.

Possibility of combining skiing and dog sledding with [Les Secrets Nordiques](#), see information above. Rental available for alpine ski and cross country skiing while booking your daily tickets online.

[Stoneham](#)

25 minutes driving from Quebec, the snowboarders preferred station, very animated nightlife! Alpine ski mostly or snowshoeing. *Rental available for Alpine ski and snowshoeing on site.*

[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.*

Special Winter Events

[Nordik Village](#)

From February 4th to March 7th, you could experience ice fishing at the old port, with several other activities!

[The Québec Winter Carnival](#)

The biggest winter festival with activities for the whole family, a tradition since over 60 years! February 5th to 14th.

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