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WELCOME TO QUÉBEC CITY

Québec is a traveller's dream. Whether it's the warm welcome you receive as you explore its vibrant cities, or the connection you feel to the land as you revel in its outdoor adventures, this incomparable destination is an endless source of inspiration. With a vast territory of pristine lakes, immense forests and other natural wonders like the majestic St. Lawrence River, Québec has more than its share of jaw-dropping vistas. If you're craving nature getaways that include anything from scenic road trips to wildlife watching, this is definitely the place for you. But as breathtaking as the land- and cityscapes are, it's the genuine people and historical culture that really bring Québec to life—local flavours and indigenous traditions are just a few of this land's many charms.

PRE-TOURS – MAY 1ST-MAY 4TH

Tour 1: The Great Metropolis of Québec - Montréal and Laval

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Tour 5: Nature and Culture - Outaouais and Authentic Québec

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Tour 7: Québec City: Enjoy the Freedom to Explore - Québec

Tour 8: Montréal's Giant Playground - Montréal

Tour 9: Live the St. Lawrence - Québec maritime and Chaudière-Appalaches

Tour 10: Resort tour in Authentic Québec - Authentic Québec

Tour 11: Artisan at Work - Saguenay - Lac-Saint-Jean

THE GREAT METROPOLIS OF QUÉBEC

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Arrival in **Montréal** on Friday for a 3-night stay at your downtown hotel. Take some time to relax prior to a casual **welcome dinner** in one of Montréal's **charming neighbourhoods**.

Saturday starts off with a **hearty breakfast** and visit of a 5-star hotel, followed by a unique **3-hour bus tour** with a professional guide to discover the highlights of the city. Learn of the city's historical and cultural richness and why it is called the North American metropolis with a European accent.

After a **trendy culinary experience at the renowned Time Out Market**, the afternoon is dedicated to discovering Montréal's **newest attractions!** Enjoy lunch at one of Montréal's **hottest foodie spots** followed by a tour of the city's most recent attractions. End the day with a farewell dinner on famous **Crescent Street**, home to the **Grand Prix F1** festivities every summer.

Spend **Sunday** with your Tourisme Montréal ambassador in a **tailor-made activity** for your market! Recharge with some traditional Québec comfort food with enjoying the panoramic view of Montréal while dining at **Les Enfants Terribles** on the 44th floor of Place Ville Marie. Enjoy some **free time** this afternoon prior to your **VIP Experience** at the **Cirque du Soleil's** newest show. For the night owls, experience Montréal by night with a stroll through the illuminated streets of Old Montréal and a ride in the **Grande Roue** (Ferris Wheel). End the night with a glass of gin made in Québec.



After breakfast **Monday** morning, head for **Laval**, a city of contrasts that marries urban hustle and bustle with the tranquility of green spaces and quaint historical districts. Explore the **Parc de la Rivière-des-Mille-Îles**, an oasis in the heart of the city, and experience the magic of spring on a guided riverside expedition. Next, try your hand at an activity unique to the city: **tulip picking** in a field that rivals its Dutch counterparts. Before you get back on the road, refuel at **L'Antre-Nous Crêperie Bistro**, which serves up the best brunch in town. There, you can sample authentic Breton crêpes and local cuisine crafted with the utmost of care.



CHARMING CHARLEVOIX

The [Charlevoix region](#) is a veritable playground for nature lovers, art aficionados and foodies. This tour will give you a chance to admire the stunning landscapes that lie between river and mountain as you kick back and relax before a week of hard work!

Charlevoix owes its breathtaking geography to a meteorite that struck the region 400 million years ago, forming a 54 km wide crater. At the highest point in the centre of this crater sits [Mont des Éboulements](#).

On Saturday, take in a bird's eye view of Charlevoix's unique landscape on a helicopter tour with [Héli Charlevoix!](#) After all, the best way to fully appreciate the scale of the Charlevoix crater is from the air. Back on the ground, pay a visit to downtown [Baie-Saint-Paul](#). A source of inspiration for artists and artisans alike, Baie-Saint-Paul is nestled in a valley near the mouth of the Gouffre River, a tributary of the St. Lawrence. Awaken your inner artist at a creative workshop at one of the city's many internationally renowned art galleries!



On Sunday, head off to the [Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park](#), a protected area known for the exceptional diversity of its flora and fauna. The [Pointe-Noire Interpretation and Observation Centre](#) in Baie-Sainte-Catherine is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the view of Saguenay and Tadoussac. Knowledgeable interpreter-guides are ready to assist you on the patio of the keeper's house. If you're lucky, you may even spot a beluga—the majestic marine mammals regularly swim along the shores of Pointe-Noire.

For a closer look, head out on a whale-watching cruise aboard a Grand Fleuve boat with [Croisières AML](#). Your naturalist guides will be happy to share their passion for the giants of the St. Lawrence Estuary.



Monday morning, you'll meet creative and passionate local producers and sample the best of Charlevoix's culinary scene on the Route des Saveurs. Offering fare from light snacks to sumptuous feasts, the [Route des Saveurs](#) attracts curious epicureans of all stripes seeking a culinary experience that will please even the fussiest of palates. In the afternoon, find your Zen at a **Nordic spa**. The energy of the river and the echo of the mountains merge to form a powerful healing force for the mind and body. Is it any wonder that Charlevoix has redefined the idea of "zenitude"?

You'll feel refreshed and ready for Rendez-vous Canada 2020 in Québec City—guaranteed!



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REJUVENATE IN COLORFUL QUÉBEC

In [Colorful Québec](#), three regions await with a rich palette of experiences, a place where unique flavors and settings come together, bursting with colors: this destination is all about discovering life with the locals and getting a taste of the land.



Start your tour in [Montérégie](#) and discover the real genuine Québec with a visit and dinner at the sugar shack [Sucrerie de la Montagne](#). Their traditional log cabins are set in a 120-acre maple forest attached to a sugar shack that holds demonstrations of maple syrup production.

On Saturday, enjoy your morning at the [Strøm Spa Nordique](#), a

uniquely relaxing experience in the heart of nature, only a short drive from Montréal. Combining a Nordic spa and urban living, this wellness centre strives to rejuvenate the body and mind.



After the spa, stop at [Michel Jodoin Cider House](#), an establishment rooted in a long-standing family tradition since 1901. Excellence and innovation are an integral part of their wide selection of quality products including a sparkling cider made like champagne using traditional method.

Did you know that the original first poutine was created in the 1950's in this region? Let's try this genuine popular Québec meal in a micro-brewery for lunch.

We then head to the [Eastern Townships](#) for a visit of [Saint-Benoît-du-Lac Abbey](#) where in 1912, Benedictine monks from France founded a monastery overlooking Lake Memphremagog. The modern Saint-Benoît-du-Lac Abbey pays tribute to the harmony of natural geometric forms and makes splendid use of multicoloured bricks. Many of the monk's prayer meetings are sung in Gregorian and Latin chants. The tour includes a taste of locally made cider and cheeses by the monks.

On Sunday, enjoy lunch at [Spa Eastman](#) and discover a unique gastronomy named "Tonic Cuisine". An unusual culinary experience, colorful, tasty and energizing, designed to please the most discerning palate.

Then head to [Centre-du-Québec](#). On your way, you will stop at [La fromagerie du Presbytère](#) for a visit and tasting. A unique place where national award-winning cheeses are aged in a church.

Afterward, we head to [Manoir du lac William](#). Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains by lake William, this resort invites you to dive into a space which combines perfect adventure and relaxation. Bring your bathing suit to enjoy the indoor pool and the Nordic spas.

On Monday, we will leave in the direction of Québec City for **Rendez-Vous Canada 2020!**



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GOURMET GETAWAYS AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Hop in, buckle up and get ready to relax on this road trip north from [Parc National d'Oka](#) to [Mont-Tremblant](#), by way of the Saint-Sauveur Valley and the Rouge River Valley, on the area's cultural and culinary tourist routes. Along the way, you'll experience the art and tradition of the [Laurentians](#).

Friday: Steeped in rich culinary tradition and cultural heritage, the Laurentians are home to many gastronomic gems just waiting to be discovered along the [Chemin du Terroir](#), a signposted trail that will lead you to orchards, vineyards, sugar shacks and lavender fields. After a traditional sugar season meal, head to Grenville-sur-la-Rouge, where 70 years ago, the prestigious Lac Carling Golf Club was founded. The historic [Hôtel du Lac Carling](#) is an outstanding four-season vacation destination where nature, adventure and culinary delights await you.



Saturday: Follow the scenic route along the Rouge River to Amherst, where you will discover the “luxury cabin in the woods” that is the [Selenia Lodge](#). The lodge is surrounded by over 3,000 acres of wilderness, and the site features three lakes. Next, enjoy panoramic views of the landscape on a helicopter flight to Mont-Tremblant. Back on the ground, you'll enjoy a gourmet meal and discover the many attractions of Mont Tremblant, from the village to the resort.



Sunday: The Laurentian mountains reveal their secrets along the [Route des Belles-Histoires](#), which guides travellers to towns, attractions and vacation spots from La Conception to Val-David and Sainte Adèle to Saint-Sauveur. Along the way from Mont-Tremblant station to the murals of Sainte-Adèle, you will visit the new [StoneHaven Le Manoir](#) boutique hotel, the [Auberge du Vieux Foyer](#), [Mont-Gabriel Resort and Spa](#), and [Excelsior Hôtel Spa](#), then stop for the night at the [Auberge du Lac Morency](#) in Saint-Hippolyte. Relax at the Nordic spa and enjoy a delicious dinner.

Monday: Set off for adventure in the woods, where you'll meet with a trapper and visit a Nordic dog kennel. Then, after taking a detour through the town of Prévost to visit the [Shawbridge microbrewery](#), head to [Saint-Sauveur](#) to stroll through the charming village, shop at the Factoreries, explore the ski museum and discover the [Sommet Saint-Sauveur resort](#). Lunch at [Manoir Saint-Sauveur](#) and hotel visit.

Depart for Québec City for [Rendez-Vous Canada 2020](#).



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NATURE AND CULTURE OUTAOUAIS AND AUTHENTIC QUÉBEC



Friday: Arrival at the Ottawa airport and transportation to the [Ramada Plaza Gatineau-Ottawa](#). A magical evening awaits you at the [Casino du Lac-Leamy](#), just five minutes from Parliament Hill, where you can soak up the unique, dynamic atmosphere. Foodies can enjoy a wide selection of first-rate fare at the buffet at Banco Bistro, located on the third floor of the casino.

Saturday: Discover the town of Chelsea and its outdoor attractions. Visit [Nordik Spa-Nature](#) and reconnect with nature at [Gatineau Park](#). Keep things rolling with a tour of Canada's Capital Region, including the Parliament of Canada and the [National Gallery of Canada](#). At lunchtime, take some more time to visit, and grab a bite to eat at the [Brasseurs du Temps microbrewery](#) and restaurant. In the afternoon, take a trip to the renowned [Museum of Canadian History](#), the most visited museum in Canada, where you can explore the stories of French colonists and Indigenous peoples and discover historical currents that have shaped the Canada we know today. Cap off your day with a trip to the town of Montebello, where you'll stay in the world's largest log cabin. Located halfway between Montréal and Ottawa, [Fairmont Le Château Montebello](#) gives guests the quintessential Canadian experience. This architectural marvel and four-season vacation destination offer countless opportunities for adventure and a range of fine dining options that showcase local products.



Sunday: Early birds can take a dip in the semi-olympic indoor swimming pool or stretch their legs on one of the site's many walking paths. After breakfast, it's off to [Parc Oméga!](#) Accompanied by your naturalist guide, you will explore 15 km of trails that snake across the park's 890 hectares. Parc Oméga's concept is unique in Québec: visitors can observe animals living in their natural habitat, like bison, wapitis, bears, deer, white-tailed deer, foxes, wild boars and wolves. It's a one of a kind way to get up close and personal with Canadian wildlife!



After your visit to the park, set course for [Authentic Québec - Lanaudière and Mauricie](#) regions. This 50,000 km² playground is dotted with fantastic vacation spots that are easily accessible from Montréal and Québec City—it's a nature lover's paradise! In the afternoon, you will arrive at the locally renowned [Auberge du Vieux Moulin](#), where you can experience the best Québec has to offer: a log hotel, exquisite local cuisine, warm hospitality, cozy rooms, an indoor pool, a sauna, outdoor spas, a health centre and more!

Sunday afternoon, a guide will accompany you on a nature walk where you will encounter deer, wapitis, and an authentic beaver dam. After that, enjoy free time relaxing and taking advantage of the site's many amenities before sampling the Auberge's gourmet offerings at a four-course dinner.

Monday: Start the day off right with a hearty breakfast. For a unique experience, try making your toast on the gorgeous antique stove! Next, you'll head out on a guided tour of the Auberge's sugar shack. This is a unique opportunity to learn the secrets of maple syrup production. Fun fact: the chef replaces all the sugar in his recipes with maple syrup made on site... that's what makes the Auberge's cuisine so unique!

In the late morning, depart for Québec City to attend [Rendez-Vous Canada 2020](#).

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QUÉBEC CITY: AN UNFORGETTABLE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

(Mandarin visit)

Welcome to *Québec cité, l'accent d'Amérique*, where wonder waits around every corner. Immerse yourself in the warmth, vitality and authenticity of the cradle of Francophone culture in North America. You'll be left breathless by the architectural beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site's built heritage, dazzling natural surroundings and rich history.

Think you saw everything Québec City has to offer at Rendez-vous Canada? Think again! This familiarization tour will show you a different side of this unique region that is sure to surprise and delight you.

Start out your visit by heading to the region's quintessential can't-miss tourist destination: [Old Québec](#). Walk along the fortified walls that surround this UNESCO World Heritage Site and cradle of French civilization in North America, and take in the extraordinary views. Witness the history of Québec play out before your eyes with a one of a kind interactive experience! Then, set off on an informative guided cruise and take in an unparalleled panoramic view of the city.



Sunday morning, pay a visit to [Wendake](#), a Native American reserve in the midst of Québec City. Immerse yourself in the culture of the Huron-Wendat Nation that bore witness to defining moments in Canada's history. Wendake will dazzle you with the richness of its culture, the warmth of its people and the beauty of its natural surroundings.



Next, you'll head to one of the area's most popular tourist destinations: [Village Vacances Valcartier](#), a resort featuring the brand-new Bora Parc, a massive indoor waterpark! At the end of the day, settle in at [Fairmont Le Château Frontenac](#), an architectural gem, where you can explore the premises, enjoy a multi sensory experience and learn more about the rich history of the French language.

Cap off your visit with a trip to [Île d'Orléans](#), an island of rich, fertile soils known for producing an abundance of local produce and farm products. Follow one of its drool-worthy culinary trails and sample refined local fare. Before you leave, be sure to stock up on scrumptious souvenirs from the many local artisans and farm stands. When you return, choose a vantage point: will it be the aerial tramway, panoramic stairs or the suspension bridge? No matter your route, you'll have a front seat view of the mighty [Montmorency Falls](#), an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon and true force of nature.

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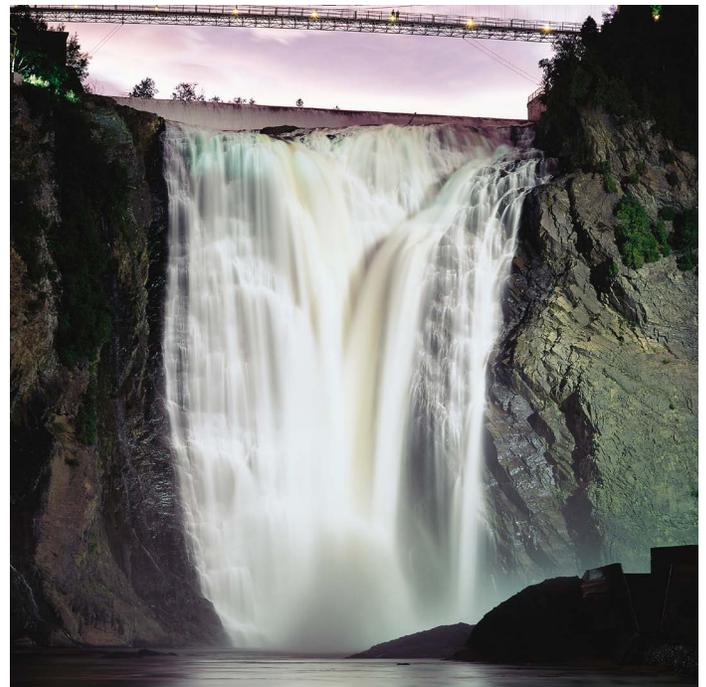


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Start things off with a visit to the region's quintessential can't-miss destination: [Old Québec](#). Take in the picture-perfect atmosphere, stroll through the oldest streets in North America and admire the city's mix of architectural styles and gorgeous natural surroundings from the Terrasse Dufferin. Discover [Vieux Limoilou](#), the former industrial neighbourhood known for its wrought-iron railings and spiral staircases, and check out the trendy and artistic neighbourhood of [Saint-Roch](#).



Sunday morning, choose your vantage point—airial tramway, panoramic stairs or suspension bridge—and admire the full strength of the mighty [Montmorency Falls](#), an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon and true force of nature. Next, step back in time in [Côte-de-Beaupré](#) on one of the oldest roads in North America, try your hand at copper relief artwork and visit the [Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine](#), the first pilgrimage site in North America. Keep things rolling with a trip to [Île d'Orléans](#), an island of rich, fertile soils known for producing an abundance of local produce and farm products. Follow one of its culinary trails and sample local fare. Before you leave, be sure to stock up on scrumptious souvenirs from the many local artisans and farm stands.



On Monday, take advantage of the morning to make your final purchases or check off the last few attractions on your list. The afternoon and remainder of your visit will be dedicated to soaking up the culture in [Wendake](#), one of the only urban Native American reserves in Canada. There you will discover the Huron-Wendat Nation that bore witness to defining moments in Canada's history. You will visit a reconstructed village that includes a longhouse, a traditional Huron-Wendat dwelling. In the evening, a meal inspired by traditional Native American cuisine will be served at La Traite, a restaurant located in the [Hôtel-Musée Premières Nations](#), your accommodation for the night. Wendake will dazzle you with the richness of its culture, the warmth of its people and the beauty of its natural surroundings.

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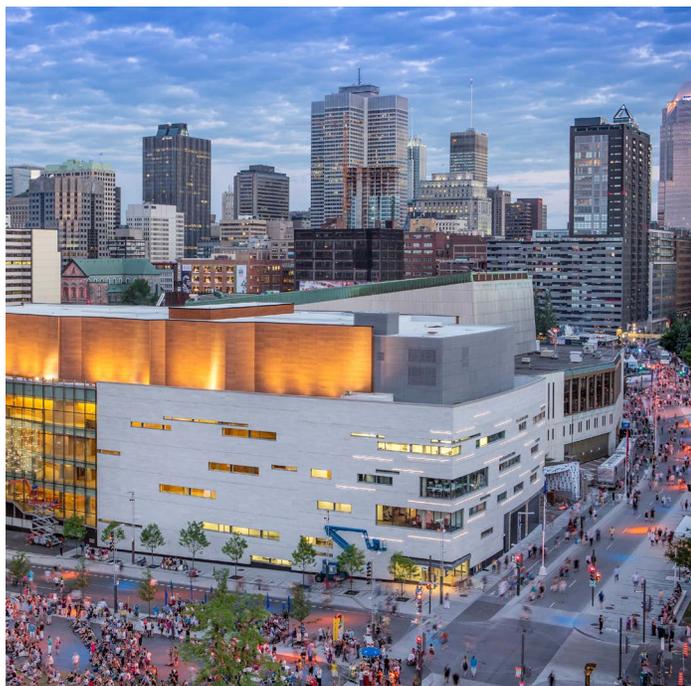
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LIVE THE ST. LAWRENCE

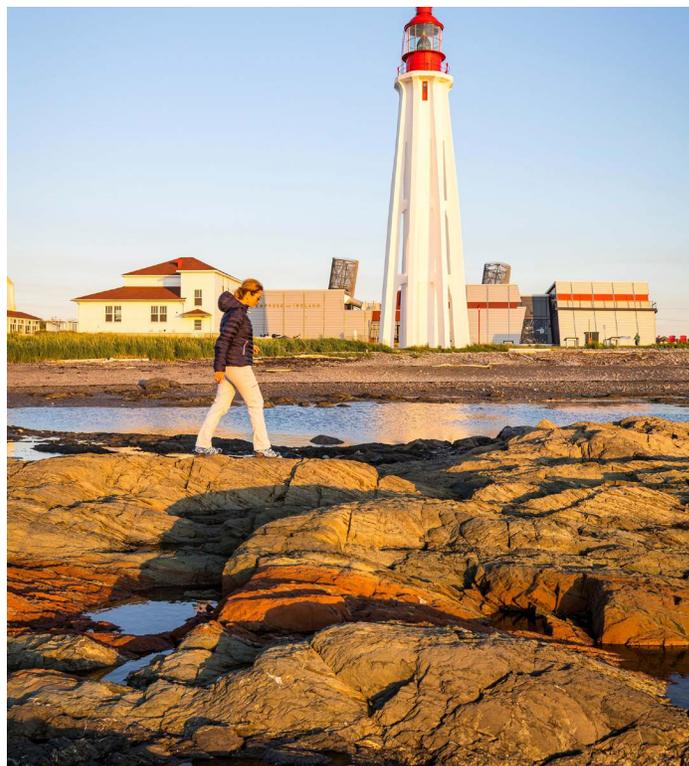
Deep as the ocean, powered by the quiet strength of the current, brimming with marine mammals and mysteries, the St. Lawrence River shapes the land and the culture and lives of those who live on its banks. On this food-focused tour, you will enjoy the finest products the land and sea have to offer.

Saturday morning, you'll set a course east to the seaside. After crossing the **Saguenay Fjord**, you will arrive in the charming village of **Tadoussac**, in the **Côte-Nord** region. After a sublime meal infused with northern flavours, hop on board a Zodiac with **Croisières AML** for an excursion in the **Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park**, one of the world's best spots for whale watching. You'll spend the night at the iconic **Hôtel Tadoussac**.



On Sunday, you'll take a ferry across the **St. Lawrence River** to the **Bas-Saint-Laurent** region, where you will admire the sweeping coastal views at **Parc National du Bic**. At the **Site historique maritime de la Pointe-au-Père**, you will discover the important role lighthouses play and learn about the history of one of Canada's worst maritime tragedies. Cap off your visit by checking out the accommodations in **Rivière-du-Loup**, where you'll also spend the night.

On Monday, take in a stunning view of the sea over lunch before exploring **Kamouraska**, one of the most beautiful towns in Québec. The day continues in the **Chaudière-Appalaches** region. At the **Seigneurie des Aulnaies**, visit the manor, the garden and the mill, where you will meet a real-life miller. Chaudière-Appalaches is known for its variety of original regional products, which you will sample at **La Roche à Veillon**. Later on, enjoy a tasting of wine and spirits from **Le Ricaneux**, a local business run by the McIsaac family for over 30 years. Next, head to **Montmagny** for a little bird watching: **migrating snow geese** stop to rest along the **St. Lawrence River**. The day wraps up at a hotel in Lévis.



On Tuesday, delight all five senses at **Bleuets du Vire-Crêpes**, **Parc des Chutes de la Chaudière** and the enchanted forest of **Woodooliparc**. Cap off your day at **La Cabane à Pierre**, a rustic logging camp, where you will enjoy a traditional meal and maple taffy before a drive through the countryside and return to Québec City.



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RESORT TOUR IN AUTHENTIC QUÉBEC

Authentic Québec... the Québec experience you've always dreamed of!

Depart from Québec City **Saturday** morning and head to the premier eco destination of [Authentic Québec](#). Culinary gems, beautiful surroundings and countless activities await you at [Le Baluchon Eco Resort](#), known for its wellness centre and fine cuisine.



The next morning, you'll receive a warm welcome at the [Auberge du Lac-à-l'eau-Claire](#), a four season destination par excellence for outdoor and motorized activities, and enjoy their famous Sunday brunch.

In the afternoon, you'll travel to one of Québec's most iconic destinations, the [Sacacomie hotel](#), which sits amidst an evergreen forest on the banks of the river that shares its name. You'll participate in a fun creative workshop.

Monday morning, after breakfast, you'll follow a picturesque route past mountains and lakes to the [Lanaudière](#) region. Keep a sharp eye out: you're in black bear country!

Next, you'll head to the [Auberge du Lac Taureau](#), the region's largest resort. It features 177 upscale rooms, suites and chalets; innovative local cuisine; attentive personalized

service; and an ongoing schedule of activities, all a stone's throw away from the majestic 90-km-wide Taureau reservoir and its 60 km of sandy beaches. After the hotel visit, you can lounge by the new heated outdoor pool, soak in the outdoor whirlpool baths, relax in the sauna or take a dip in the indoor pool. If you're feeling competitive, play a round of billiards in the bistro while you sip your favourite drink. A gourmet dinner will be served in the Auberge's expansive dining room.

Tuesday morning, enjoy the breakfast buffet. It's locally known for its abundance of indulgent delights; you can even get crêpes and omelettes made to order right in front of you! After breakfast, set off for an authentic experience with a trapper and learn more about the ongoing tradition of trapping.

By late morning, it'll already be time to head to the Montréal airport.



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ARTISAN AT WORK

Let loose your inner 'artiste' and experience the hands-on fun offered by local artisans in the [Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean](#) region. This pocket of Québec, renowned for its spectacular Saguenay Fjord and pristine lakes and rivers, is also known as the land of great chefs, wild blueberries, delicious cheeses and internationally acclaimed microbreweries.

This is where local artisans bring their craft or trade to life, sharing their knowledge and creativity with visitors in hands-on workshop environments called 'ECONOMUSEE'. Did you know that the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region boasts the most [Économusées](#) in the province?



Learn the fine art of Québécois cuisine with boreal flavours with top chef Jonathan Grenon at the [Auberge des battures](#); create your own piece of jewellery using local stones with master designer and glass blower [Giuseppe Benedetto](#); try on a few handmade, locally designed period costumes backstage with the incredible cast of ['La Fabuleuse'](#) a major summer theatrical production; become a master cheese taster at the 100-year-old [Perron cheese factory and museum](#)

(one of the Queen's favourite cheddars!); work alongside exceptionally talented furriers at the [Bilodeau](#) international studio, and finally, just to mix it up a bit, prep some food treats for the polar bears at the [Zoo sauvage in St-Félicien!](#)

Each of these activities are perfect examples of what today's modern traveler is looking for: personal contact with locals, opportunities to learn, cultural immersion, and authentic unadulterated fun!

Combine these with the breathtaking scenery and unpretentious hospitality in the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region and you have the perfect ingredients from this fam tour to build winning packages for your clients.

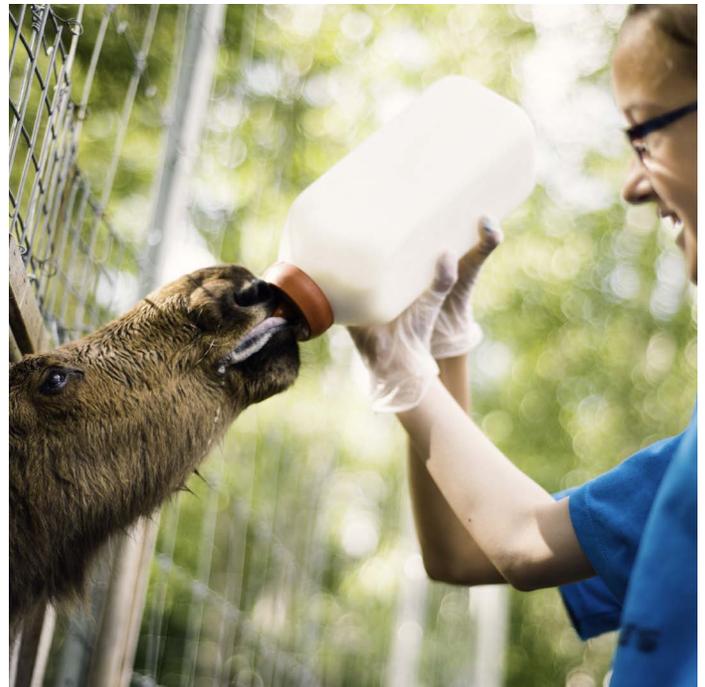


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Registration

To register, please complete the online form in the “Fam Tours” section of the RVC website before March 2, 2020. Please indicate your top three tour choices before or after the event. A confirmation message will be sent to you after examining your choices to check availability.

Thank you

Please note

All itineraries are subject to change. The Fam Tours are fully guided (in English), with the exception of visit 6 after RVC, “Québec City: An Unforgettable Immersive Experience (in Mandarin)”.

Accommodations (room and taxes) and catering costs, as well as those related to plane transfers, will be paid for buyers (with the exception of some meals for visit 7 after RVC, “Québec City: Enjoy the Freedom to Explore”).

All incidentals will be at your own charge.

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