



Quebec Escapade

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Description

Discover Canada's French province like an old friend who show you! Quebec, a province where its unique history mixes the Old World with the New, is filled with beautiful parks, mountains, and wilderness. Follow your local guide through magnificent open spaces offering exceptional landscapes of ridges, valleys, glaciers, fjords, rivers, lakes and boreal forests. The Charlevoix region, where majestic massifs dip into the St Lawrence River, will astound you with its unique vegetation. The Grands Jardins Park is covered with taiga forests, trees that are normally only found in the Quebecois Great North. Perhaps we'll even be able to spot black bears and moose who call this wooded wilderness home. We'll explore the Jacques-Cartier Valley, winding through the Charlevoix Mountains and the Monts-Valins massif, visiting the Saguenay Fjord. In Tadoussac, is one of the world's best locations to see 12 different species of whales, like belugas, blue whales, and humpbacks. The forests and lakes also offer home to beavers, dears and black bears.

Your journey will take you to some of the most charming and picturesque villages, famous for their local artists, delicious handcrafted products like cheese and meats, spectacular views, or ancient history. The adventure will be complete with a visit to both Montreal and Quebec City! Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the only fortified settlement in North America. This excursion is a fabulous journey in the heart of the Quebec wilderness, and a chance to be welcomed by the

famously warm and friendly Quebecois!

Highlights

- Hiking Quebec's National Parks with its wildlife : beavers, moose, black bears, etc.
- Tadoussac, one of the world's best whale observation location
- Visiting the oldest settlement in North America - Québec city's old quarters
- Meeting with local artists and local producers
- Taste of local culinary delights
- The warm « Québécois » welcome of your hosts
- The unique variety of accommodations, including 2 nights on a lake shore

Itinerary

Day 01 : Arrival in Montreal

Arrive in Montreal and check into your hotel. Free time in the city depending on flight times. RDV with your guide for trip presentation. Free time for dinner. Night at the hotel.

Note: We recommend extending your stay in Montreal to experience the city's many attractions: Old Montreal, Quartier des Spectacles, the Olympic Stadium, Mont-Royal Park, the Botanical Gardens, and more.



Downtown standard hotel ***

Day 02 : Montreal - Hiking in Jacques Cartier National Park

This morning we leave vibrant Montreal for the Quebec wilderness. Our first stop will be Jacques Cartier National Park, one of the most beautiful glacial valleys in the province. We picnic along the river, then begin our first hike. Your guide introduces you to the local fauna and flora on the Coulées Trail. Other shorter and/or easier hikes are possible. We check into the multi-share chalets in the heart of the Laurentides Wildlife Reserve. B, L, D

Hikes

Les Coulées trail

10,4 km (loop), 180 m elevation gain, 3,5h walk

Aperçu Trail

2.2 km (loop), 45 minutes, easy



Chalets, multishare



330 km, 3,5hrs
drive

Day 03 : Visiting Baie-St-Paul Village - Grands Jardins National Park

We continue our journey towards the beautiful Charlevoix region, stopping in the artist's village Baie-St-Paul. We stroll through its many galleries displaying works inspired by the local landscape, and visit small boutiques

selling local products like craft beers, cheeses, chocolates, organic cold meats, and more. We then continue to Grand-Jardins National Park and hike the Arthabasca region in the heart of the park's oldest boreal forests. This area is undergoing natural regeneration after a devastating fire in 1991. We settle into our multi-share chalets where we will spend the next two nights. B, L, D

Hikes

Le Boréal Trail

3.6km (loop), 1h30, easy

La Pinède Trail

6.2km (loop), 2h30, easy

 Chalets multishare

 200 km, 2,5hrs drive

Day 04 : Hike through taïga vegetation in Grands Jardins National Park

Today we hike in the heart of Charlevoix, a mountainous region with taiga forest covered peaks, vegetation normally only found much farther north. We reach the top of Mont du Lac des Cygnes, where we can appreciate the mountainous terrain and experience spectacular views of the Saint Lawrence River. It is possible to continue the hike by completing a loop via the Pioui trail. Upon our return, relax at the chalet or near the lake. We take a walk before sunset and hope to see wildlife. B, L, D

Hikes

Mont du Lac des Cygnes Trail

8,4 km (round trip), 500 m elevation gain, 4h walk

Lac Pioui / Mont du Lac des Cygnes trail

11,4 km (loop option), 500 m elevation gain, 5h walk

 Chalets, multishare

 30 km, 30 min drive

Day 05 : Monts-Valin National Park – Night on the lakeshore

This morning we head out for Lac-St-Jean, an enormous lake in the heart of Quebec. We have a short visit in Saguenay where we refill on groceries and continue on toward Monts-Valin National Park. We settle into our multi-share chalets right on the water for the next two nights where you can take some time to relax in Quebec style! B, L, D

 Chalets, multishare

 150 km, 2hrs drive

Day 06 : Hike on the summits of Monts-Valin Park – Night on the lake shore

Looming at 984 metres high, the Monts-Valin National Park dominates the landscape in Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean. We hike the Sommets trail and see the massifs covered in taiga and shrubs. Enjoy the spectacular view of

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the Saguenay fjord. Another possible hike is the Pic Dubuc trail, climbing to the highest points of the park. We return to the chalets in the afternoon. B, L, D

Hikes

Les Sommets trail

5 km, 50 m elevation, 2h walk

Pic Dubuc trail

12 km (round trip), 130 m elevation gain, 4h walk

 Chalets, multishare

Day 07 : The Saguenay Fjord & the Villages Tadoussac and Sacré-Coeur

This morning we head back down the Mont-Valin massifs as we hit the road towards Tadoussac. We stop along the way to visit Saint-Rose-du-Nord, considered to be one of the Québec's most beautiful villages. Hike the Saguenay Fjords to Baie-Saint-Marguerite. Possibility for beluga sightings so keep a lookout! We arrive in Tadoussac in the afternoon and visit this ancient trading post, a small village flanked by mountains, the Fjord, and the Saint Lawrence River. Option to hike from Tadoussac to the Fjord's mouth and the beautiful sand dunes. At the end of the day we check into our comfortable condos in Sacré-Coeur and visit the adjacent farm. B, L, D

Hikes

Baie Sainte Marguerite Path

6,4km (round trip), minimal elevation gain, 1,5h walk

Le Fjord trail

3 - 8 km, 300 m elevation gain, 1h - 4h walk

 Chalets, multishare

 140 km, 2h drive

Day 08 : Whale watching in Tadoussac

Today we visit the Saint Lawrence fauna and flora Interpretation Centre before embarking on our zodiac whale watching excursion this afternoon. The fresh watered fjords collide with the salted estuaries, creating a krill rich environment and an ideal place to go whale watching. Whale sightings could include belugas, blue whales, porpoises, and humpback whales (2h-2h30 depending on the season). Enjoy some free time in Tadoussac to admire the typical red roofed Canadian houses, the pretty chapel, and stroll along the river's boardwalk. Return to Sacré-Coeur for the night. B, L, D

Activity

Whale watching Zodiac excursion

2,5h

 Chalets, multishare

 50km, 1h drive

Day 09 : Charlevoix countryside and the historic quarters of Québec

We take a scenic drive back to Quebec City through the Charlevoix countryside and its beautiful villages. We arrive in the city for an afternoon of exploration. Perched high above Cap Diamant overlooking the Saint Lawrence River, Quebec City is a pillar in North American history. The Old Town, named a UNESCO historic site in 1985, is the only fortified city in North America. Its famous monuments include the Château Frontenac, the Plains d'Abraham, the Petit Champlain neighborhood, and more! Enjoy some free time in Quebec and meet up with the group in time for our final dinner (not included). B

 Downtown standard hotel ** or ***

 240 km, 3,5hrs drive

Day 10 : Quebec city - end of tour

Depending on flight times, free time to visit the city. End of tour. B

Note: We recommend extending your stay in Montreal and in Québec city at the end of the tour to fully appreciate what these two beautiful cities have to offer.

Note:

B = breakfast

L = lunch

D = diner

Itinerary note:

The guide reserves the right to modify the itinerary for the group's safety depending on the weather and general operating conditions.

Dates & prices

- 26 July 2020
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- 9 August 2020
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- 16 August 2020
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- 6 September 2020
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- 27 September 2020
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Inclusive

- Accommodation : 2 nights in a standard hotel, 2 nights in comfortable condos, 5 nights in chalets with multiple occupancy and shared facilities
- Transport: 12 passenger's minibus with trailer for luggages from 8 participants
- Bilingual driver-guide (French-English)
- Meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 picnics and 7 dinners prepared by the guide
- National Parks entrance fees
- Parks & villages visits and orientation tour in cities
- Wildlife viewing with our guide
- Whale Watching excursion (2,5h)
- Cooking equipment to prepare meals in chalets and pic-nics

Non inclusive

- Airport meet and greet and transfers
- Optional activities
- Meals in Montreal and Quebec
- Personal expenses
- Flights and travel insurance

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