

- Val-Jalbert: village visit, guided trolley tour, and lunch
- Saguenay Fjord Cruise

- Whale watching on the St. Lawrence River
- Free afternoon in Tadoussac
- Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica
- Montmorency Falls: lunch and cable car ride
- Centrally located hotel in Québec City
- Québec City guided tour
- Free time in Québec City
- Tour of a traditional Sugar Shack and lunch

Why This Tour is Great



Attention Lovers of History, Culture, and Nature!

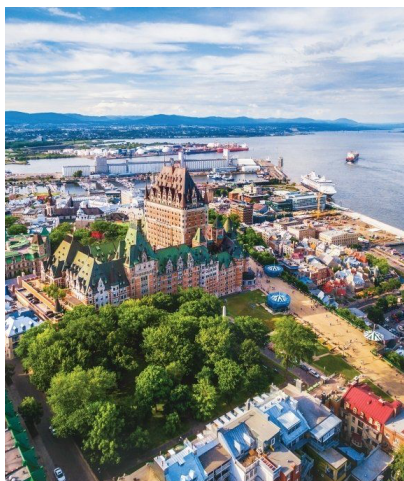
Cater to both the history buff and the outdoor enthusiast! Take a beautiful balance of breathtaking scenery from the rugged Canadian Shield and the spectacular Saguenay Fjord, and then view waterfalls from the air and whales from the water. In equal measure, add French-Canadian history and culture with visits to Val-Jalbert and St. Anne de Beaupré Basilica, with free time to explore Québec City’s historic district.

Uniquely Canadian Experiences

A visit to Val-Jalbert historic village has been recognized as a special, Canadian Signature Experience, a “once-in-a-lifetime travel experience” offered by Canadians who are passionate about sharing their part of the country. Visiting La Sucrierie de la Montagne in the early spring is also a Canadian Signature Experience, and this sugar shack serves up Québec heritage experiences year round!

Stay in a Very Special Hotel

Experience the old-fashioned elegance of Hôtel Tadoussac, a 150-year-old, landmark hotel that sits on one of the most beautiful bays in the world.



Québec City



Tadoussac



Montmorency Falls

Day-to-Day Itinerary



Day 1: Saint-Maurice River

Travel east along the St. Lawrence River toward Montreal to the confluence of the Saint-Maurice River and the St. Lawrence. Stop for overnight accommodation and get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.

Stay: Hotel Energie, Shawinigan, QC (1 night)

Meals: D

Day 2: Val-Jalbert, Arrive in Saguenay

Scenic vistas abound while heading north through the rocky Canadian Shield and the Laurentians. Explore local history at Val-Jalbert, a restored lumbering village from the 1920s. This genuine company town has forty original period buildings, including a convent-school, general store and pulp mill. While there, enjoy an

included lunch and a guided trolley tour of the village. This was an ultramodern village in its time: they had the luxury of electricity and running water 25 years before the rest of the province! The reason is the powerful Ouatouchouan Falls, which can be viewed from a glass overlook. Arrive in the Saguenay region this evening and stay in Jonquière.

Stay: Delta Saguenay Hotel, Jonquière, QC (1 night)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Tadoussac

Travel to the waterfront community of Ste-Rose du Nord and cruise along the precipitous cliffs of the Saguenay Fjord. Learn about the history of the area and see the statue of Notre Dame du Saguenay, keeping a lookout for the fjord's abundant wildlife on this 2-hour cruise. Disembark in picturesque L'Anse-Saint-Jean for lunch.

The panoramic journey continues along the Saguenay's south shore to Tadoussac, France's first trading post in Canada, established over 400 years ago. Enjoy your stay at the Hotel Tadoussac, a landmark resort on one of the nation's most beautiful bays.

Stay: Hôtel Tadoussac, Tadoussac, QC (2 nights)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Whale Watching

After breakfast, embark on a whale-watching cruise of the St. Lawrence River. This area, once frequented by Basque whalers, is now a protected marine park. During your 3-hour journey, you'll have the chance to observe various species of whales, including minke, blue, beluga, humpback, and fin. In the afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore the village of Tadoussac. You can visit the Whale Interpretive Centre to dive deeper into the fascinating world of marine life or marvel at the Tadoussac Chapel, the oldest wooden church in Canada. Alternatively, take a stroll through the charming village, where you can browse the quaint boutiques and soak in the tranquil atmosphere of this picturesque destination.

Meals: B, D

Day 5: Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica, Montmorency Falls, Québec City

Travel a leisurely route along the north shore of the St. Lawrence, stopping to visit the [Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica](#). Situated along the St. Lawrence River, at this beautiful shrine to Sainte Anne, learn about the extraordinary history of the lady who was Jesus' grandmother and the important role she played in the faith of the people. Enjoy a relaxing lunch at the [Montmorency Falls](#). These falls are 30 meters higher than those in Niagara. With a gondola ride, take in spectacular views of the falls and the region from the air. Then, the journey continues to Québec City, one of the oldest European cities in North America. You'll arrive in time to do some exploring and discover an amazing place for dinner.

Stay: Hôtel Clarendon, Québec City, QC (2 nights)

Meals: B, L

Day 6: Québec City Tour & Free Time

After breakfast, embark on a guided tour of Québec City with a knowledgeable local guide. This tour will give you an insightful overview of the city's rich history and culture, highlighting its most iconic landmarks, such as the famous Château Frontenac, the historic Old Québec (a UNESCO World Heritage site), and the stunning City Walls. Following the tour, you'll have the afternoon free to continue exploring at your own pace. Québec City is full of hidden gems, from its cobblestone streets and quaint boutiques to its picturesque parks and scenic views of the St. Lawrence River. Whether you visit the Plains of Abraham, wander through the Petit Champlain district, or take in the city's vibrant art scene, there's something for every interest. In the evening, reconvene for a memorable farewell dinner.

Meals: B, D

Day 7: Travel Home

The final treat of your trip awaits at [La Sucrierie de la Montagne](#), where you'll enjoy a tour of the sugar shack followed by a traditional, hearty lunch. Afterward, take time to shop for maple products at the gift shop before bidding "au revoir" to La Belle Province and continuing your journey home.

Meals: B, L

Important Info for this Tour



This tour includes our unique [Connections Program](#), and follows a special travel [Route C1](#), picking up in the following locations:

- Brampton
- Whitby
- Bowmanville
- Port Hope
- Lindsay
- Peterborough
- Cobourg
- Napanee
- Belleville
- Kingston

It is possible for guests from anywhere in the world to join this tour by flying into Toronto with connections to a pickup point. Please contact us to discuss your airfare and pre-and post-tour accommodation [options](#).

There are a couple of boat tours on this itinerary, and some people may want to bring along their remedies for motion sickness. You don't want to let a little thing like that spoil these amazing experiences.

Here are some ideas for your free time during the trip:

Tadoussac: tadoussac.com/en

Québec City: quebec-cite.com/en

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