



QUEBEC

CRADLE OF FRENCH NORTH AMERICA

MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

Major museums

With over 38,000 works, the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec houses the province's largest art collection and also features international touring shows. The Musées de la civilisation are four separate museums that include the Musée de la Place Royale, which presents the history of New France and Place-Royale as seen through the eyes of the people from Samuel de Champlain to the present day. The actual Musée de la civilisation, in turn, explores the many facets of human existence past and present.

Military history

Managed by the National Battlefields Commission, the Plains of Abraham are among the world's most prestigious parks and the most important historic parks in Canada. Nearby National Historic Sites of Canada include Artillery Park and the Fortifications of Québec. Lastly, the Citadelle of Québec is home to an active regiment, the Royal 22e Régiment, established in 1914 and colloquially known as the Van Doos (an anglicized pronunciation of *vingt-deux*, the French word for 22), as well as a museum.

Religious heritage

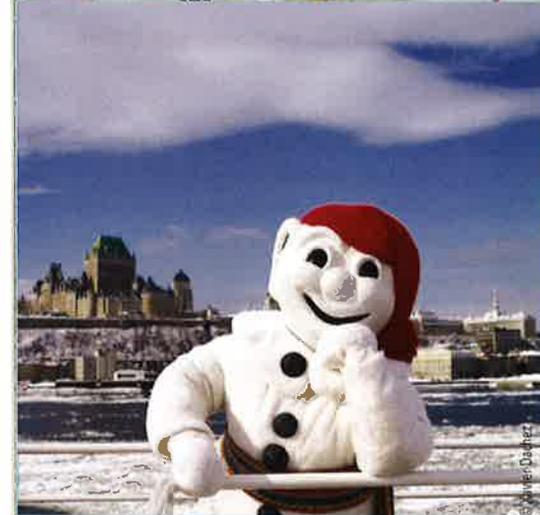
The Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré is a well-known pilgrimage spot; the site also features the

Musée de Sainte-Anne. In Québec City, the Notre-Dame de Québec Basilica-Cathedral is Canada's primatial church, while the Holy Trinity Cathedral (1800–1804) was the first building specifically erected outside the British Isles to serve the Anglican diocese. The Monastère des Augustines, in turn, features a museum and has recently added visitor accommodations in its restored cloister.

Nature and the outdoors

Here you'll find sites and scenery with different vocations but a common focus on nature. In Sainte-Foy, the Aquarium du Québec occupies 16 hectares (40 acres) and is inhabited by 10,000 marine animals. In Beaupré, trails along the Sainte-Anne canyon let you explore the 1.2 billion-year-old rock walls flanking both sides of the Rivière Sainte-Anne-du-Nord. Nearby Mont Sainte-Anne boasts a top-notch resort and ski hill. In Sainte-Catherine-de-la-Jacques-Cartier, the Sépaq-run Station touristique Duchesnay is a four-season resort set in a splendid outdoor playground.

A few minutes from Québec City is Parc de la Chute-Montmorency, one of the most spectacular sites in the entire province. Standing 83 m (272 ft.) high—nearly 100 feet higher than Niagara—the falls





Founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain, designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, Québec City is the only fortified city in North America north of Mexico. Brimming with treasures, it's much more than just a living museum. Inside and outside the walls of Old Québec are a host of gastronomic discoveries, cultural goings-on, special and sporting events and, of course, superb shopping.

The surrounding region doesn't lag behind, either. There's Île d'Orléans, the largest heritage site in Québec. There's one of North America's oldest thoroughfares, the New France Route, which links Old Québec with the Côte-de-Beaupré and is studded with points of interest. Then there's Vallée de la Jacques-Cartier and its national park, a top destination for vacationers and outdoor enthusiasts.

dominates the landscape. The site features trails, a cable car and accommodations. Set against a picturesque backdrop in Saint-Laurent-de-l'Île-d'Orléans, the Parc maritime de Saint-Laurent on Île d'Orléans tells of the bygone era of wooden shipbuilding. Lastly, the Réserve nationale de faune du Cap Tourmente in Saint-Joachim, consisting of marshes, plains and forests, was established to protect an

American bulrush marsh, the main habitat of the snow goose during migration.



OF INTEREST

Québec City

- * National Assembly of Québec (Parliament Building)
- * Observatoire de la capitale (31st floor lookout)
- * Festival d'été de Québec (outdoor site)
- * Hôtel Château Laurier
- * Wendake Huron village
- * Hôtel-Musée Premières Nations
- * Onhoüa Chetek8e traditional Huron site
- * First Nations artists and craftspeople

Île d'Orléans

- * Espace Félix-Leclerc, Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans
- * Ferme Le Beau Markon (farm tourism), Sainte-Famille-de-l'Île-d'Orléans

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