

MONTREAL & QUEBEC CITY

Discover the rich history and culture of the province of Quebec. Begin your tour in the 17th and 18th century buildings of Old Quebec before visiting Montreal, where Old World charm meets modern culture.

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Day 1:

- Arrive in **Québec City**. Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Tour **Old Québec**, a historic area designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The oldest fortified city north of Mexico, the site has preserved its original defense system. The neighborhood includes **Upper Town**, originally a religious, political, and military center established in 1608; and **Lower Town**, where Canada was originally founded. Your tour includes stops at **Place Royale**, site of the first permanent settlement in New France, **Château Frontenac**, and a stroll on the **Terrasse Dufferin**.

Day 2:

- Go back in time when you visit the site of the **Battle of the Plains of Abraham**. This key military engagement during the Seven Years' War led to the defeat of the French, and it left the British in control of Québec and eventually Canada.
- Tour the **Martello Towers**, short but sturdy defensive towers built throughout the British Empire to solidify Quebec's defense system. The towers have a unique architecture – the walls facing out are quite thick, but the sides facing the city are thinner, making them easy to destroy if the enemy took over.
- Drive down the **Route de la Nouvelle-France**, one of the oldest thruways in all of North America. Admire the ancestral homes of 16th century French settlers against the backdrop of rolling hills, meadows, vineyards, and coastlines.
- Visit the **Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré**, located on the banks of the Saint Lawrence River and dating back to 1658. The Romanesque Revival church receives almost half a million pilgrims a year, as it has been credited with curative miracles. The pillars at the entrance are adorned with crutches left behind by those who claim to have been cured inside.
- Explore **Montmorency Falls**, the tallest in North America. Take a cable car up the mountain and begin your tour at the Manor. Continue along the footpath to a suspended bridge for a panoramic view. The trail ends at the bottom of a 487-step staircase that leaves you at the foot of the stunning waterfalls.

Day 3:

- Travel to **Montréal**.
- Discover the flora and fauna of the four North American ecosystems at the **Biodome**. Originally built for the 1976 Olympics as the Velodrome, the structure now hosts impressive indoor nature exhibits on tropical rain forests, north woods wilderness, estuary habitats, and polar zones.
- Take part in a workshop at **Café Graffiti**, established in 1997 as a center for local youths to practice alternative art forms such as breakdancing, street art, and rap.
- Explore **Notre-Dame Basilica**, a grand example of Gothic Revival architecture dedicated in 1829. The church interiors are intricately decorated: the vaults are a deep blue with golden stars, and the rest of the sanctuary is painted in deep reds and blues; religious statues and wooden carvings are found throughout; and the stained glass windows depict the religious history of Montréal.
- Embark on a **walking tour of Old Montréal**. Once inhabited by 17th century French colonists, some of the neighborhood's remains date back to the time of New France. Wander to **Place Jacques-Cartier**, a public square housing vendors and boasting the city's oldest monuments. **City Hall**, built in the 1870s, ranks as Canada's best example of Second Empire architecture. Finish your tour at the **Marché Bonsecours**, a domed, two-story building that served as Montreal's public market for over a century.
- Glimpse the spookier side of history on a **ghost tour of Old Montréal**.

Day 4:

- Get to know your hosts during a visit to the **Musée de Pointe-à-Callières**, designated a national archaeological and historic site.
- Experience local culture and cuisine during a **French cooking lesson**.
- Enjoy lunch in **The Underground City**, a series of tunnels and pathways connecting downtown buildings and housing varied restaurants and shops.
- Take a stroll through **Mont Royal**, which features a park originally designed by Frederick Law Olmstead (famous for his work on Central Park in New York City).
- Depart for home.

