

# Québec

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Québec City has everything a city needs to welcome visitors to our part of the world—and keep them coming back for more. It is a favorite destination for [vacations](#), [conferences](#), and [business and incentive trips](#), with world-class tourism facilities that offer visitors all the modern conveniences and creature comforts of city living. It also has an [international airport](#), [rail links](#), and an [efficient highway network](#).

No matter what your [plans for your stay](#) in the Québec City area, you'll love the safe surroundings and warm hospitality.

### Culture & Discovery

The birthplace of French North America and the only walled city north of Mexico, Québec is an open-air treasure chest that will delight [history](#) and [culture](#) buffs alike. Its European background and modern, North American character are set off by a heady blend of history, traditional and contemporary art, and French-language culture to make Québec City a destination like no other.

Visitors flock to [Old Québec](#). This fortified part of the city exudes Old World charm, with winding, cobblestoned streets and a profusion of boutiques, museums, and attractions.

From timeless Grande Allée to the chic Saint-Roch neighborhood, Québec City is a place to slow down and savor the finer things in life.

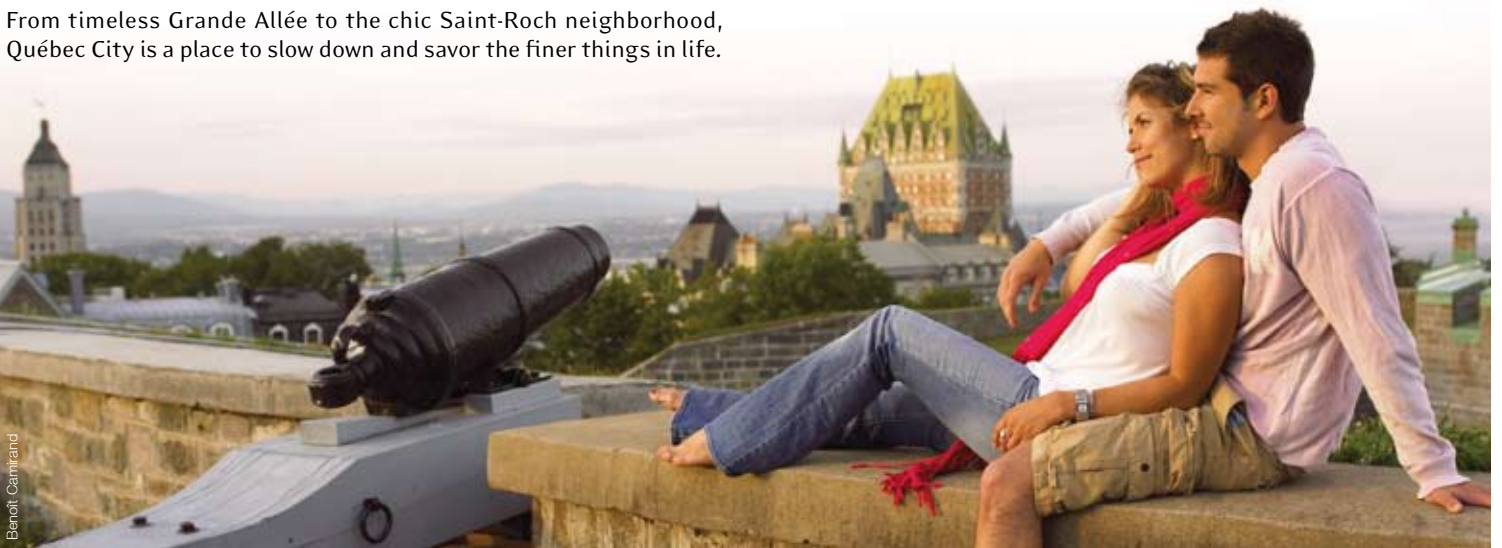
Take your time—there's a stellar lineup of [cultural and sporting activities](#), exciting events, festivals, plays, shows, museums, and concerts to enjoy. The [Québec Winter Carnival](#), the world's biggest winter celebration, is an enduring classic, not to mention the [Québec City Summer Festival](#) and the [SAQ New France Festival](#), two of the many other events that help visitors discover all that Québec's rich culture has to offer.

Québec City has plenty of room for everyone (17,250 hotel rooms at last count). Whether you're looking for a big chain hotel, a boutique hotel with a charm all its own, or a vacation hotel not far from downtown, Québec City boasts American-style efficiency in EuroStyle surroundings. No

wonder our [hotel network](#) and the services it provides are envied the world over.

### Four Seasons

In Québec City, summer lasts from June to September, with a succession of festivals accompanying the sunshine and good cheer, much to the delight of visitors.





Winter is also a great time to visit, as the city is draped in a romantic blanket of white. What better time to discover all kinds of wintry adventures! How does a visit to the Ice Hotel grab you? Or a turn at dogsledding, ice climbing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, or snowmobiling!

Spring and fall have their own charms too. Every year as winter loosens its grip, our [sugar shacks](#) open their doors for maple treats, while the fiery shades of [fall](#) let you see the beautiful Québec countryside in a whole new light.

### Just Minutes From Town

A hop, skip and jump from downtown, visitors are already in another world—there's a whole [outdoor playground](#) to discover! Talk about nirvana for sports enthusiasts.

A national wildlife area, a national park, two wildlife preserves, 15-odd golf courses, four ski resorts, and some thirty cross country ski centers are just some of the area's many outdoor attractions.

### Easy to Get To

The Québec City area is [easy to get to](#) by plane, train, or car: it's well served by an efficient highway network, and Jean Lesage International Airport is just 16 km from downtown.



### Vacation Treats

Québec City is renowned for the quality of its [fine dining](#) and has a little black book's worth of local and European-style restaurants, sidewalk cafés, and cool bistros where you can enjoy local produce, fine cuisine, and innovative global fare, including no fewer than 100 memorable restaurants in the historic old city alone.

And you'll be spoiled for choice when it comes to [accommodation](#), too. Take your pick from cozy inns, luxury hotels, trendy addresses, and charming bed & breakfasts.



### Award-Winning

Québec City has been showered with all kinds of awards from the tourist industry. The November 2010 issue of *Condé Nast Traveler* ranked it second in its list of the top 10 destinations in North and South America (excluding the United States), fifth including the United States, and 10<sup>th</sup> worldwide. Meanwhile the August 2010 edition of *Travel + Leisure* magazine placed it 8<sup>th</sup> in its list of the best cities in the United States and Canada in its World's Best Awards 2010. Visit [www.quebecregion.com](http://www.quebecregion.com) and check out our [Pics and Clips](#) section to take a look for yourself!

### Business Tourism

The city's biggest hotels have meeting rooms that are perfect for [conferences and conventions](#) of up to several hundred people, all in the most pleasant surroundings. But for bigger events, the Québec City Convention Center and the Québec City Exhibition Center at ExpoCité are just the ticket—and within walking distance of a string of hotels.

There are so [many great reasons](#) why Québec City & Area is the perfect destination for your next trip.

### Québec City at a Glance

- Founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain
- Cradle of French civilization in North America
- Capital city of a province of 7.5 million people
- A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985 thanks to historic Old Québec
- Seat of the province's National Assembly
- 9,000 km<sup>2</sup> in area
- 250 km northeast of Montréal
- Population 638,000 (Greater Québec City Area)
- 99% of visitors are happy or very happy with the warm Québec welcome