



Tourist circuits to explore

ROUTE DE LA NOUVELLE-FRANCE

Route de la Nouvelle-France (New France Route) links Old Québec to the Côte-de-Beaupré and traces the path taken by inhabitants of the Côte-de-Beaupré when bringing their crops to Québec City.

As you follow the Route de la Nouvelle-France through Old Québec, Saint-Roch (the city's first working class neighbourhood) and Limoilou, the architecture of the local buildings testifies to the evolution of the city since the founding of the colony. Houses farther from the downtown core reflect the influence of French and English culture and the Québec spirit of innovation.

Many heritage structures and sites can be found along the Route de la Nouvelle-France, such as the colony's first windmill (1651), first pilgrimage site – namely the shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré (1658) –, ancestral homes, root cellars and many other historical treasures.

The Route de la Nouvelle-France has been integrated into the Route Verte provincial bike path network. It is also called the Marie-Hélène Prémont Bike Trail.

On foot, by bike or by car, follow the signs to the tourist route .

Get from the square in front of city hall (Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville), where the outdoor market was located during the New France period, to Îlot des Palais, and then to Gare du Palais. From there, complete the tour by car, crossing the Saint-Roch and Limoilou neighbourhoods and the borough of Beauport until you get to chemin Royal. [\[Ad p. 48\]](#)

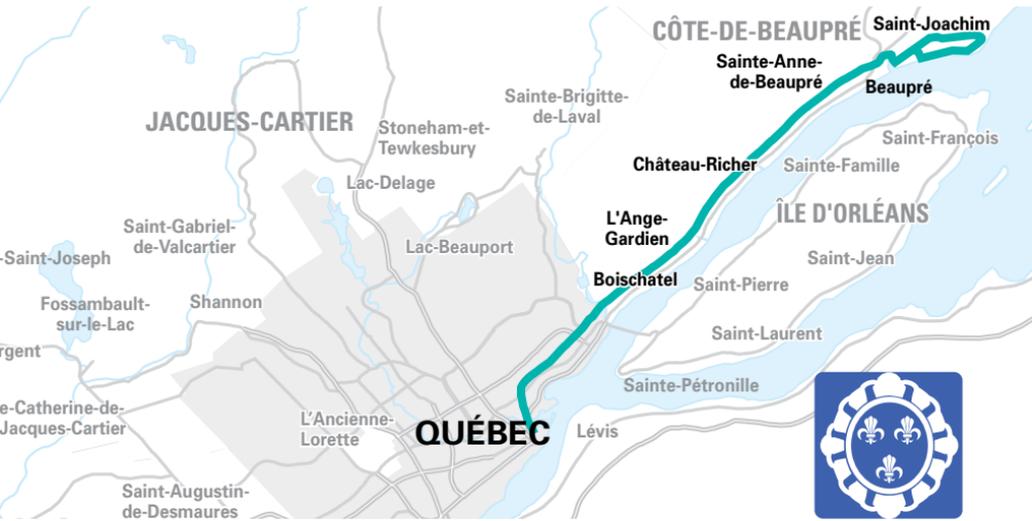
Québec City

540,994 inhabitants

L'îlot des Palais

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The entire history of New-France – and beyond – awaits you at l'Îlot des Palais. In 18th Century cellars, the exhibition *Revelations* tells the history of this key location: from Jean Talon Brewery to the intendant's palace, from the prison to the Boswell-Dow Brewery. Artefacts, archives, projections... gripping discoveries! Our outside activities: Old Québec GéoRallies and On the Beer Trail with GPS or walking tour on your tablet.
Hours: open year-round, variable hours.



Domaine de Maizerets



2000, boulevard Montmorency
418-666-3331 • www.domainemaizerets.com

Domaine de Maizerets belongs to the Commission de la capitale nationale du Québec. This historical site, with its vast gardens, hosts various family activities: cultural and educational exhibitions, concerts, and outdoor and nature interpretation activities. Flower gardens and arboretum. Footpaths wind through the park and marsh. Two bike paths run alongside the site: Corridor des Cheminots and Corridor du Littoral. Equipment rental onsite throughout the year.

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Beauport Heritage Site



The buildings on the heritage site of Beauport have architectural styles from different periods. There is a religious sanctuary called Parc des Martyrs (1927). In the Parc de la rivière Beauport, there are interpretation panels, trails, and a waterfall. Stroll along the groomed trails by the river in Parc des Cascades. The Desjardins Fresco on the wall of Maison Rainville illustrates major events and figures of Beauport's past. The Bourg du Fargy district and Maison Girardin are on the other side of the street.

Bourg du Fargy (old district)



The old Bourg du Fargy, which was the Beauport institutional Center in the XVII and XVIII centuries, reflects the variety of architectural styles throughout the centuries on this heritage site. Also of interest are the Nativité-de-Notre-Dame parish church, built on the very spot where Beauport's first church was erected in 1676, a stone presbytery, the Memorial to the Builders, and the Congrégation de Notre-Dame's Convent.



Château-Richer Church

Maison Girardin 

600, avenue Royale
418-641-6471, ext. 3
www.sahb.ca/maisongirardin

The Maison Girardin dates back to the early 18th century. The first wooden home was built shortly after 1701, the second in the 1760s. The first stone house was built here a few years later by Ignace Girardin and served as his family's home for some 150 years. Permanent exhibition on the role craftsmen played in the development of Beauport. Mobile app on Maison Girardin. iPads lent to visitors. **Hours:** June to August, closed Mondays. September and October, open Saturday and Sunday only. November to May, open upon reservation only. Reservations required for groups.

La Galerie de miniatures de Québec (gallery)

674, avenue Royale
418-661-3398 • www.cafedelapostebrulerie.com

A fairy-tale universe of miniatures combining history, humour and magic crafted by miniature artist Micheline Grenier, a native of Beauport. Adults and children alike will be delighted by the countless details to discover among over one hundred miniatures on display in an environment worthy of the greatest museums. Visitors can take part in a "treasure hunt" and set out on an enchanting quest. La Galerie is a surprising and original hidden gem. **Hours:** open year-round.

**Parc de la Chute-Montmorency (waterfall)**

5300, boulevard Sainte-Anne
418-663-3330 • 1-844-522-4883
www.parcdelachutemontmorency.com

Montmorency Falls Park is just a few minutes from downtown Québec City. The waterfalls are 83 m (272') tall, a full 30 m (99') higher than Niagara Falls. Footpaths throughout the park lead past several lookout points. You can admire the view from the cable car, suspended bridge or stairs climbing up the side of the cliff. Three via ferrata trails are located near the falls. At the Montmorency Manor, you will find a restaurant, gift shop and interpretation centre. A snack bar is located in the cable car station. **Hours:** site and Montmorency Manor: year-round. Via ferrata and zip line: May to October. Hours may be modified for groups. [Ad p. 41]

Boischatel

7,260 inhabitants

L'Ange-Gardien

3,715 inhabitants



Parc de la Chute-Montmorency

Château-Richer

3,911 inhabitants

Aux Trois Couvents



7976, avenue Royale, Château-Richer
418-824-3677 • 1-877-824-3677
<http://auxtroiscouvents.org/>

Founded in 1984, this interpretation centre at the historical and archeological site of the Château-Richer convents hosts permanent and temporary exhibitions on the history of one of the first French settlements in North America. Attractions include the excavated foundations of the first convents (built in 1694 and 1830) that can be seen inside the convent built in 1907 as well as a recreated classroom from 1912. **Hours:** open year-round. Reservations required for groups. Call for group rates.

Centre de généalogie, des archives et des biens culturels de Château-Richer



277, rue du Couvent, Château-Richer
418-824-3079
www3.telebecinternet.com/archives.chateau-richer

History and genealogy centre located on a promontory with a breathtaking view. Exhibition featuring reproductions of paintings and old maps. Our genealogy centre provides visitors with a variety of reference tools to search for their ancestors. Personnel on hand to assist you. **Hours:** July to October, open Monday to Friday. The rest of the year, only open Wednesday and Thursday.

Chez Marie



8706, avenue Royale, Château-Richer
418-824-4347 • www.boulangeriechezmarie.com

Marie and her fourth generation family welcome you to their old stone homestead built in 1652. Outside, the 150-year-old bread oven is still in fine working order. Sample wonderful fresh bread with assorted jams and maple products on the premises. Reception room for 20 or more. Parking. **Hours:** open year-round.



Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré

2,810 inhabitants

Atelier Paré -



ÉCONOMUSÉE® of Woodcarving

9269, avenue Royale, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
418-827-3992 • www.atelierpare.com

Wooden and fibreglass sculptures are on display at this ÉCONOMUSÉE®. Our artists seek to give a voice to each block of wood so that it can tell the legend it keeps in its heart; every painted wooden sculpture represents such a legend. Visitors can watch the artists at work on sculptures that will be displayed in one of the indoor exhibitions or outdoor garden. Gift shop where you can find handmade souvenirs.

Hours: May to October, daily. October to May, closed on Monday and Tuesday. Open anytime for groups upon reservation.

Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine

10018, avenue Royale, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
418-827-3781 • www.sanctuairesainteanne.org

The paintings, mosaics, stained-glass windows, stone and wooden sculptures, and large collection of ex-votos at this basilica bear witness to Quebecers' faith in St. Anne and the more than 350 years of history of this site. Liturgical celebrations, daily Mass, audioguide in several languages and gift shop. Several accommodation establishments and restaurants nearby. Learn about the worship of St. Anne through the ages at the onsite museum.

Hours: open year-round.



Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine

Beaupré

3,628 inhabitants

Saint-Joachim

1,489 inhabitants

Église de Saint-Joachim (church)

165, rue de l'Église, Saint-Joachim
418-827-4475 • presbstjoachim@bellnet.ca

Designated as an historic monument in 1959, this church is one of the oldest in the province of Québec (1779). Its architecture and the works of art are worth discovering, especially the gold sculptures by François and Thomas Baillairgé, who were responsible for the interior decoration. Parking. Recorded commentary available by pushing a red button at church entrance.
Hours: May to October or upon reservation.

Centre d'initiation au patrimoine -



La Grande Ferme

(initiation to heritage centre)

800, chemin du Cap-Tourmente, Saint-Joachim
418-827-4608 • www.lagrandeferme.qc.ca

This area of the Côte-de-Beaupré has a rich historical and archeological heritage. This particular site features a century-old house (designated historical property) and the archaeological remnants of the village's first church (1685-1759), which was destroyed during an attack by the British. Different programs for adult groups, school groups and families. Various historical interpretation activities offered as well as a permanent exhibition.
Hours: open to the public, August to October. Open year-round for groups, upon reservation.

Your Route
de la Nouvelle-France
tourist circuit ends here.

For more information:

www.routedelanouvellefrance.com