



# Québec


Providing emotions since 1534



**Intensely URBAN**

Savor our unique spin on the DOWNTOWN SCENE





Sent in search of gold by the king of France,  
Jacques Cartier set foot in Québec in 1534  
and discovered so much more:

Stretching more than 1,600,000 km<sup>2</sup> (640,000 square miles) across northeastern North America, Québec invites you to feast on its playful energy and the breathtaking diversity of its wide-open spaces. Its Native, French and English heritage grooves to the continent's cosmopolitan beat while keeping time to a multitude of international rhythms.

Here, time dresses up in a colorful four-season wardrobe, vibrant cities and picturesque villages envelop themselves in nature's extravaganza—fertile valleys draped in autumn hues or winter white, untouched forests, craggy mountains bearing the signature of the millennia. Here, thousands of winding rivers and countless pristine lakes interlace and delight. Here, one of the world's most magnificent rivers dons the airs of an ocean.

Bold and creative, passionate yet peaceful, Québec's cities entice with their seamless blend of North American drive and European sophistication. Dynamic and welcoming, Montréal, Québec City and Gatineau embody Quebecers' love affair with fun, their contagious *joie de vivre*. Surrender to this unique urban dance, discover its spellbinding contrasts and bewitching charm—each moment, **intensely urban!**



# a land of emotions!



Québec City



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# Exuberant Mo

Long ago a tiny settlement, today a cosmopolitan city of 3.4 million inhabitants coming from the four corners of the globe, a sought-after venue for international conventions and meetings, Montréal buzzes with activity. Proudly preserving its architectural heritage, the world's second largest French-speaking city moves to the beat of its own drum, shaping a vibrant future above and below the ground. With historic buildings abutting on modern skyscrapers, this hub of bold design and fashion boasts buried treasure—an "Underground City" with its own safe and clean subway system, connecting hotels, boutiques, movie theaters, concert halls, restaurants and more.

**Montréal bustles, invites, captivates!**



Unquestionably safe!

Day or night, Québec's city streets invite peaceful and leisurely strolls. Here, daily life unfolds in complete safety and urban landscapes are measured on a human scale.

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# Breathtaking emotions

Here, every season seeks to outdo the next with wall-to-wall tourist and cultural happenings, from a whirlwind of international sports events to an abundance of exhibitions and shows celebrating music, the arts, comedy, film, dance and more.

It's a fact—Quebecers live to share their love of life, which is why their cities always throw the very best parties!

## A city that's all heart!

A hotbed of creativity, Montréal bursts with unique attractions and an effervescent cultural life that both surprises and delights. Theater and dance, music and circus arts, museums and art galleries showcase cutting-edge works as well as timeless classics, local productions and international masterpieces. This thriving metropolis is known around the world for its International Jazz Festival and Just for Laughs Festival, as well as hip nightclubs where the hottest DJs electrify into the wee hours.

### Tonight, Montréal dances!

Witness to a gallant era, Old Montréal abounds with historic buildings that today house chic restaurants, outdoor terraces and trendy boutiques.

Cobblestone streets remaining from the days as a French colony lead to the new International Quarter. Here, a pedestrian-only public square is the ideal setting for *La Joute*, a spectacular fountain encircled by a ring of fire sculpted by the celebrated Québec artist Jean-Paul Riopelle.



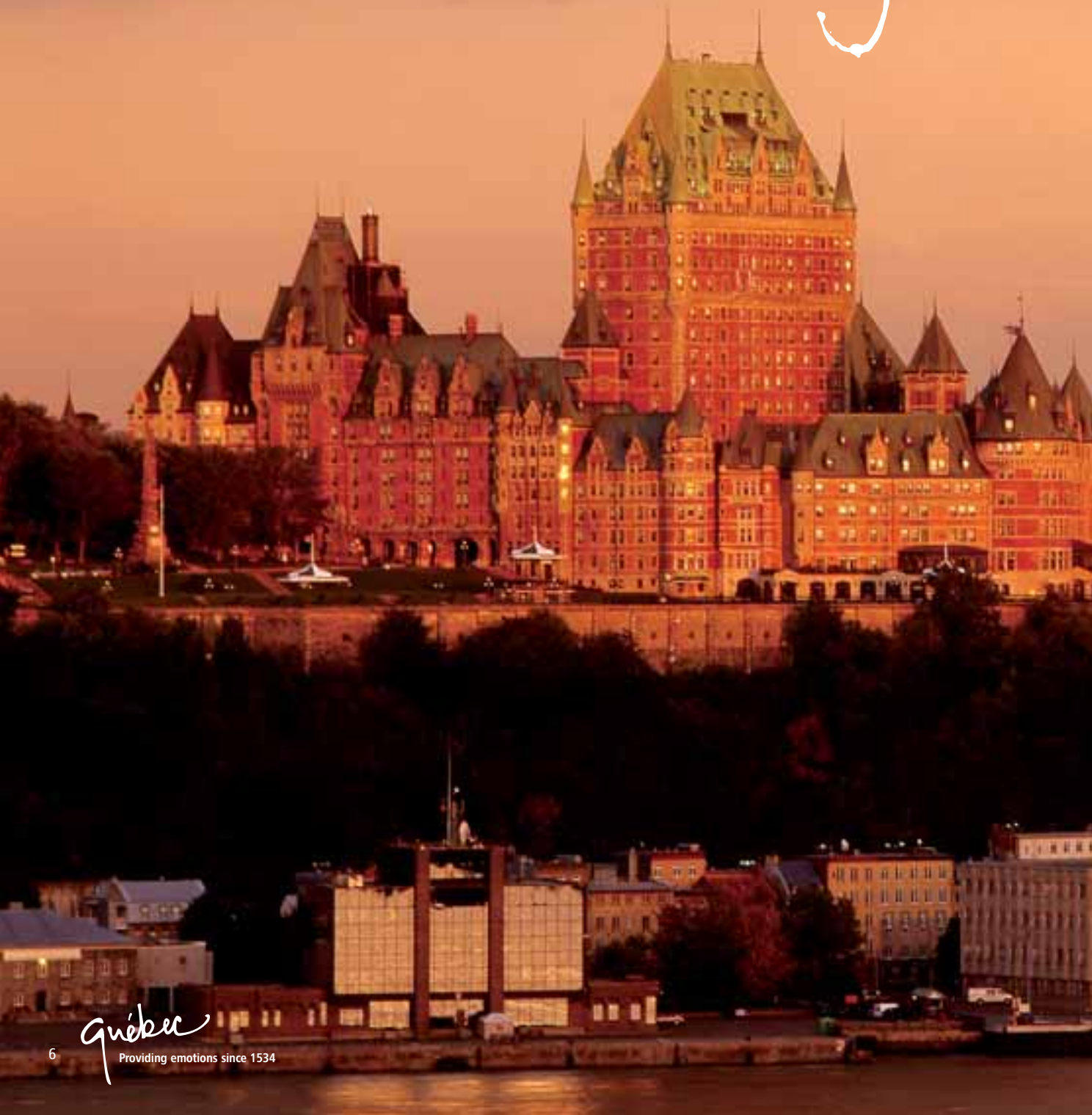


Near and dear to Montrealers year round, Mont-Royal parades its magnificent park and breathtaking views of the city. Another favorite haunt, the Old Port overflows with things to see and do in any season, from biking to skating, cruises on the St. Lawrence River to whitewater rafting on the Lachine Canal. Equally popular, the Montréal Casino is only a stone's throw away. A flurry of attractions, a network of bike paths envied the world over, and hip neighborhoods such as the trendy Plateau Mont-Royal, Montréal enchants with its many changing faces.

Only a few kilometers from the downtown core, Laval flowers as Québec's horticultural capital with its cool restaurants, a Cosmodôme dedicated to space sciences and several great shopping centers. A little farther away, the Laurentians' multi-hued forests and Tremblant's stylish four-season resort hold sway, while to the east, the bucolic countryside of the Eastern Townships soothes and charms.



# Seductive Québec City





Perched high above the St. Lawrence, this spectacular natural fortress gave birth to French civilization in North America some 400 years ago. Its rich architectural heritage, dating back to the colony's earliest days and preserved in treasures such as Place Royale, reflects the French and British influences that shaped this distinctive culture. Former trading post, now the capital, **Québec City exudes an irresistible and seductive French charm**, with its many outdoor cafés and terraces, historic and lively Quartier Petit-Champlain, all reminiscent of the days of old in New France! Starting at the city's shoreline and weaving up the coast, bays, capes and peninsulas shelter colorful and animated villages that reveal the fascinating history of this vast land. Nearby Montmorency Falls beckons, an exhilarating playground for skiers and other outdoor adventurers, magnificent Parc de la Jacques-Cartier astounds with its deep valley, steep mountains and crisscrossing rivers, while the ever-scenic Île d'Orléans relaxes and rejuvenates.





# A jewel of a city



Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Québec City is an entertaining and sophisticated host with its lively streets, cozy bistros, enticing restaurants and numerous fascinating museums. Here, entertainment comes in all shapes and sizes. Cultural attractions rub shoulders with historic sites, creating worthwhile diversions at every step in any season. Throngs of revelers delight, winter and summer alike, thanks to the world's largest Winter Carnival and the city's ever-popular Summer Festival. This city loves to pamper the palate with tempting menus and mouthwatering dishes for every taste.

Québec City—where pleasures inspire emotions.



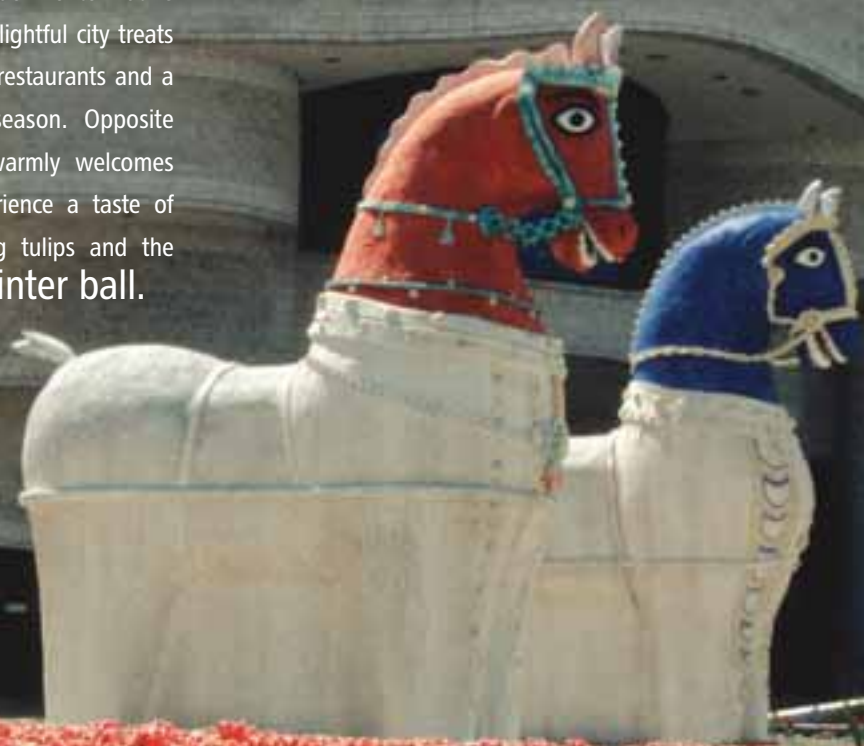
# A fairy-tale chateau

Built in 1893, Château Frontenac leaves a lasting impression. Reigning supreme over city and river, this luxurious and stately hotel stops all visitors in their tracks, rising regally in the background of virtually every traveler's snapshots.



# Alluring Gatineau

Sitting on the Québec side of the Ottawa River, Gatineau boasts a prestigious museum devoted to civilizations from around the world with its special window onto Native American culture. This energetic and delightful city treats its guests like royalty, with its enticing restaurants and a calendar full of activities in every season. Opposite Ottawa, Canada's capital, Gatineau warmly welcomes international visitors thirsting to experience a taste of French culture, the splendor of spring tulips and the excitement of an exhilarating winter ball.





# Born of nature and culture

Growing out of the lumber industry, this dynamic urban center takes tremendous pride in sharing the magic of its vast wooded lands. With a world-class casino sitting in the heart of nature and, at the city's doorstep, the wondrously untouched Gatineau Park, rich in beaches, bike paths and cross-country ski trails, along with an old-fashioned steam train for excursions,

Gatineau captivates culture lovers and outdoor enthusiasts year round, while enthralling city dwellers—ever-so naturally.



## Unforgettable memories



City boutiques and shops flaunt a dazzling array of **local creations**, such as exclusive arts and crafts, sculptures, paintings and designer fashions. Ever-attentive to the palate, culinary specialties abound, from maple syrup delicacies to local wines and spirits, not the least of which is Québec's inimitable ice cider.

So many ways to savor the taste of Québec!

## Infinitely delicious

Quebecers' passion for good food and good company is legendary and, in every major city, award-winning chefs tantalize their patrons' taste buds with **distinctive regional flavors, traditional or reinvented classics, exotic dishes**, all created with the freshest ingredients.



## Must-see museums!

Fine arts, history, heritage and archeology, architecture and sciences, Québec's museums are a must, playing host to international exhibitions and proudly displaying their own impressive permanent collections. Québec's cities are paradise for museum lovers, **with a myriad of diverse wonders** just waiting to be discovered by visitors of all ages!





For a detailed guide to the entire road system, pick up a copy of the *Québec Official Road Map*, published by Publications du Québec.

## Distances

|              | Montréal |     | Québec City |      | Gatineau/Ottawa |     |
|--------------|----------|-----|-------------|------|-----------------|-----|
|              | km       | mi. | km          | mi.  | km              | mi. |
| Boston       | 510      | 315 | 645         | 400  | 756             | 470 |
| Buffalo      | 635      | 395 | 895         | 555  | 579             | 360 |
| Chicago      | 1365     | 847 | 1620        | 1005 | 1195            | 743 |
| Hartford     | 529      | 330 | 780         | 485  | 727             | 452 |
| New York     | 605      | 378 | 870         | 540  | 830             | 516 |
| Philadelphia | 760      | 465 | 1010        | 620  | 732             | 455 |
| Toronto      | 525      | 325 | 775         | 480  | 393             | 244 |
| Washington   | 965      | 600 | 1210        | 752  | 914             | 568 |

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|             | January |        | April |      | July  |       | October |      |
|-------------|---------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|---------|------|
|             | °F      | °C     | °F    | °C   | °F    | °C    | °F      | °C   |
| MONTRÉAL    | 5/21    | -15/-6 | 34/52 | 1/11 | 59/79 | 15/26 | 39/55   | 4/13 |
| QUÉBEC CITY | 1/17    | -17/-8 | 29/46 | -1/8 | 55/77 | 13/25 | 36/52   | 2/11 |

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For more information, look under

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