

Charms of Québec A Journey through Montreal, Charlevoix & Quebec City

8 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners • Avg Group Size 19

Discover the charms of the Canadian province of Quebec, encountering its people and a blend of traditions old and new as you journey through the natural beauty and enchanting cities of the region. From the buzz of Montreal and romance of Quebec City to the farms of Charlevoix, embrace Quebec at its best.

Highlights: Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu • First Nations Breakfast & Discussion • Whale-Watching Zodiac Expedition • Montmorency Falls • Tasting Tour of Île de Orléans

	TRAVEL STYLE	Explorations - Small groups, local connections, unexpected angles. You'll step into communities, not just visit them — and come home with more than just photos.
	ACTIVITY LEVEL	Level 2: Moderate  See page 4 for more information
	ENHANCE YOUR TOUR	1 optional excursion available, see itinerary on page 2
	EXTEND YOUR TOUR	Pre Tour: arrive early with an extra night in Montreal, QC Post Tour: stay an extra night in Quebec City, QC

Itinerary: Charms of Québec



AT A GLANCE

On some dates similar accommodations will be used

Days 1, 2	Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel	Montreal, QC
Days 3, 4	Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu	Charlevoix, QC
Days 5-7	Hôtel Clarendon	Quebec City, QC

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS	MUST-SEE HIGHLIGHTS	CULINARY INCLUSIONS
At the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, encounter stunning works of hand-embossed copper. Learn about the production of lavender, an emblem of French culture, and savor some lavender-infused delights. Get to know Montreal's neighborhoods and mix of modern and historic architecture.	Set out on a Zodiac whale-watching expedition in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park. Soak in Quebec City's charms and the unmissable sight of Château Frontenac. Admire the grandeur of Saint Anne de Beaupre Basilica, the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. At Montmorency Falls, stand in awe of the waterfalls, higher than Niagara.	Learn about the ancestral tradition of maple syrup-making and the stories of a First Nation during an Indigenous-inspired breakfast. Taste your way through the terroir of Île d'Orléans on a progressive culinary adventure.

Day 1: Montreal, Quebec

Welcome to Montreal. This lively multicultural city is rich in history and European charm. An in-depth exploration of the vibrant, French-speaking province of Quebec kicks off in this exciting, modern hub. As flights arrive throughout the afternoon and evening, there will be no inclusions, so you can take time to explore Montreal on your own.

Accommodation: Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel or similar

Day 2: Montreal

Start your day with a panoramic tour of Montreal. Take in the sights of the city, including Jacques Cartier

Square, McGill University and some of the cities unique neighborhoods, old and new. Top it off with spectacular views from "the mountain" as it's called by locals, named Mount Royal by Jacques Cartier in 1535. The afternoon is yours. Sit in a sidewalk café, visit a museum, or browse some of the city's many famous shops. This evening, experience a taste of Montreal during dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Accommodation: Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel or similar

Day 3: Montreal - La Malbaie, Charlevoix Region

This morning, head to First Nations reserve, Kahnawà:ke. Enjoy a simple, Indigenous-inspired breakfast complete with fresh maple syrup! The practice of tapping maple trees has ancient roots from the Indigenous peoples of North America and has resurged as an important connection to nature and ancestral traditions. Get a glimpse into the resilience and traditions of this Mohawk Nation over an exclusive discussion with a community member. Next, visit the only studio in North America still producing embossed copper art by hand. During a visit to the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, learn about this disappearing artform, see a demonstration of the detailed work, and enjoy a treat cooked in unique copper molds. Next, it's on to Sanctuaire Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. Set off for Charlevoix, a picturesque region sculpted between the sea and mountains. Arrive at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, a serene and historic castle-like hotel overlooking the St. Lawrence River – and your home for two nights. *Today breakfast will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu or similar

Day 4: La Malbaie - Baie Sainte Catherine - La Malbaie

Today, take to the water aboard a large Zodiac boat for an exhilarating whale-watching* expedition. Embrace nature all around you in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park and set out to encounter the fascinating and majestic creatures here. A naturalist guide will introduce you to the many species that reside in this marine protected area, like minke whales, fin whales, humpback whales, porpoises, and belugas. Then, the remainder of the day is at leisure to take advantage of your resort's many amenities.** Maybe you'll relax at the spa, hit the golf course, or hike along the property's trails. This evening, enjoy an included dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu or similar

Day 5: Charlevoix Region - Baie-Saint-Paul - Quebec City

Begin the day with a private visit to Papeterie Saint-Gilles, a workshop and economuseum where craftsmen make paper as they did in the 17th century. During this **Impact Moment**, connect with artisans who preserve this piece of heritage through the craft of pressing paper made from cotton. Next, head to a family-owned lavender farm to learn about the production of the

cherished herbal plant and enjoy a taste of some lavender treats. Finally, around 4:00 p.m., arrive in historic Quebec City, the cradle of French America and North America's only fortified city. *Today breakfast will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** Hôtel Clarendon or similar

Day 6: Quebec City

This morning, set out to explore the city your way, because **it's your choice!** Join a local guide for a walking tour and stroll the history-filled streets of Old Quebec, hearing stories of days gone by **-OR-** embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec, seeing the provincial Parliament, the Saint-Louis Gate, and the site of the original settlement of the city. Then, the afternoon is yours to explore however you wish. Old Quebec's winding streets and old-world European ambiance call. Maybe you'll meander beside the fabulous Château Frontenac and descend to Lower Town to visit the boutiques and cafés in Petit-Champlain. Or choose to join an optional tour to explore Indigenous history and culture at the Huron Wendat First Nations Museum and sample First Nations flavors over lunch. *Today breakfast will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** Hôtel Clarendon or similar

 **Optional Excursion:** Exploring First Nations History: Museum & Lunch - see details on [web](#)

Day 7: Quebec City - Île d'Orléans - Quebec City

Today, at Montmorency Falls, stand in awe of the river plunging 272 feet off the Canadian Shield (approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls), taking in stunning views from the many lookout points. Then, you're off for a culinary adventure to taste your way through Île d'Orléans. One of the first areas of the province to be colonized by the French, the island is known for its ancestral homes, agriculture, and breathtaking scenery. Stop to sample a variety of regional products and seasonal delights, with chances to meet local producers along the way. Travel down the island's coast to a vineyard to enjoy a winery tour and wine tasting paired with beautiful views of the island's greenery. Return to Quebec City for a little bit of down time before gathering to say *au revoir* to your time in Quebec during a farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** Hôtel Clarendon or similar

Day 8: Quebec City - Tour Ends

Your tour of the charming Canadian province of Quebec comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Pre-Tour Extensions

- **Pre-Night Stay in Montreal, QC:** Arrive early and enjoy an extra night in Montreal, QC. This is an independent hotel stay before your guided tour begins.

Post-Tour Extensions

- **Post-Night Stay in Quebec City, QC:** Extend your stay with an extra night in Quebec City, QC. This is an independent hotel stay after your guided tour ends.

Essential Tour Information

What to Expect: Charms of Québec

GROUP SIZE & AGE POLICY

Group Size: *Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).*

PHYSICAL EFFORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Activity Level: The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Physical Requirements: Walking throughout Quebec City and Old Montreal as part of the included features, or on your own, will require navigating cobblestone streets and moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance.

While the longest included walk is less than 1 mile, there will be several days where it is required to get on and off the coach up to 4 times in one afternoon.

The included Zodiac whale-watching experience will require climbing in and out of the Zodiac boat in addition to handling a potentially bumpy ride where you will be seated for 2.5 hours.

Medical Equipment/ Devices: If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations: **Any fees associated with the resort's amenities and activities will be at your own expense.

Accommodation Restrictions: Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Travel Requirements: Charms of Québec

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ENTRY RULES

Passport/ Identification Requirements: Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Destination Entry/ Exit Requirements: Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Customs and Immigrations: At the end of your tour, and upon returning to the U.S., please be prepared to fill out a Declaration Form for U.S. Customs. You are allowed to bring back up to \$800 USD per person of purchases duty free. (Dollar amount is subject to change without notice). There may be restrictions as to quantities and types of items that may be brought back to the United States. For purchases being shipped home, check with the store for the proper VAT forms and any shipping or duty fees that may apply.

Terms and Conditions

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date. **Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are

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