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10 Destinations That Are Even Better in the Winter

Does your ideal vacation include swishing down ski slopes, gliding across frozen ice, spying the northern lights, and playing in the snow? Then you'll want to skate straight to these winter spots that embrace the season in all its frozen glory.

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In the summer months, Quebec City is an excellent destination thanks to its French flair and historic old port. But in the winter, the city comes alive as the cold freezes ponds and paths into glittering skating rinks and trails, including the mile-long illuminated skating path in Pointe-aux-Lièvres Parc; the historic Chateau Frontenac becomes a fairy-tale palace encrusted with diamond-like snow; and a toboggan run is opened right along the historic old town's ancient walls. Don't miss the Winter Carnival, the [Carnaval de Québec](#), the largest winter carnival in the world. During 17 days the Carnival offers more than 200 activities and welcomes nearly 500,000 people (upcoming dates are January 26 to February 11, 2018, and February 1 to 17, 2019).