



Travel Tuesday: How To Go Beyond The Ice In Quebec



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While the only thing on your mind right now might be visiting a warmer climate, there are many reasons you'll be enchanted on a visit to Quebec, even during the cold heart of the winter months. The Canadian city offers a practically endless list of winter fun activities, with everything from Carnival festivities and historical sightseeing to authentic outdoor adventures. Quebec is a city that offers more rewards the deeper you delve into it and these are a few experiences that will take you beyond the standard tourist fare to help you explore the heart of this magnificent region.

Visiting Quebec During Winter Carnival Time

The Camaval de Québec is a scintillating winter experience, especially for first-time visitors. This year marks the 64th edition of this renowned spectacle, which lasts for over two weeks and features delights you won't find anywhere else in the world. Spend a day or two wandering through all the events and you'll be surrounded by a virtual flurry of joyous activity.

Imagine all the winter pageantry unfolding right before your eyes as you witness night parades, outdoor dance parties, and snow sculpture exhibitions. There's plenty of participatory activities as well, with challenges like ax throwing, a 300-foot ice slide, and floor hockey everywhere you turn. Words can't describe the electric atmosphere of The Carnaval de Québec— it's something you'll have to experience firsthand.

A Few Nights at the Hilton Québec

Located just a short walk away from the carnival sites, The Hilton Québec offers large, comfortable rooms with all the amenities and spectacular views through every window. It's also the perfect headquarters for your Quebec adventures, with warm coziness throughout and great food three times a day at the Allegro Restaurant. The Hilton Québec offers both convenience and luxury and comes highly recommended year round.

A night out at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is also highly recommended. This celebrated and luxurious hotel is currently celebrating its 125th Anniversary in the grandest of styles, with a variety of sophisticated fine dining options and cocktail parties that are sure to become memorable gala events. An evening at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is like traveling back through time, including encounters with the many famed world leaders and celebrities who've stayed there over the years.

Sampling the Electic Québec Cuisine

The food at the Hilton Québec's Allegro restaurant is delicious, but it's certainly not the only place where you can sample the distinctive Québécois cuisine. In fact, there are great cafes and bistros just about everywhere you turn in this historic city. Here are a few spots that stand out as the very best that Québec cuisine has to offer.

Lunch at the Chez Paillard Cafe-Bakery is a delectably authentic dining experience. Selections here include flaky, Old World croissants, crusty loaves of French bread, artisan pizzas, and the best pastries Canada has to offer. Another mouth-watering Québec lunch option is the poutine you'll find at the many Chez Ashton restaurants in the city.

Needless to say, the dinner spots available to you in Québec are remarkable as well. The Restaurant La Buche is a particularly excellent choice. Serving modern takes on traditional Quebecois cuisine in a delightful setting, La Buche has earned its reputation as one of the city's best. Last but certainly not least, Auberge Saint-Antoine's Chez Muffy offers one of the most distinctive dining experiences in the entire city. Located in the beautiful Auberge Saint-Antoine, Chez Muffy specializes in farm-to-fork meals that are perfect for the entire family.

Go Beyond the Surface with a Guided Tour of Old Québec

Although you can see incredible sights just about everywhere in Old Québec, a guided tour is your best bet if you want a more intimate experience. With an expert guide, you'll see more than just the highlights of this exquisite walled city. Your tour will be like traveling through time as you walk through a variety of memorable historic districts, each with its own distinct charms and personality. There are more enchantments in Old Québec than you can explore in a lifetime, but a guided tour of this jewel of a city will provide maximum satisfaction.

Snow Covered Adventures in the Lanaudière and Mauricie Regions

Standing majestically between the cities of Montreal and Quebec, these regions offer a wealth of outdoor adventures and winter beauty. Spend a few days in these glorious areas and you'll have rugged adventures that are more rewarding than you ever thought possible. Imagine a snowshoe excursion with a real-life trapper, a ski plane flight over some of the most striking landscapes in the world, or a guided ice fishing expedition where you can eat your catch right on the spot. The Lanaudière and Mauricie Regions will leave you awed, transformed, and full of memories that last a lifetime.

For the best accommodations in the Maurice Region, the cottages at The Pourvoire du Lac Blanc come highly recommended. Offering guests the perfect combination of coziness and modern amenities, you'll be just as happy to return to your spacious cottage headquarters as you are during your snowcapped adventures. A similarly magnificent lodging experience awaits you at the Auberge du Lac Taureau in Lanaudière. With its beautiful surrounding landscape, authentic gastronomic delights, and exciting winter activities, The Auberge du Lac Taureau represents French Canada at its glittering, snowy best.

The areas in and around Quebec are a gold mine of enchantment, adventure, and fun. Do yourself a favor and book a visit today.