

for the BRIDE®

Spring 2003 \$5.99

THE ULTIMATE SOURCE FOR BRIDAL FASHION

Your Dream Day!

Perfect Gowns
Sexy Shoes
Stunning Rings
Must-Have Gifts

SPRING FLING
New Twists on
Wedding Hair

RELAX!
Spa Treats
to Pamper
You
Pretty

Lovers For Life

Secrets of
Passionate
Couples

WHAT HAPPY BRIDES KNOW

How to
Reduce Dress
Stress

Easy Ways
to Cut
Reception
Costs

Get The
Guest List
Under
Control

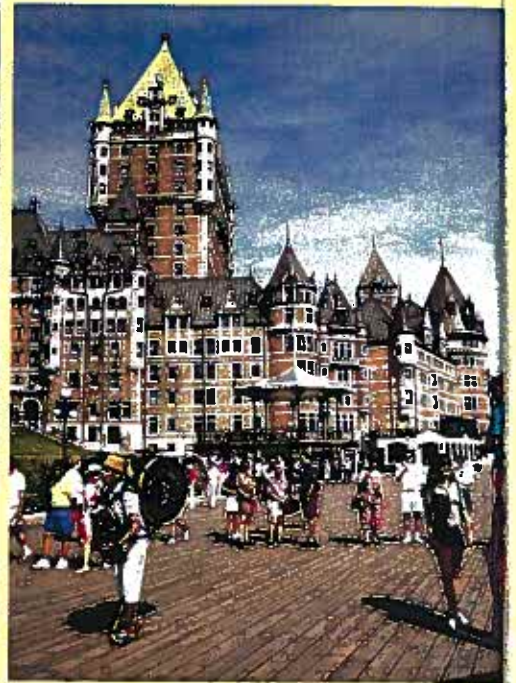


Display Until May 27, 2003
\$5.99US



NORTHERN EXPOSURE

Tucked up there in the great white north is a shining star that is romantic enough to warm your hearts, no matter when you visit.
by Patricia Canole



Sophisticated city that sparkles against a backdrop of snowy topped mountains. Action-packed days of skiing, hiking, or shopping. Easy nights under the stars. Hotels and resorts you'll want to call home. Warm cafés, French baguettes, and a whole lot of Mother Nature. Decide on a honeymoon in Canada, and you get the best of all worlds. Here's an inside look at one of Canada's popular honeymoon destinations.

Quebec City

A honeymoon in the city of Quebec is like being in France—only better. There's no jet lag (because there are no major time changes), and it's amazingly affordable. Better yet, because there are two distinct cities within Quebec, visiting there is like getting two honeymoons for the price of one. The historic section, Vieux Quebec, lies within an old fortification wall and is surrounded by the modern, urban Quebec. This section, in fact, has been designated as a World Heritage Site. Vieux Quebec hugs the shoreline of the St. Lawrence River and is divided into Upper Town, poised atop a cliff (and dominated by the spires and turrets of the Chateau Frontenac Hotel), and Lower Town, the site of Samuel de Champlain's original settlement.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF QUEBEC TOURISM CONVENTION

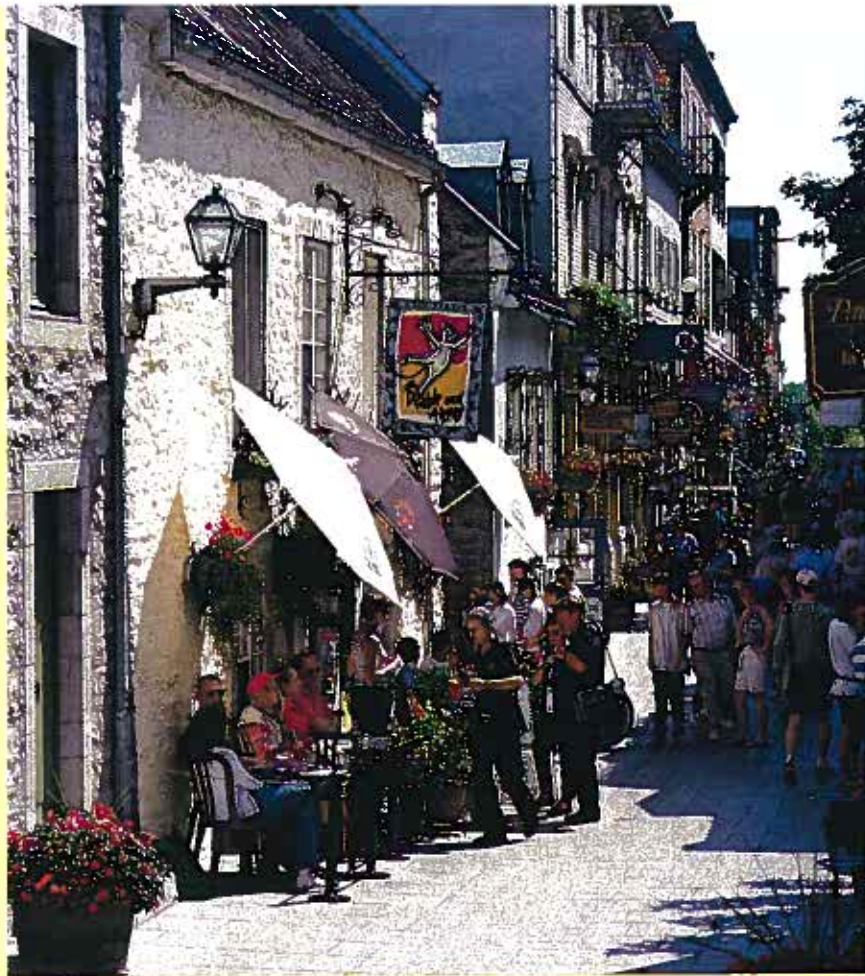
For The Bride

ON THE ROAD

When you've had enough of the city and long for wide-open spaces, explore the countryside along the North or South Shores of the St. Lawrence River, where quaint villages, picturesque farms, and small *auberges* (inns) recall the early days of New France. Just 20-minutes away is Ile d'Orleans, which remains a peaceful, slow-paced world apart from the bustling city. Touring the island and its charming historic villages is an easy drive, since the circumference is a mere 40 miles. While here, take in a romantic lunch at *Le Moulin de Saint-Laurent* for its exceptional regional cuisine. Be sure to try the wild game terrine and chicken liver pate to start. Then dine on a delicious veal stew with filo pastry and mushrooms.

Along the way (about 15 minutes from Quebec City) is the spectacular Montmorency Falls. The centerpiece of a park, the huge stunning waterfall cascades 272 feet downward (one and a half times as high as Niagara Falls). During the winter, the waterfall freezes into a giant cone of ice. The site also affords romantic lookout points and a picnic area.

No matter what time of year, take in a visit to Mont-Sainte-Anne Park, which is dominated by a 2,699-foot high mountain carved with trails. Well-known within the ski community as an international ski center, it is also a prime spot for golf, mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding. Don't miss taking a cable car to the summit for a breathtaking view of the St. Lawrence River and coastline. —PC



Yes, French culture is everywhere. Brush up on your high school French (or just learn to say *bonjour* with a smile), because more than 95 percent of the residents are French-speaking. Expect restaurants, shops, churches, theaters, and your everyday encounters with locals to have a French flair.

Plan to splurge on a romantic *caleche* (horse and buggy) ride along the quaint cobbled streets of the old city. Snuggle together as you clip-clop past historic town houses, ancient churches, and wonderful shops tucked into stately old buildings.

For getting around this mountainous city, hop aboard the funicular. It makes round-trips up and down the steep cliff separating the lower and upper levels of the city. If you're feeling athletic, you can take the stairs.

In the Quartier Petit Champlain you'll find a shopper's paradise—boutiques are brimming with everything from trinkets to precious jewels to Inuit art to European designer fashions. Looking to furnish your new home? Head for the rue Saint-Paul, the center of Quebec's premier antique stores.

If you're lucky enough to be honeymooning during August, participate in the Fetes de la Nouvelle-France (New France Festival) and don a 17th-century costume to parade through the city's nar-

row streets. And if you don't have a costume, you're still welcome to join in the fun and festivities. This annual celebration honors those who first settled the Quebec environs.

Where to eat

At the casual *Le Cochon Dingue* you'll find a menu of such favorites including croissants, baguettes and unfussy food that's easy on the palate. Or for a more formal night, dine at the new *Le Graffiti*, for its excellent menu and presentation.

Where to stay

Why not try Chateau Frontenac (800-441-1414)? With its imposing castle-like architecture and prime location overlooking the river, this historic hotel is a must. The hotel offers a variety of affordable packages, including several honeymoon deals that will pamper you with such romantic perks as chocolates and bubbly while still managing to give your budget a break. For those who want the Lower Town, opt for a stay at *Auberge Saint-Antoine* (418-692-2211). This former warehouse has been transformed into a charming, well-run inn along the waterfront. Each room is different—though all have private baths—and some are bigger than others. Be sure to ask for a room in the main house. ♥

FAST FACTS

Getting There: Air Canada has regularly scheduled flights into Montreal with connecting service into Quebec City.

Entry Requirements: U.S. citizens must carry proof of citizenship, such as a valid passport or driver's license.

Climate/Dress: In Quebec City, dress depends first on the weather, and second, your own mood. Winter requires good snow boots, warm gloves, and hats, while cool evenings of summer call for sweaters and light jackets. Dressing in layers and wearing comfortable shoes are good ideas in any season. Formal dress suits for the higher-priced hotels, but the general style in this city is casual elegance.

