

Quebec City - **Another World!**

Quebec city and its French language present another delightful world within Canada. If you've never been there, it's time to go! The old city is filled with ancient buildings, usually stamped with the year of construction. Historical rock monuments seem to be everywhere you turn, imparting knowledge and historical relevancy to the current surroundings and structures. Quebec city is a truly magical destination.


This year I twice visited Quebec city. The city's beauty during springtime was enhanced by a light breeze carrying fresh cool air. With undeveloped foliage, I could appreciate the charm of the old-city architecture. I stayed at the cozy and elegant Chateau Bonne Entente, just outside the old city. The excellent dining room serves up excellent French cuisine. A professional spa is also on site and ready to pamper. I particularly recommend the back therapy which had me

sleeping like a baby. It is rumored that some movie stars (recently, Angelina Jolie), enjoy this chateau.

The Duchesney Hotel is beside the famous Canadian Ice hotel and comes equipped to entertain people of all ages and in any season. I participated in their archery program, which was made particularly enjoyable because of friendly staff. I learned that the Duchesney Hotel creates the perfect winter holiday. They feature skiing, hiking, dog sledding, and an ice hotel for those who are keen to try something unusual.

In the old lower city, we find the boutique hotel, Hotel Dominion 1912, which is not only beautiful but so conveniently located that visitors are steps away from the beautiful shops that populate the old city. No visit to Quebec city is complete without visiting the famous Chateau Frontenac, where I enjoyed an elegant luncheon buffet. The Chateau is a magnificent building which looks like a castle overlooking the St. Lawrence, and is close to incredible shops and art galleries.

My family and I visited Quebec city in August. The summer's beauty was apparent in gardens, and the ambience of the bustling old city. There were fun festivals and street performers for daily entertainment. For young families, Quebec has an aquarium, water park, and other amazing spots. The Museum of Civilization is filled with artifacts interesting for any age. We stayed at Loews Le Concorde, a perfect spot for young families, and it is within walking distance of the old city gates.

I've just begun to experience Quebec City, its fine restaurants, hotels, and city attractions. My next visit will be during fall or winter, to enjoy the changes. I can hardly wait to return. Perhaps I'll see you there! 

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