Route de la Nouvelle-France

Complete tour: 57 km (34.2 miles), excluding outlying areas.

See also Visits and Guided Tours p. 11

Tour starts in the heart of Old Québec. Discover Route de la Nouvelle-France (New France Route)—it will lead you on a breathtaking journey! For more information: www.routedelanouvellefrance.com

New France Route  Ad p. 71

This route linking Old Québec to the Beaupré Coast traces the path taken by inhabitants of the Beaupré Coast when bringing their crops to Québec City.

As you follow the New France Route through Old Québec, Saint-Roch (the city’s first working class neighbourhood) and Limoilou, the architecture of the local buildings testify to the evolution of the city since the founding of the colony. Houses farther from the downtown core reflect the influence of French and English culture and the Québécois spirit of innovation.

Many heritage structures and sites can be found along the New France Route, such as the colony’s first windmill (1651), first pilgrimage site—namely the shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré (1658), ancestral homes, root cellars and many other historical treasures.

Watch for the small panels installed along this route and explore four centuries of Québec history.

► From Place de l’Hôtel-de-Ville, in front of the city hall, where the great outdoor market was located during the New France era, walk down côte de la Fabrique and turn left onto rue Saint-Jean. Continue down Saint-Jean, turn right onto côte du Palais and walk to the end of the street. Turn left onto rue des Remparts and walk down the slope until you get to an intersection. Take either rue Saint-Nicolas or rue des Vaisseaux-du-Roi to rue Saint-Paul. Cross the street to get to the parking lot of Gare du Palais on the corner of rue Saint-Paul and boulevard Jean-Lesage. You will need to drive the rest of the way. From the parking lot, turn left onto rue Gare-du-Palais. Drive straight through the intersection, and you will be on rue Saint-Roch. Turn right on rue du Pont and follow the tourist route signs through the Saint-Roch and Limoilou districts until you get to chemin de la Canardière. Drive down de la Canardière until you get to chemin Royal, in the borough of Beauport.

► You can now take boulevard Henri-Bourassa south to get to Beauport Bay.
THE beach in Québec City! This wonderful site along the St. Lawrence affords a gorgeous view of the river, Île d’Orléans and Québec City. Many activities may be practised here: canoeing, kayaking, sailing, beach volleyball and soccer, kite surfing, sailboarding and water games. Equipment for these activities may be rented or stored onsite. Sailing school and summer camp for children. Snack bar with healthful menu. Zodiac excursions on the St. Lawrence River. Banquet hall may be rented for groups from 10 to 500 for special events, wedding receptions or press conferences. **Hours:** May 17 to October 11, 2014, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. October 12 to November 7, 2014, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meetings and banquets: open year-round. Parking: $10 weekend and holiday. Monday to Friday, $5 less than 2 hours or $10 more than 2 hours.

### Beauport historic area

The historical district of Beauport has over 550 buildings from different periods reflecting a number of architectural styles. To the left, a religious sanctuary called Parc des Martyrs (1927). To the right, **Parc de la rivière Beauport.** Interpretative panels along the river tell of the flour, nail and linseed oil mills and the distillery/brewery once located there. Thanks to Beauport’s rich substratum, quarries and lime kilns were common in the area at one time. A little farther north, the **Centre de loisirs La Cavée** at 69 rue Juchereau. The offices of the river enhancement committee, which provides guided tours upon request, are located there. **Parc des Cascades,** a park with groomed trails that follow the river, is also to the north. On the wall of Maison Rainville, located at 589 avenue Royale, you will see the **Fresque Desjardins.** This fresco is like a snapshot of the historical and cultural events marking Beauport’s past. The bourg du Fargy district and Maison Girardin are on the other side of the street. One of the characteristics of avenue Royale is that the houses are built at an angle to the street, like the teeth of a saw.

### Bourg du Fargy

An important part of this historical borough, the old bourg du Fargy district illustrates how a variety of architectural styles spanning several centuries can blend harmoniously. In the 17th and 18th centuries, this area comprised Beauport’s administrative centre. Southwest of the Girardin house stands the Nativité-de-Notre-Dame parish church, built in 1916. Beauport’s first church was erected at this very spot in 1676. An innovative way to honour Québec City’s 400th anniversary was implemented in the laneway dedicated to the community’s leaders and founding families. The nearby stone presbytery (1903) is in French Provincial style. The convent of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame (1886) lends its name to the street on which can be seen a number of Victorian houses, whose roofs, elaborate cornices and the alignment of their turreted façades reflect the expansive urbanization and evolving nature of the bourg du Fargy at the beginning of the 20th century. To the west of the Girardin house stands the Marcoux house (1670). Both buildings are of the same architectural style. The barn behind the Marcoux house, is a reminder of Beauport’s rural past.
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**J-2 Maison Girardin**

600, avenue Royale C. P. 57033, Québec G1E 7G3  
418-641-6471, poste 3  www.sahb.ca/maisongirardin

Bus: Métrobus 800

Located across from the Victorian houses at the heart of the bourg du Fargy district, Maison Girardin boasts an impressive history that reaches back to the 18th century. Two wooden homes were successively built on the site, the first shortly after 1701, and the second in the 1760s. A smithy was added between 1782 and 1784. Ignace Girardin built the first stone house on this site between 1784 and 1807, which was the Girardin family home for about 150 years. Named a historical monument in 1977, this house contains a permanent exhibit on the historical district of Beauport, its heritage buildings and founding families. **Hours:** June to September, Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; The rest of the year upon reservation only. **Guided tours.** Reservations required for groups. **Free admission.**

- Continue on avenue Royale. **Maison Tessier-dit-Laplante** (1867), a listed building located at number 2328, avenue Royale (route 360), a few km eastward, is a good example of traditional architecture where elements of typical English style have been integrated. The Saint-Louis-de-Courville presbytery and Mediterranean-style church (1917) are also located nearby.

- Further east you come to **Parc de la Chute-Montmorency** (ad p. 69, 156), an ideal stopover and resting spot worth visiting, and from which to take in the superb views on Québec City, the St. Lawrence River and the bridge crossing over into Île d’Orléans. Stay on avenue Royale for a full Côte-de-Beaupré tour.

**Côte-de-Beaupré**

**M-N-5** Visitors to this vacationing and holidaying area will discover heritage and natural tourist sites of exceptional back-to-roots importance. There are nine communities here, where settlement began as early as 1636. Many buildings bear witness to the evolution of architectural practice with regard to Québec dwelling requirements over a 4-century span. Discover Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine, oldest pilgrimage destination in North America.

Côte-de-Beaupré is also very popular with travellers who value recreational, tourist and outdoor activities, due to the exceptional quality of nature and outdoor locations, such as Mont-Sainte-Anne, for instance. Delicious locally-grown produce (p. 206) dining and sampling, very often direct from the growers’ farm, are also assured during your stay.
Boischatel population 6,871

Western gateway to Côte-de-Beaupré, you’ll be amazed by the remarkable vista on the majestic St. Lawrence River as well as by the natural beauty and quietness of this location.

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Maison Vézina

171, des Grenadiers, Boischatel G0A 1H0
418-822-3183 www.maisonvezina.ca

Next to Montmorency Falls Park. This beautiful heritage house built in stone (1713-1732) will let you discover Boischatel rural life through the 8 generations of Vezina family who inhabited it (1666-1979). Discover as well how the general Wolfe and his troops occupied its field in the summer 1759. Also, exhibit about Boischatel architecture, art gallery, gift shop. The first floor is wheelchair accessible. Hours: June 21 to September 1, open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 2 to June 20, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guided tours on our opening hours. Reservation needed for more than 10 people groups or visits outside our opening hours. Free parking.

L’Ange-Gardien population 3,767

Admire the bucolic, pastoral landscape reminiscent of agricultural activity here since the New France era. Do not miss the two 17th century procession chapels in the centre of the village.

Château-Richer population 3,979

First parish erected in North America, cradle of many Québécois settler families. Justifiably proud of its 400-year history, of inestimable value.

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Centre d’Interprétation de la Côte-de-Beaupré

7976, avenue Royale, Château-Richer G0A 1N0
418-824-3677 / 1-877-824-3677 www.histoire-cotedebeaupre.org

Located at the historical and archeological site of the three Château-Richer convents, this interpretation centre, which opened in 1984, hosts a permanent exhibition on the history of one of the first French settlements in North America. Other attractions include the excavated foundations of the first two convents (built in 1694 and 1830) that can be seen inside the third convent (1907), a recreated classroom from yesteryear (1912), temporary exhibitions and a number of cultural and educational activities about this delightful site. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open year-round. Reservations required for groups. Admission: adult: $6; senior: $5; student: $4; child (17 years and under): free. Price for groups: on call.

Centre de généalogie, des archives et des biens culturels de Château-Richer

277, rue du Couvent, Château-Richer G0A 1N0
418-824-3079 www3.telebecinternet.com/archives.chateau-richer

History and genealogy centre located on a promontory with a breathtaking view. Exhibition featuring reproductions of paintings and photographs, old maps and a video presentation. Our genealogy centre provides visitors with a variety of reference tools to search for their ancestors. Personnel on hand to assist you. Hours: July and October, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Off-season, Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please contact us about our opening hours, as they may vary during the off-season. Free admission.
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Chez Marie
8706, avenue Royale, Château-Richer G0A 1N0
418-824-4347  www.boulangeriechezmarie.com

Marie and her fourth generation family welcome you to their old stone homestead built in 1652. Outside, the 150-year-old bread oven is still in fine working order. Sample wonderful fresh bread with assorted jams and maple produce on the premises. Reception room for 20 or more. Parking. **Hours:** daily, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Free admission.**

Albert Gilles Copper Art & Museum  Ad p. 70
7450, boulevard Sainte-Anne, Château-Richer G0A 1N0
418-824-4224  www.albertgilles.com

Coppersmithing has been a tradition in our family for 87 years! Learn more about our expertise in embossing copper, exclusive pieces and worldwide architectural achievements at our two museums located only a few minutes from Québec City. Onsite gift shop has original artwork for sale. We also make customized personal or corporate gifts. Interesting fact: Albert Gilles created the doors of the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica. Copper workshop for groups only upon reservation. **Hours:** May to October, daily, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. November to April, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Free admission** and tour. Free guided tour for groups. Special activity of copper embossing for groups on demand.

Musée de l’abeille  Ad p. 70
8862, boulevard Sainte-Anne, Château-Richer G0A 1N0
418-824-4411  www.musee-abeille.com

The Musée de l’abeille experience is more than just tasting the best honey. Our theme shop is a short vacation, a sweet treat. Visit our gift shop full of beehive products. Taste our honey ice cream, chocolates and snacks. Learn how to recognize several types of honey. Enjoy mead, the nectar of Gods. A great gourmet stop for the whole family. **Hours:** open daily, May 1 to October 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 24 to Labor Day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Free admission.**

Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré population 2,920

Many attractions and services are available to visitors in this community. Worthy of note as you enter, the ancestral architecture of many buildings, and the agricultural heritage of Côte Sainte-Anne.
N-4 Atelier Paré - ECONOMUSEUM® of Woodcarving
9269, avenue Royale, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré G0A 3C0
418-827-3992  www.atelierpare.com

The “joie de vivre” of famous Québec legends is brought to life in wooden and fibreglass sculptures. Our artists seek to give voice to each block of wood so that it may tell the tale it keeps near to its heart; every painted wooden sculpture represents such a tale. Visitors can watch the artists at work on sculptures that will be displayed in one of the indoor exhibits or in the ecomuseum’s garden. Gift shop where you can find handmade souvenirs. In 2013, the economuseum celebrated its 70th anniversary. Storyteller available at a minimal cost. **Hours:** May to October, daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; October to May, Wednesday to Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (closed on Monday and Tuesday). **Free admission**, but donations are welcome. Open at other times for groups upon reservation.

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N-4 Musée Edison du Phonographe

9812, avenue Royale, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré G0A 3C0
418-827-5957  www.phono.org/beaupre.html

Dedicated to the phonograph invention in 1877 by Thomas Alva Edison, the museum exhibits more than 250 cylinder phonographs. It has three tinfoil phonographs dating back 1878-1880. It boasts prestigious machines such as a three cylinder juke-box; some are unique pieces like a wax cylinder phonograph alarm-clock. The museum has cylinder recordings of now disappeared celebrities’ voices: Thomas Alva Edison, Pope Leo the 13th, Theodore Roosevelt, Enrico Caruso and Sarah Bernhardt. Parking. **Hours:** open daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. upon reservation. **Admission:** adults: $5; senior citizens, students, groups: $4; children (7 to 12): $2.50; (0 to 6): free. **Guided tours** in English.

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N-4 Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré

10018, avenue Royale, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré G0A 3C0
418-827-3781  www.sanctuairesainteanne.org

The Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, located only 20 minutes from Québec City, welcomes almost a million visitors annually. For over 350 years, people of all ages have been gathering at this Shrine dedicated to Saint Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Through the beauty of numerous artistic masterpieces (paintings, mosaics, stained-glass windows, stone and wooden sculptures), discover the extraordinary history of Saint Anne, as well as the important role she played in the faith of our people. Liturgical celebrations, including daily Mass, are offered. Other services include: daily Mass, cafeteria, gift shop, lodging, audioguide in four languages, etc.

At the Saint Anne Museum, discover the rich history of devotion to Saint Anne. Admire many works of art, as well as the largest collection of ex-votos in North America. **Hours:** Sanctuary open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Extended opening hours in the summer. For more information, visit our website or contact us. **Admission:** $2 per person.
N-4 Cyclorama de Jérusalem

8, rue du Sanctuaire, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré G0A 3C0
418-827-3101  www.cyclorama.com

Travel to biblical times through the largest 360° landscape panorama in America. On display in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré since 1895, the Cyclorama of Jerusalem is 14 m (45 ft) tall, has a circumference of 110 m (365 ft) and has a surface area of 1540 m² (16,600 sq ft.). From the middle of the viewing gallery, visitors can look out over 80 km (50 miles) of Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside on the day of the crucifixion. French and English narration. Upon reservation: Spanish, Russian, Italian, German, Portuguese, Arabic, Mandarin or Japanese. Free parking. Hours: mid-May to mid-October, daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 1 to Labor Day, daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission (taxes included): senior (20 people and over) $8; adults $9; children (6 to 16 years) $6; (5 years and under): free.

Back onto Avenue Royale, drive eastward into Beaupré.

Beaupré population 3,634

Located between Mount Sainte-Anne and majestic St. Lawrence River, Beaupré offers lavish natural settings and a large range of attractions and activities centered on adventure, environmental, and tourist packages. Mont-Sainte-Anne, on the World Cup downhill ski Championship events circuit, is a 4-season resort providing outdoor and nature outing opportunities in a magnificent setting. Mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain gliding, and camping are but a few of the activities available on this location. Cable car rides are also offered, for breathtaking views on the surrounding countryside.

0-4 Canyon Sainte-Anne  Ad p. 216

206, Route 138 Case postale 2087, Beaupré G0A 1E0
418-827-4057  www.canyonsa.qc.ca

Gorge-ous! Explore a spectacular canyon carved into the rock by the majestic St. Anne Falls (higher than Niagara Falls). Cross three suspension bridges, one of which is among the highest in Québec, hanging 60 m (180') above the gorge. Absolutely suspensational! See the giant’s cauldrons, the cascades in the mini-canyon and panoramic rock cliffs full of rainbows. Take part in the Stone family games. Want a thrill? Try the two zip lines and three via ferrata routes. Footpath easy to follow by seniors. Top Attractions Canada winner. The perfect place to spend the day in the great outdoors! Hours: May 1 to June 23 and September 1 to October 19: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 24 to August 31: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last admission in the park one hour before closing. Admission fees.

Still on Route 360, drive through the underpass and you will soon see the paper mill located at the mouth of Sainte-Anne River. Drive towards Saint-Joachim and Cap-Tourmente.
Saint-Joachim population 1,531

0-4 Where the first farm settlement in the St. Lawrence River valley was established, is also a migratory bird stopover, providing precious bird watching opportunities for the famous snow geese as they flock down to rest and feed in this location, well-known for its diversity.

► Turn right at the crossroads with rue de l’Église.

0-4 Église de Saint-Joachim
165, rue de l’Église, Saint-Joachim G0A 3X0
418-827-4475

Classified as an historic monument in 1959, this church is one of the oldest in the province of Québec (1779). Its architecture and the works of art are worth discovering, especially the gold sculptures by François and Thomas Baillairgé who were responsible for the interior decoration. Parking. Recorded commentary available by pushing a red button at church entrance. Hours: May 15 to October 15, daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or upon reservation. Free admission.

Next to the church is an interpretation signpost titled Archéo-vision, first of a series of eight, providing information on the time span covering the Amerindian to Jacques Cartier, Champlain and Mgr de Laval period; signs posted from April to October.

► At the end of this street, turn right and drive along the road to Cap-Tourmente. On the right-hand side, civic number 800 brings you to “Centre d’initiation au patrimoine La Grande Ferme”, a heritage land interpretation centre.

0-4 Centre d’initiation au patrimoine - La Grande Ferme
800, chemin du Cap-Tourmente, Saint-Joachim G0A 3X0
418-827-4608  www.lagrandeferme.qc.ca

This enchanting site features a listed century-old house, an interpretation billboard with information on this location and its surroundings, and archaeological remnants of the village’s first church. Different programs for adults groups, social clubs and schools are offered. Our activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, a theatrical presentation of 19th century rural life, legends and songs. Enjoy an excellent meal served in a country-style family atmosphere. Special historical exhibit. Hours: open to the public, August to October. Open year-round for groups, upon reservation.

► About 2 km further down the road, you come to the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area (p.157), a nature preserve, hiking and bird watching centre. Other activities available.

► Upon leaving Cap Tourmente, turn right and drive 8 km westward, across the village and over the bridge, then follow directions to Route 138 via rue Prévost. Your Route de la Nouvelle-France tour ends here.
Côte-de-Beaupré

Saint-Ferréol-les-Neiges (Route 360) population 3,160

0-4 Plenty of outdoor leisure activities at this holiday destination par excellence. Enjoy strolling through groomed trails, some skirting the Sainte-Anne-du-Nord River, or practice your golf swing on our fairways.

0-4 Les Sept-Chutes, site d’interprétation et de plein air, site de production hydroélectrique

4520, avenue Royale, Saint-Ferréol-les-Neiges G0A 3R0
418-826-3139 / 1-877-7CHUTES  www.septchutes.com
Located along the Sainte-Anne-du-Nord River, Sept-Chutes is one of the most breathtakingly beautiful natural sites in Québec. Hike along 5 km (3 miles) of groomed trails and observe the falls from 20 lookout points. Visit the historic village and hydroelectric installations, which have been operating since 1916. Knowledgeable guides will provide you with information on all aspects of the site. Picnic and recreation areas onsite. Only 10 minutes from Mont-Sainte-Anne in the municipality of Saint-Ferréol-les-Neiges along Route 360. Hours: open daily, May 17 to October 13, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission (taxes not included): Adults (18 to 64 years): $10.50. Seniors (65 and over): $9.50. Students (18-21 with ID): $9.50. Junior (6-17): $7.50. Children (5 and under): free. Family (2 adults and 2 children): $28.50. Group rates and packages available upon request.

Saint-Tite-des-Caps (Route 138) population 1,530

0-3 Eastern gateway to Côte-de-Beaupré, Saint-Tite-des-Caps offers a remarkable vista on the majestic Laurentian mountain chain running by the village. This community is very popular with outdoor enthusiasts in search of unique nature getaway destinations.