

O'DONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
UNE EXCURSION FRANÇAISE À LA VILLE DE
QUÉBEC
Friday April 16-Sunday April 18, 2010

DAY ONE: Friday, April 16, 2010

6:30AM

Arrive at the front parking lot of OMS-- Please plan to arrive at school to load your bags on the bus at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time, to ensure an on-time departure and an on-time arrival.

7:00 AM

Depart school on a deluxe, climate-controlled and restroom-equipped BLOOM motorcoach.

3:30 PM

Arrive in Québec City, THE CRADLE OF FRENCH CIVILIZATION IN NORTH AMERICA, and meet your VISIT CANADA guide at the deluxe **Hotel Loews le Concorde**.

You'll have about an hour (depending on your exact arrival time) to check in and freshen up, then reassemble in the lobby and depart on a WALKING ORIENTATION TOUR that will introduce you to **Place Montcalm** on the **Grande Allée** (the Champs Elysées of Québec), **the Assemblée Nationale** and, time and weather permitting, Québec's historic **Citadelle**.

Your tour will end with dinner at a historic French-Canadian restaurant.

6:30 PM

Arrive at **Restaurant St. Hubert** (at 693 Grande Allée est), an institution in the Province of Québec, where you'll sample the roast chicken **dinner** that made it famous, ending with a traditional sugar pie dessert.

7:45 PM

After dinner, walk with your guide to the National Battlefields Commission's Discovery Pavilion .

8:00 PM

Upon arrival at the **Maison de la Découverte** you will learn about the history of Québec, from the French Regime through the end of the Second World War.

Your day will end with a fascinating and highly interactive **lesson about warfare** in the time of Generals Wolfe and Montcalm.

10:00 PM

After your history lesson, walk, via the Grande Allée, back to your hotel.

10:30 PM

Overnight security services begin at 10:30pm

DAY TWO: SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

8:00AM

Meet your guide in the lobby and transfer to the a French Breakfast in the lower city.

8:15 AM

Arrive at the charming restaurant **le Cochon Dingue** (in the *Quartier Petit Champlain*) where you will begin your day with a **breakfast** of large fresh croissants and a bowl of café au lait or chocolat chaud.

9:15 AM

After breakfast, walk to the Terrasse Dufferin outside the **Château Frontenac**.

9:30 AM

Upon arrival at the Château, you will walk to the west end of the boardwalk to meet your photographer, then pose for a **group photograph** on the **Promenade des Gouverneurs**.

9:45 AM

After the photo, walk with your guide to **Place Royale** to begin a cultural and historic **Treasure Hunt** that will test you on what you have learned thus far about the rich history of New France.

10:00 AM

Your "**Chasse au Trésor**" starts at the bust of Louis XIV (brought to Place Royale at the king's request in 1685), then winds through the cobblestoned streets of Old Québec, past the Château Frontenac, down the rue du Trésor, past City Hall, and past a real cannon ball that's still visible after being shot onto a tree several centuries ago.

(IF THE WEATHER IS INCLEMMENT, your group will visit the Musée de la Civilisation in place of the Treasure hunt).

11:30 AM

The treasure hunt will end at the Assemblée Nationale, Québec's provincial parliament building, from which you will walk to lunch on your own in the **Quartier Latin**. (If the weather is inclement you may walk instead to nearby Place Québec).

After lunch, you'll be free for picture-taking or souvenir-**shopping** along rue St-Jean, in the Quartier Latin's many student-friendly shops and boutiques.

1:15 PM

Meet your bus and depart on a short ride along the north shore of the **Saint Lawrence River (the Côte-de-Beaupré)** to the village of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.

2:00 PM

There, upon arrival, your guide will lead you on a tour of the magnificent **Basilique Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré**.

This world famous, gothic cathedral which is visited by more than a million pilgrims every year, is renowned for its enormous proportions and superb stained glass windows.

2:30 PM

Meet the bus driver and depart for the Montmorency Falls.

3:00 PM

Arrive at **Parc de la Chutes Montmorency**, where the first battle between Generals Wolfe and Montcalm took place during the epochal summer of 1759.

There you will walk across a footbridge that crosses directly over the top of the 83-meter high falls, then down a 250-foot staircase that's so close to the face of the falls, you'll feel the mist.

4:00 PM

Meet the bus and return to your hotel to freshen up and dress casually for your evening at the sugar shack.

5:00 PM

Depart for a ride through the rolling hills and quaint villages of rural Québec to an **all-you-can-eat dinner** at an authentic French-Canadian **cabane à sucre**.

6:00 PM

Arrive at La **Cabane à Pierre** where, after a tour of the sugar shacks and a hearty dinner of typical Québécois fare (including Mountaineer's Pea Soup, Home-baked Country-style Bread, Sausages, Traditional Tourtiere, Maple-glazed Ham, Pancakes with Maple Syrup, Maple Taffy on Real Snow, Coffee Tea, Soft Drinks and Fresh Spring Water), you'll spend an evening learning some **traditional dances and folk songs**.

Your day will end with a sugar-on-snow party, with real maple syrup and real snow (stored in the winter and served every day of the year).

9:00 PM

Board your bus at around 9:00pm and **return to the hotel**.

10:00 PM

Evening security services begin at 10:00pm.

DAY THREE: SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

7:45 AM

Meet your guide in the lobby and walk to breakfast on the Grande Allée.

8:00 AM

Arrive at **La Vieille Maison** (at 625 Grande-Allée est) for a **buffet breakfast** of scrambled eggs, pancakes, french toast, bacon, fried potatoes, toast and jam, cereals and fresh fruit, and orange juice.

9:00 AM

After breakfast return to the hotel to **check out** of your room and place your bags on the bus, between 9:30 and 9:45 am.

9:45 AM

Walk to the Terrasse Dufferin for a **sound and light show** depicting the rich history of Québec.

10:00 AM

Arrive at the **Musée du Fort**, where, among other things, you will learn about the many battles between the French, British and, yes, American armies.

The presentation will end with a memorable and highly educational depiction of the decisive Battle of the Plains of Abraham, and a **QUIZ** to see how much history you absorbed.

10:45 AM

After the quiz, walk with your guide to the **Quartier Petit Champlain**, the oldest part of Québec City, where you will pause for an early lunch on your own (Le Petit Cochon Dingue would be a good choice).

After lunch you will be free for some last-minute gift-shopping and picture-taking as you browse amidst the ancient greystone buildings and narrow, cobblestoned streets dated back to the early 1600s.

12:30 PM

Meet at the **Rubik's Cube** (you'll know it when you see it) near Place Royale then walk to the Québec Ferry Terminal.

12:45 PM

Board the **1:00pm ferry to the City of Lévis** (from which, as you've learned, the British General Wolfe bombarded General Montcalm's French army in Québec City in the summer of 1759).

1:00 PM

End your Québec City visit with a **ferry ride** across the mile-wide St. Lawrence River.

1:15 PM

Meet your bus at the Lévis Ferry Terminal and begin your journey back to the United States.

9:00 PM

Arrive at school at about 9:00pm (your actual arrival time may vary).

*Many times are approximate. The itinerary is subject to change, and due to weather considerations and/or time constraints, often does. The final itinerary will be sent to us a few days prior to our departure

* Distance: 416.03 miles / Total Travel Estimates Time: 7 hours 56 minutes