

# QUEBEC CITY



Quebec City is the birthplace of French culture in North America. Perched on the cliffs of Cap Diamant and overlooking the St. Lawrence River, Quebec is proud to be a living museum and the only fortified city in North America.

RUE ST-JEAN, QUEBEC CITY



# WHAT TO DO

Quebec City can be divided into 3 districts: **Upper Town**, **Lower Town** and **Grande-Allée-Parliament Hill**. Quebec City is small enough that the best way to explore it is on foot.

## LOWER TOWN

As its name implies, Lower Town (Basse-Ville) is located at the foot of Cap Diamant, along the St. Lawrence River.

### RUE DU PETIT-CHAMPLAIN ★★

In summer and winter alike, this small cobbled street is a hive

of activity, with its many cafes, restaurants, boutiques and art galleries.

### PLACE ROYALE ★★

A visit to Place Royale is like a step back in time to the early days of New France. It was here that Samuel de Champlain founded the first settlement in 1608. It later became a market square. Take the time to admire the interior and exterior of historic **Notre-Dame-des-Victoires Church** ★, the oldest.

### MUSÉE DE LA CIVILISATION ★★

The most popular museum in Quebec City invites visitors to reflect on their values and traditions in relation to those of other cultures and civilizations. Learn all about Quebec with the following **2 permanent exhibitions**:

**1. People of Quebec... Then and Now:** Revisit the major events that shaped Quebec's history, from the early days of the settlers to the present day.

**2. This is our Story:** Discover the history and culture of Quebec's Aboriginal cultures and how they view the world.

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### QUÉBEC CITY - LÉVIS FERRY ★

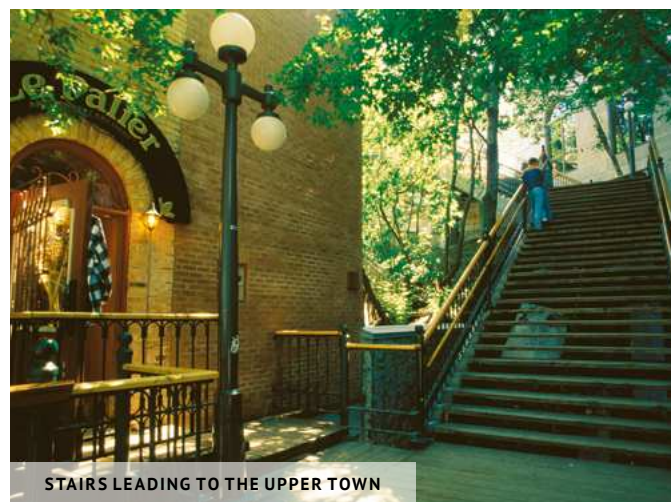
The ferry between Quebec City and Lévis provides the opportunity to take some **amazing photos of the city!** The ferry terminal is near Petit-Champlain. The ride lasts about 12 minutes and costs a few dollars. The ferry runs daily all year long, with departures every hour during the day.

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RUE DU PETIT CHAMPLAIN

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STAIRS LEADING TO THE UPPER TOWN

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**UPPER TOWN**

**CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC ★★★**

Attention all looking to score a perfect picture on their Canadian road trip, the iconic Château Frontenac is Quebec City's most famous landmark and the most photographed hotel in the world. It was named after Louis de Buade, Count of Frontenac, who was governor of the colony of New France from 1672 to 1682 and 1689 to 1698. Built in 1893 by the railway to ensure luxurious accommodations for train passengers, Château Frontenac has been named a National Historic Site of Canada. Step inside to admire its entry hall, the Verchères room, the Champlain dining room and the reception area. A jewel of Canadian architecture! The Quebec Citadel and Observatoire de la Capitale offer splendid views of Château Frontenac.

**FAIRMONT.FR/FRONTENAC-QUEBEC**

**RUE DU TRÉSOR ★**

You won't want to miss taking a stroll down this colourful pedestrian alley where local artists display their artwork. Admire the works of Quebec artists, representing typical scenes of Quebec City. And why not take one home with you?

**NOTRE-DAME-DE-QUÉBEC CATHEDRAL-BASILICA ★**

Originally constructed in 1650, the cathedral has been rebuilt twice, after being destroyed by British troops in 1759 and gutted by fire in 1922. Named a National Historic Site of Canada in 1966, it represents more than 300 years of Quebec architecture.

**RUE SAINT-JEAN ★**

The lively and popular Rue Saint-Jean is one of the oldest streets in the city. Bustling with boutiques and restaurants, this is Old Quebec's ultimate shopping destination.

**TERRASSE DUFFERIN ★★★**

Dufferin Terrace is a 430-metre long cliff-top boardwalk just below Château Frontenac, with spectacular views★★ of the St. Lawrence River, Lower Town and the surrounding area. The Terrace has public benches, street performers, vendors and even ice slides in winter.



CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC



NOTRE-DAME-DE-QUÉBEC CATHEDRAL-BASILICA



TERRASSE DUFFERIN



RUE ST-JEAN



RUE DU TRÉSOR



**CITADELLE ★**

The Citadelle is a fortress built between 1820 and 1832. Designed in a star shape characteristic of the time, it was never used to defend the city. Today, Quebec City is the sole surviving example of a fortified city in North America. The Citadelle is home to the Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Museum, which displays a collection of historical military artifacts from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Don't miss the view of Quebec City from the Citadelle. The colourful **changing of the guard** takes place on the Citadelle parade grounds daily in summer.  
**1, CÔTE DE LA CITADELLE**  
**418-694-2815**  
**WWW.LACITADELLE.QC.CA**

**PROMENADE DES GOUVERNEURS ★**

An extension of Dufferin Terrace, Promenade des Gouverneurs runs along the Quebec Citadelle to the Plains of Abraham (Battlefields Park). This multi-level walkway offers panoramic views of the surrounding areas.

**ARTILLERY PARK ★**

Artillery Park is a group of historic buildings that bear witness to more than 250 years of French, British and Canadian military history. Visit the site's welcome and interpretation

centre where you will discover military artifacts, the remains of a powder magazine with its protective wall, and a magnificent scale model of Quebec City built in the early 19th century. In summer the

site offers many activities for visitors. Visit their website for more details.  
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**CITADELLE**

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**HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE IN OLD QUEBEC**

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## GRANDE ALLÉE + PARLIAMENT HILL

### QUEBEC PARLIAMENT BUILDING ★

Built between 1877 and 1886, the Parliament Building is home to the Quebec National Assembly, the organism that has held the legislative power of the province since 1867. Some rooms are open to visitors, including the entry hall, the Presidents' Gallery, the National Assembly Chamber, the Flag Room and the Legislative Council Chamber. A piece of photo ID is required. **Free guided tours** are offered in summer.

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### PARC DES CHAMPS-DE-BATAILLE ★

Created in 1908 for the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quebec City, this vast park **commemorates**

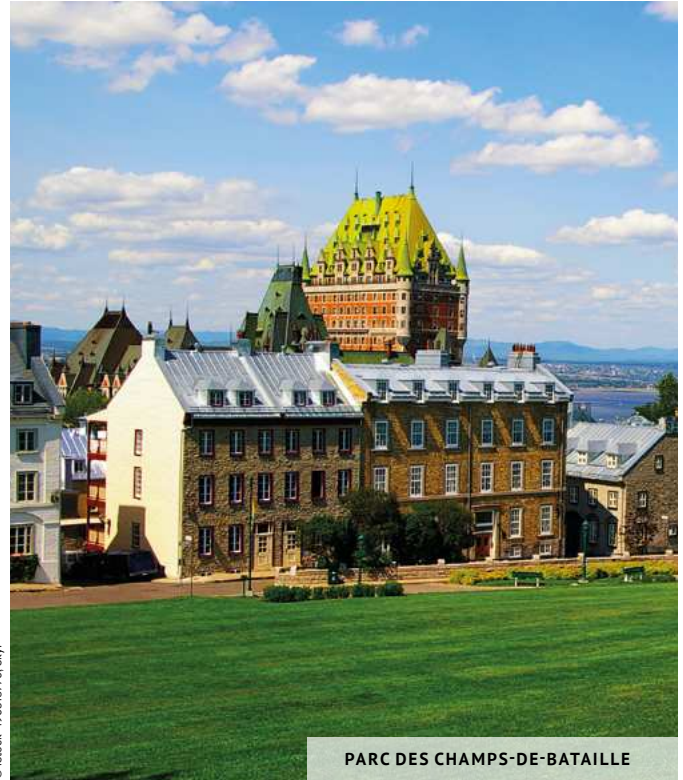
**the bloody clashes between the French and English** during the British conquest from 1759 to 1760. A green oasis of plains, wooded areas and English-style gardens, Battlefields Park is to Quebec City what Central Park is to New York. With its extensive pathways and views of the St. Lawrence River, the park is an ideal setting for a stroll or a family picnic. Also known as the Plains of Abraham.

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### OBSERVATOIRE DE LA CAPITALE (MARIE-GUYART BUILDING) ★

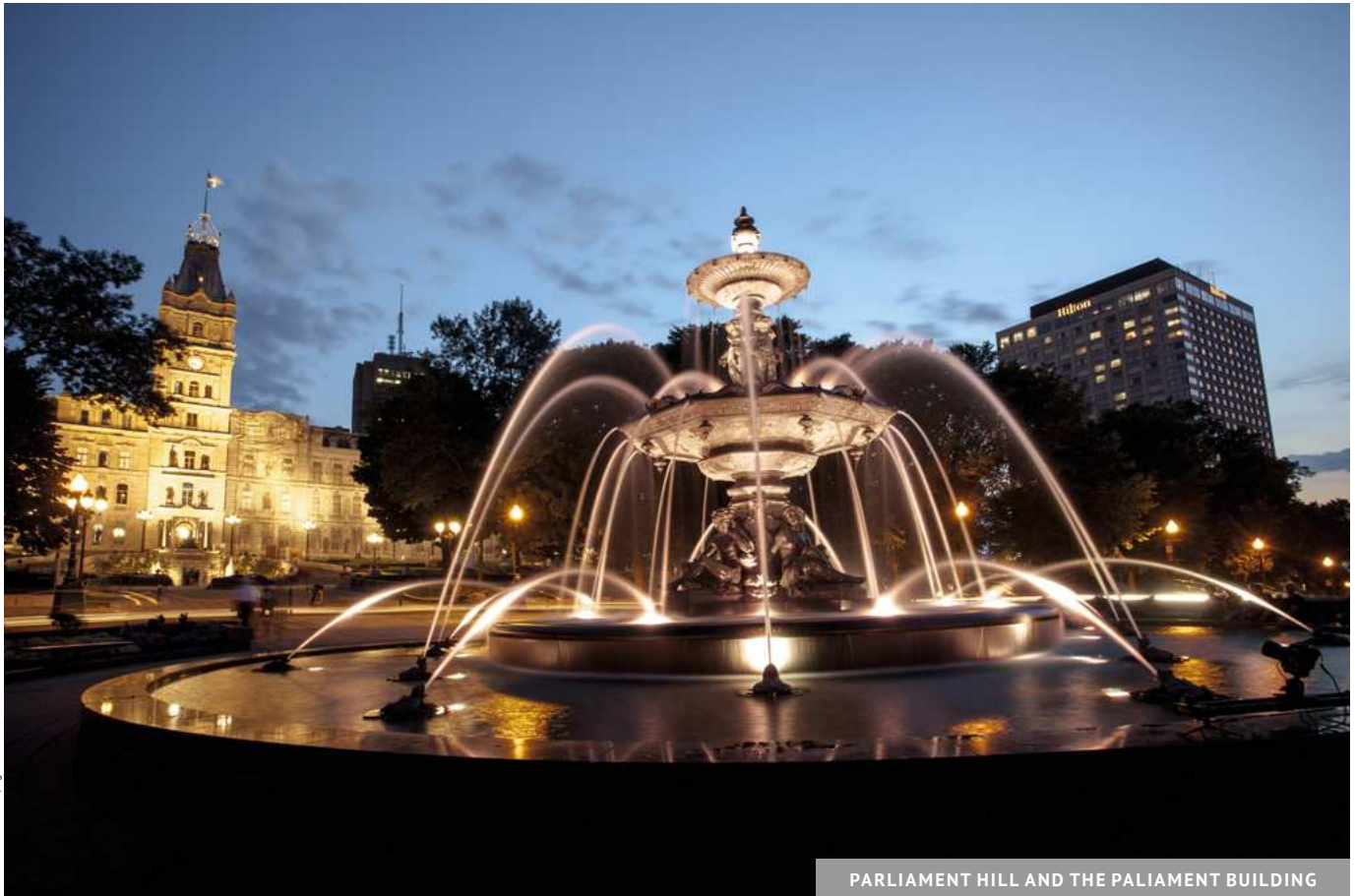
Admire Quebec City from its highest point, 221 metres up on the 31<sup>st</sup> floor of the Marie-Guyart Building. Observatoire de la Capitale offers a 360° view of Quebec City and the surrounding area.

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PARC DES CHAMPS-DE-BATAILLE

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PARLIAMENT HILL AND THE PALIAMENT BUILDING

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## GUIDED TOURS ★

- **Ghost Tours of Quebec:**  
An original evening tour experience with costumed guides who will share stories of 400 years of murders, executions and ghosts as you walk the streets of Old Quebec. 90 minutes.  
[fantomesdequebec.com](http://fantomesdequebec.com)
- **City Food Tour:**  
Soak up all the culinary wonders of Quebec City as well as its rich history through this foodies' walking tour. You will be guided through the many vibrant districts of the city all while enjoying delicious bites and this unique European architecture in Canada. Your guides will let you in on all the secrets of the Old City. Bon Apetit!  
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- **Fortifications of Quebec Guided Tour:**  
This 120-minute tour will allow you to learn all about Québec's defensive system as you cross the Governors' Garden and the picturesque streets of Old Quebec to the walls of the Citadel of Quebec. The tour ends at the powder magazine located at the Esplanade Park.  
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- **Guided tour of Artillery Park:**  
Artillery Park bears witness to more than 250 years of military history, which you will explore through a tour of the historic buildings, such as the Arsenal foundry and the Dauphine Redoubt. 60 minutes.  
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## NEARBY

### MONTMORENCY FALLS ★★

Located between the river and the cliffs, Montmorency Falls Park is just a few minutes from Quebec City and is accessible all year round. Its main attraction, the spectacular Montmorency Falls, are 83 metres tall. You can discover the falls on foot or take the cable car to the top. The entire cove is illuminated after dark.

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ÎLE D'ORLÉANS



MONTMORENCY FALLS

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## ÎLE D'ORLÉANS ★

Île d'Orléans is located in the St. Lawrence River just east of Quebec City. A beautiful island that will capture your heart, it is home to some 600 historic buildings and stone houses dating back to the French Regime. Be sure to visit Saint-

Pierre Church: built in 1717, it is the oldest church on the island. The island is known for its many local delicacies and award-winning products.

## TRADITIONAL HURON SITE ★

Located on the Huron-Wendat

reservation, the Huron Traditional Site is a unique opportunity to discover the history, culture, cuisine, dances, ancestral traditions and lifestyle of the Huron people. The Huron-Wendat are a First Nation. Over the years, they have survived several epidemics

and other tragedies. You can tour the recreated village and listen to the guide's stories and explanations. The craft shop is also worth a visit. The site has a restaurant.

[HURON-WENDAT.QC.CA](http://HURON-WENDAT.QC.CA)



TRADITIONAL HURON SITE

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## FESTIVALS

### Quebec City Summer Festival

**Dates :** first half of July  
Created in 1968, the Festival d'Été has become a major cultural event that attracts 1.5 million festivalgoers every year. Imagine an entire city transformed into a giant stage for eleven days, from noon until midnight... Artists from all over the world perform at a dozen

venues, all within easy walking distance. With more than 1000 artists and 300 shows, this is one of Canada's biggest music festivals!

[INFOFESTIVAL.COM](http://INFOFESTIVAL.COM)

### Loto-Quebec International

#### Fireworks competition

**Dates :** August  
The Grands Feux Loto-Québec is a pyromusical extravaganza that attracts thousands of locals and visitors alike. Every summer,

spectators gather on the banks of the St. Lawrence River to enjoy the colourful creations of some of the world's best pyrotechnical experts. Note: Wednesdays and Saturdays only! Arrive early at the Old Port to get a good spot.

[LESGRANDSFEUX.COM](http://LESGRANDSFEUX.COM)

### Nouvelle-France Festival

**Dates :** early August  
It was in Quebec City in 1608 that the whole adventure of

New France began. And every summer for the past 20 years, the Fêtes de la Nouvelle-France SAQ has been celebrating the arrival of the first Europeans on American soil. The festivities include dance, parades, spectacular shows, and street entertainment - a busy program that will take you on a unique journey back to the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

[NOUVELLEFRANCE.QC.CA](http://NOUVELLEFRANCE.QC.CA)





RESTAURANT AUX ANCIENS CANADIENS, SUR LA RUE ST-LOUIS

## WHERE TO EAT

### 1 HONO IZAKAYA (\$\$)

No fussing around here: the beauty of their dishes lies in their simplicity. Located in the vibrant St-Roch district, where a wonderful community is quickly developing. Hono Izakaya pride themselves in respecting the culinary culture, tradition, and the humans behind it all. A perfect fusion of Japanese and Quebec cuisine. [IZAKAYA.HONORESTOS.COM](http://IZAKAYA.HONORESTOS.COM)

### 2 CHEZ VICTOR (\$-\$)

Chez Victor is known for its gourmet burgers with beef, chicken, cod, pork and several others vegetarians. Victor's is also famous for its poutine, a Quebec tradition. There is even duck confit poutine! [CHEZVICTORBURGER.COM](http://CHEZVICTORBURGER.COM)

### 3 LE COCHON DINGUE (\$\$)

Located in the heart of Petit-Champlain, Le Cochon Dingue is a local institution known for its bistro cuisine, attentive

service and relaxed European atmosphere. House specialties include the steak and fries, pot pie and smoked ribs. [COCHONDINGUE.COM](http://COCHONDINGUE.COM)

### 4 MICRO NOCTEM (\$\$)

This craft brewery serves excellent beer, brewed on site, from more than 30 different recipes. The pub-style food menu focuses on the use of local products and fresh ingredients to offer you comforting and unique dishes, many of which are made from meats smoked in-house. Offers original food and beer pairing experiences. [NOCTEM.CA](http://NOCTEM.CA)

### 5 CIEL BISTRO BAR (\$\$-\$\$\$)

For the best views of Quebec City, pay a visit to Ciel! Bistro Bar. The city's only revolving restaurant offers vistas that are spectacular at any time, but especially so in the evening

when the city lights come twinkling on. Take in the "show" as you sip a cocktail at the bar (ages 18 and over), or try the restaurant's creative contemporary bistro cuisine. [CIELBISTROBAR.COM](http://CIELBISTROBAR.COM)

### 6 AUX ANCIENS CANADIENS (\$\$-\$\$\$)

At Aux Anciens Canadiens restaurant, you will enjoy a taste of traditional French-Canadian cuisine, in the warm ambiance of a magnificent historic 1675 home. Try the famous Lac-Saint-Jean tortiere and pea soup and, for dessert, one of the maple classics: maple syrup pie or maple syrup crème brûlée. [AUXANCIENSCANADIENS.QC.CA](http://AUXANCIENSCANADIENS.QC.CA)

### 7 LE SAINT-AMOUR (\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$)

Renowned Chef Jean-Luc Boulay will be happy to welcome you to his fine dining establishment for a

culinary experience of pure pleasure. Allying tradition and innovation, his team of culinary professionals offer refined selections honouring the best products from our local producers. An adventure to remember! [SAINT-AMOUR.COM](http://SAINT-AMOUR.COM)

### 8 CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC (LE CHAMPLAIN) (\$\$\$\$)

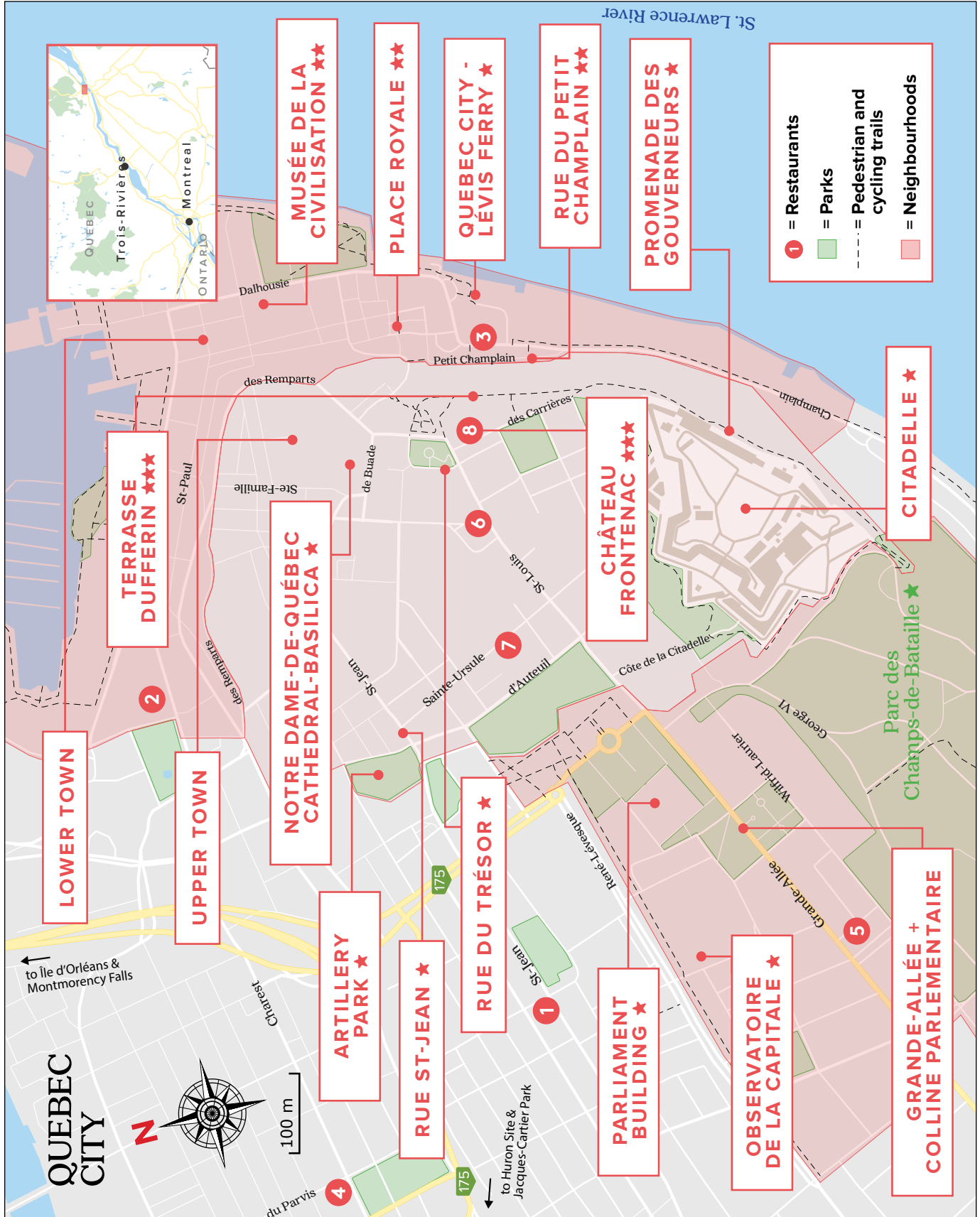
Le Champlain, the principal restaurant of the historic Château Frontenac Hotel, serves French and Quebec specialties featuring the highest quality local products. Its celebrated new chef, Hugo Coudurier, is developing a whole new philosophy of Quebec cuisine. They don't call it the "new" Champlain for nothing! Free valet service if you eat at one of the Château's restaurants (there is also Bistro le Sam and Le 1608 - Wine and Cheese Bar). [FAIRMONT.FR/FRONTENAC-QUEBEC](http://FAIRMONT.FR/FRONTENAC-QUEBEC)



Microbrewery

\$ Inexpensive    \$\$ Moderate    \$\$\$ Upscale    \$\$\$\$ Fine dining





**1** = Restaurants  
 = Parks  
 - - - Pedestrian and cycling trails  
 = Neighbourhoods

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