

Approximately 4 hours. 5.3 km/3.3 mi (Québec City/Borough of La Cité)

Bus: 11

Sectors covered: Starting at Parliament Hill, you will proceed to Faubourg Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Quartier Saint-Roch, Vieux-Port, Place-Royale and Quartier Petit Champlain.

VivaCité Trail



The VivaCité Trail is a wonderful way to explore the city on foot. Starting in the spring of 2008, the tour will be easy to follow, as the route will be indicated with signs and coloured markers imbedded in the sidewalk. Visitors will have the chance to discover sites of interest (including parks, public squares, bustling streets, trendy boutiques, restaurants and many major attractions) and let their feet guide them as they wander through the streets around the fortifications.

Departure: From Québec City Tourism Information Centre (835 avenue Wilfrid-Laurier), which is located in the **Discovery Pavilion**, along with the **Battlefields Park** 🗺️ reception and information centre.

- ▶ **After leaving the tourist information bureau, cross avenue Wilfrid-Laurier.** You are now at **place George-V Est**. Behind you to your left, at 805 avenue Wilfrid-Laurier, you can see the **Voltigeurs de Québec Drill Hall**, whose magnificent architecture is recognized as part of the country's national heritage. Built in 1885, it was designed by Eugène-Étienne Taché, the same architect who drew the plans for the Parliament Building. The **Voltigeurs de Québec Museum** (entrance on the far left) boasts an impressive collection of war mementoes and artefacts. For the museum's opening hours and admission fees, call 418 648-4422.
- ▶ **Continue walking down George-V Est until you get to the traffic light.** The cross street is **Grande Allée Est**, the road that never sleeps! There is always a crowd here at any time of the day or night, be it families out for a walk or party-goers going bar hopping. A number of restaurants, bars and buildings with impressive architecture are located on your left. **Parc de la Francophonie** is on the other side of the street to the left.
- ▶ **Cross Grande Allée Est and turn right.** The Official Tourist Guide has an entire chapter on **Parliament Hill** on page 29. Walk directly towards the **Saint-Louis Gate**. To your left, you will see the **Parliament Building** 🗺️ and several monuments to notable politicians and historical figures. One of the entrances to **Battlefields Park** 🗺️ is on the right. Several major historic battles took place in this popular urban park, also known as the Plains of Abraham. Further down to your left, on avenue Honoré-Mercier, you can see the **Tourny Fountain**.
- ▶ **Continue walking down Grande Allée and go through the Saint-Louis Gate.** You are now inside the fortified walls surrounding Old Québec. On page 19, the Official Tourist Guide contains another walking tour named "Inside the Walls" whose route remains entirely inside the fortifications. To your right, at the end of côte de la Citadelle, you will find the **Citadelle/Royal 22^e Regiment Museum** 🗺️. Perched atop Cap Diamant, this site affords a breathtaking view of the St. Lawrence River. You can also take a guided tour of the museum. To the left, you can stop at the **Fortifications of Québec National Historic Site of Canada** 🗺️ to visit the **Esplanade Powder Magazine** and imposing stone walls ringing the Old City.
- ▶ **When you are ready to continue the tour, walk down rue Saint-Louis until you reach rue D'Auteuil.** Turn left on rue D'Auteuil and keep going until you get to rue Dauphine. Along the way, you will see **parc de l'Esplanade** and the monuments on **allée des Poètes** (Poet Alley) to your left. At the intersection of D'Auteuil and Dauphine, you can visit the **Jesuit Chapel**; the beautiful interior decor is worth a look. Note the **Kent Gate** to the left.

- ▶ *Walk down rue D'Auteuil until you get to rue Saint-Jean.* Given the number of trendy cafés, restaurants, bars and boutiques on **rue Saint-Jean**, it is no surprise this street is extremely popular with both residents and tourists. No cars are allowed inside the fortifications on summer evenings and weekends, much to the delight of pedestrians!
- ▶ *Cross rue Saint-Jean.* Right in front of you, you can learn more about Québec City's military history by visiting the **Artillery Park National Historic Site of Canada** 🏰 and its impressive redoubt. This is a wonderful spot to have a picnic with the family or that special someone.
- ▶ *Turn left and go through the **Saint-Jean Gate**, one of Québec City's most recognizable features.* Once through the gate, you are in **place D'Youville**, a public square that, until 1931, served as a public market. On your left, you can see **Palais Montcalm** 🏛️ and on your right the **Capitole de Québec** 🏛️, two major concert halls. Facing Palais Montcalm is a work by Alfred Laliberté titled "les muses", representing the liberal arts goddesses in the ancient mythology. Interpretation panels on place D'Youville are located near the sidewalk. In the winter, place D'Youville is transformed into an outdoor skating rink, where the public can skate while listening to music played over a sound system.
- ▶ *Head directly down rue Saint-Jean by following the coloured markers in the sidewalk and the signs.* In 1734, rue Saint-Jean was the starting point for the Chemin du Roy (King's Way), the road that linked the city to the outlying communities. On your way, you will cross avenue Honoré-Mercier, which was named in honour of the Premier of Québec from 1887 to 1891. Continue walking down rue Saint-Jean.



Place D'Youville

Claudel Huot

You are entering **Faubourg Saint-Jean-Baptiste**, one of the most popular districts in the Upper Town. Here you will find bookstores, fine grocery stores, record stores, a number of clothing boutiques and several artisans' workshops. You are sure to appreciate the delicious wares available from the chocolate museum, bakeries and similar establishments along this street.

As you walk down rue Saint-Jean, you will see the building that was once **St. Matthew's Protestant Church** on your left. Constructed between 1878 and 1882, the church, whose design was inspired from St. Oswald's Church in Liverpool, has since been transformed into a library. You can go inside to admire its architectural features, including the original stained-glass windows and woodwork. **Opening hours:** Monday and Wednesday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The **cemetery** behind the church dates back to 1772, making it one of the oldest in the province.

Luc-Antoine Couturier



Faubourg Saint-Jean-Baptiste

A little further down, at 699 rue Saint-Jean, you will see **épicerie J.A. Moisan** 🏪, the oldest grocery store in North America (1871). Its decor is reminiscent of a 19th century general store. A chocolate museum called Choco-Musée Érico is located at 634 rue Saint-Jean.

Choco-Musée Érico 🍫

Bus: 3, 7, 10, 25, 28, Métrobus 800, 801

634, rue Saint-Jean, Québec G1R 1P8

418 524-2122 Fax: 418 524-4558 www.chocomusee.com

- Chocolat shop and museum. Learn the history of chocolate from Mayan times to this day. Ancient and modern accessories, chocolate-making techniques (video and view of the kitchen) and more. For chocolate lovers: handmade chocolate, cookies, brownies, cakes and homemade ice cream. **Schedule:** year-round, Monday through Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Business hours may extend during the summer. Group visits upon reservation. **Free admission.**

- ▶ *After leaving the chocolate museum, turn right and keep walking along rue Saint-Jean.* When you get to the intersection of Saint-Jean and rue Sainte-Claire, you will be able to see **Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church** a little further down on the right side of the street.
- ▶ *Turn right onto rue Sainte-Claire.* You are now heading towards Saint-Roch, one of the oldest neighbourhoods in the city. Note the rowhouses, dormer roofs and cornices that are typical of early 20th century architecture.
- ▶ *Once you get to the end of the street, you will have a magnificent view of the Saint-Roch district.*

Saint-Roch District 🏡

Bus: 1, Métrobus 800

In the 19th century, **Saint-Roch** owed its expansion to the timber and shipbuilding industries. By the turn of the next century, the manufacturing industry, in particular the clothing and footwear sectors, became the district's new economic engine; many Saint-Roch residents made a living working at manufacturing plants in this part of town. Then, with the onset of World War II, many businesses began to migrate to the outskirts. Today, Saint-Roch is undergoing urban revitalization. The creation of the **Saint-Roch Garden**, which you can see to the right on the other side of côte d'Abraham, is the inception of the district's renewal. With the transformation of abandoned plants and empty buildings, coupled with the arrival of universities, multimedia companies and artists' workshops, this section of Lower Town is gradually recovering its former lustre. The opening of trendy restaurants, bars and fashionable boutiques is transforming the face of Saint-Roch, giving it a fresh, modern look.

- ▶ *You can go down the Faubourg Staircase, one of the many such staircases built in the 20th century to link the Upper and Lower Towns, or you can take the Faubourg Elevator. There is no charge to use the elevator. Open year-round: Monday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. To the right, nestled between côte d'Abraham and rue De Saint-Vallier Est, you can see the **Complexe Méduse** 🏠, an artists' co-op located in eight rowhouses that were renovated to create a concert hall, workshops and exhibition halls open to the public.*
- ▶ *Cross the street at the crosswalk and continue walking straight down rue de la Couronne.* The **Saint-Roch Garden** will be on your right. This urban oasis comprises a small waterfall, many species of flowers, trees and shrubs and the busts of three painters: René Richard, Alfred Pelland and Horatio Walker. The busts are located near rue De Saint-Vallier. On the other side of the street, you can see a seismograph indicating seismic activity across Canada in real time on the wall of the Institut national de la recherche scientifique. Just before you get to boulevard Charest, you will pass by **place de l'Université-du-Québec**; concerts are held on the large metal and glass stage.
- ▶ *Cross boulevard Charest.* To your left at the next intersection, you can see a magnificent red brick building that looks like a factory. This building houses Université Laval's School of Architecture and is called "**La Fabrique**" (French for "the factory"). A plaque and interpretation panels are located onsite.

- ▶ Continue walking down de la Couronne until you reach rue Saint-Joseph. To your left is **place Jacques-Cartier**, which was first used as an outdoor market in 1832. The public library located here, **bibliothèque Gabrielle-Roy** 📖, also serves as a cultural centre and regularly hosts shows and exhibitions. On the outside wall of the library facing rue du Roi you can see a **mural** paying tribute to poetry and literature.

*If you wish, you can interrupt the tour to visit the **Musée des Augustines de l'Hôpital général** and the **Montcalm cemetery** (1.5 km/1 mile). The Augustine museum and convent are open upon reservation only, but the cemetery is open throughout the spring, summer and fall. To visit these two sites, turn left onto rue Saint-Joseph and keep walking until you get to boulevard Langelier. Turn right on Langelier and walk to the hospital (Hôpital général) at the end of the boulevard. Note the different façades of the buildings lining the street, in particular that of the **Impérial de Québec Theatre** 🎭 at 252 Saint-Joseph. At the intersection of Saint-Joseph and rue Caron, you will see **Notre-Dame-de-Jacques-Cartier Church**, the only building to survive the fire that razed the neighbourhood in 1866. No major renovations have ever been carried out on this house of worship. As you walk down Langelier, you will also pass by the **Augustines' old stone windmill** and the **former trade school** in the working class district of Saint-Sauveur, which was built in 1909. To continue on VivaCité Trail, retrace your steps until you get to the intersection of Saint-Joseph and de la Couronne. Cross de la Couronne.*

- ▶ Turn right and head down rue **Saint-Joseph** until you get to rue du Parvis. Before you, at the very heart of the Saint-Roch district, stands **Saint-Roch Church**. Both the church and district were named in honour of the saint whose name was commonly invoked in New France to ward against the plague and other illnesses. Interpretation panels tell the history of the site. Four churches have been built on this spot since 1811. The current church was constructed during the First World War and is the largest in the city. You can go inside to look at the church's interior decor, such as its beautiful woodwork and stained-glass windows. **Opening hours:** Daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- ▶ Continue walking down rue **Saint-Joseph**. Note the wide variety of shops big and small on that street, many of which are unique in Québec City. During your stroll through this part of town, you will make a number of pleasant discoveries: trendy restaurants, signature clothing boutiques, deluxe food stores, bakeries and fancy shops of all kinds. The street is brightly decorated for the holidays (end of November to early January). Several historical buildings on rue Saint-Joseph have notable architectural features, such as the old factory sign painted on the brick wall at the corner of rue de la Chapelle. You may be surprised to learn that, for 25 years, several blocks of rue Saint-Joseph had been transformed into a mall. If you look carefully at the buildings lining the street, you can see traces of the recently removed mall roof.

- ▶ Continue walking until you get to the end of rue Saint-Joseph. Cross rue Saint-Dominique and turn right. Walk until you get to boulevard Charest. Stop to admire the beautiful **frescoes** painted on the pillars supporting the highway overpass. These works of art were painted by teams of street kids from Maison Dauphine (charitable organization).



Rue Saint-Joseph and Saint-Roch Church

- ▶ *Turn left onto boulevard Charest and continue walking until you reach boulevard Jean-Lesage. Cross Jean-Lesage at the traffic light.* To your left, on the other side of the street, you can see the **Québec Courthouse** at 300, boulevard Jean-Lesage. The **parc de l'Amérique-Latine** is located 400 m (360 yards) behind the Courthouse. A monument to Simón-Bolívar, a gift from Venezuela in honour of this liberator of six South American countries, stands in the park, along with a monument to José Martí (a gift from the Republic of Cuba), as well as a plaque reading "Homage to the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education."
- ▶ *Continue walking down boulevard Charest, which becomes rue Saint-Paul after the intersection of boulevard Jean-Lesage. Stop when you reach rue Saint-Nicolas.* To your left, you can see the **Gare du Palais** train station and bus terminal, which could easily be mistaken for a French Renaissance castle. Inaugurated in 1916, it is considered one of Canada's heritage train stations. Across from Gare du Palais is the **place de la Gare**, with an interesting fountain by Charles Daudelin celebrating the power of water. Interpretation panels are located onsite.
- ▶ *Cross rue Saint-Paul at the intersection of rue Saint-Nicolas.* On rue Saint-Nicolas stands a red brick building called the **îlot des Palais** which is presently closed for renovations. At one time, this was the centre of political power in New France, as well as Québec City's commercial, political and industrial hub.
- ▶ *Continue down rue Saint-Paul.* The fur economuseum® is located at 329, Saint-Paul.

Richard Robitaille Fourrures - Économusée® de la fourrure (fur) 🇨🇦

Bus: 1

329, rue Saint-Paul, Québec G1K 3W8
418 692-9699 Fax: 418 692-3646



Serge Richard designs and repairs furs in his workshop. See the steps required for transforming a pelt into a fur coat. A wealth of information on different animal species and hunting methods, the Canadian fur industry, the use of fur throughout history and much more. The fur economuseum has many artefacts on display, including sewing machines, hat-making moulds, irons, scales and fashion catalogues. You will be surprised to learn some of the ways modern society uses fur! Onsite boutique with original creations. **Schedule:** open year-round, Monday to Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- ▶ *Keep walking down rue Saint-Paul until you get to the traffic light at the intersection of place du Marché-du-Vieux-Port.*

Vieux-Port 🇨🇦

Bus: 1, 666

You are entering the **Québec Old Port** district. Located at the confluence of the Saint-Charles and St. Lawrence rivers, the Old Port covers an area of 33 hectares and boasts a rich maritime and shipping history.

Before you stands the **Québec Old Port Market** 🇨🇦, where local artisans and farmers come to sell their wares or fresh produce. To your right you can see the fortifications surrounding the Old City.

- ▶ *Cross rue de la place du Marché-du-Vieux-Port, turn right and walk down to where rue Saint-Paul continues a short distance away. Turn left onto rue Saint-Paul and head down to rue Saint-Thomas. Cross rue Saint-Paul so you end up on the other side of the street.* An interpretation panel is located at the corner of rue Saint-Paul and côte Dambourgès.

Several antique dealerships have been clustered on **rue Saint-Paul** for the past several years. A number of other businesses can also be found here, such as posh boutiques, art galleries, restaurants and charming little sidewalk cafés. To your left, you can see the Louise Basin and Espace 400°, where many of the events celebrating Québec City's 400th anniversary take place.

Espace 400°

100, Quai Saint-André, Québec G1K 7R3

www.monquebec2008.com

Bus: 1, 18, Métrobus 800



This is the main site for Québec City's 400th anniversary celebrations. From June 3 until mid-October, you can go for a stroll in the ephemeral gardens, visit the "Passengers" exhibition, take in a show or watch a talented street performer entertain the crowds. Something new every day!
Opening hours: June 3 to October 19, 2008. Daily (including holidays) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Admission: Free admission to site. "Passengers" exhibition: Adult: \$7; Youth (ages 12 to 16): \$5; Children (11 or under accompanied by an adult): Free.

- ▶ *Continue on rue Saint-Paul until you reach place de la FAO.* During your walk, note the picturesque charm of rue Sous-le-Cap to your right. **Place de la FAO** commemorates the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, which was founded in Québec City in 1945. The sculpture of the figurehead holding foodstuffs from around the world, entitled "La Vivrière", reflects Québec City's historical role as a major trade port. At 139 Saint-Paul, you can admire the magnificent architecture of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with its impressive columns, cornices, cupolas and pediments. This building dates back to 1900.

A museum about Québec City's naval history is located on the northernmost part of rue Dalhousie. If you wish to visit the museum, you will have to interrupt the walking tour by walking down rue Saint-Paul and turning left onto rue Dalhousie.



R. Greffard Ville de Québec

Place de la FAO

Naval Museum of Québec

170, rue Dalhousie, Québec G1K 8M7

418 694-5387 Fax: 418 694-5550 www.nmq-nmq.org

Bus: 1



A museum at the top of the wharf, corner of Louise basin and St. Lawrence River. At the Naval Museum of Québec, you will navigate through the history of a city and its river. **Schedule:** Closed for exhibition setup until May 31, 2008. June 1 to Labour Day: daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Labour Day to May 31: Tuesday to Friday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations for groups. **Free admission.**

*The museum is located along **Pointe-à-Carcy**, a boardwalk with a wonderful view of the St. Lawrence River that is popular with residents, tourists and cruise liner passengers during a stopover in the city. The **Old Port lock** located here maintains a constant water level in the Louise Basin. Once this lock was constructed, a **pleasure craft marina** able to accommodate hundreds of boats was built in the Louise Basin. To continue the walking tour, retrace your steps to return to the FAO sculpture.*

- ▶ *Starting from place de la FAO, turn right onto rue du Sault-au-Matelot and keep walking until you reach rue de la Barricade.* Turn left onto de la Barricade. At the corner, there is a plaque commemorating the American Invasion of 1775.
- ▶ *Turn right onto rue Saint-Pierre and keep walking until you get to the Musée de la civilisation, which will be on your left.*

Musée de la civilisation (museum) 🏛️

Bus: 1

85, rue Dalhousie C. P. 155, succursale B, Québec G1K 7A6
418 643-2158, 1 866 710-8031 Fax: 418 646-9705 www.mcq.org

The most popular museum in Québec City at the very heart of the city's 400th anniversary celebrations! For the occasion, the museum has commissioned Dragone Group to set up a spectacular outdoor display and is hosting two interesting exhibitions: "Gold in the Americas" and "Urbanopolis", the latter featuring incredibly detailed scale models of cities. The whole family will enjoy exploring this museum designed to maximize visitor participation and interaction. **Regular opening hours:** Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays. June 24 to September 1: Daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. September 2 to October 13: Daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Admission:** Adults: \$10; Seniors: \$9; Students (17 and over with I.D.): \$7; Children (12 to 16): \$4; Children (11 and under): Free. Free admission on Tuesdays between November 1 and May 31. Special rates for groups. **Guided tours** in English and French.

- **Keep walking down rue Saint-Pierre.** You will see an interpretation panel on your right, at 71, rue Saint-Pierre. At one time, almost all of the upscale houses on this street had their own private dock. The houses have since been replaced by business offices, art galleries and hotels. To the left, on rue Saint-Antoine, the lines made by the bricks imbedded in the pavement indicate how the shoreline changed over the past few hundred years.

- **Turn right onto rue Saint-Antoine, keep walking and turn left onto rue du Sault-au-Matlot.** Continue down rue Sault-au-Matlot and cross *côte de la Montagne* to get to rue Notre-Dame. At the corner of the street, you can admire the **Mural of Quebecers**, a fresco in trompe-l'oeil style depicting 400 years of Québec City history. An interpretation panel identifies the 15 historical figures represented in the mural. **Parc de la Cetière** is nearby. A series of interpretation panels tell about the different buildings that were erected on this site over the years. Shows and concerts are staged here in the summer and during the Christmas holidays.



Mural of Quebecers

- **Continue down Notre-Dame and turn left onto rue du Porche, where you will see *parc de l'UNESCO*, a delightful children's park with a historical and maritime theme.** Turn right onto rue Saint-Pierre. Maison Stuart, located at 26, Saint-Pierre, was built in 1764.

To the left, on rue du Marché-Finlay, you can see **place de Paris** and its contemporary sculpture "Dialogue avec l'histoire" (dialogue with history) that was created by Jean-Pierre Raynaud. This sculpture commemorates the arrival of the first French explorers to set foot on this spot. Notice the impressive historical architecture of the nearby buildings, such as the pretty shutters, rooftops from different eras and the ladders on the roofs. In years past, chimney sweeps used the ladders to ply their trade, but today, they are used by those who climb onto the roofs to remove the snow. A space between two buildings on the right leads to the public square called Place-Royale.

Place-Royale 🚶

Bus: 1, 666

Place-Royale is the cradle of French civilization in North America. In 1608, Samuel de Champlain began the construction of the first permanent settlement in New France: a small fort at the foot of Cap Diamant. Rich merchants set up shop in this public square, then called place du Marché, and did brisk business. After a bust of Louis XIV (the Sun King) was installed here in 1686, the public square became known as Place-Royale.

The merchants, ship owners and shipbuilders established in Place-Royale during the English Regime transformed it into a trade hub. However, commercial activity began to stagnate around 1860, marking the slow decline of Place-Royale, which eventually retook its former name, place du Marché. By 1950, one of the oldest districts in North America had become poor and rundown. But Place-Royale's fortunes would soon change. In the 1960s, efforts were undertaken to rehabilitate this part of the Old City, whose narrow streets and architecture reflect four centuries of history. To learn more, visit the Place-Royale Interpretation Centre.

Centre d'interprétation de Place-Royale

Bus: 1

27, rue Notre-Dame, Québec G1K 4E9



418 646-3167 Fax: 418 646-9705 www.mcq.org

The cradle of French civilization in the Americas. Archeological exhibitions, a film on Samuel de Champlain, a costume workshop, guided tours and numerous cultural and educational activities all recount the 400-year history of one of the oldest districts in North America. **Opening hours:** June 24 to September 1, daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 2 to June 23, Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Admission:** Adults: \$5; Seniors: \$4.50; Students (17 and over): \$3.50; Children 12 to 16: \$2; Children 11 and under: Free. Special rates for groups. **Guided tours** in English and French.

In the summer, Place-Royale is bustling with activity. You can go shopping at the boutiques, grab a bite to eat at a restaurant, visit an exhibition at **Maison Fornel** or admire the beautiful Notre-Dame-des-Victoires Church.

Église Notre-Dame-des-Victoires (church)

Bus: 1

32, rue Sous-le-Fort, Québec G1K 4G7



692-1650 / 692-2533 Fax: 418 692-4382

Built in 1688, this is the oldest stone church in North America. Destroyed by cannon fire in 1759, the church was restored twice. Remarkable interior. A scale model of the ship "Le Brézé", which transported commander Marquis de Tracy and soldiers of the Carignan-Salières Regiment to New France in 1664, is suspended in the nave. **Schedule:** open daily; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed to visitors for weddings, christenings and funerals. May 1 to October 15, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **guided tours** in French and English. **Free admission.**

- ▶ *Are you ready to continue? Go back to rue Saint-Pierre and walk to the end of the street. From this vantage point, you have a great view of Château Frontenac.* On the left, you can see the **Royal Battery** (1691), one of the links in the city's defenses during the French Regime. Designed by architect Claude Baillif and Franquetin, an engineer, this structure was used to protect the city during the siege of 1759. Interpretation panels and historical re-enactments onsite from early June to Labour Day. Directly across from the Royal Battery you can see Quai Chouinard, the dock where passengers board ships for cruises on the St. Lawrence River. The dock for the Québec City-Lévis **ferry** 🚢 is located a little further away to the right, on rue Dalhousie. For the small price of a ticket, ferry passengers can enjoy a splendid view of the city. In the evening, the rocky cliff face of Cap Diamant is brightly illuminated from the Citadel to the Dufferin Terrace.

- *Turn right onto rue Sous-le-Fort and walk down the street.* At the corner of Notre-Dame, look left to see the picturesque street rue du Cul-de-Sac and a building with a red roof. This building, Maison Chevalier, houses the Centre d'interprétation de la vie urbaine de la ville de Québec. The main entrance is located at 50, rue du Marché-Champlain.

Maison Chevalier (house)

Bus: 1

50, rue du Marché-Champlain, Québec G1K 4H3

418 646-3167 www.mcq.org

This former home, dating back to the second half of the 18th century, reflects the classical French architecture prevalent in urban settings in New France at the time. The "A Sense of the Past" exhibit features reconstructed rooms from the 18th and 19th centuries, using artefacts from the Musée de la civilisation collection. **Schedule:** June 24 to Labour Day: every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. May 1 to June 23, 2008: Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 2 to October 13, 2008: Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 16, 2008 to January 5, 2009: Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on December 25. Other days of the year opened Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Centre d'interprétation de la vie urbaine de la ville de Québec

Bus: 3, 7, 11

50, rue du Marché-Champlain, Québec G1K 4H6

418 692-5550 Fax: 418 692-5554 www.spuq-quebec.com

Located into Maison Chevalier. See the Old City through the eyes of historian Jean Provencher as you visit the exhibition "Old Québec Secrets and Stories" and go on the related interactive audio tour. A new Québec City walking tour comprising 32 audio terminals and an urban exhibition is now available. You can go on this walking tour at any time of the day or night, every day of the year.

- *Keep walking down rue Sous-le-Fort towards the cliff.* You are now entering the Quartier Petit Champlain district.

Quartier Petit Champlain

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In 1608, this area was a small portside village comprising fur trading posts and elegant homes. Over the years, its fortunes waxed and waned. Today, as a result of an expansive urban restoration project, Quartier Petit Champlain resembles a quaint riverside village whose narrow streets are lined with one-of-a-kind boutiques and bistros. Visitors come in droves throughout the year to see the impressive historical architecture and cobblestone streets, making Quartier Petit Champlain one of the most popular attractions in the city. Grouped in a co-op organization since 1985, the artisans and merchants of this neighbourhood are the proud keepers of this precious architectural heritage.



Quartier Petit Champlain

Visit the glassblower's workshop and boutique, Verrerie La Mailloche, at 58, rue Sous-le-Fort.

Verrerie La Mailloche, glassblowing studio 🏠

58, rue Sous-le-Fort, Québec G1K 4G8

418 694-0445, 1 866 694-0445 Fax: 418 694-1571 www.lamailloche.com

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See craftspeople skillfully created beautiful works of art under the watchful eye of internationally-renowned glassblower Jean Vallières. End your visit with a tour of the traditional and contemporary glass interpretation centre. Gift shop. **Opening Hours:** Daily. During the summer, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. November to June, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., though closing time is 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Closed December 25 and January 1. **Free admission. Demonstrations with commentary** for groups upon reservation for a small fee. Cost of admission refunded with gift shop purchase. Glassblowers at work from Wednesday to Sunday.

The foot of the **Breakneck Staircase** is at the intersection of rues du Petit-Champlain and Sous-le-Fort. The terminal of the funicular connecting Lower Town to the Dufferin Terrace is in **Maison Louis-Jolliet**, which dates back to 1683. Louis Jolliet, the explorer who discovered the Mississippi River, lived in this house until his death in 1700.

Rue du Petit-Champlain is on the left. The restored houses lining this street are now home to bistros, art galleries and specialized handicraft boutiques (leather, jewellery, decorative arts, clothing, wood and more).

*To fully appreciate the charm of this quaint little street, interrupt the tour and walk all the way to the end of rue du Petit-Champlain, where you can see the **Petit-Champlain fresco** by Murale Création. This mural, in trompe-l'œil style, tells of the origins of the Cap-Blanc district, both as a port and as a community. In addition to depicting the bombardments, fires, landslides and other major events to have occurred here, it illustrates the lives of the people who built, inhabited, worked in, developed and set down roots in this district. Take the small staircase to the left, turn left onto boulevard Champlain and walk down the street. Take the following streets, always turning left onto the next one, to get back to the foot of the Breakneck Staircase: rue du Cul-de-Sac, rue Notre-Dame and rue Sous-le-Fort.*

- ▶ Two options are available to you to get to the top of the cliff: funicular or stairs. The **funicular** 🏠 418 692-1132 (Rates: \$1.75/person, open year-round) will take you directly to Dufferin Terrace. If you wish to walk up, take the **Breakneck Staircase** to côte de la Montagne. Turn left and walk up de la Montagne, go through the **Prescott Gate** and take the Frontenac Staircase to the left. A wooden cross along côte de la Montagne marks the site of the first Québec City cemetery. You can see **parc Montmorency** as you walk from one staircase to the other.

Once at the top of the cliff, you can see **Château Frontenac** 🏠, the statue of Samuel de Champlain in place d'Armes and **Dufferin Terrace** 🏠 with its breathtaking view of the majestic St. Lawrence River.

- ▶ The walking tour ends at the Government of Québec's tourist information bureau located at the intersection of rues Sainte-Anne and du Fort.



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Porte Prescott and Château Frontenac