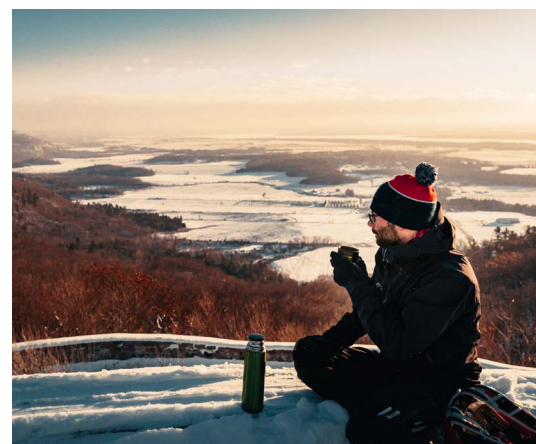


# THE ESSENCE OF CANADA IN ONE REGION!



**OUTAOUAIS**

[outaouaistourism.com](http://outaouaistourism.com)





## DISCOVER

An hour drive from Montreal and four hours from Toronto is the Outaouais, a region of western Quebec and one of three gateways to the province of Quebec.

Crossed by the Ottawa River, the longest river in Quebec, the region offers the perfect combination of dynamic city life and proximity to nature. Here in the [Outaouais](#), you can visit the capital of Canada or stand in the middle of a majestic forest in less than 15 minutes!

The [Outaouais](#) and the city of Ottawa share names marked by First Nations culture; their names mean “to trade” in the Algonquin language. Thanks to the proximity to Ottawa, you will hear both French and English spoken. This destination is known for its history, hospitality and openness to diversity.

With a high concentration of [museums](#) and [art collections](#), an array of [culinary options](#), and wonderful [events, festivals](#) and [nature areas](#), the Outaouais and its neighbour Ottawa offer a unique range of tourist attractions year-round. It is an authentic Canadian experience for nature lovers, foodies and anyone interested in history and culture.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Follow our recommendations for a three-day trip departing from Montreal. If you are traveling from Toronto, we recommend following the itinerary in the opposite direction, starting on day 3.

**Departure from Montreal to the Outaouais, early in the morning**  
130 kilometres from Montreal (one and a half hours by car) lies the village of [Montebello](#), well-known for its hospitality. A world-renowned destination that you can visit during all four seasons, Montebello will dazzle you with its fascinating history, picturesque landscapes and fine cuisine.

### Omega Park in Montebello

This animal [park](#), the only one of its kind in Canada, presents the most iconic species of North American wildlife in their natural habitat. Did you know that you can stay in one of the park’s [unique accommodations](#) (Enr. 627542, 193410) alongside a pack of wolves?



### Activities and accommodation at Fairmont Le Château Montebello (Enr. 528485)

Around sunset, come to stay at one of the most beautiful and stunning hotels in the country. Built in 1930 and operated as part of the Fairmont hotel chain, [Fairmont Le Château Montebello](#) is the world’s largest red cedar log cabin. Guests can choose from a wide range of activities: cycling or cross-country skiing on one of its private trails, tennis, stand-up paddle boarding, golf, curling, various spa treatments and more.

## DAY 2

### Departure from Montebello to Gatineau, early in the morning

Approximately 80 km away is the city of [Gatineau](#) (one hour by car).



### Canadian Museum of History

In the morning, visit the [Canadian Museum of History](#), the country's most important human history museum. In a spectacular setting overlooking the Ottawa River and [Parliament Hill](#), discover the history, culture and beliefs of Canada's First Nations. Learn about the roots of Canadian indigenous cultures by visiting the world's largest indoor collection of totem poles. Its vast collections on the history of the country await you!



### Outaouais' flavours

When it comes to culinary experiences, the Outaouais region has something for everyone, whatever the season or occasion! Discover [gourmet tables](#) that showcase local and international flavours, including [Soif bar à vin](#), a restaurant owned by a world-renowned sommelier.

### Cruises and city tours

Be sure to discover the region's tourist attractions on a tour of the city by boat with [Lady Dive](#) (an amphibus), [Aqua-Taxi](#) or [Croisières Outaouais](#), or by double-decker bus with [Gray Line Ottawa-Gatineau](#).

### Shopping in the ByWard market district

With a [variety of shops and endless entertainment](#), this eclectic neighborhood is the ideal place to experience the Canadian capital and discover [crafts](#) and brand-name products.

### Casino du Lac-Leamy

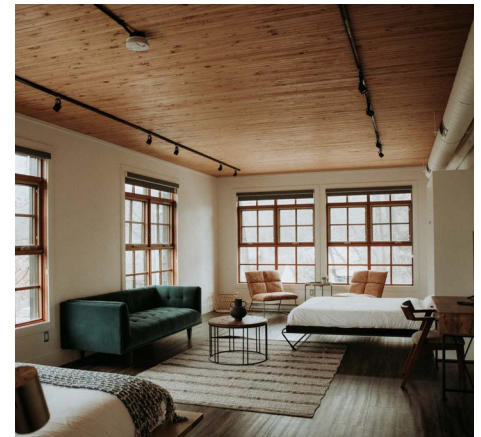
A true [oasis of fun](#)! This complex brings several renowned establishments together under one roof: a luxury hotel, [Hilton Lac-Leamy](#) (Enr. 176702), a nightclub, a theater and restaurants.

## DAY 3

### Gatineau Park

Visit this 361-square-kilometre [park](#), located 15 minutes from Ottawa-Gatineau. Have a picnic at the [Champlain Lookout](#) and enjoy a view overlooking the Ottawa valley. You will also be able to travel back in time with a visit to the [Mackenzie King Estate](#), where you will discover ruins, beautiful gardens, restored farmhouses and interactive exhibits.

In [Chelsea](#), spend the night in a loft or a studio at [Lofts du Village](#) (Enr. 299832), located in the vibrant Old Chelsea Square. Enjoy a gourmet breakfast at [Biscotti & Cie](#) and spend the evening at the [Chelsea Pub](#).



### Nordik Spa-Nature

The largest [spa](#) in North America, surrounded by the majestic Gatineau Park, is located just 20 minutes from the capital region.



## CELEBRATE WINTER THE RIGHT WAY

Far from hunkering down in your hotel for the winter, Gatineau and Ottawa invite you to enjoy the cold in style.



With the thousands of [Christmas lights](#) on Parliament Hill and the famous [Winterlude](#) festival, Canadian winter is synonymous with festivities and magic. As for [outdoor activities](#), you can't miss [ice skating](#) on the Rideau Canal, not to mention the 270 km of trails in [Gatineau Park](#) that are perfect for [cross-country skiing](#), [snowshoeing](#) or [winter biking](#).



## CONTACT US

**Chloé Barrette-Labonté**  
Travel Trade Representative  
clabonte@tourisme-outaouais.ca  
+1 819 576-3170

**Outaouais Tourism**  
103 Laurier St.  
Gatineau (QC) Canada J8X 3V8  
outaouaistourism.com

**OUTAOUAIS**  
outaouaistourism.com