



## Discovering Québec City

Dear Parents,

SEM is pleased to announce a travel opportunity entitled “Discovering Québec City.” Students will explore language, culture, and identity in Francophone North America. From gastronomy in the “Cabanes à sucre” to historic sites such as “Les Plaines d’Abraham,” students will find an authentic French city offering French Canadian culture, history, and architecture. Please note that your daughter does not need to take French to participate to this trip.

The foreign language department is excited to offer this opportunity and our goal is for students to make the most of it. Participating students should be ready to take an active role in their discovery - they will engage in a variety of instructional activities. Students are expected to adhere to SEM’s social honor code on this program and follow all school rules.

Students will leave for Québec City on Thursday, January 11, 2024, late evening and will return on Sunday, January 14, in the evening. 50 students are eligible to participate. I, Isabelle Fisher, along with Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Mathias, and Mrs. Leslie will accompany the group. Applications will be processed by prioritizing seniors first, then juniors, sophomores, and freshmen with a strict deadline of a \$50 deposit on October 19, 2023. Keep in mind that we will offer this trip every other year, so if your daughter can’t go this year, she can reapply in 2026. If your daughter is accepted to participate, you will receive an email by October 23, with detailed payment information. Students currently on academic or behavioral probation are not eligible to participate.

The price for this program depends on the number of participants. This price includes all expenses related to travel, excursions, hotel accommodations, and meals as noted in the itinerary. The price does not include spending money in Québec City, food purchases as noted in itinerary, and emergency medical services.

If you have any questions, please contact Mme. Fisher at [ifisher@buffaloseminary.org](mailto:ifisher@buffaloseminary.org). I look forward to having your daughter on this exciting adventure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isabelle Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mme. Fisher



## ITINERARY QUÉBEC CITY 2024

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Depart Buffalo Seminary School late this evening via chartered motorcoach for Quebec City. Meal/rest stops (individual's expense) will be coordinated between the teacher chaperones and the bus driver.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Morning arrival at the hotel. Please note that rooms most likely will not be ready so your luggage will be stored, and you will return for formal check-in later this afternoon. Meet your guide at the hotel and begin your sightseeing with a guided walking tour of Old and New Quebec, including Dufferin Terrace; Place Royale and the Quartier Champlain, the site where the town was settled originally in 1608 in the Lower Town; and the Plains of Abraham, a 235-acre stretch of greenery where the English General Wolfe did battle with the French general, the Marquis de Montcalm. After time for lunch (individual's expense) your group will participate in a hands-on workshop entitled *Soldier of the Martello Tower*. Accompanied by British officers, you'll learn all about the living conditions of the soldiers billeted in one of the Martello Towers. The balance of the afternoon is free for shopping in small groups in Old Quebec. This evening you'll travel a short distance outside of Quebec to a sugar shack. Here you'll have a traditional Quebecois **DINNER** and entertainment! Return to your hotel later this evening.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

This morning you will depart Quebec City and travel northeast, along the St. Lawrence River and the Beauport Coast. You will stop at Chez Marie for **BREAKFAST**, including Marie's home-baked bread and maple butter. Continue your sightseeing with visits to Montmorency Falls, the tallest falls in all of Canada, and more than one and a half times the height of Niagara! Continue to the shrine of Ste-Anne de Beauport, where you will visit the beautiful church and surrounding area. Later this morning you will enjoy dog sledding and snowshoeing! Each person will have the opportunity to ride dogsled as well as sample one of the most traditional of Quebecois winter sports, snowshoes! After dogsledding you will continue to the Ice Hotel, the only such hotel built in North America! Following your time at the Ice Hotel you will have time for lunch (individual's expense) at the food court. After lunch you will enjoy the balance of the afternoon at the Village Vacances Valcartier snow park, where you will enjoy the slides, air tubes, carpets, and ice skating (individual's expense and weather permitting). Depart the snow park at closing and continue on to the Galeries de la Capitale for dinner (individual's expense) and for some shopping time and time for the indoor amusement park (individual's expense). Continue to your hotel later this evening where you will remain.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

**BREAKFAST.** Check out of your hotel and depart for Buffalo. Meal/rest stops (individual's expense) will be coordinated between the teacher chaperones and the bus driver. Estimated late evening arrival back at the school.



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#### Program Fee

- \$749.00/person based on 40-51 students and 4 chaperones
- \$799.00/person based on 35-39 students and 4 chaperones
- \$859.00/person based on 30-34 students and 4 chaperones
- \$949.00/person based on 25-29 students and 4 chaperones

#### Fee Includes

- Planning and organization of the trip by a Travelogs International representative
- Round trip-chartered motorcoach from Buffalo to Quebec City and return
- Accommodations for two nights, with students in rooms for four and the four chaperones in two rooms
- Two breakfasts
- One dinner
- Sightseeing as listed
- Local Quebecois guide
- All hotel/restaurants taxes and gratuities

#### Not Included

- Meals other than those listed
- Gratuity to the bus driver and to the guide
- Items of a purely personal nature

*If the cost is prohibitive for your family, it is important that you know we will work with you to help cover some travel expenses.*

#### Trip Insurance

If you are interested in purchasing trip insurance, including coverage for unforeseen illness, we recommend you visit [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com) for information from various travel insurers. From that list, you may choose the policy that best fits your needs. **PLEASE NOTE THAT MANY TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICIES MUST BE PURCHASED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE INITIAL TRIP DEPOSIT.**



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Please return this form to Madame Fisher **BEFORE OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2023** with a \$50 deposit check made to Buffalo Seminary

STUDENT NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be traveling with (please circle): valid passport - enhanced ID - birth certificate

**Parent/Guardian Permission:**

I/We hereby provide consent for the student named above to travel across the US/Canada Border on the trip described above. I/We, individually and on behalf of the student, release Buffalo Seminary, any employees thereof, and any volunteers accompanying the trip from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, payments, and actions (including, but not limited to, actions for death, personal injuries, and medical expenses and actions for loss or damage to my child's property), directly or indirectly resulting from transportation to and from and participation in the trip described. I/We understand that there are normal risks of travel and participation in this trip and as a parent or guardian, hereby assume the risk of any injury to my child however caused and whether by negligence or otherwise. I understand that the trip organizers may make reasonable changes in the itinerary for the mutual benefit and safety of group participants.

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission for Emergency Medical Treatment:**

In the event of an emergency requiring medical attention, reasonable efforts will be made to contact the parent/guardian to receive authorization before any treatment or hospitalization is undertaken. I hereby grant permission for physician or hospital personnel designated by Buffalo Seminary to attend to my child.

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Note any medical conditions & allergies: \_\_\_\_\_