

Quebec City Christmas Magic -Detailed Itinerary

North America's Most Magical Traditions Await

Step into Old Québec's storybook charm, where cobblestone streets, twinkling lights, and festive markets create a holiday atmosphere that feels straight out of Europe. Over several cozy days, we'll explore the city's most enchanting neighborhoods, visit the German Christmas Market, wander through Petit-Champlain, and enjoy guided experiences that bring Québec's French-Canadian traditions to life.

With beautiful experiences, delicious meals, and plenty of time to soak in the season, this trip captures the warmth, wonder, and magic that make Québec City one of North America's most beloved Christmas destinations.

Airport Information: Need assistance booking your flight? We are here to help.

 **Arrive & Depart: Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB)**

Day 1: Welcome to Stunning Quebec City!

Plan to arrive at **Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB) by 5 PM**. This gives everyone a comfortable arrival window before we meet in the hotel lobby at **6:30PM** (time may adjust based on flights) for our **welcome dinner**.

After dinner, we'll head back to the hotel for a cozy and restful night before we kick off our Christmas Market festivities in the morning.

Transportation:

 **Taxi / Uber**

Airport  Hotel

Approximate travel time: 20 – 25 minutes depending on traffic

Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB) is small, easy to navigate, and very simple for arrivals. **Uber and local taxis** operate at YQB, and pickups take place in the airport's designated rideshare and taxi area, located just outside the main terminal doors on the Arrivals level.

After collecting your luggage, you'll exit through the sliding glass doors and follow the signs for **"Taxis / Rideshare."** The pickup zone is a clearly marked outdoor lot directly across the sidewalk

from baggage claim. You'll see a line of waiting taxis and a separate section where Uber drivers pull in for scheduled pickups.

Typical Pricing:

- Uber: approx. \$16–\$20 USD
- Taxi: approx. \$26–\$34 USD (fixed fare to Old Québec)

Many travelers choose to schedule their Uber in advance to ensure a smooth and timely pickup.

Guests will book their own transfer.

 Meals included:

- ✓ Welcome dinner

 Accommodation included: Accommodation in Quebec City (all 3 nights)

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Day 2: Old Québec & Christmas Market Magic

Breakfast is served at the hotel from 7:00 – 10:00AM daily.

9:00AM – Meet at Hotel Lobby

Approximate Time: 9:30 – 11:00AM: This morning we dive into Old Québec with a guided walking tour that brings the city's French-Canadian charm to life. Historic plazas, stone fortifications, and winding streets that feel like Europe. Your guide will share stories of the city's past as you wander through its most picturesque corners.

Approximate Time: 11:00AM – 1:00PM: After our walking tour, we'll enjoy a cozy lunch together. A perfect chance to warm up, rest our feet, and settle in before diving into the Christmas Market's festive magic.

Up Next: What Everyone Has Been Waiting For!

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Approximate Time 1:00PM into the evening (the market begins closing around 8:00 – 9:00PM):

After lunch and a cozy reset, we'll make our way to the German Christmas Market (Marché de Noël Allemand) — the heart of Québec City's holiday season and just a short walk from our hotel. If anyone wants to pop back to warm up, change layers, or drop off shopping bags, it's easy to do so. You'll also find designated warming stations throughout the market where you can step inside for a quick warm-up before continuing your exploration.

The market comes alive in the afternoon and evening with wooden chalets, mulled drinks, warm pastries, and handmade gifts. You'll hear festive music drifting through the air — choirs, Bavarian musicians, alphorn trios, and seasonal performances happening throughout the market's open hours. It's the kind of place where every corner feels like a holiday postcard.

Expect to find:

- Warm gingerbread and spiced pastries
- Vin chaud (mulled wine) and hot cider
- Local Québec treats and artisan crafts
- Cozy chalets selling ornaments, candles, and handmade gifts
- Live seasonal music throughout the afternoon and evening
- Festive displays, twinkling lights, and charming photo spots

You'll have plenty of time to explore, taste, shop, and follow whatever catches your eye.

Dinner this evening is entirely your choice — the market offers plenty of warm, filling options like raclette, bratwurst, pretzels, hearty soups, and savory pastries, or you're welcome to slip into a nearby indoor spot such as Aux Anciens Canadiens, La Buche, or Chez Temporel for a cozy sit-down meal.

Transportation:

Walking Time – Cultural Walking Tour

Approximate travel time: about 2–3 hours

This experience will be a combination of walking, stopping, and sitting, moving at a relaxed pace through Old Québec's historic streets. Some areas include uneven stone walkways, gentle slopes, and narrow lanes, typical of the city's charming old-world architecture.



Walking Time

Hotel  Christmas Markets & Walking Tour

Approximate travel time: The market and tour route are both within minutes of our hotel, guests can easily pop back to warm up, change layers, or drop off shopping bags at any time.

 **Meals included:** ✓ breakfast

 **Accommodation included**

Day 3: Relaxation at the Spa & Leisurely Afternoon in Old Québec

Breakfast is served at the hotel from 7:00 – 10:00AM daily.

9:45AM – Meet at Hotel Lobby

Approximate Time 10:30AM– 12:00PM This morning we head to our Nordic spa sanctuary, where warm thermal pools meet crisp winter air. It's the perfect place to unwind. The setting is peaceful, the atmosphere quiet, and the experience leaves you refreshed and recharged for the rest of the day.

Return to the City+ Lunch Break: After our spa morning, we'll head back into the city to get ready for our second opportunity to explore Quebec City. Lunch spots abound near our hotel, with plenty of cozy cafés, pubs, and casual restaurants just steps away — perfect for warming up and enjoying a relaxed midday meal at your own pace.

Approximate Time 2:00PM: This afternoon is yours to enjoy. Explore Québec City's museums, stroll through festive streets, visit the iconic Château Frontenac, or wander the boutiques of Petit-Champlain. If you haven't had enough Christmas Market time, feel free to dive deeper into the festivities — the market is open until 6:00PM on Sundays.

Afternoon Options:

Boutique Shopping in Quartier Petit-Champlain & Place Royale: Cobblestone streets, artisan boutiques, cafés, and magical holiday décor — one of the most photographed areas in Québec City.

Location Note: Petit-Champlain is in Lower Town, below the cliff.

Distance:

- 10–12 minute downhill walk

- Mobility-friendly option: Take the Funiculaire du Vieux-Québec from Dufferin Terrace to avoid the uphill return.
 - Open year-round- 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM
 - Ideal for guests with mobility concerns

Place D’Youville Outdoor Skating Rink

Just a 3–4 minute walk from the hotel. Free skating, rentals available, and open daily until 10 PM. A cozy winter activity under twinkling lights.

Musée de la Civilisation: Tuesday–Sunday, 10 AM–5 PM

A modern, interactive museum with excellent rotating exhibits. Great for guests who enjoy immersive cultural experiences.

MNBAQ – Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec: Tuesday–Sunday, 10 AM–5 PM

A beautiful fine-arts museum featuring Québec artists and seasonal exhibits. Indoor and warm — perfect for art lovers.

Visit the Most Photographed Hotel in the World — Fairmont Le Château Frontenac

You may freely enter the lobby to explore the historic interior and browse the shops. Reservations can be made onsite for dining or drinks at: Le Sam Bistro, Champlain Restaurant and 1608 Wine & Cheese Bar

Distance: ~7–8 minute walk (flat and easy).

Transportation:

 Private Taxi

Hotel  Strøm Spa Nordique

Approximate travel time: 10-15 minutes each way

 Walking Time

Hotel  Quebec City Activities

Approximate travel time: Overall walking today is minimal. Walking time is dependent on personal exploration of Quebec City. Approximate walking time: about one – four hours walking on a combination of city streets and potentially uneven streets.

 **Meals included:**  breakfast

Accommodation included

Day 4 – Departure Day

Today we say goodbye after a festive few days together. Hotel checkout is typically by 11:00 AM, giving you time for breakfast, packing, and a relaxed start to your travel day. Daily breakfast served from 7AM – 10:00AM

Québec City offers easy options for getting to the airport:

Taxi or Uber rideshare (readily available in Old Québec)

Hotel-arranged taxi (the front desk can assist)

The hotel is happy to help you coordinate whichever option works best for your departure time.

Transportation:

Airport Transportation

Approximate travel time: The ride from our hotel to Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB) is approximately 20–25 minutes, depending on traffic.

Timing Tip: Plan for 30 minutes of transportation and aim to arrive at the airport 2 hours before your flight for a smooth check-in experience.

Meals included: Breakfast