

Gardens of Quebec Bus Trip – July 2012
TO GRAND-METIS / RIVIERE DU LOUP/ ST. SIMEON/
LA MALBAIE/BAIE ST. PAUL/ STE ANNE DE BEAUPRE/HUDSON/ OTTAWA

July 15, 2012 (Sunday)– Leave Ottawa from Agriculture Museum parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and drive towards Rimouski. Box lunch en route, visit Domaine Joly de Lotbinière gardens – time to stretch your legs and explore this vast romantic park-garden. Planned arrival at Hotel Rimouski (indoor pool!) for 6:00 p.m. Sunday (Free time for dinner on your own.) Hotel faces the St. Lawrence River, stroll on the boardwalk and witness a fabulous sunset.

July 16, 2012 (Monday) – Leave Hotel Rimouski after continental breakfast, and drive to Grand-Métis (**REFORD GARDENS**). Arrive at by 10 a.m. and visit the gardens at your leisure. (In 2012 the gardens are celebrating 50 years of welcoming the public since opening to the public in 1962.) Lunch on your own either in Estevan Lodge dining room on site or Reford Gardens Bistro. Leave the gardens by 3:00p.m. to travel to Rivière du Loup – staying in Quality Inn overnight (indoor pool). Dinner on your own, restaurants in vicinity.

July 17, 2012 (Tuesday) – 8:30 a.m. full breakfast at the Quality Inn and on the bus for a 5 min. ride to the **11:15 a.m. Ferry** to St. Siméon, QC on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence. Ferry ride lasts 65 minutes. We will visit a garden nearby and have lunch near La Malbaie, at a café/restaurant on the shore of the St. Lawrence. After an early lunch we will proceed to Hotel Baie St. Paul to freshen up. The bus will take us to downtown Baie St. Paul at an agreeable time where shops and art galleries await you. You will have free time for dinner in any of the many restaurants on the main street. “After dinner pick-ups” will be organized for your convenient return to the hotel in the early evening.

July 18, 2012 (Wednesday) – 8:00 a.m. buffet breakfast at Hotel Baie St. Paul and depart by 9:30 a.m. Drive to St. Anne de Beaupré to see world famous Cyclorama painting of Jerusalem, followed by lunch on your own in the provincial park at Montmorency Falls.

A special farewell dinner to be enjoyed at Mon Village in Hudson, Quebec with a return to the Agriculture Museum parking lot before 9:00 p.m.

Inclusions: 3 nights in hotels
3 breakfasts
1 dinner (in Hudson)
1 box lunch (Sunday)
Entrance fee to gardens and park
Transportation by bus for 4 days
Ferry ride on the St. Lawrence River
Taxes, tips and gratuities included

Free parking at Agriculture Museum if required.
Two FCEF Volunteers' assistance for the duration of the trip.

Cost: Members \$499. Based on double occupancy
Others \$525. Based on double occupancy
Extra hotel cost for single occupancy – add \$205.

1st night - www.hotelrimouski.com (exercise room and indoor pool)
2nd night - www.qualityinnrdl.com (indoor pool)
3rd night – www.hotelbaiest.paul.com

www.domainejoly.com (history and nature on Sunday)
www.refordgardens.com (on Monday)
www.cyclorama.com (Ste Anne de Beaupré – Wednesday a.m.)
www.sepaq.com/chutemontmorency (prov. park near Quebec City- Wed.noon)
www.restaurantmonvillage.com (in Hudson-Wednesday evening)

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