Route de la Nouvelle-France (New France Route) links Old Québec to the Côte-de-Beaupré and traces the path taken by inhabitants of the Côte-de-Beaupré when bringing their crops to Québec City.

As you follow the Route de la Nouvelle-France through Old Québec, Saint-Roch (the city’s first working class neighbourhood) and Limoilou, the architecture of the local buildings testifies to the evolution of the city since the founding of the colony. Houses farther from the downtown core reflect the influence of French and English culture and the Québec spirit of innovation.

Many heritage structures and sites can be found along the Route de la Nouvelle-France, such as the colony’s first windmill (1651), first pilgrimage site – namely the shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré (1658) –, ancestral homes, root cellars and many other historical treasures.

The Route de la Nouvelle-France has been integrated into the “Route verte” provincial bike path network. It is also called the Marie-Hélène Prémont Bike Trail.

On foot, by bike or by car, follow the signs to the tourist route.

Get from the square in front of city hall (Place de l’Hôtel-de-Ville), where the outdoor market was located during the New France period, to L’îlot des Palais, and then to Gare du Palais. From there, complete the tour by car, crossing the Saint-Roch and Limoilou neighbourhoods and the borough of Beauport until you get to chemin Royal, then avenue Royale.  

Québec City
543,684 inhabitants

L’îlot des Palais
8, rue Vallière
418-692-1441 • http://ilotdespalais.ca

The entire history of New France and the brewing industry awaits you at l’îlot des Palais. In 18th century vaults, the exhibition Revelations tells the history: from the Jean-Talon Brewery to the intendant’s palace, from the prison to the Boswell-Dow Brewery. Artifacts, archives, projections, rallies... gripping discoveries!

Our outside activities: Old Québec UNESCO GéoRallies and On the Beer Trail with GPS or walking tour on our tablet. New puppet show for children: Guignol and the Pig.
For more information:
www.routedelanouvellefrance.com

**Domaine Maizerets**
2000, boulevard Montmorency
418-666-3331 • www.domainemaizerets.com

Located on one of the first tracts of land granted in New France, this historical site with its vast gardens, is managed by the Société du domaine Maizerets. Many family activities are held here: cultural and educational exhibitions, tours of the gardens and arboretum, and outdoor and nature interpretation activities. Footpaths wind through the park and marsh. Rentals: sporting equipment and rooms in maison de Maizerets for special events.

**Beauport Heritage Site**
The buildings at the Beauport heritage site feature architectural styles from different periods. There is a religious sanctuary called Parc des Martyrs (1927). In the Parc de la rivière Beauport, there are interpretation panels, protected trails and a waterfall. South of avenue Royale you will find the Bourg du Fargy district and Maison Girardin.

**Bourg du Fargy (old district)**
The old Bourg du Fargy, which was the Beauport institutional Centre in the 17th and 18th centuries, reflects the variety of architectural styles throughout the centuries on this heritage site. Also of interest are the Nativité-de-Notre-Dame parish church, built on the very spot where Beauport’s first church was erected in 1676, a stone presbytery, the Memorial to the Builders, and the Congrégation de Notre-Dame’s former Convent.

For more information:
www.routedelanouvellefrance.com

Photo credit: Bourg du Fargy
**Maison Girardin (house)**

600, avenue Royale  
418-641-6471, ext. 3 • [http://sahb.ca](http://sahb.ca)

Maison Girardin dates back to the early 18th century, though it owes its current appearance to renovations carried out between 1786 and 1807 by blacksmith Ignace Girardin. Acquired by the City of Québec in 1982, the house now serves as the historical interpretation centre of Beauport. There is a permanent exhibition on the craftsmen and industries that were central to Beauport’s development, as well as a temporary exhibition in the summer.

**La Galerie de miniatures de Québec (gallery)**

674, avenue Royale  
418-661-3398  
[www.cafedelapostebrulerie.com/galerie-de-miniatures](http://www.cafedelapostebrulerie.com/galerie-de-miniatures)

A fairy tale universe of miniatures combining history, humour and magic crafted by miniature artist Micheline Grenier, a native of Beauport. Adults and children alike will be delighted by the countless details to discover among over one hundred miniatures on display in an environment worthy of the greatest museums. Visitors can take part in a “treasure hunt” and set out on an enchanting quest. La Galerie is a surprising and original hidden gem.

**Parc de la Chute-Montmorency (waterfall)**

5300, boulevard Sainte-Anne  
418-663-3330 • 1-844-522-4883  
[www.sepaq.com/chutemontmorency](http://www.sepaq.com/chutemontmorency)

Open year-round, Parc de la Chute-Montmorency is just a few minutes from downtown Québec City. The waterfalls are 83 m (272’) tall, a full 30 m (99’) higher than Niagara Falls. Follow the panoramic route from the cable car station leading to the Manor, where you will find a restaurant, gift shop and interpretation centre. Take the footpath along the top of the cliff to the suspension bridge that affords a great view of the surrounding area. Walk down the 487-step staircase along the side of the cliff to get to the foot of the waterfall. Three via ferrata routes and a 300-m (984’) double zip line are available for those seeking an adrenaline rush.  

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**Train de Charlevoix**

Chute-Montmorency Train Station  
5300, boulevard Sainte-Anne  
418-240-4124 • 1-844-737-3282  
[http://traindecharlevoix.com](http://traindecharlevoix.com)

The Train de Charlevoix criss-crosses the St. Lawrence River’s shore revealing otherwise inaccessible roads. Traveling between Québec City and La Malbaie over more than 125 km, the train stops in 7 towns and coastal villages. Whether it is for a short getaway with the kids or for a few romantic days, there are several scenarios to choose from. Friendly service: possibility to sample the terroir products from the appetizers and cocktails menu.  

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**Boischatel**

7,960 inhabitants

**L’Ange-Gardien**

3,848 inhabitants

**Vignoble Domaine L’Ange-Gardien**

6869, avenue Royale, L’Ange-Gardien  
418-822-0636 • [www.vignoblelangegardien.com](http://www.vignoblelangegardien.com)

Domaine L’Ange-Gardien captures the essence of the Côte-de-Beaupré. We host tastings for groups, and our wine, fortified port and ice cider may be purchased at our shop. All these products are prepared onsite with the fruit we grow ourselves. Several fine Québec City restaurants feature our products on their wine list.
Château-Richer
4,218 inhabitants

Ferme Arthur Cauchon Inc.
7862, avenue Royale, Château-Richer
418-824-4680 • www.fermearthurcauchon.qc.ca

Located in the village of Château-Richer along the Côte-de-Beaupré, this ancestral family farm specializes in making maple products, growing fruit and vegetables and using the crops to make a variety of foods. Purchase fresh produce and homemade foodstuffs at our shop. Pick your own strawberries and apples in a picturesque setting.

Aux Trois Couvents
7976, avenue Royale, Château-Richer
418-824-3677 • 1-877-824-3677
http://auxtroiscouvents.org

This interpretation centre is located at the historical and archaeological site of the Château-Richer convents. Come tour the permanent exhibitions on the history of one of the first French settlements in North America. Attractions include the excavated foundations of the first two convents (built in 1694 and 1830) that can be seen inside the preserved convent built in 1907, a recreated classroom from 1912 and temporary exhibitions on the cultural identity of the Côte-de-Beaupré.

Galerie d’art St-Aubin Marion
8361, avenue Royale, Château-Richer
514-942-2514 • www.louisemarion.net

The work of two professional artists is on display: Yvon St-Aubin (one of his vivid landscapes of Charlevoix appeared on a Canadian stamp) and Louise Marion (whose art has been exhibited at the Louvre, likes to paint scenes of Old Québec and the Côte-de-Beaupré, as well as landscapes of Provence and Tuscany).

Chez Marie
8706, avenue Royale, Château-Richer
418-824-4347 • www.boulangeriechezmarie.com

Marie and her fourth generation family welcome you to their old stone homestead built in 1652. Outside, the 150-year-old bread oven is still in fine working order. Sample wonderful fresh bread with assorted jams and maple products on the premises. Reception room for 20 or more. Parking.

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Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
2,889 inhabitants

Atelier Paré - ÉCONOMUSÉE® of Woodcarving
9269, avenue Royale, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
418-827-3992 • www.atelierpare.com

Wooden and fibreglass sculptures are on display at this ÉCONOMUSÉE®. Our artists seek to give voice to each block of wood so that it can tell the legend it keeps in its heart; every painted wooden sculpture represents such a legend. Visitors can watch the artists at work on sculptures that will be displayed in one of the indoor exhibits or outdoor garden. Gift shop where you can find handmade souvenirs.

Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine
10018, avenue Royale, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
418-827-3781 • www.sanctuairesainteanne.org

This basilica, the oldest pilgrimage site in North America, is dedicated to St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus! The faithful have been flocking to this site for over 350 years, with over a million coming here annually. The paintings, mosaics, stained-glass windows, stone and wooden sculptures bear witness to Quebeckers' faith in this saint.

Beaupré
3,859 inhabitants

Saint-Joachim
1,452 inhabitants

Église de Saint-Joachim (church)
Designated as an historic monument in 1959, this church is one of the oldest in the province of Québec (1779). Its architecture and the works of art are worth discovering, especially the gold sculptures by François and Thomas Baillairgé, who were responsible for the interior decoration. Parking. Recorded commentary available by pushing a red button at church entrance.

La Grande Ferme (initiation to heritage centre)
800, chemin du Cap-Tourmente, Saint-Joachim
418-827-4608 • www.lagrandeferme.qc.ca

This area of Côte-de-Beaupré has a rich historical and archaeological heritage. This particular site features a century-old house (designated historical property) and the archaeological remnants of the village's first church (1685-1759), which was destroyed during an attack by the British. Different programs for adult groups, school groups and families. Various historical interpretation activities offered as well as a permanent exhibition.

Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area
570, chemin du Cap-Tourmente, Saint-Joachim
418-827-4591 • www.canada.ca

At Cap Tourmente, you can admire the gorgeous landscape comprising the St. Lawrence River, large coastal marshes, lowlands and mountains. A major Canadian bird-watching site, where you can observe the impressive flocks of Greater Snow Geese that migrate every spring and fall. Twenty kilometres (12 miles) of marked walking trails. A number of interpretation activities. In the winter, go for a walk along the trails of packed snow.

Your Route de la Nouvelle-France tourist circuit ends here.