



## Organizer

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## Place or route

Beginning in Québec (Belvédère, Bellevue, Belmont), we cross to the South Shore going to the Beauvillage River, then to Beaumont in Bellechasse, then back to the North Shore to Mont Bélaïr, Beauport and Beaupré, finishing the day on the Isle d'Orléans.

## Duration

One day

## Capacity

To be determined

## Cost

To be determined

## « La Belle Province »

### Toponymic fieldtrip in the vicinity of Québec City

Among the first exercises carried out in toponymic geography is the observation of maps in order to note the written forms of place names, their origins and their meaning. While Quebec City and the surrounding area is well known for the large number of places dedicated to Saints, there is equally a large number of toponyms referring to beauty – in actuality not at all surprising for La Belle Province! We find in the regional toponyms a pair of qualifiers, Beau- and Bel- (male or female), applied as a prefixes to a wide variety of generic entities: rivers, mountains, villages, parishes, coasts, seigneuries, counties, and streets.

This toponymic bus tour, lasting about five hours and covering 250km, will visit several “beautiful” points of view in and around Quebec City with geomorphological, historical, cultural, military, touristic and urbanistic interest. It will explore many aspects, components and structuring networks of the metropolitan area and landscape of Quebec, according to their evolution and emphasizing the beauty reflected in the toponyms. These sites include the Chaudière Falls, the Wendake Aboriginal Village, Montmorency Falls, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica, and the Island of Orleans.

