



Bicycle Trip along the St. Lawrence

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Place or route

This 30 km bicycle excursion follows a scenic bike path from the Old Port of Quebec to the half-way point at the Quebec City Bridge. There, we cross from the North to the South Shore of the St. Lawrence, following the path to the ferry terminal connecting the ports of Lévis and Quebec City.

Schedule

8 August, 1PM to 6PM

Capacity

Max 25 persons
Min 10 persons

On this six-hour bicycle excursion, you will discover the St. Lawrence using your own kinetic energy. Like a traditional geography walking tour, this excursion uses bicycles to transport us to different destinations along a scenic 30 km bicycle path following the St. Lawrence River between the Old Port of Quebec, the Quebec City Bridge and the Lévis ferry terminal. Leaving the Old Port, you will see Canadian Coast Guard facilities, and possibly some of the research ships which explore the Canadian arctic. We will then stop to see and discuss the Promenade de Samuel-De Champlain, a linear park along the St. Lawrence that was converted from industrial use to leisure area. Then, we stop at the Maison de Jésuites, one of the oldest homes in North America dating to the 1680s and now a museum of Native American and French Canadian History. We will cross the St. Lawrence on the Quebec City Bridge. Built in the early 20th century, it is the last bridge on the St. Lawrence River and the largest cantilever bridge in the world. On the opposite shore, we will stop at the Chaudière Marina to discuss the importance of the small ports of the Quebec City region in the trans-Atlantic timber trade. Your final destination is the Old Port of Lévis where you will cross back to Quebec via ferry boat. While crossing the St. Lawrence, we will discuss the natural attributes of one of the largest freshwater rivers in the world, draining half a continent and connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean.

* Please note that for this trip, you must be prepared to bicycle 30 km over a six-hour period. A rented bike and helmet are included in the price of the trip.

