



ITINERARY CANADA

## TRAVEL PLAN

# THE KINGDOM OF THE SNOW – Canada Quebec

From December to March



When winter arrives in the Saguenay region, the panorama turns into an infinite expanse of snow. Each village is isolated from the rest of Quebec, but the population of Saguenay is convivial and hospitable and happy to share its enchanting landscapes with travellers. On this tour you will cross the Saguenay fjords by **snowmobile**, **dog sleds**, with a pair of **snowshoes** at your feet and you can admire the wonderful view of the Monts-Valin National Park. On your return you will live the unforgettable experience of the local culture with music and dancing, evenings around the fire to watch the stars, learn how to fish in the ice, ... It will be an unforgettable journey in the winter kingdom of Quebec.



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# DAY BY DAY PLAN

### DAY 1

#### Arrival to Montreal

Arrival at Montreal airport.

Free time to visit the economic and cultural capital of Quebec.

### DAY 2



#### Montreal/Quebec City/Saguenay

Transfer to Quebec City along the Saint Lawrence River, political capital and the only fortified city in North America. A few kilometers away is the historic site Huron-Wendat where you can learn about the history of the first Canadian nation. Here you can also have lunch with food inspired by natives. After lunch you will continue the path towards the northeast Saguenay region, where you will see an incredible view of the fjords.

### DAY 3

The charming village of Sainte-Rose-du-Nord is a few kilometers from Cap au Leste, where you are staying overnight. You will visit the surroundings by snowmobile, used by the inhabitants of the Nordic regions as a common means of transport (about 70 km). Lunch at Mina will be refreshing. On the way back, admire the spectacular view of the fjords.

It's also possible to make a night excursion with sled dogs (about 1 h 30 min - optional activity).

#### Saguenay Fjord/Snowmobiling



### DAY 4



#### Saguenay Fjord/Dog sledding

This morning is dedicated to an unforgettable experience, typical of the winter in Quebec: the dog sled. As soon as you get close to the kennels, the dogs start to get excited, knowing that this means that you are going to have fun. After a short brief on how to guide dogs by a local musher, you will get on your sled and go! The dogs will pull with all their strength and you will slide on the snow in this spectacular landscape. For lunch you will stop in a hunter's lodge. In the evening, instead, you will look at the stars in front of the fire.



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### DAY 5

#### Saguenay Fjord/Snowmobiling

Another incredible day with snowmobile to discover the region of les Monts-Valin, a few kilometers from the homonymous national park. You will enjoy a breathtaking view over the vallée des Fantômes (Phantom Valley) that seems to come out of a fairy tale story (about 120 km). Your lunch break will be at an authentic camp with a spectacular view of Monts-Valin. On the way back to the lodge you will drive inside the park.

In the evening you will walk with snowshoes in a path inside the park illuminated only by your torches. The more adventurous can later take another snowmobile ride (about 2 h, optional activity).

### DAY 6

#### Saguenay Fjord–Snowshoeing and Ice fishing

Your day will begin with a walk with snowshoes accompanied by a local nature guide. You will learn many things about the local ecosystem and you will be able to meet some wild animals along the way. You will stop for lunch under a tent near Lake Louise. In the afternoon, you can learn how to fish in ice with a particular method that the people of Saguenay have been using for generations. If fishing is successful at dinner, you can have dinner with your catch. At the end of the day, a moment of relaxation in a typical hunters' tent and after dinner you'll have fun with music, songs and dances with Félix Leclerc, Gilles Vigneault, and many others.



### DAY 7

#### Saguenay/Quebec City



Today will be dedicated to visiting the beautiful Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### DAY 8

#### Quebec/Partenza da Montreal

Transfer to Montreal along the Saint Lawrence river. Depending on the flight schedule, you can go directly to the airport or enjoy a visit to the old city, the port and the surroundings.



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## THIS EXAMPLE OF ITINERARY PROVIDES

- Overnight stays in hotels and typical accommodation with swimming pool and sauna
- 2 days snowmobile excursion with guide (2 pers./snowmobile) type Bombardier GT 600 ACE, (6/8 h including briefing and lunch)
- A professional snowmobile guide every 7 motorcycles, equipped with first aid kit and emergency equipment
- Fuel and insurance
- Snowmobile equipment: helmet, jacket, winter clothing, hat, shoes, gloves
- 1 day excursion with dog sled (2 pers / sled), (5/6 h including briefing and lunch)
- Snowshoeing
- Ice fishing lesson
- Excursion to see wild animals (only for departures in December)
- Various activities: dog sledding, street hockey, fires, torch walk, ...
- French and English speaking guide for the whole tour
- French and English speaking local guide for each activity

The itinerary is fully customizable

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