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The Explorers' Route

13 days / 12 nights

DAY 1: EXPLORING NATURE, LOCAL HERITAGE AND FLAVOURS LAURENTIDES

Welcome to Quebec for Explorers! Upon your arrival in Montreal, hit the road toward the Laurentides region, a land of rolling forests, sparkling lakes, and charming villages.

Explore Oka National Park by hiking up to the Calvaire lookout, where **breathtaking panoramic views** await. Along the way, discover the history of the site, closely linked to the Trappist monks who created the famous Oka cheese.

Then, enjoy one of the **many authentic gourmet experiences** along the Chemin du Terroir.

DAY 2: NATURE ADVENTURE, WILDLIFE AND MOUNTAINS LAURENTIDES

Head toward Sentier des cimes Laurentides. **Walk above the treetops**, climb the panoramic tower, and take in spectacular views of the surrounding mountains.

Then, enjoy a nature adventure at Kanatha-Aki. **Inspired by Indigenous philosophy**, this unique destination offers a variety of activities for nature lovers, including spending a day with a trapper, horseback riding, fly fishing or hand fishing, ziplining, and bison interpretation experiences.

End the day with a hike in Mont-Tremblant National Park. The **oldest national park** in Quebec is a vast outdoor playground featuring six major rivers and more than 400 lakes. Go hiking or canoeing in the La Diable sector.

DAY 3: THE LAURENTIANS FROM ABOVE AND FROM THE WATER LAURENTIDES

Treat yourself to an unforgettable experience by soaring above the forests and lakes of the Hautes-Laurentides **aboard a seaplane** with Air Mont-Laurier. Admire Kiamika Regional Park from the sky and, for a longer flight, discover the immense Baskatong Reservoir, spanning 320 km².

Paddle through 40 islands across **184 km² of pristine water and wilderness**, while keeping an eye out for bald eagles soaring overhead. Here, adventure and tranquility meet at every turn.

DAY 4: DISCOVERING THE HAUTES-LAURENTIDES FROM FERME-NEUVE LAURENTIDES

Hike in Montagne du Diable Regional Park. La Paroi de l'Aube is one of the four peaks within the park. The **4.2 km hiking trail** — and occasional climb — leading to its summit rewards visitors with breathtaking views of endless forest landscapes. In autumn, the scenery transforms into a spectacular display of vibrant colors.

Just a few minutes' walk from the famous Windigo Falls, stay in one of the charming fully equipped **tiny houses or in a cozy cabin** nestled in the heart of nature within the park.

DAY 5: THE UNDERGROUND OF VAL-D'OR AND THE SURVIVORS OF AMOS ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE

Head toward the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region. "L'Abitibi a le ventre en or" ("Abitibi has a belly of gold"), sang Raoul Duguay. Dressed as a miner, **descend 91 metres underground through the tunnels of Cité de l'Or** and immerse yourself in the daily life of miners from 1935 at the former Lamaque mine.

In the afternoon, visit Refuge Pageau, **a wildlife refuge** dedicated to rescuing and caring for orphaned or injured wild animals. Meet moose (their long legs are truly impressive!), wolves, bears, foxes, and many other fascinating creatures.



DAY 6: ROUYN-NORANDA AND ITS HERITAGE ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE

Immerse yourself in nature at Aiguebelle National Park. **Cross a 90-metre suspension bridge**, climb a dizzying staircase along a rocky escarpment, hike to a summit, or paddle by canoe. Along the trails, you may even come across a moose. Aiguebelle National Park is full of surprises.

In the afternoon, step back in time at Magasin général Dumulon. During the early settlement of Abitibi, pioneer Jos Dumulon opened a general store in 1924. Today, the region's very first business has become a heritage site that transports visitors straight into the atmosphere of the 1920s. It truly **feels like stepping into another era**.



DAY 7: THE TREASURES OF TÉMISCAMINGUE ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE

For two centuries, the French and the British competed for control of the **lucrative fur trade**. This rich history comes to life at Fort Témiscamingue/Obadjiwan National Historic Site, where colonial rivalries unfolded against the backdrop of a millennia-old Indigenous presence. A stop at T.E. Draper – Chantier Gédéon also offers a fascinating **glimpse into the region's forestry heritage**.

Set off along the water and legends of Opémican National Park. **This newer national park** is designed with families in mind, offering camping, mountain biking, swimming, and canoeing on Lake Kipawa. Visitors can also enjoy a playground, a children's rally activity, and accessible trails suitable for wheelchairs and strollers.



DAY 8: EXPLORING THE OUTAOUAIS: MANSFIELD AND BRYSON OUTAOUAIS

Adventure awaits at Parc des Chutes Coulonge. This spectacular park **features 50-metre waterfalls and a canyon**, along with aerial courses, zip lines, and a thrilling via ferrata experience. Visitors can also learn about the history of log driving — the transport of timber along the rivers.

For adrenaline seekers, an optional rafting adventure awaits on the Ottawa River. **Spend a full day riding the waves** — and inevitably getting splashed along the way. The experience with Rafting Momentum includes meals, overnight camping, and an exhilarating descent through turbulent rapids. Expect adrenaline, splashes, and plenty of laughter.



DAY 9: GATINEAU: BETWEEN CULTURE AND NATURE OUTAOUAIS

Discover what shaped Canada and **explore the richness of its cultural heritage** at Canadian Museum of History. The museum is also home to the Children's Museum. Although Canada is a young country, its history stretches back thousands of years and is deeply rooted in the **cultures and histories of Indigenous Peoples**.

Just minutes away, the National Capital Region is fortunate to have **Gatineau Park, a vast outdoor playground** offering cycling, camping, hiking, kayaking, and fishing, as well as visits to the Mackenzie King Estate.

After a full day outdoors, unwind at Nordik Spa-Nature, **the largest spa in North America**. Relax in soothing baths and saunas, including the Källa floating pool, one of only two saltwater floating pools in the Americas.



DAY 10: ADVENTURE AND HERITAGE IN PETITE NATION OUTAOUAIS

At Plaisance National Park, **explore wetlands rich in biodiversity**, ideal for birdwatching, while discovering the impressive Chutes du Moulin and the park's beautiful natural landscapes.

Then, visit Manoir-Papineau National Historic Site, **an iconic 19th-century manor house**. With its grand architecture, the site offers a fascinating glimpse into the history of the Papineau family and the legacy of New France.



DAY 11: WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS AT OMEGA PARK OUTAOUAIS

Set off on a safari — photo safari, of course! — at Parc Oméga to **observe wildlife in their natural habitat**: bison, elk, bears, deer, wild boars, wolves, and more. The park features a 12 km driving trail as well as two walking trails totaling 6 km.



DAY 12: RETURN JOURNEY

Final moments in Quebec. Head back to Montreal, return your vehicle, and board your flight home to France with unforgettable memories of exploration and adventure.