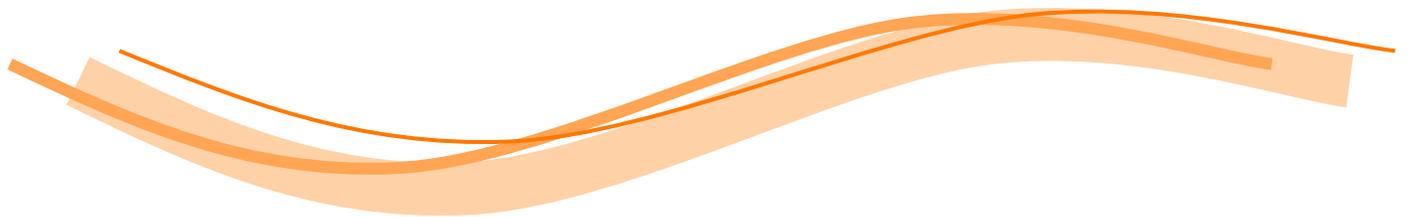




**CHARLEVOIX,  
LE MASSIF &  
FAIRMONT HOTELS**





<b>CHARLEVOIX</b>	<p>Charlevoix offers some of Quebec's most beautiful scenery, combining mountain landscapes with the splendor and marine wildlife of the St. Lawrence. It has forests and three national parks that are perfect for outdoor activities.</p> <p>Other popular pastimes in Charlevoix include whale watching cruises and sampling the local art and culture – there are countless galleries, artists and artisans who are happy to open their studio doors to visitors. The region also has a long-established reputation for agro-tourism and fine dining. Farmers and chefs have joined forces to spotlight their crops, livestock, products, and fine cuisine in a superb sightseeing and food experience known as <b>The Flavour Trail</b>.</p>
<b>Location</b>	Northeast of Quebec City, on the north shore of the Saint Lawrence.
<b>Geography</b>	<p>The Charlevoix region includes parts of the north shore of the Saint Lawrence River and the Laurentian mountains region of the Canadian Shield. This dramatic landscape includes rolling terrain, fjords, headlands and bays.</p> <p>The topography of this region was dramatically altered by a meteorite impact that occurred 350 million years ago creating the Charlevoix crater. The impact created the 65 km wide crater that is the heart of Quebec's Charlevoix region, ranging from just west of Baie-Saint-Paul to just east of La Malbaie. Today, the area inside the crater is home to 90 percent of Charlevoix residents and is a very pastoral setting by comparison to what it could have been. This area was subsequently reshaped by glaciations to its current landscape.</p>
<b>Name</b>	The region was named after Pierre François-Xavier de Charlevoix, a French Jesuit explorer and historian who travelled through this region in the 18th century.
<b>Population</b>	Total of 75,000 for the region
<b>Language</b>	French, but much English is spoken
<b>Currency</b>	Canadian Dollar
<b>Biosphere</b>	In 1988, Charlevoix was named a <b>UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve</b> , a protected area for cross-disciplinary research into conservation. Development here is balanced against environmental concerns. This was one of the first designated areas with a human population. Grand vistas over the St. Lawrence abound, and there are many farms in the area. The rolling, dark green mountains with their white ski slope scars offer numerous places to hike and bike in the warm months and ski when there's snow.
<b>Time zone</b>	Eastern Standard Time

<b>CLIMATE</b>	
<b>General climate</b>	Similar to Montreal and Toronto
<b>Today's weather</b>	26 Centigrade and mostly sunny (20 Aug 2011)

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<b>Best time to visit</b>	High season is from May to October, but the winter months are great for winter sports of course!
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<b>GETTING THERE</b>	
<b>Flying</b>	<p><b>Porter Airlines</b> offers three convenient daily flights between Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and Quebec City. Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is minutes away from downtown Toronto. Offering convenient airports, luxurious lounges and complimentary onboard refreshments - you'll always get more than you pay for with Porter.</p> <p><b>Current deals:</b> Porter is offering a 30% discount on all flights booked by Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 for travel by December 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.</p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 888-619-8622</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.flyporter.com">www.flyporter.com</a></p>
<b>Driving</b>	<p>Take Route 138 as far as Baie-St-Paul. Turn onto Route 362 to go into downtown Baie. To continue northeast, take either 138 or 362, which runs closer to the water and lets you visit St-Irénée on the way to La Malbaie.</p> <p>It's around four hours drive from Montreal.</p>
<b>Cities</b>	<p><b>La Malbaie</b>, a riverside community first settled in the 17th century, owes its name to Samuel de Champlain, who spent the night here only to find that the bay went completely dry at low tide – "Ah! La malle baye!" he bemoaned. The area has long been considered a haven for tourists, who adore its inviting inns and hotels and lovely scenery.</p>
<b>Distances</b>	<p>Baie-St-Paul: 93km NE of Québec City; St-Irénée: 125km NE of Québec City; La Malbaie: 140km NE of Québec City</p>
<b>Ferries</b>	<p>From St-Simeon in Charelvoix to Riviere-du-Loup across the Saint Lawrence, and from Saint-Joseph-de-la-Rive to the Ile aux Coudres in the Saint Lawrence.</p>
<b>Buses</b>	<p>Good local bus network links the main towns, especially along the coast.</p>

<b>ACCOMMODATION TYPES</b>	<p>There's a wide array of different accommodations in this region to suit most tastes, from small B&amp;B's to lodges and the fine resorts represented by Fairmont (see separate sections below).</p>
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<b>TARGET GROUPS</b>	
<b>Kids</b>	<p>Tons of outdoor activities for active kids, from whale watching on the Saint Lawrence to hiking in the mountains</p>
<b>Romance</b>	<p>Inns with breathtaking vistas and warm hospitality are the perfect way to kindle romance in this region.</p> <p>There's even special romance packages to make it easy:  <a href="http://www.escapaderomance.com/forfaits/par-region/charlevoix">http://www.escapaderomance.com/forfaits/par-region/charlevoix</a></p>
<b>Seniors</b>	<p>Consider booking some of the packages highlighted on the <a href="http://www.charlevoixtourism.com">www.charlevoixtourism.com</a> website and let others take the strain while you relax and enjoy this unique part of Quebec.</p>

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<b>UNIQUES</b>	<p><b>The Charlevoix crater</b> is a large eroded meteorite impact crater, one of the ten largest on the planet. Only part of the crater is exposed at the surface, the rest being covered by the Saint Lawrence River. The original crater is estimated to have been 54 kilometres in diameter and the age is estimated to be 342 ± 15 million years. The projectile was probably a stony asteroid, at least 2 kilometres in diameter, and weighing an estimated 15 billion tones which hit the ground at around 60,000 km/hr. The Mont des Éboulements, situated in the exact centre of the crater, is interpreted as the central uplift, a consequence of elastic rebound. The crater is classified as a multi-ringed basin with a central uplift.</p> <p>The impact origin of Charlevoix crater was first realized in 1965 after the discovery of many shatter cones in the area. Other evidence for impact includes planar deformation features (PDFs) in quartz and feldspar grains.</p> <p>In contrast to the surrounding craggy Laurentian Mountains, the crater is relatively smooth and flat, which has facilitated human settlement. Today, 90% of the people of Charlevoix live within this crater.</p>
<b>Surprising</b>	William Taft, president of the United States from 1909 to 1913, was also the president of a venerable La Malbaie Golf Club (founded in 1876) from 1914 to 1921. Taft often summered in La Malbaie.
<b>History</b>	The Charlevoix region owes its name to father François Xavier de Charlevoix, Jesuit priest and first historian of New-France. The settlements started at Baie Saint-Paul, which first opened to colonists in 1678. Colonization continued at L'Île-aux-Coudres in 1728 and at La Malbaie in 1760. It was at the beginning of the English Regime (1760) that the region which extends from Pointe-au-Pic to Cap-a-L'Aigle was first colonized. Towards the end of the 18th century, resorts appeared in Canada, more precisely at La Malbaie, with the Scottish Noblemen: Malcom Fraser and John Nairn, who in 1760, received visitors in their manor.
<b>Books</b>	Frommer's Canada and Frommer's Montreal and Quebec City.
<b>1000 Places to see before you die</b>	The entire region of Charlevoix is included in the USA and Canada edition of this book!
<b>Must Sees</b>	Discover workshops, boutiques, studios, and galleries furnished by Charlevoix's rich artistic community. And explore nearby parks and rivers that offer hiking, kayaking, cycling and fishing.

<b>SPORTS ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Golf</b>	<p><b>The Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Golf Club</b> boasts a 27-hole course overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River. Come see what's new at this world-calibre course: a scenic trail linking the hotel to the golf club, breathtaking views from every hole, a new golf chalet, a putting green, a</p>

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	<p>driving range. TaylorMade club rentals, Adidas shoes rentals and a brand new gourmet restaurant.  <a href="http://www.fairmont.com/richelieu">www.fairmont.com/richelieu</a></p> <p><b>Murray Bay Golf Course</b>          This golf course is the second oldest golf course in Canada. It's located minutes away from Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu.          •Holes: 27          •Course par: 68          •Championship tees: 4,933 yards          For more information and tee times, call (418) 665-2494.</p> <p><b>Golf municipal de Ville Baie-St-Paul</b>          This Charlevoix golf course has a nice view of the St-Lawrence River. It is located about 30 minutes from Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu.          •Holes: 18          •Course par: 72          For more information and tee times, call (418) 435-2117.</p>
<b>Fishing</b>	<p>The <b>Saumon Rivière-Malbaie</b> corporation gives visitors the chance to fish for salmon right in the middle of town. The river currently boasts 16 fishing pools, including 3 fixed quota pools that are said to be teeming with fish.</p>
<b>Horse riding</b>	<p><b>Centre Equestre Nature:</b> Interact with horses and escape to the beautiful mountains of La Malbaie with an experienced guide. Introductory training is provided prior to departure. Rides last 2 hours, 3 hours, a full day, or more. The Centre also offers daily and weekly camps for young people and adults in summer and winter. Whether you choose horseback or horsedrawn carriage rides, the Centre offers family and group accommodations with kitchenette or meals included. Centre équestre Nature is a member of Association des camps du Québec (ACQ) and Fédération équestre du Québec (FEQ).          Tel: 418-439-2076</p>
<b>Hiking</b>	<p>The National Parks offer world class hiking opportunities – go to <a href="http://www.sepaq.com">www.sepaq.com</a> to get a flavor of the opportunities that await you</p>
<b>Cycling</b>	<p><b>Centre Velo-Coudres</b> on Isle Aux Coudres rents all the equipment needed for an excellent biking excursion          Toll-free: 1 877-438-2118</p>
<b>Canoe/Kayak</b>	<p><b>Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie National Park</b>          Paddle 8 km to a particularly enchanting spot, the Équerre campground and then commune with nature before heading to your campsite for the night. Canoe and kayak rental available. Enjoy spectacular valley scenery and stunning views of the highest rock faces in Eastern Canada as you paddle along a 10-km stretch of calm water on Rivière Malbaie. Observe the numerous wildlife habitats along the banks of the river.</p>

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	418 439-1227 (Information) / 1 800 665-6527 (Reservations) <a href="http://www.sepaq.com">www.sepaq.com</a>
<b>Skiing</b>	<p><b>Le Massif</b> is one of the very best skiing locales in Eastern America, featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Highest vertical drop East of the Canadian Rockies</li> <li>•21-foot average natural snowfall</li> <li>•Total of 48 runs</li> <li>•An investment of over \$16 million which includes: a 8 passagers gondola, the expansion of off-piste skiing on Mont à Liguori, and a new National Downhill Training Centre at the mountain top.</li> <li>•80 km from the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu</li> <li>•Toll free: 1(877) Le Massif (1-877-536-2774)</li> <li>•Visit their website for more details on Le Massif skiing at: <a href="http://www.lemassif.com/en">http://www.lemassif.com/en</a></li> </ul>

<b>CULTURE</b>	
<b>Arts</b>	<p>You will see art everywhere in Charlevoix. You can see artists at work, getting their inspiration from one of the many enchanting decors of the region. Several art galleries can be found in the region and they show works of art by numerous local and regional artists.</p> <p>The <b>Centre d'exposition de Baie-Saint-Paul</b> was founded in 1992 and presents works by artists from everywhere in the country. The Centre mainly presents works of the modern and contemporary arts. Among the arts represented are painting, sculpture, photography, engraving and design multimedia.</p>
<b>Music</b>	See Festivals below
<b>Museums</b>	<p><b>Musee de Charlevoix</b></p> <p>Located on the Pointe-au-Pic harbour, the museum features folk art, sculptures, and paintings by regional artists in both its permanent collection and frequent temporary exhibitions.</p>
<b>Festivals</b>	<p><b>Domaine Forget</b></p> <p>June 25 to September 4, 2011 is first and foremost an International Music Festival that livens up the small village of Saint-Irénée for the entire summer season. The best jazz and classic musicians and invited to perform during the festival. Domaine Forget is also a Music and Dance Academy where nearly 600 students come learn music and dance with the greatest teachers in the world every year. In fall, the Season at Domaine Forget presents an exciting program, from world music to singing and beginners performances. The Domaine Forget Studios, these small fully equipped apartments, are an original kind of accommodation, available from spring to fall.</p> <p>This summer, the Domaine Forget's International Festival will truly impress you with its exceptional program presenting some of the best soloists in the world. Dance performances, chamber music and jazz</p>

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	<p>music concerts complete the program that will be made public in April. Overall, about thirty concerts will be presented in the beautiful François-Bernier Concert Hall, which is renowned for its exceptional acoustics.</p> <p><a href="http://www.domaineforget.com/en/welcome-domaine-forget">http://www.domaineforget.com/en/welcome-domaine-forget</a></p> <p><b>Rêves d'automne, Festival of Painting, Baie-Saint-Paul</b>          From September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, the 21st edition of Rêves d'Automne will be celebrated in the streets of Baie-Saint-Paul. In the heart of a town so highly prized by artists, come experience 10 days of artistic frenzy among artists inspired by nature's glowing fall colours. For just \$5, the Rêves d'automne badge lets you access all the Festival's activities. Admission is free for children age 12 and under.</p> <p><a href="http://www.revesdautomne.com/home.aspx">http://www.revesdautomne.com/home.aspx</a></p>
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<b>ATTRACTIONS</b>	
<b>Beaches</b>	There are pristine beaches sprinkled along the Saint Lawrence coastline of Charlevoix.
<b>Wildlife</b>	<p><b>Whale Watching.</b>          Blue, Finback, Minke, Humpback and Beluga Whales can all be seen in this region. Here is a very useful guide as to what whales may be seen in which month in this part of the St Lawrence River from May to October:  <a href="http://www.baleines.ca/v2/en/guide.asp">http://www.baleines.ca/v2/en/guide.asp</a></p> <p>And here are a couple of suggested options for local whale watching.</p> <p><b>Croisières Charlevoix, Saint-Simeon:</b> This is the closest point of embarkation from Quebec City to the whale-watching region of the Charlevoix, including Baie St-Paul, La Malbaie, Isle au Coudre, and la baleine, les Eboulements. You will experience the vista of the mountains and cape from the only whale-watching vessel that cruises at 25 knots within the Marine Park. That gives you the choice of all the popular observation sites in the Marine Park, including Escoumins, Tadoussac, Baie Ste-Catherine and Riviere-du-Loup. They have a private embarkation dock with ample parking and offer personalized service for your whale-watching experience in Charlevoix :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•seating for 48 people;</li> <li>•three modern diesels designed to strict environmental standards;</li> <li>•three alpha power jets, which have no propellers and provide total protection for the whales;</li> <li>•speeds up to 25 knots, insure a prompt schedule and guarantee whale sightings;</li> <li>•ecologically sensitive vessel, designed to minimize Co2 emissions. It is the only vessel in the Marine Park that returns it wastewater to the shore</li> </ul>

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	<p>for safe disposal later; They also have Zodiac trips for the more adventurous.</p> <p><b>Croisières AML:</b> At the confluence of the St. Lawrence River and the Saguenay Fjord, Baie-Ste-Catherine is perched between the cliffs and the sea. Known as one of the world's most beautiful bays, it is home to several species of whales during the summer. Croisières AML gives you the chance to encounter these astounding marine mammals. When you choose a whale watching cruise in Charlevoix, make sure you choose the finest observation boat: the Grand Fleuve. For a true adventure, discover the fascinating world of whales up close from a zodiac in perfect safety with AML. For more information visit the AML website at <a href="http://www.croisieresaml.com/en">www.croisieresaml.com/en</a></p> <p>Already at the beginning of the 20th century, the area that is now enclosed in the <b>parc national des Grands-Jardins</b> was well-known for its amazing fishing territories. Impressed by the carpet of lichens and the Nordic vegetation they found at this latitude, fishers gave it the name of Grands-Jardins. Nowadays, this territory worthy of the Quebec Great North is still visited by fishers, but also by hikers, campers and vacationers who appreciate the unusual scenery offered by this exceptional park. Moreover, its precious and abundant taiga, fauna and flora make this park a suitable place for caribou observation.</p>
<p><b>Parks</b></p>	<p>Charlevoix is a region has an abundance of exceptional natural beauty, as seen in its 3 national parks.</p> <p><b>Parc national des Grands-Jardins</b> has been recognized by UNESCO as the core of the World Biosphere Reserve. The special flora and fauna found at this altitude make this site one of the most unique of its kind.</p> <p><b>The Parc Marin Saguenay - Saint-Laurent</b> is the first park in Québec created to protect an exclusively marine environment, covering part of the St. Lawrence Estuary and the Saguenay Fjord.</p> <p><b>Parc national des Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie</b> is one of Québec's most beautiful natural monuments. At the foot of the highest peaks in Eastern Canada, the valley offers spectacular scenery and striking landforms for explorers to discover.</p>
<p><b>UNESCO Biosphere Reserve</b></p>	<p>Biosphere reserves are sites recognized by UNESCO within the framework of its Man and the Biosphere Program, which tangibly innovates and targets sustainable conservation and development. Québec possesses four of these reserves, one of which is Charlevoix.</p> <p>Shaped a million years ago by the impact of a meteorite that dug a crater</p>

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	28 km in diameter, today this territory is primarily comprised by two major national parks: Grands-Jardins and the Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie. Given its wooded and highly fluctuating topography, the Charlevoix shoreline is aligned in a succession of spectacular capes and coves. It is this relationship between Man and the landscape that is celebrated in its UNESCO status.
<b>Gardens</b>	The <b>Cap-à-l'Aigle</b> area houses the largest private garden in Canada, <b>les Jardins "Les Quatre Vents"</b> . Covering about 20 acres, this site has 40 gardens right next to one another. In the flower gardens like the Jardin Blanc, the Roseraie, the Allée de Vivaces and the Allée des Oies, you will be able to admire particular colours, forms and textures, and to discover a very interesting variety of plants. The Jardins "Les Quatre Vents" offers breathtakingly beautiful scenery and many exceptional plants that will please both amateur and professional horticulturists as well as visitors. Another similar park is the Jardins du cap à l'Aigle, which houses about twenty plant beds with all kinds of flowers, as well as a part of the lilac collection from the corporation Cap-à-l'Aigle Village Lilas.

<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Shopping</b>	Local crafts are available in the towns of Charlevoix.
<b>Markets</b>	Travel the Flavour Trail (see below) to experience the local markets of Charlevoix
<b>Nightlife</b>	The local bars are the centre of nightlife and are a great place to get to know the locals
<b>Casino</b>	Stop by the Manoir Richelieu and the <b>Casino de Charlevoix</b> . Combine relaxation and fine dining on this majestic hotel's idyllic premises and have fun at the casino. <a href="http://www.casino-de-charlevoix.com">www.casino-de-charlevoix.com</a>

<b>CUISINE</b>	
<b>Food</b>	Charlevoix enjoys an enviable culinary reputation. The dining experience here begins with the discovery of treasures from the farm, continues with processing carried out directly by the producer, and culminates with a mouthwatering table d'hôte menu featuring regional fare in one of the charming restaurants.
<b>Cheese</b>	<b>The Laiterie Charlevoix</b> in Baie-Saint-Paul has been making cheese since 1948. Nowadays, it mainly makes cheddar cheese of any shapes, either flavoured or not. The Laiterie also produces the Fleurmier, a soft cheese with flowery crust. In 1998, the Laiterie became an economuseum, which allowed visitors to see and understand the different steps of cheese making. Apart from the interpretation centre, ancient tools and equipment can be observed, and you can also sample the products made here. At the

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	<p>boutique, you can buy the cheese made at the Laiterie, along with a variety of regional products, like meat, bread, emu meat, ciders and honey.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fromagescharlevoix.com">http://www.fromagescharlevoix.com</a></p>
<b>Cider</b>	<p><b>Cidrerie et Vergers Pedneault, Ile aux Coudres</b>          Nested in a charming decor, the ancestral farm sits in the middle of the St Lawrence river. Discover the unique taste of Ile-aux-Coudres apples, including ancient varieties jealously protected by the owners. Weather permitting, you can also picnic on the site. What's more, when you cross onto the island from Saint-Joseph-de-la-Rive, you can enjoy a pleasant and free 20-minute cruise.</p> <p>In 1918, thanks to a government grant, the Pedneault family planted their first 300 fruit trees on the old Isle-aux-Coudres family estate. Since then, many steps and successes have dotted the history of the family business which hasn't stopped expanding since. 1999 marked the history of the company in a more significant way with the addition of a wine cellar and vinegar and cider factory that enable the business to market new products they themselves develop such as vinegars, mistelles (liquor wines) as well as cider and cider by-products. In 2007, at the Festival de la gastronomie de Québec the company claimed several prizes. Eight products are now available in most SAQ (Quebec Liquor Board) branches and over 150 groceries. Cidrerie et Vergers Pedneault is also a member of the ECONOMUSEUM Network Society.</p> <p><a href="http://www.vergerspedneault.com/en">http://www.vergerspedneault.com/en</a></p>
<b>Restaurants</b>	<p><b>Charlevoix Flavour Trail:</b> This 143-km route is born of an alliance between farm producers and restaurant chefs in the region eager to highlight products from the fertile fields of Charlevoix. Members work in close cooperation to grow, process, prepare and feature products from the Charlevoix region.</p> <p><a href="http://www.tourisme-charlevoix.com/tourist-trails/flavour-trail">http://www.tourisme-charlevoix.com/tourist-trails/flavour-trail</a></p>

<b>MORE INFO</b>	
<b>Brochures</b>	<p>Visitor Information - Baie-St-Paul has a year-round tourist office on Route 138 (tel. 418/435-4160), open daily from 8:30am to 4:30pm in the winter, until 7pm in the summer. It's before the village on a hill above it and well marked from the highway, and offers a grand vista of the river and town below. There are also offices throughout the region including one in La Malbaie directly on the water at 495 bd. de Comporté, Route 362 (tel. 800/667-2276 or 418/665-4454). It's open daily until 9pm in the summer months, and 4:30pm off-season.</p>
<b>Website</b>	<p><a href="http://www.charlevoixtourism.com">www.charlevoixtourism.com</a> and <a href="http://www.summercharlevoix.com">www.summercharlevoix.com</a></p>

<b>PERSONAL EXPERIENCES</b>	<p>I visited Charlevoix on a cruise aboard a tall ship and can heartily recommend this marvelous piece of Quebec magic!</p>
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<p><b>THE TRAIN OF LE MASSIF DE CHARLEVOIX</b></p>	<p>There's a unique new Canadian travel experience – the brand new train of Le Massif de Charlevoix. The train travels 140 km (280km return) through incomparable riverside scenery that lies between historic, walled Québec City and the beautiful resort town of La Malbaie. Departures will run in September and October to showcase the magnificent Fall foliage, and from December to April.</p> <p>The train has an exclusive, modern design. Panoramic windows and 11ft high ceilings allow you to see all the breathtaking views as you travel between sea and mountain through Charlevoix. Discover the region's history, culture and hidden treasures with a multimedia presentation. And enjoy a 3-course lunch and 4-course dinner on your “gourmet rail cruise”.</p> <p>The Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu is behind the gourmet experience, showcasing local Charlevoix products. Presented with an exclusive menu created by Executive Chef Jean-Michel Breton, travellers are sure to appreciate the intimate, comfortable rail cars, specifically designed for this unique, distinctive culinary adventure.</p>
<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>From September 2011 The Train of Le Massif de Charlevoix will be offering a unique rail cruise experience along mountains and seashore.</p> <p>On their seven-hour rail journey, passengers enjoy breathtaking vistas, discovering the region's history, its culture and hidden treasures over a lunch fragrant with regional flavours, and entertained with a multimedia presentation. Later, as dusk performs a colourful finale on their return trip, travellers feast on a four-course gastronomical menu composed of rich terroir ingredients. In La Malbaie, their three-hour stopover is gently whiled away strolling along the shores of the St. Lawrence River, down Chemin des Falaises or visiting local attractions.</p> <p><b>Exclusive by Design</b> The Train consists of entirely restored railcars transformed into genuine panoramic vehicles that place travellers before the beauty of the landscape, heightening their awareness of this rich natural environment and its conservancy. With interiors and appointments that are far from conventional, the Train's stunningly contemporary signature is sure to astonish passengers who soon forget they are on board a train.</p> <p><b>The Experience: Unique</b> As the rail cruise and nature gently unfurl, a multimedia show modulates</p>

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	<p>the interior ambience, activating commentary triggered by the passing landscape. As of September 2011, four railcars accommodating 272 passengers will feature assorted car configurations, textures and decors tailored to evolve as the journey and the seasons advance. Upon arrival at their stopover destination, travellers are free to discover La Malbaie and its surroundings at their leisure.</p> <p><b>An Adventure in Gastronomy</b> As passengers climb aboard, they embark on a journey across Québec's premier destination for gastronomy, savouring the terroir at its best over a three-course gourmet lunch and a lovely four-course dinner. Presented with an exclusive menu created by Executive Chef Jean-Michel Breton from the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, gourmands and gourmets alike are sure to appreciate the intimate, comfortable quarters specifically designed for experiencing this uniquely distinctive culinary adventure.</p> <p><b>All Aboard!</b> With regular departures in September and October and December to April, the touring train offers rail cruise plans tailored for individual travellers, groups and corporate clientele. It creates the perfect staging for celebrating an anniversary or a special event.</p>
<p><b>The Train</b></p>	<p>The rolling stock configuration for train enthusiasts is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two 1800 hp RS-18 locomotives;</li> <li>• Two Caterpillar generator engines also serving as baggage cars;</li> <li>• Eight entirely refurbished Pullman Standard railcars with individual kitchen facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Six railcars each accommodating 68 passengers;</li> <li>-Two adapted cab cars each accommodating a maximum of 60 passengers, for guests with reduced mobility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Overall capacity: 528 passengers;</li> <li>• Design team: Morelli Designers &amp; Groupe Le Massif Inc.;</li> <li>• Operated by: Train touristique de Charlevoix inc., a subsidiary of Groupe Le Massif Inc.;</li> <li>• Railcar renovations &amp; refurbishment: Centre de Réalisation d'Outils Innovateurs (C.R.O.I.).</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Panorama</b></p>	<p>The spectacular scenery of the Saint Lawrence on one side and the mountains of Charlevoix on the other provide an ever-changing vista of sea, sky and slope. Some of the highlights of the trip include: Montmorency Falls, Île d'Orléans, Cap Tourmente Wildlife Reserve, Petite-Rivière-Saint-François, Baie-Saint-Paul, Isle-aux-Coudres, Saint-Joseph-de-la-Rive, Saint-Irénée and La Malbaie itself.</p>
<p><b>The Experience</b></p>	<p>Climbing aboard the Train of Le Massif de Charlevoix passengers are carried away on a rail cruise experience where momentum builds as the</p>

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	<p>scenery unfurls, deep in the heart of one of the most photogenic regions of Quebec. The beauty of the landscape – soaring mountains on one side, the St. Lawrence River on the other – nourishes the heart and spirit of travellers, while their taste buds are sated with terroir delicacies on a wonderful adventure in gastronomy.</p> <p>Passengers discover the Charlevoix, its traditions, legends and hidden treasures from a fresh angle. As they journey along rocked by the rhythm of travel, the Train’s interior comes to life, activated by the time of day or night, by the passing seasons and the outdoor elements dancing by. Exquisite Charlevoix fare satisfies the finest of palates, technology – discreet and intuitive – takes centre stage and a story unfolds. The magic begins: Montmorency Falls, Île d’Orléans, Cap Tourmente Wildlife Reserve, Petite-Rivière-Saint-François, Baie-Saint-Paul, Isle-aux-Coudres, Saint-Joseph-de-la-Rive, Saint-Irénée and La Malbaie swirl by, painting the backdrop to an ever-changing rail cruise experience.</p> <p>A copious three-course lunch opens the introduction into Charlevoix culture. Terroir products and regional savoir-faire are spotlighted both ways during the journey, showcased in a lavish four-course gastronomic dinner also elaborated by Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Executive Chef, Jean-Michel Breton. Exclusive to the Train, his menu is composed of fresh, full-flavoured ingredients – the signature products of local growers and producers who have made the Charlevoix’s reputation in the world of agrifoods. Among these are la Ferme Basque de Charlevoix, la fromagerie St-Fidèle, Champignons Charlevoix and Cidres et Vergers Pedneault, to mention but a few.</p> <p>No detail has been spared to optimize the on-board experience, and every touch contributes to enhancing its quality. Throughout the journey, lighting and sound textures modulate the ambience, while electronic shelves with geolocator-activated content featuring historical and cultural information, and anecdotes, are built into each tabletop. As the rail cruise evolves, passengers explore the Charlevoix’s best kept secrets at will, and in detail. Internet access is also offered to passengers.</p>
<p><b>Gastronomy</b></p>	<p>Discovering the Charlevoix along its flavour trail is a pure delight, a delicious feast for the most discerning of eyes and palates. As passengers on board the Train of Le Massif de Charlevoix travel across Québec’s premier destination for gastronomy, they savour the local terroir at its best. Twice rather than once, travellers enjoy the cuisine of Executive Chef Jean-Michel Breton, when under his mastery a gastronomic lunch and a dinner become truly distinctive culinary experiences.</p> <p>This adventure in gastronomy bears the signature of Executive Chef Jean-Michel Breton from the acclaimed Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu.</p>

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	<p>This five-star establishment – a regional icon – distinguishes itself with outstanding cuisine that is both refined and ingenuous. Aboard the touring train, Chef Breton proposes an exclusive menu and varied cuisine brimming with the fragrances and flavours of the Charlevoix. Treated to the savoir-faire of a chef whose roots trace back to one of the most renowned families of restaurateurs in France, food products from this fertile and generous terroir are prepared with an innovative, passionate touch.</p> <p>The taste experience receives a most pleasant send-off over a copious, three-course lunch. Appetizer, main course and dessert – from the valley of Baie-Saint-Paul to Saint-Fidèle and all the way to Isle-aux-Coudres, a whole region engages in presenting this exquisite fare.</p> <p>On the return, the menu is a meal fragrant with sublime aromas and flavours, brimming with distinctive ingredients brought forth by the Charlevoix’s fields, gardens and rivers. Organic meats and poultry, farm-raised fish, acclaimed cheeses, specialty produce and quality beers all bursting with appeal are at the heart of a four-course dining experience where difficult selections must be made among four appetizers, one soup, five main courses and three desserts.</p>
<p><b>Exclusive by Design</b></p>	<p>The Train of Le Massif de Charlevoix is anything but conventional. Exclusive by design, it blends quality, comfort, aesthetics and flexibility. Embracing a creative approach suffused with simplicity and authenticity, it accentuates the relationship between the individual and the great outdoors, provoking an awakening of each and every one of the travellers’ senses.</p> <p>To heighten passenger pleasure, each of the <b>railcars</b> has undergone a complete makeover at the expert hands of the professionals at Morelli Designers Inc. and C.R.O.I., to embrace the new concept and design. The maximum convoy is one RS-18 locomotive, one generator car and eight entirely refurbished Pullman Standard railcars – six of which each carry 68 passengers, while two cab cars accommodating 60 travellers apiece are adapted for persons with reduced mobility.</p> <p>As the trip unfurls, nature offers itself in spectacle and outdoor elements modulate the passenger experience within. Big windows make the most of the passing scenery while the train’s interior appointments simply vanish, leaving the landscape centre stage to play upon the intimate ambience in the railcar’s interior spaces. Impacted by the evolution of day into night, by the passing seasons and clientele, the convoy gently transforms itself, assuming specific configurations, audio-technical features and even textures, as required.</p> <p>From the moment passengers board, they enter into a decor that is anything but that of a conventional train. Interior spaces are stunning. Metal beams with an avant-garde and aesthetic line serve as support structure, while central crossbeam bolts are reminiscent of the joints</p>

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	<p>found on railway bridges and culverts. Soaring eleven-foot ceilings breathe fresh charm into the railcars' original rounded rooftop structure, further accentuating a purity of lines and the open concept of its loft-style architecture.</p> <p>No attention has been spared to the manner in which comfort and aesthetics intermesh on board. A minimalistic design, timeless decor, dominant whites, a purity of lines and the use of materials that reflect organic mediums infuse a sense of wellness and harmony. With this very contemporary signature, surprised passengers no longer feel they are on board a train. Furnishings provide all the desired comfort and flexibility in a relaxing, entertaining environment that is perfect for enjoying the pleasures of fine dining.</p> <p>Comprised of two tables and eight seats, sections are visually supported by wall-columns, archways and a horizontal beam, creating an intimate atmosphere within a flexible decor. This layout is perfect for conversation and the gourmet dining experience.</p>
<p><b>Hot Off The Press!</b></p>	<p><b>August 2011:</b> At the end of a two-year process involving concept, creation and transformation, the Groupe Le Massif's refurbishment program has reached completion the railcars and locomotives now poised to convey passengers between Québec City and La Malbaie on the Train of Le Massif de Charlevoix, starting September 9<sup>th</sup> 2011. Exclusive by design, the convoy embodies originality and authenticity while privileging exchange and conviviality. A contemporary yet timeless signature is its distinguishing feature. Between now and December, eight dove grey railcars inscribed with poetic texts that beckon travellers and echo the Charlevoix's cultural heritage will be coupled to their charcoal grey locomotive.</p> <p>Designed along an architectural approach that embraces flexibility and an open-concept treatment, the convoy resembles a mobile structure more than a train. A journey fraught with engineering challenges led this multidisciplinary team based in three different locations – the Saguenay, Québec City and Montreal – to break away from convention, as work progressed on the Train and its vocation in tourism.</p> <p>Built by the St-Louis Car Company in 1955 and 1956, the Lot 6978 Pullman Standard railcars were originally acquired by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. At the time, they were the railway company's very first high-capacity double-decker railcars. With their steel structure and second level, they transported 169 passengers at maximum capacity. Over time, the railcars underwent several restorations including a major overhaul in 1961, with others between 1981 and 1994 of a more general nature. Before being sold to Groupe Le Massif, they had been operated by Union Pacific Railroad and put into service for the City of Chicago.</p> <p>The Train of Le Massif de Charlevoix's total rolling stock comprises two</p>

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	1800 hp RS-18 locomotives, two power cars that double as baggage cars, and eight Pullman Standard railcars. The mechanical and aesthetic refurbishment programme that wraps up shortly ushers in a complete makeover of the majority of the railcars to be put into service in the weeks to come. Each railcar is equipped with a kitchen designed to serve approximately 70 lunches and gastronomic dinners. In all, 27 Fall departures, have been scheduled, from September 9 to Oct 16 2011.
<b>Prices</b>	<p>2011 Fall Rates:          Adults (18+): \$249          Children (6-17): \$199          5 yrs &amp; under: Free</p> <p>Rates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-way rail cruise between Québec City and La Malbaie;</li> <li>• Three-course lunch on mid-morning rail cruise;</li> <li>• Four-course gastronomic dinner on return rail cruise;</li> <li>• Audio-visual features and interactive entertainment throughout</li> </ul>
<b>Schedule</b>	The schedule of service for the 27 departures in Fall 2011 is 10:00am.....Departure from Parc de la Chute-Montmorency 1:30pm.....Stopover in La Malbaie 1:30pm - 4:30pm....At leisure in La Malbaie and its surroundings 4:30pm.....Departure from La Malbaie 8:00pm.....Arrival at Parc de la Chute-Montmorency
<b>Summer 2012</b>	Stopovers scheduled for 2012 include The Mountain in Petite-Rivière-Saint-François; and The Farm in Baie-Saint-Paul.
<b>Contact Information</b>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.lemassif.com/train">www.lemassif.com/train</a></p> <p>Telephone: 1-877-Le-Massif (536-2774)</p>

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<p><b>FAIRMONT LE CHATEAU FRONTENAC</b></p>	<p>Standing high on a bluff overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is not merely a hotel located in the heart of Old Québec - it <i>is</i> the heart of it. At Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, guests are guaranteed a memorable and inspiring stay in one of the most beautiful cities in the world - with easy walking access to all of the wonderful sites and experiences that Old Québec has to offer.</p> <p>Offering luxurious guestrooms, exquisite dining experiences through renowned Chef Jean Soulard and a distinctive European charm, this stately heritage urban resort stands above historic Old Québec, which is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</p>
<p><b>History</b></p>	<p>For more than a century, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac luxury hotel in Quebec City has been the true-life castle of many people's dreams. Everyone from the young to the old, music to film stars, sports personalities to political figures, enjoys discovering this unique Quebec City luxury resort and delights in returning again and again.</p> <p>In the late 19th century, William Van Horne, General Manager of Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway, began building the hotel as the ideal stopover for CP travellers. Van Horne retained the services of New York architect Bruce Price (father of Emily Post), who had already designed Montreal's Windsor Station. Drawing on the architectural styles of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, Price immortalized the history of the two great powers that had occupied Quebec City's highest promontory. The years leading up to 1993 saw many expansion projects to fashion the Quebec City luxury hotel into what it is today, including the Citadelle construction in 1899, Mont-Carmel construction in 1908, and the Saint-Louis and Tour Centrale in 1920 and 1924. A new expansion phase was completed in June 1993 with the inauguration of the Claude-Pratte Wing, which offers guests a superb indoor pool, a physical fitness centre and a magnificent outdoor terrace.</p> <p>Fairmont Le Château Frontenac owes its name to a flamboyant French governor called Louis de Buade, Count of Frontenac, who guided the destiny of New France from 1672 to 1698. Frontenac's coat-of-arms can be seen on the outside wall of the entry arch and many other areas within the hotel. History casts a long architectural line: a 300-year-old stone bearing the Cross of Malta emblem is among the interior stones of the hotel's vaulted lobby.</p> <p>Countless personalities have graced Fairmont Le Château Frontenac with their presence, including King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, Princess Grace of Monaco, Chiang-Kai-Shek, Charles de Gaulle, Ronald Reagan, François Mitterrand, Prince Andrew, Lady Sarah Ferguson, Charles Lindberg, Alfred Hitchcock and Montgomery Clift. In</p>

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	<p>1944, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac became the action centre of the Quebec Conferences of World War II, which involved U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King.</p> <p>Today, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac luxury hotel in Quebec stands even taller over Cap Diamant, ready as always to welcome friends from around the world to its elegant and pleasant surroundings.</p>
<p><b>Accommodation</b></p>	<p>In any one of the beautifully furnished accommodations, including 618 guestrooms and suites, you'll feel an elegant touch of historic Europe. Their newly renovated accommodations offer an unparalleled level of luxury and service. With elegantly styled chateau furnishings and regal decor, each guest is treated to a spectacular stay in Quebec City. The hotel provides facilities for the business traveller as well as leisure travellers, including the Fairmont Gold floor – the Fairmont exclusive hotel-within-a-hotel, a Presidential Suite and several wheelchair accessible rooms.</p>
<p><b>Dining</b></p>	<p>For more than a hundred years now, food lovers from around the world have enjoyed the art of Quebec fine dining at Fairmont Le Château Frontenac.</p> <p>It is a tradition of cuisine which continually innovates in its blend of the original and the creative. Light and natural, it combines regional and international specialties with the delicate aroma of herbs. Fairmont Le Château Frontenac's cuisine is lively with an air of freshness evolving towards regional and local products – produits du terroir.</p> <p>It is a subtle mix of delicacy and moderation, both original and simple, the cuisine reflects variety because each of the Château's restaurants in Quebec City feature culinary delights prepared in their very own individual way.</p> <p>From classic continental and regional fare in luxurious surroundings to quick, delicious gourmet-on-the-go, there is something for everyone. Dine in high style at the award-winning Le Champlain or enjoy a more relaxed ambiance at Le Café de la Terrasse.</p> <p>Created using fresh and nutritionally balanced ingredients, Fairmont Lifestyle Cuisine dishes contribute to optimal health and wellness. Also, Lifestyle Cuisine Plus, are nutritious meals catering to guests with specific diet-dependent conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and gluten-free, as well as unique dietary preferences including, macrobiotic, raw and vegan diets. You can request a special menu featuring their new Lifestyle Cuisine Plus selections when dining at a Fairmont hotel.</p> <p><b>Afternoon Tea at Le Champlain restaurant</b></p>

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	Executive Chef Jean Soulard invites you to experience a century-old tradition at Fairmont Le Château Frontenac. Enjoy fresh fruits, finger sandwiches, delicious scones, small pastries, petits fours, chocolate and a selection of exquisite teas, in the lavish surroundings of the Le Champlain restaurant.
<b>Health Club and Spa</b>	<p>The Club Frontenac is a first-class Health Club which features an indoor swimming pool (49.2 ft long), indoor whirlpool, indoor kid's wading pool, steam rooms and a fully equipped exercise room with exercise bicycles, keiser air-powered exercise machines, stairclimbers, treadmills, cross-trainer and weights. This Health Club and Spa facility is available on a complimentary basis to all hotel guests.</p> <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Indoor swimming pool 15 meters long, 1.2 meters deep, wheelchair accessible</li> <li>•Indoor whirlpool</li> <li>•Indoor kid's wading pool</li> <li>•Steam rooms (two)</li> <li>•Change rooms (two) for men and women</li> <li>•Exercise room with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦Exercise bicycles</li> <li>◦Keiser Air-Powered Exercise Machines</li> <li>◦Stairclimbers</li> <li>◦Treadmills</li> <li>◦Cross-trainer</li> <li>◦Individual TV sets</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Payot Institute</b></p> <p>The renowned house of beauty &amp; esthetic opened its doors at Fairmont Le Château Frontenac in May 2010. The Payot Institute offers a wide variety of high end products and services. Discover a relaxing and sensorial experience. The layers of details, the small touches, make the difference. They will help you escape your fast-pace world and bring you to a comfortable place to recover.</p>
<b>Pets</b>	All dogs are welcome. There is a housekeeping charge of \$30/night and they should never be left unattended in the guest room. Seeing-eye dogs are allowed everywhere at no extra cost. For the duration of their stay, all dogs receive a bowl, mat, blanket and goodies (available in small, medium and large sizes). Fairmont Le Château Frontenac also has a Canine Ambassador, Santol. He sits in the lobby, ready to greet guests and always looks forward to a friendly pat on the head!
<b>Weddings</b>	<p>Once upon a time, there was a Loire Style inspired castle perched atop of a steep cliff overlooking a majestic river... Since its grand opening in 1893, the prestigious Fairmont Le Château Frontenac graces one of the most romantic cities in the world. Nestled in the heart of Old Québec City, it has been the scene of many love stories. Couples and their guests come from everywhere to celebrate weddings in a picturesque setting of classic romanticism. From the Grand Ballroom to the famous Salon Rose located in one of the Castle turrets, the beautiful historic reception rooms will be sure to capture your heart.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fairmont.com/EN_FA/Property/LCF/GuestServices/Weddings">www.fairmont.com/EN_FA/Property/LCF/GuestServices/Weddings</a></p>
<b>Packages</b>	The hotel offers a number of varied packages which offer value for money for families and couples. Check them out at:

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<b>FAIRMONT LE MANOIR RICHELIEU</b>	<p>The Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Québec Resort in La Malbaie, Charlevoix is a vision of historical splendour nestling majestically across from the St Lawrence River. Rich in tradition it blends the quiet charm of the countryside with the sophistication of a world-class resort.</p> <p>Outdoor activities abound at this exceptional Québec hotel - golf, whale-watching cruises on the St. Lawrence River, downhill and cross-country skiing and tennis are just a few of the activities on offer. The Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu also boasts a spa and heated indoor and outdoor pools and Jacuzzis. There is even an exciting world-class casino where you can test your lucky streak! Experience the magnificent landscape surrounding the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu's Charlevoix hotel – a source of inspiration for artists and delight to travellers.</p>
<b>History</b>	<p>Tourist appreciation of Charlevoix dates back as far as 1761, when groups of sportsmen visited the region to fish salmon or simply relax in the invigorating natural surroundings.</p> <p>To cater to growing popularity, the original Le Manoir Richelieu hotel was built in 1899 and featured 250 luxurious rooms atop the cliff of Pointe-au-Pic, overlooking the majestic St. Lawrence River in the heart of Charlevoix. As a result of its excellent location and noble ambience, Le Manoir Richelieu soon became a noted destination for visitors from Canada and the U.S.</p> <p>Unfortunately, disaster struck in the Fall of 1928 while the employees were closing the hotel for the winter. A fire completely destroyed the property. A month after the disaster, the task of rebuilding the hotel was given to Canadian architect John Archibald, who designed it in the style of a French castle. The new luxury hotel in Charlevoix was inaugurated June 1929.</p> <p>Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu also features an 18-hole championship golf course that boasts a history of its own. Designed by British architect Herbert Strong, the course was opened in 1925 by U.S. President William H. Taft. As recently as 2000, the property was named "Canada's Golf Resort of the Year" by Canada's Golf Ranking Magazine.</p> <p>In June 1998, more than \$140 million was invested in the renovation and expansion of the luxury Quebec resort. At its reopening in June 1999, Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu celebrated the grandeur that makes it a world-class luxury resort in Quebec.</p>

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<p><b>Accommodation</b></p>	<p>The 'Castle on the Cliff,' Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu in Charlevoix has a rich tradition of hospitality, romance and elegance. The hotel offers 405 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites. The hotel grounds and many guest rooms offer an unmatched view of the stunning St. Lawrence River. There are two categories of regular guest accommodation as well as a selection of Suites and Specialty Rooms at the hotel.</p>
<p><b>Dining</b></p>	<p>The Charlevoix region has long been known for its rich products and fine gastronomy. Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu's <b>five restaurants</b> provide visitors with unique dining experiences in several mouthwatering forms. Le Charlevoix, with its innovative cuisine showcases local products; Le Saint-Laurent offers a 'Brasserie française' type of menu, and Le Bellerive, featuring a varied 'à la carte' menu or a buffet overflowing with flavour.</p> <p>Also, in the summer season, two others possibilities are offered; the Golf Course Clubhouse holds Le Point Cardinal restaurant, a wonderful place to eat breakfast and catch the first light of the day; Le Vieux Club House serves the greatest steamed mussels as well as steak frites. All of this is served with a breathtaking, remarkable view of the mighty Saint Lawrence River. After a magnificent dinner, treat yourself in the Lobby Bar - La Brise which specializes in single malts, ports and martinis. Created using fresh and nutritionally balanced ingredients, Fairmont Lifestyle Cuisine dishes contribute to optimal health and wellness. Also, Lifestyle Cuisine Plus, are nutritious meals catering to guests with specific diet-dependent conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and gluten-free, as well as unique dietary preferences including, macrobiotic, raw and vegan diets.</p> <p><b>Executive Chef Jean-Michel Breton</b> has a passion for food. A long standing family tradition influenced him to pursue a career as a professional Chef. Interested in all aspects of the culinary art, Breton has seen his cuisine develop throughout the years, travelling around the world learning about different cultures and their cuisine. In the past, Chef Breton has created menus for many dignitaries and Heads of State and has collaborated with many great Chefs from around the world such as Emile Jung, Jean-Claude Bourillo and Dominique Toulousy. He previously occupied the position of Executive Chef for the Hotel des Gouverneurs of Montreal as well as Executive Sous-Chef for the Ritz-Carlton of Montreal and Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City. Chef Breton has chosen the profession of cooking for passion but also for tradition. He was raised by a family of restaurateurs in Lyon and received his cooking diploma from Paul Bocuse. He then exercised his profession in the restaurants and hotels of Lyon. His appreciation of grand hotels brought him to Canada where he has worked for many international hotels before being joining Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu in</p>

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<b>Health Club</b>	<p>The Charlevoix Health Club at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu is open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Indoor pool</li> <li>•Two outdoor pools, including one all-season pool</li> <li>•Indoor whirlpool</li> <li>•All-season outdoor whirlpool</li> <li>•Steam Room</li> <li>•Change rooms for men and women</li> <li>•Exercise room with: ◦Free weights ◦Exercise bicycles ◦Stair climbers ◦Treadmills</li> </ul> <p>Tempt yourself with an unforgettable experience at the Amerispa of the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu and discover a new side of you! Enjoy the services in a relaxing atmosphere and let professional therapists take good care of you. The Spa is located on the second floor of the hotel, near the Health Club.</p>
<b>Casino</b>	<p>Combine relaxation and fine dining on this majestic hotel's idyllic premises and have fun at the casino. With five restaurants and two bars, plus stunning views over the Saint Lawrence, there's more to the Casino than just gaming.</p> <p>The Casino de Charlevoix is now presenting its all-new multimedia system with cutting-edge 21st century technology. This unique multimedia experience is made up of five components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A video wall composed of 27 screens,</li> <li>- Ten projectors covering over 330 square meters at 360°,</li> <li>- A holographic screen adding depth and realism,</li> <li>- An interactive table with touch screen technology,</li> <li>- A chandelier incorporating 2,000 electroluminescent diodes with a vast spectrum of colours.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.casino-de-charlevoix.com">www.casino-de-charlevoix.com</a></p>
<b>Golf</b>	<p><b>Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Golf Club</b></p> <p>Following up on a significant upgrade to the existing Quebec golf course, the addition of a new nine under the watchful eye of renowned architect Darrell Huxham, the Club de Golf Le Manoir Richelieu is now home of 27 world class holes of golf. While keeping the essence of the original design, Darrell Huxham managed to showcase the natural beauty and esthetics of the Charlevoix region.</p> <p>Your Quebec golf experience starts with an exclusive panoramic trail leading directly to the Clubhouse. While driving your golf cart up on the 1.5 km trail, golfers enjoy the magnificent views that are being offered to them. This unique and uncommon way of accessing the golf course acquaints you with a Charlevoix golf experience that is second to none! The golf course, which is entirely made of creeping bent grass, counts between 6066 and 6326 yards depending on which course is played.</p>

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	<p>The three nines offer golfers a design of greenside and fairway bunkers, and multitudes of trees and mounds that surround each reconstructed hole. The fairways, which seem pretty wide, cannot be taken at ease. Moreover, putting is by far the biggest challenge on this course. Even though green surfaces are pretty generous, speed and undulations are two important key features to master in order to have great success. Finesse and precision are the attitudes to adopt during this golf experience.</p> <p>First impressions always last. You will not be disappointed with the improvements that the golf course offers to its golfers. At every point, you will be able to admire the landscape and the great design that the St-Lawrence River offers to each visitor. The panorama is breath taking. Rates are from \$50 to \$129 per round in 2011</p>
<b>Ski</b>	<p><b>Le Massif</b> is one of the very best skiing locales in Eastern America, featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Highest vertical drop East of the Canadian Rockies</li> <li>•21-foot average natural snowfall</li> <li>•Total of 48 runs</li> <li>•An investment of over \$16 million which includes: a 8 passagers gondola, the expansion of off-piste skiing on Mont à Liguori, and a new National Downhill Training Centre at the mountain top.</li> <li>•80 km from the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu</li> <li>•Toll free: 1(877) Le Massif (1-877-536-2774)</li> <li>•Visit their website for more details on Le Massif skiing at: <a href="http://www.lemassif.com/en">http://www.lemassif.com/en</a></li> </ul>
<b>Packages</b>	<p>Enjoy the quiet charm of the countryside surrounding Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu and take advantage of a spectrum of vacation packages. From skiing to relaxation, each selection is designed to provide enjoyment with the utmost ease as you experience this world-class resort. Just select your vacation package when you make your Quebec hotel reservation at the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu website at: <a href="http://www.fairmont.com/richelieu/HotelPackages">http://www.fairmont.com/richelieu/HotelPackages</a></p>
<b>Kids</b>	<p>There is a Kids' Club at the hotel as well as babysitting facilities – this is a very good choice for a family vacation.</p>
<b>Contact Information</b>	<p>Address: 181, rue Richelieu, La Malbaie, Charlevoix, Quebec G5A1X7          Website: <a href="http://www.fairmont.com/richelieu">www.fairmont.com/richelieu</a>          Telephone: 866-540-4464</p>

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