

CVOA...Quebec City, Canada!

February 7 – 11, 2022



TRIP INCLUDES

- 4 night's lodging at the Hotel Manoir Victoria****(4-star)
- 3 adult day lift tickets (1 Mont Sainte Anne, 1 Le Massif, 1 Stoneham)
- Enjoy the famous [Quebec Winter Carnival!!!!](#), ongoing the entire week.
- Full American breakfast included, 4 mornings
- Baggage handling
- All current taxes
- Standard rooms, offering choice of one queen bed or two doubles

\$750 US\$ p/p double occupancy

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transportation of any kind - Parking (Valet parking is available for \$30 per day plus taxes) - Meals other than Breakfast - Gratuities -

HOTEL MANOIR VICTORIA****



Located in the heart of the historic, culturally vibrant and gastronomic area of Old Quebec, Hotel Manoir Victoria extends a warm and friendly welcome in a distinctive and recently renovated décor. The 156-room, 4-star hotel has a full-service spa (Le Spa Du Manoir), an **indoor saltwater pool**, fitness center, **sauna** and free in-room WiFi. Enjoy the memorable dining experience at Chez Boulay-Bistro Boreal. All rooms provide iPod docks, minibars, and coffee makers. Bathrooms offer hair dryers and free toiletries, and beds sport premium bedding.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$25 per person non-refundable deposit due November 22. Payment made out to CVOA.
- \$750 payable to GE&E is due to Thom by December 5, 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Single Supplement is \$300 -
- For NO Ski Lift tickets, deduct \$240 (single day tickets is not an option)
- All names must be written as they appear on Passport or Passport Card, date of birth and gender - GE&E cannot guarantee bedding - **All guests must complete, sign and return reservation form attached to trip flyer!

MONT SAINTE ANNE, LE MASSIF DE CHARLEVOIX & STONEHAM SKI RESORT

Mont-Sainte-Anne is a mountain destination located within the Laurentian mountain chain about 40km northeast of Quebec City. Known for providing guests with spectacular scenery, long groomed trails and family friendly activities. Mont-Sainte-Anne offers skiing and snowboarding off three sides of the mountain with 71 trails on 547 skiable acres (2050' vertical). With groomed runs, moguls, and steeps, the mountain accommodates skiers and riders of all levels. The terrain is rated as 21% beginner, 46% intermediate, 20% difficult and 13% expert. Mont-sainte-anne.com



Le Massif rises high above the mighty St. Lawrence River in the heart of Quebec's picturesque Charlevoix region is Le Massif, a sleeping giant of a mountain that's home to some of the most spectacular skiing in Eastern Canada. Le Massif is about one-hour east of Quebec City, not far from Mont-Sainte-Anne. It is known for its commanding views of the St. Lawrence, steep runs, state-of-the-art facilities, and tantalizing cuisine. It's also the mountain with the greatest vertical drop (2,526 feet) and the largest annual snowfall east of the Canadian Rockies. 52 trails over 406 skiable acres, 15% beginner, 30% intermediate, 20% advanced, and 35% expert. Lemassif.com

Stoneham, new for this year's trip, is located 20 minutes north of Quebec City. With 42 trails spread over three mountains and 331 acres, Stoneham caters to every category of skiers. At night, ski over 19 lighted trails. 86% of the trails have snowmaking. 1132 ft vertical, 19% beginner, 26% intermediate, 38% advanced and 17% expert. Ski-stoneham.com

Contact: Thom Johnston 207-852-3595 tandpjohnston@gmail.com

Great Events and Escapes Payment and Cancellation Policy

- Initial non-refundable payment of \$25 to reserve your spot : Due November 22, 2021, payable to “CVOA”,
 - mailed to: **Thom Johnston, 14 Samantha Drive, Gorham, ME 04038.**
- Final payment of \$750 will be due December 5, made out to ‘GE&E’, mail it to Thom Johnston.
- If you want to send both checks in November, we will hold the final payment for you until December 5.

The following stipulations are valid for all tours arranged and/or organized by GE&E:

Cancellation Policy...If you must cancel your reservation, your right to receive a refund is limited as set forth in the above “additional information & payment” clause and in the following schedule:

If your notice of cancellation is received outside of 90 days from departure, you will receive a full refund minus any vendor costs and/or whatever specified on your Payment Schedule. 90-60 days prior to departure, a full refund minus \$100. per person plus any applicable vendor penalties; 59-45 days prior to departure, full refund minus \$150. per person plus vendor penalties; 44-30 days prior to departure, full refund minus \$200. per person plus vendor penalties; within 30 days of departure, no refund. All cancellations and any trip component returns (lift tickets etc.) will result in a minimum of a \$50. per person service charge regardless of the cancellation date.

1. GE&E reserves the right to cancel or postpone any trip if balances are not received by the indicated due date.
2. All rates are subject to change.
3. GE&E and its agents act only in the capacity of agents of the undersigned and assume no responsibility beyond making initial arrangements for hotel accommodations and/or transportation facilities.
4. GE&E and its agents reserve the right to change any arrangements set forth in the confirmation should conditions necessitate offering substitutes of comparable value, or to cancel the operation of any scheduled tour on refund on monies paid.
5. Client acknowledges that there are inherent risks in the activity that is the subject of this agreement. Client agrees to hold harmless and indemnify GE&E, its employees, agents, contractors, and officers, of and from any and all claims made against it by Client, other participants associated with Client, or the estate or other legal successor of same. Client acknowledges that it is at all times for care and custody of person and property.
6. Persons hiring equipment of any kind from GE&E use same at their own risk and assume any and all liability for personal injury and property damage resulting from said use.
7. GE&E reserves the right to list the contracting party as a client in public relations and promotional campaigns.
8. FORCE MAJEURE – The performance of this agreement by GE&E is subject to acts of God, war, government regulations, disaster, civil disorder, or other emergency outside of GE&E’s control, making it illegal, inadvisable, or impossible for GE&E to fulfill its obligations. GE&E gives notice that all tickets are issued by them and all arrangements for transports or conveyance or hotel accommodations are made by them as agents upon the express condition that they shall not be liable for injury, damage, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any vehicle or through the acts of default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tourist, or otherwise in connection therewith, or of any hotel proprietor or servant. Such conveying etc., is subject to the laws of the country where the conveyance etc. is provided. The aforesaid companies can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in flight, hotel or other services, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to decline or accept or retain any person as a member of any tour or to cancel or alter any tour if the circumstances require it. All rates shown in this program are based on current tariffs, taxes, etc. and are subject to adjustment in the event of changes therein, prior to tour departure. Baggage is at the owner’s risk throughout the journey.

Please sign below to confirm that you have read and agree to the above Terms and Conditions: Agreed and accepted.

Execution of this document indicates that the signer is duly authorized to execute the same on behalf of the client and that the signer has read and understood all of the terms and conditions in this agreement. Signature binds the Client to full compliance with all terms and conditions herein, specifically compliance in full, with the required payment.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND AGREE TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE AS INDICATED ON THE RESERVATION FORM:

Traveler #1: Printed Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender _____
(Name as appears on Passport or Passport Card)

Mailing Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Tel. # _____

Signature _____

Traveler #2: Printed Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender _____
(Name as appears on ID Passport or Passport Card)

Mailing Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Tel. # _____

Signature _____

CVOA – Quebec Trip February 7-11, 2022 – Je me souviens

Trip Leader - Thom Johnston is the trip leader for Quebec. My contact information is:

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Sugarloaf.

Winter Carnival - Our dates just happen to coincide with the Carnaval de Quebec (the Winter Carnival) which runs from February 4-13, 2022.

Keep in mind that getting back and forth across the US-Canada border will be more complicated than in the past, so please stay current with the requirements. If you have questions about the requirements for entering Canada (and please note that these are likely to change before we go), the websites below provide some answers. At present vaccine records, passports and Covid test results within 72 hours of crossing the border, are required. The Covid test needs to be a molecular test, such as the test you would have done at a pharmacy, doctor's office or hospital.

If there is more interest than slots, we will use postmark dates as the criteria for selection. We will also maintain a "waiting list", knowing that plans change and openings occur. And of course, if you should have questions about the trip, please see the attached Questions and Answers or call Thom Johnston at 207-852-3595.

At the Border

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/canada-u-s-border-open-11628539364>
<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/wizard-start>

Ski Area Websites

<https://mont-sainte-anne.com/en/>
<https://www.lemassif.com/en/>
<https://ski-stoneham.com/>

Hotel and the Winter Carnival

<https://www.manoir-victoria.com/index.php/en/>
<https://carnaval.qc.ca/en/>

Questions and Answers about the Quebec trip

1. Q: Who is “Great Events and Escapes” [GE&E]?

A: They have worked with CVOA for many years packaging the trips we have offered to our members. For more information, check out their website at <http://greateventsandescapes.com>

2. Q: How many people do we need to make this trip viable?

A: We need about 30 people who can occupy 15 rooms at the hotel.

3. Q: *Can we park at the hotel?*

A: You can have your car parked at hotel valet parking garage for about \$30/day USD, provided space is available. The spaces are small, so a large pickup or SUV may be a challenge. There also is public parking about 5 minutes away.

4. Q: *Do US cell carriers work in Canada?*

A: Sometimes, but usually Canadian cell service is not included in your typical US cell service plan. You should check with your carrier for options before you go.

5. Q: *Can we individually decide which of the three ski areas we wish to ski on any day?*

A: Each lift ticket will be issued for a specific day. Our group will be skiing the same area on the same day. If this doesn't work for you, take the “No Lift Tickets” option (deduct \$240)

6. Q: *Do any of these 3 ski areas accept Ikon or Epic passes?*

A: It appears, from my brief on-line research, that neither of these passes are accepted at any of these three areas.

7. Q: *May I use a credit card to pay the deposit or balance for the trip?*

A: No.

8. Q: *Will I need a Passport?*

A: Yes. Your Passport or Passport Card will be necessary and it must be valid for at least 6 months after your return to the US (i.e., if cross the border back to the US on Friday, February 11, 2022, your Passport must be valid through at least August 10, 2022). If you need a Passport or need to update your Passport, do it NOW! The reported waiting time for processing a US Passport on an expedited basis is 5-7 weeks. See <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply.html>

9. Q: *What happens if the US or Canada closes the border, or imposes requirements that can't be met?*

A: We are hopeful that this won't happen. The slow and careful opening of the border on November 8 and the efforts of the US and Canada to reopen the border, has given us the confidence to resume our trips. Is there a possibility that unforeseen conditions might interfere with our trip? Sure. As we did at the beginning of Covid, we would rely on the goodwill of the

suppliers involved (hotel and ski areas) to refund our money and/or provide a credit for future trips. In a sense, we are pioneers and this will be an adventure – it's about time!

10. Q: *How are hotels and restaurants in Canada responding to Covid?*

A: We understand that restaurants, clubs, hotels and other establishments in Canada may require vaccination records and masks for admission. This means that you will need to carry your vaccination record. If you're not fully vaccinated by the time of the trip, you won't be able to cross the border.

11. Q: *What about non-skiers?*

A: Quebec is a great city and the Carnival week is an exciting time to be there. This is one of those ski trips where non-skiers can have as much fun as skiers. They can opt out of lift tickets and save \$240.

12. Q: *Could I have a single room?*

A: Yes. It will cost \$300 more. If you are looking for a roommate, we may be able to match people up. However, we need to know soon.

13. Q: *Should I drive my own car?*

A: Yes. For transportation you're on your own. No train, no plane, no bus. Quebec City is about a 3 1/2hr drive from Sugarloaf. Carpooling is a good option. You also might want to check with your auto insurer to see about any requirements and limitations they might have.

14. Q: *Will we have a get-together of the participants before we go?*

A: Yes, in January at a time and place TBD.

15. Q: *If I can't go or change my mind, can I get a refund?*

A: The CVOA Reservation fee is non-refundable. Within 30 days of departure, the GE&E payment of \$750 is non-refundable. However, it can be transferred to another person. Note that within 30 days of departure, there is no refund. See the brochure for the complete cancellation policy.

16. Q: *What is "baggage handling"?*

A: The hotel staff will take your bags to your room. They only want to schlep two.

17. Q: *Is CVOA membership required to go on this trip?*

A: Yes. Your membership must be current for 2022; join or renew now if you haven't already.



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COVID-19 BULLETIN

To: Group Leaders & Guests
From: Ken Cutcliffe ... Great Events & Escapes. LLC
Re: Supplier dynamic Covid policy changes

It seems like Covid-19 is not going away soon and businesses need to adjust in order to stay open and keep the consumer safe. Supplier (resorts, hotels, transportation co., mountains etc.) policies, rules and restrictions are ever evolving to keep up with Covid developments and serve the “greater good”. Many of these businesses are now requiring full vaccination (or very recent negative test results) to participate in their product lines. TD (Boston) Garden is a perfect example of this. My guess is many more are to come including restaurants, theaters, bars etc. It’s the guests CHOICE to get vaccinated or not; but please understand that if you choose not to, your travel experience may be severely and negatively impacted. It is very unlikely that Suppliers will allow refunds for non vaccinated cancellations. In lieu of this, Great Events will be unable to offer refunds that are not supported by our supplier partners. Get fully vaccinated and your travel experience should be fine. Don’t get vaccinated ... then roll the dice.

Thank you, Ken Cutcliffe /... Great Events

CVOA 2022 Quebec City Reservation Form

To Reserve your place: Send (1) a check to “CVOA” for \$25 per person
AND (2) this completed form
to: **Thom Johnston, 14 Samantha Drive, Gorham, ME 04038**

**There are a limited number of hotel rooms available, so get your reservations in ASAP!!
Reservations will be accepted based on postmark date.**

Final payment of \$750 will be due on December 5, 2021

If you want to make it easy, mail in one envelope:

- 1 - CVOA Quebec City Reservation Form
- 2 - Reservation check to “CVOA” for \$25
- 3 - GE&E Payment/Cancellation Policy signed by all travelers
- 4 - Final payment by check to “GE&E” to be held until December 5

Package Price, per person: \$750 d.o.

Traveler #1 - name as it appears on Passport/Passport Card: _____

Name you prefer to be called: _____

Traveler #2 - name as it appears on Passport/Passport Card: _____

Name you prefer to be called: _____

Mailing address(es): _____

Email(s): _____

Telephone(s): _____

Room: - Preference: _____ One Queen Bed or _____ Two Full size Beds
Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference.

Are you traveling as “Single Occupancy”? _____ NO _____ YES (add \$300)

Lift Tickets: _____ 3 days, 1 day Mt. Sainte Anne, 1 day le Massif, 1 day Stoneham (included)
Each ticket will be valid on a specific day, as yet to be determined.

_____ No ski lift tickets (deduct \$240 pp)