FIELD SESSION DESCRIPTION

The dramatic silhouette of the Chateau Frontenac dominates the Old City. It is, indeed, the symbol of Quebec. This field session begins with a walking tour which will reveal the fascinating mix of architectural influences that characterize this historic city which first served as capital of New France and then capital of British North America. You will then have an in-depth visit of the Chateau Frontenac. Perhaps the most famous building in Canada, this great hotel, which first opened its doors in 1893, has hosted many Kings, Queen’s and Heads of State. Its greatest moment of glory was when Churchill and Roosevelt met there in 1943 and 1944 to plan their strategies during World War II. With its circular and polygonal turrets, massive towers, gable roof and dormer windows, the architecture of the Chateau Frontenac is inspired by that of French chateaux. But behind the exterior of this imposing edifice of brick and stone is hidden a structure of steel. This structure imposes many technical challenges. Over the years, numerous interventions, restoration, and renovation projects have been carried out, including work on the envelope, structure and roofs. This visit will help you to understand the historic, architectural and technical context in which the architecture of the Chateau Frontenac has evolved over the years.

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**SCHEDULE AND MAP**

**October 27, 2014**  
Meet at **12:15pm** at the main entrance of Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel

12:30pm : Old Quebec tour  
A- Place d'Armes  
B- Seminary of Quebec courtyard  
C- The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity  
D- Dufferin Terrace  
E- Gouvernor’s Park (see exterior of Chateau from different angles)

1:45pm : Château Frontenac  
F- Presentation by France Gagnon Pratte, Petit Frontenac Room  
   Tour of building with architect Jean Dallaire

4:30pm  
*Opening Session and Keynote Speaker à 5:00 pm at Frontenac Room.*