FS09 The Cultural Mix of Old Quebec and the New Barracks

FIELD SESSION DESCRIPTION

Strategically located on a steep cliff above a narrow point in the St. Lawrence River where canons could bar the passage of enemy ships, Quebec is a natural fortress. The only city on this continent, north of Mexico, which has retained its fortification walls, Quebec City boasts an extraordinary array of military buildings and defensive structures. This field session will begin with a walking tour of the upper town which will include some of its most important sites and historic institutions. The preservation of an historic district is both complex and challenging. During this walk through the streets and lanes that bear witness to the evolution of the city, we will consider the strategies required and resources needed to carry out such a project. Along our itinerary, recent examples of restoration and adaptive use of buildings and commemorative squares will help us better understand the conservation issues and challenges involved in protecting this urban environment. During your tour you will discover 300 years of military history, including a prison building constructed for the British on the site of a French redoubt, and Artillery Park, a Parks Canada site which served over the centuries as an important military complex during the French, British and Canadian periods. Our visit will include the Dauphine Redoubt and the Nouvelles Casernes or “New Barracks”, where we will discuss plans to restore this massive stone structure, the largest military building constructed during the French regime.

CONTACTS

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SCHEDULE AND MAP

October 28, 2014
Lecture by David Mendel from **12:30pm to 13:00pm**, at **Grand Ballroom**: *British and French Influences in the architecture and urban development of Quebec City*. Lunch included.

Groups departure at 1:30pm in the Grand Ballroom:

**1:30pm** Old Quebec tour  
A- Place d'Armes  
B- Sainte-Anne street  
C- City Hall Gardens  
D- des Jardins street (The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity)  
E- Ursulines alley (The Ursuline Chapel, Monastery, gymnasium and gardens)  
F- d'Auteuil street (gates and fortifications, Loyola house)  
G- Saint-Jean street

**2:15pm**  
H- Artillery Park (Duberger model)

**3:30pm – 4:30pm**  
I- New Barracks

**4:30pm**  
*All participants must be returned to the Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel by 4:45pm.*