FIELD SESSION DESCRIPTION

Our itinerary begins in the courtyard of the Château Frontenac, with a focus on the former role of this site as a centre of colonial power, French then British (The Château Saint-Louis, the Château Haldimand and Governor Montmagny’s Cross of Malta). We will then make our way to Saint Louis Street, passing by the Maillou house and the Kent house, where the surrender of Quebec City was signed in 1759 (two rare examples of French regime buildings). We will see the Jacquet house, the Ursuline Convent, and view the Price building on our way toward Parliament Hill via the Ursuline Lane, where we will see the Thompson and MacGrady houses.

On d’Auteuil Street, with its houses constructed in the British terrace tradition, we will view bronze busts on display in Poets’ Alley and have a brief presentation of the fortification system, as seen from within the walls, including a powder magazine and the Saint Louis Gate. We will also briefly discuss commemorative efforts in the city as we walk by monuments dedicated to the Boer War, the Quebec Conferences and Gandhi.

Passing through a postern gate we will be able to appreciate the thickness of the city wall and the method by which the fortifications were constructed. We will then arrive in National Assembly Square, where we will discuss the design concept of this public space and the role of the National Capital Commission of Quebec in its creation. Architects responsible of the restauration of the Jacques-Cartier tower will present their project. We will follow the Promenade of the Premiers to the Observatoire de la Capitale, where we will have a 360-degree tour, allowing us to visualize the history of the capital from high above Parliament Hill.

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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 Grand Ballroom:

**1:30pm** Old Quebec tour  
A- Chateau Frontenac courtyard  
B- Place d'Armes, Saint-Louis street  
C- Jacquet House  
D- Ursulines alley  
E- d'Auteuil street and Allée des poètes  
F- Fortifications

**2:30pm**  
G- Tourny Fountain

**3:00pm – 3:30pm**  
H- Jacques-Cartier tower, Parliament Building of Quebec

**3:45pm**  
I- *L’Observatoire de la Capitale*, Marie-Guyart building

**4:30pm**  
*All participants must be returned to the Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel by 4:40pm.*