

Québec Experience 2015

February 2nd – 7th

French Immersion students from Vedder Middle School

DAY 1

After arriving in Montréal, everyone was taken to a pirate themed restaurant called Cabaret du Roy. After a very entertaining dinner filled with dancing, games, and delicious food, we were then taken on a small walking tour around Montréal. The next day, we ate breakfast at our hotel then got on the bus and were on our way to Notre-Dame Basilica. After exploring the beautiful church we went to a museum called Pointe-à-Callière and learned about the history of Quebec. We left the museum and climbed aboard the bus for the drive to Québec City. Once we got there, we were taken on a tour around the city to see the château Frontenac and many more important buildings and artwork around Québec. After the tour, we walked to a little restaurant called the Café de Paris and had a lovely dinner. We took a small break at the hotel to change then walked to le Grand Théâtre de Québec to see a three-part dance performance.

DAY 2

The next morning, we walked to Café Buade for a delicious breakfast. The next thing we did was go to a place where we learned about what it was like to be a soldier in the battle of the Plains of Abraham. After learning about the battle, we had some free time to go get lunch. When we finished eating, we went to la Musée de la Civilisation. We visited exhibits about filmography, Greek gods, and Quebec's history. Our next place to visit was the Martello towers, where we learned more about what it's like to be a soldier. After all of the learning, we went on the Funiculaire to get to a restaurant called Spag&tini and ate some really good pasta. Once everyone finished their pasta, we went on a ghost tour around Québec and learned about all the suicides, deaths, and murders said to have happened in the very spots we were standing.



DAY 3



In the morning, we walked to Paillard's, a bakery with very delicious croissants and many other pastries. After breakfast, we got on the bus and were on our way to Valcartier, a tubing park. We stayed there for 4 hours, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. After all the fun at Valcartier, we drove to the Cabane à Sucre, or the Sugar Shack, and had even more fun. We were served breakfast for dinner, danced, and played the spoons. After eating we got to eat even more! We got to try tire d'érable, which is like a maple syrup taffy made by pouring boiled maple syrup onto snow. There was a dance floor outside the Cabane à Sucre, so once

we were done eating we all went out to dance in the snow.

DAY 4

The next day, we went for breakfast at Tutti Frutti and had a choice between a few different things to eat. After eating, we got on the bus to go to Mount Saint-Anne, where we had a choice between going snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. Then we went to la Chocolaterie de l'Île d'Orléans to buy some very delicious Belgian chocolate. We couldn't eat the chocolate then though, because after buying all the chocolate we went to a buffet that included food from all over the world. After filling up on international food, we went to the Hôtel de Glace. We got to explore the many rooms in the hotel, each with a different design and theme. After visiting the beautiful hotel, we walked to Carnival, where we went on ice slides, ate Queues de Castors (Beaver Tails), and looked at many really amazing snow sculptures built by people all over the world. We spent a couple hours at Carnival, then walked to la Vieille Maison du Spaghetti, or The Old Spaghetti Factory in English. We had a choice between a few different pastas and pasta sauces. We had a great dinner and then we were on our way back to Carnival, except this time we went to dance. We danced at an outdoor dance floor with a DJ that played a bunch of great music, and just as we thought we were done dancing, Bonhomme de Carnival appeared when his theme song started playing! Everyone went to take pictures and dance with him. After the excitement of Bonhomme wore off, we walked back to the hotel and tried to get a good sleep since the plane ride was the next day.



DAY 5

We woke up in the morning and headed to a restaurant, where we ate some really good breakfast. After our breakfast, we got on the bus for the long drive back to Montréal. When we eventually got there, we had a bit of time at a mall to get some lunch. We all found lunch at the food court, then got back onto the bus and drove to the airport. After a 6 hour flight, we were finally back in BC, and got to VMS about an hour and a half later.

This account was written by a student participant from VMS.