

Québec Experience 2015

February 2nd – 7th

French Immersion students from Vedder Middle School

DAY 1

On February 2nd twenty-nine students from grade 9 French Immersion took a five hour plane ride to arrive in Montreal. We left really early in the morning so we arrived having a full day still planned.

When we arrived, we set off on a walking tour around old Montreal. The architecture in Montreal is astounding and very intricate. Once we had viewed quite a bit of this part of town we got to visit the enormous Notre Dame Basilica. This cathedral was stunning. It had huge arced ceiling and everything was done with extreme detail.

DAY 2



The next day, we began by visiting the museum of archeology, Pointe-à-Callière. It showed us the beginning of how our society in Canada came to be. Finally, after many new points of trivia, we got onto our bus and headed off to Quebec City where we were to pass the rest of our trip.

On the bus we spent several hours laughing and improving our French while strengthening our friendships among the group. Finally, after a tummy aching bus trip from laughing so hard, we arrived in Quebec City. It was now time to pile on our snow gear once again to tour the wonders of

Quebec City. We passed by the Château Frontenac and its magnificence, while freezing our butts off in -25 weather. Nevertheless, we were still having too much fun to let the cold get to us. After our tour we ate dinner and went to the Grand Theatre de Quebec. At the theatre we watched three very interesting ballets. Two by BC Ballet which kept our class intrigued for most of the performance, and one that told a story that even made a few of us cry. Alas we got to sleep.

DAY 3

Now was our museum day. First, we saw a fantastic presentation on some early Canadian history which was the Canadian Odyssey Multimedia Presentation. Next, we wandered through the Musée de la Civilisation seeing many interesting forms of modern art. Finally, we learned how to become British Officers at the Martello Tower in the Plains of Abraham after our own snow ball battle. We took the Funiculaire down the hill to go have another marvelous dinner. To finish off our day, we took a haunted tour around Quebec City's creepiest places and tried not to disturb the ghosts that presumably lived among those grounds.



DAY 4

The next day was the beginning of an extreme fun time. We ate breakfast then hopped on the bus to head out to Valcartier. Valcartier was spectacular. We went on so many tubing hills, laughing and screaming. For some rides we needed twelve people so we even got to meet some people from the local schools. After an exhausting and energetic day we head back into town and then up some hills to the Sugar Shack. At the Sugar Shack we all danced together and ate maple syrup on food items where it would have been questionable whether you should put syrup on them or not if we were not at the Sugar Shack. After coming down from our sugar highs we prepared ourselves for another eventful day to come.

DAY 5

This eventful day included cross country skiing or snowshoeing on Mont St. Anne. We crossed many hills in the beautiful forest dusted by more than an adequate amount of snow. By the time we had finished most of us were very tired but still ready to spend the rest of the day at the Ice Hotel and Le Carnaval. At the Ice Hotel we saw its magnificent hand carved rooms and all its common areas that were filled with culture. Then we proceeded to Le Carnaval where we discovered more ice sculptures and tried some Quebecois traditional food, Beaver Tails. As night neared we got ready to party our last night away. There was a large open area where they had lights and were playing music so we started dancing. We danced the night away, until 8:45, and even made it on the local news as just kids having fun at Le Carnaval.



In conclusion the trip was extraordinary. We all learned so much and made many memories we will never forget. This trip was worth everything to go. We even plan to go back again for graduation.

This account was written by a student participant from VMS.