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Hotel Chateau Laurier, Quebec, Canada

The family-owned [Hôtel Château Laurier](#) located in [Québec, Canada](#), the *oldest city in North America* takes pride in their **French heritage** and is the first "**Francoresponsible**" hotel outside Europe to provide guests with an authentic French experience. If you do not speak French, it is not a problem; the hotel employees are bi-lingual in French and in English.

The 289-room hotel located on the corner of Place George-V Ouest and the Grande Allée promotes French culture and introduces guests "to the wonders of the Francophonie - the French-speaking countries and communities worldwide." In keeping with their theme of being "francoresponsible" there is a Francophonie flag above the main entrance of the hotel, piped-in French music plays throughout the hotel in the public spaces, in the guestrooms there are French music CDs and the radios are programmed to French-language stations. The hotel provides complimentary French newspapers in the comfortable lobby, and offers complimentary passes for guests to experience the [Centre de la francophonie des Amériques](#), and the [Musée de Amérique française](#).



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Edward and I visited Québec in August 2011, and stayed at the Hotel Chateau Laurier. We were steps away from the Grande Allée that has the appeal of the Champs Elysée in Paris with its many sidewalk cafés and restaurants, and we appreciated that we were in Old Quebec within walking distance of the many attractions of the city, of which we readily explored.



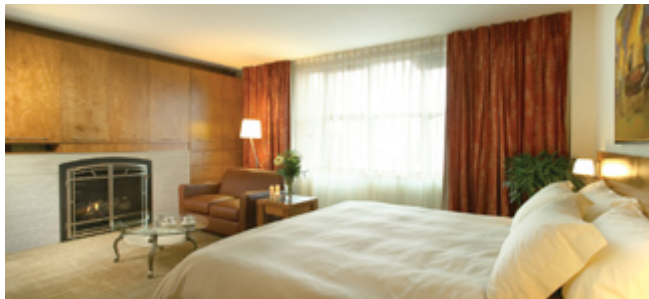
Reception

Our spacious guestroom had a large window attractively dressed that overlooked the Plains of Abraham, and there was a large sitting area with a chocolate brown leather loveseat and a matching leather armchair

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flanking a wood coffee table set in front of the gas fireplace, perfect for creating a romantic ambience. A working desk with chair in the corner of the room provided a comfortable place for us to sit with our laptop and use the complimentary high-speed Internet access.

The foyer had a wood and leather bench and a full-length wood-framed mirror. The king bed had a wood headboard and was dressed with a linen colored duvet and a chocolate brown faux fur throw placed at the end of the bed.



Guestroom

In-room amenities included a large flatscreen television, an AM FM Radio Alarm and CD player, coffee machine with organic fair-trade coffee and tea, two telephones with voicemail, two robes, an iron and ironing board, mini-refrigerator, and a safe large enough to accommodate our laptop and still have ample room for other personal items.

The attractive bathroom had cranberry wallpaper and glass sconces flanking the large wood framed mirror over the spacious marble vanity. There was a pocket door in the middle of the bedroom/bathroom wall that could be opened so that one could enjoy the ambience of the fireplace while soaking in the tub, or could be closed for privacy. There was a small lantern beside the tub, a walk-in glass shower, a magnifying mirror, a hairdryer, and an assortment of Natur Algo Eco-friendly bath products.

The hotel's many relaxing amenities include a Fitness Center open 24/7, an indoor saltwater pool and Finish Sauna conveniently open from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm, two outdoor year-round Spas located in the inner courtyard surrounded by gardens, and their Bioterra Urban Health Spa, where we indulged in revitalizing massages.



Other amenities include a Business Center, complimentary international newspapers in French and in English in the lobby, and the St-Hubert Restaurant, which serves breakfast from 6:30 am until 10:00 am on weekdays, and from 7:00 am until 11:00 am on weekends, where we had hearty breakfasts before venturing out to explore the city.

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Another interesting amenity is the hotel's Enoteca wine machines where guests can purchase a wine card from the Reception Desk in the denomination of their choice, and use the card to purchase a glass of wine from one of the eight wines available, including an ice wine from the Québec region. What is especially nice is that in addition to being able to purchase wine whenever you desire, and the variety of wines available, you also have the ability to select from three different sizes, whether you want just a "taste" to sample different wines, prefer a moderate amount, or would like to enjoy a larger glass of wine.



Enoteca Wine Machine

With the **Hôtel Château Laurier's** convenient location and only a 30-minute drive from the Jean-Lesage International Airport, it is attractive for both leisure as well as business travelers.

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