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Longer days, maple sap flowing, snowdrops and apple trees blooming. All signs that spring is here!

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m - 243 ft), cascading through a narrow rock gorge 1.2 billion years old. >>>



Riding the rapids

Rafting down rapids is an extremely popular springtime activity, with the river water swirling and swelling under you and everyone paddling in unison. Rafting will satisfy your taste for adventure! >>>



Plan your Easter vacation

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For 30 years now, Kéroul, has been promoting tourism for mobility-impaired people. Thanks to Kéroul, everyone can travel. Look for the Kéroul certification! >>>

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Saint-Sauveur, April 2 - 3
Snowboarding takes Mont Saint-Sauveur by storm during this one-of-a-kind competition! >>>

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Montréal, May 6 - 29
A festival dedicated to chamber music in all its forms, in harmony with other artistic disciplines, and on heritage sites. >>>

Festival des guitares du monde

Rouyn-Noranda, May 23 - 30
Each year, this festival brings together some of the best Québec and international guitarists. >>>

The Horse

Gatineau, May 28 - January 2, 2011
A Canadian Museum of Civilization exhibition that explores the profound relationship between horses and humans. Come see the majesty of the equestrian arts. >>>

Grand Prix of Canada

Montréal, June 11 - 13
The world's best drivers and their high-powered racing cars are back in Montréal. >>>

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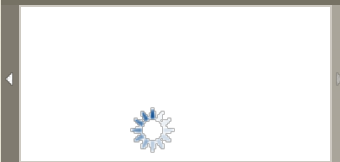
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Following is a list of companies, operating in various business segments that have received this seal of approval.

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[Véloroute des bleuets](#)

The Véloroute des Bleuets (blueberry bicycle trail) is a 256-km (160-mi.) cycling circuit around the majestic lac Saint-Jean. This diversified route, open to all, is an excellent means of exploring this region.



[Festival de Lanaudière](#)

Renowned soloists participate in this prestigious music event. The concerts and recitals are held at the Amphitheatre of Lanaudière (in Joliette) and in churches throughout the region.



[Canyon Sainte-Anne](#)

At this spectacular natural site, families are invited to discover a canyon created by a 74-meter (240-ft.) waterfall, as well as three bridges and a mini-canyon. Also enjoy games and puzzles, not to mention the *via ferratas* and a rope bridge.



[Musée de la nature et des sciences](#) - Sherbrooke

This museum's collections, comprised in total of 65,000 natural science specimens, demonstrate the diversity of wildlife and plant life that Québec and Canada have to offer. Young people enjoy various interactive educational activities.

[Quays of the Old Port of Montréal](#)

These quays, which are especially lively in the summer, are highly popular among visitors



who enjoy views of the river, the range of water activities and a glimpse of the city.

Nature and adventure tourism



[Centre d'aventure Mattawin](#)

Located in the Mauricie region, the centre offers novices and hardened adventurers alike a number of whitewater activities (kayaking, rafting, hydroluge) and, in winter, snowmobile and dogsled excursions.

Hotel accommodations



[Hôtel Le Francis](#) **** - New Richmond (Gaspésie)

This hotel, located near the parc national de la Gaspésie, offers a number of outdoor activities: swimming, kayaking, cycling and hiking. Recipient of a national *Grands Prix du tourisme* award.

Bus transportation

[Autocars Murray Hill](#)



This subsidiary of Le Groupe Gaudreault guarantees comfortable and reliable vehicles, as well as courteous drivers. For more than half a century, this carrier has been providing quality service in Canada and the U.S.

[Groupe Bell-Horizon](#)



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Whitewater expedition 9 men and a river

Nine buddies who haven't seen each other in a dog's age: there's nothing like a **day of rafting** to find out whether everyone is still on the **same wavelength!** If they are, they'll be **masters of the waves.** If they're not, the waves will show them what's what! Just one judge: the **Rivière Rouge!** The river will decide their fate! Think the expression *making waves* is a euphemism? Think again!



The Rivière Rouge is one of the most beautiful rivers of the [Laurentian Mountains](#). It starts its 215-km (134-mi.) course in L'Ascension, passes through Calumet and flows into the Ottawa River. A 16-km (10-mi.) stretch of the river is paradise for kayakers and rafters. [Four companies](#) offer descents, and [New World Rafting](#) has been rafting on the river for almost 30 years.



Uganda's White Nile and Zambia's Zambeze—two famous watercourses known for their powerful rapids and exhilarating [rafting](#)—have nothing on the Rivière Rouge. *"I spent the winter on the White Nile working as a guide. Of course, the Nile is a majestic river, but for every four hours spent rafting, you have to spend two hours paddling, and the river bed is not as forgiving as the bed of the Rouge,"* explains **Marilou Salette**, a travel guide at New World Rafting.

What Marilou means is that the Laurentian Mountains are so old that the bed of **Rivière Rouge** has no razor-sharp rocks to hurt yourself on. *"The rocks are so soft that you slide along with no snags, which is not the case with the Nile! Believe me, the Rouge is a pleasure! You paddle less to reach the rapids, you won't cut yourself and it's exciting!"*

Sizing up the group

Everyone line up. Time to wriggle into wetsuits—indispensable in May, when the water temperature varies between 6 and 8 degrees Celsius. The coordination meeting is next—who's leaving with whom at what time—and the rafters set out by bus

90 POUNDS

Rafting is for the whole family. Children must weigh at least 41 kilos (90 pounds) to take part. Obviously, nothing is set in stone, so the guides will size up the situation once you're on site.

Play Outside

- Northern gannets strut their stuff!
- 9 men and a river
- A hotel "on the rocks"
- Make waves!
- Fanny & Sébastien
- Master of the winds
- All aboard!
- Spring on the wing
- Coffins of the giants
- The enchanted, inhabited forest
- Mountain country
- What ATV show!
- The mysterious world of whales
- Fly with the greatest of ease
- "Journey to the Center of the Earth"
- King of the island
- The wind beneath their wings
- Monkey see, monkey do!
- Dive in, the water's fine
- Three nights among the stars
- Nature in all its splendour
- Are you a wanderer?
- Passion fruit!
- La Grande Traversée
- Welcome to cross-country ski heaven!
- Parc linéaire des Bois-Francis
- It's a dog's life?
- Snowshoeing, so cool!
- Igloo, igloo, igloo



for Harrington Canyon. “The water flows at 150 cubic metres per second. Strap on your helmets, it’s going to get bumpy!” says river guide **Philippe Joncas**, double-checking everyone’s equipment.

Philippe has plenty of experience: 11 years rafting with New World, and vacations taking on Costa Rica’s Sarapiquí and Mexico’s Rio Pescados. His briefing definitely inspires confidence. Being able to size up a group is an art, and Philippe is a master.

His group consists of nine guys used to rowing, half of them used to rafting. He can tell right away that these guys can handle themselves. And right after the safety instructions, he gives them the chance to prove it, by taking on the first wave! It’s huuuumungous!

Left back!



There are just a few rules to follow in a boat: listen to and repeat after the guide, paddle as one and never panic. Orders run to two words, max! The shortest is STOP!

“Patrick, left back! Leeeeft back!” They just got back in the raft, and they’re already thrown into Confusion, the rollercoaster section of the Rouge. “Patrick! Left back,” Philippe yells again, words that the canyon swallows up. The spectacular Harrington Canyon offers up a wave that builds like a pyramid. The rafters bravely take it head on, but the wave wins out. Patrick can hardly believe it. 1-0 for the Rouge!

All for one and one for all!

“Respecting the safety rules is rule number one,” explains Philippe. The rafters are in good hands. “All of the guides have done on average 60 to 70 solo descents of the Rouge, which they do with the groups. The rookies are easy to spot.” In fact, they are alone on a mini-raft with the word rookie written on their backs.



“We all have valid first-aid certification and extensive experience as river guides. But safety is everyone’s responsibility, and the instructions given at the beginning of the descent are simple and have to be followed by everyone,” Philippe adds. “If everyone does their part—listening to the guide, following instructions and paddling at the same time and in the same direction—we should all have fun and arrive at the same time!”

One more time

The sun has ducked behind the clouds. A spring drizzle is falling, as is the temperature. The river’s rate of flow picks up slightly. The midday meal is finished. Philippe’s boys are ready for the second descent. Or almost. “Don’t we have free time this afternoon?” No one is forcing you, Pierre. A bus is leaving now for base camp. It was a joke!



They're covering the same stretch, and the guys aren't crazy about the possibility of being "humiliated" again in the canyon. Everyone is back in their places, and the wetsuit becomes their new best friend. With the physical effort, the temperature inside the suit rises.

What seemed to last hours the first time (from 90 to 100 minutes) goes by at lightning speed the second time around. If forewarned is forearmed, then these boys are ready for battle on this second pass through the canyon. The canyon just watches them go by. Capsizing is not an option this time!

Hardened by a first descent, the nine friends take a page from the book of galley slaves and row along as one. The **Rivière Rouge** makes short work of anyone who gets too cocky. It lays in wait at the **Turbo**, an incredible roller where surfing with a raft is so... uplifting! And lots of fun! The goal for the **Turbo** is to dominate it as long as possible, at the risk of swallowing some of the river! Score: 1 1.

It's over?

All good things come to an end. Yes, it's over! The bus awaits the rafters, who spend the return trip reliving some of the dicier moments. Back at base camp, a hot shower and a whirlpool are just the thing to soothe muscles that have had been put to the test.

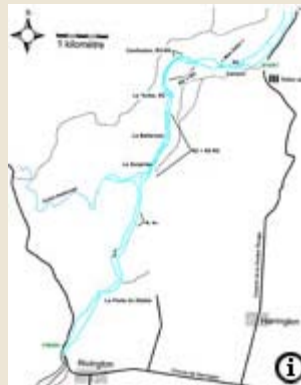


Relaxed and changed, it's time for a nice cold beer. A hot meal awaits the guys and then the video. Yes, you've been filmed and photographed! Lasting memories for an unforgettable day. That's the new world. Are you ready for it?

R what?

R for **rapid**. The higher the number, the greater the difficulty. Classifications run from R1 to R6, which more or less mean...

- ▶ **R1**: Easy to navigate, weak current, small and regular waves, easy passages and pleasant swimming.
- ▶ **R2**: Rougher navigation, passages that are clear and easy to identify, but that require a bit of manoeuvring, regular waves and frequent counter-current.
- ▶ **R3**: Strenuous to navigate, strong current and strong, regular waves that require quite a bit of manoeuvring. Possibility of small ledges, holes and rollers that require strong technique. You have to row in unison.
- ▶ **R4**: It's tough and gets the adrenaline pumping. The current is very strong and the waves irregular, requiring precise manoeuvring (you have to listen to the guide, right Patrick?). Possibility of narrow passages and prominent obstacles, falls or ledges, counter-currents and lots of foam! This is where we say: "*Again, Philippe!*"
- ▶ **WW**: (EV—for *eaux vives*—on the map) Whitewater, fast current, few or no waves, no obstacles..



Sections of the Rivière Rouge

The Canyon

It's an incredible sight from on top of the water, but from below? Not so

incredible. The stretch through the Canyon starts at difficulty level R3 and quickly transforms into R4 once you reach the big pyramid-shaped breaker. You'll put your team's power to the test.

Confusion

A series of fairly fast rapids like a roller coaster. The level of difficulty varies from R2 to R3 depending on the season, but even at R4, it is easy enough to cross. Plenty of fun!

Turbo

It closes out the long Canyon-Confusion stretch and can be both merciless and extremely fun! The objective: to surf the roller. The best hang on for minutes; the rest...

Bellerose

A strong current, level R2 to R3, ending with **Surprise**, a wave you don't see coming, but that the guides know only too well. But you've seen worse:

Surprise is small potatoes compared to Turbo!

La porte du Diable (Devil's Door)

You've come to the end, and if you pay attention you'll see one of the most beautiful views of your trip. Watch for it: it only lasts a few seconds. From level R1, it's a pleasure cruise. Jump in and let the current rock you. We'll pick you up on the other side of this stretch!

André Quenneville
2010-03-17

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Consult [The Accessible Road](#), a tourist guide specifically designed for people with restricted physical abilities.



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Québec is going to great lengths to ensure that its tourist sites are more accessible to people who have restricted physical abilities. Its territory may be big, but that's no reason to place limits on where travellers with reduced mobility can go or to deprive them of the countless natural and cultural sites for which Québec's tourist regions are known!





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Tourisme Québec works in close collaboration with [Kéroul](#). The mission of this organization is to promote tourism among people with restricted physical abilities (who have a physical, visual or hearing impairment) and ease their access to tourist facilities in Québec. Kéroul evaluates the accessibility of Québec's accommodation establishments (hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, inns, campgrounds) and leading tourist sites (museums, historic sites, parks, zoos, etc.).



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-  Adapted to people with a physical impairment;
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-  Services to people with a hearing impairment.

Visitors are nevertheless advised to confirm the level of accessibility with the establishment in question prior to travelling there.

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Nature's bounty

For Québécois, beneficiaries of an abundant wildlife, hunting and fishing are more than just sports. They provide a unique opportunity to get back to basics and to discover the essential elements of their natural heritage. In the forests, lakes and rivers that make up this immense territory that is Québec, outfitters offer hunting and fishing enthusiasts lodging, equipment, guides and other logistical support—in a word, all the amenities needed to facilitate encounters with big caribou, moose and deer, black bears, and battling fish!

- Caribou
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Caribou hunting

A well-beaten path

The ultimate adventure above the 52nd parallel. In the austere setting of [Baie-James](#) and [Nunavik](#), the land of the Cree and Inuit, the horizon stretches as far as the eye can see. The unfolding landscape is broken only by the occasional stunted conifer; a closer look reveals the tundra's carpet of moss, flowers, shrubs and abundant lichen—the essential nutrients of the large cervidea that reigns supreme on this territory, the caribou.



High Arctic and Labrador.

A floatplane flies over a dozen lakes before arriving at the first trails that have belonged to caribou herds since time immemorial. Québec is home to over 750,000 caribou distributed between the Leaf River herd and the George River herd. These phenomenal cohorts move in columns in a constant circular migration that takes them across Québec's



Caribou hunters practise fine hunting techniques, from actively pursuing the animal to hunting from a hide. Given the environment and the relative abundance of game (when you're hunting along a migratory route), approaching game is often an easy task. You can even choose your trophy and fire from a reasonable distance. Once you've reached your limit of two caribou, you can enjoy a photo safari and, in some cases, meet members of the [Aboriginal community](#) and learn about their fascinating way of life.

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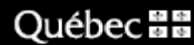


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Ride Shakedown 2010

Location: Saint-Sauveur

Region: [Laurentides](#)

Category: [Sports event](#)

April 02 2010 - April 03 2010

Snowboard fever sweeps Mont Saint-Sauveur! This two-day event showcases more than 35 male and - for the first time - female professional riders (by invitation) as well as 80 of the most promising amateurs vying for top honours at the only competition of its type in North America.

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Price information

Free admission

Paid activities / shows (10 \$ - 15 \$)

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Montréal Chamber Music Festival

Location: Montréal

Region: [Montréal](#)Category: [Festival / special event](#)

May 06 2010 - May 29 2010

Created in 1995, the Montréal Chamber Music Festival is dedicated to promoting chamber music in all its diverse forms through collaborations with other artistic disciplines. Performances in historic sites by renowned international artists emphasize Montréal's cultural richness and diversity.

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Telephone: 514 489-3444

Toll free number: 1 877 489-7444 (Qc)

Fax: 514 481-6270

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Price information

Paid activities / shows (10 \$ - 35 \$)

Other rates available

Reservations

Tickets sold on site; Tickets sold by other means

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Festivals and festivities

Party on!

Québecers are known for their festive spirit. Major sports and cultural events, lively urban festivals and quaint village fairs; simply put, anything is an excuse to celebrate and share good times!

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Festivals



From jazz to cinema, from comedy to fireworks—not to mention folklore and hot air balloons—Québecers have plenty of opportunities to party. What's more, they express their love of celebrating most enthusiastically through words, music and art.

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Major exhibitions

Art, history, science, society... Québec's largest museums display their bold and imaginative sides to offer exhibits that will make your stay even more memorable.

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Sports events



Every year, in every season, high-level international sports events take place in Québec. The most popular include car races, skiing and mountain biking world cups, tennis championships... On your marks!

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Shows and fairs

In cities and outlying areas alike, numerous shows held in large exhibition halls attract people eager to see something new. Fairs are also colourful and entertaining events, featuring all sorts of surprises.

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Activities and attractions

What to see? What to do?

Québec has what it takes to satisfy those who enjoy outdoor action, sports and recreation, whether they wish to head out on the open road, visit the nicest cultural and natural sites or simply celebrate!



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Each year, Québec hosts a stream of festivals, with nearly 400 events: colourful carnivals, huge cultural celebrations, international sports competitions ... Sample our legendary joie de vivre and party on!

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Québec's four-beat rhythm

Excitement and emotions

Spend your holidays in Québec and enjoy an emotion-filled experience in a unique North American destination. Get to know Québécois—genuine, down-to-earth people with hearts as big as the land's wide, open spaces! To help you firm up your vacation plans, Québec is available in four distinct formats, whatever the season:

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Intensely Urban

Historic, yet resolutely modern, vibrant, festive and confident, the cities of Montréal, Québec and Gatineau will show you a contrasting facet of urban Québec with their rich architectural heritage, dynamic cultural melting pot and splendid surroundings that respect nature.



Passionately St. Lawrence

One of the largest rivers in the world, the historic St. Lawrence is an access route to the heart of the continent. Its 1,800-km (1,118-mi.) length is home to old coastal villages, islands, bird sanctuaries, marine mammals and lighthouses, and it's bound by rural and rugged coastline... A world to explore from the shore or while riding the waves.



Sublimely Resortful

Québec has invented its own art of vacationing by combining comfort, relaxation and a personalized welcome in exceptional natural sites. Savour life in harmony with nature amidst lakes, glens and forests, and add outdoor pleasures and culinary delights to the mix.



Infinitely Nature

Since the days of the fur traders, Québec has been pushing the boundaries of adventure. In this vast territory, bears, deer and caribou are often the only inhabitants. Explore the province's length and breadth by canoe, snowmobile or seaplane, with nature as your travel companion.

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Lodging

A handy guide for planning your stay

Québec boasts a comprehensive and varied range of accommodation formats. In all cases, the utmost attention is paid to comfort and hospitality. All establishments are classified according to strict criteria so as to guarantee visitors quality services and to help them choose their accommodations.

Québec has over 5,800 tourist accommodation establishments that hold classification certificates issued by the [Corporation de l'industrie touristique du Québec](#). Campgrounds (more than 850) are classified by the [Conseil de développement du camping au Québec](#), and outfitters (650) by the [Quebec Outfitters Federation](#).

Accommodations search

Hotels



A hotel offers lodging in one or several adjacent buildings that make up a single establishment (0 to 5 stars).

Bed & Breakfast



A private home operated as an accommodation establishment. It may have up to five rooms, and the price includes breakfast served on site (0 to 5 stars).

Tourist home



This term covers furnished cottages, houses or apartments equipped with a kitchenette and one or more bedrooms (0 to 5 stars).

Wilderness lodge



An outfitter establishment offering accommodations, dining, activities and services in a forest setting (0 to 5 stars).

Resort



An establishment offering lodging, meals or cooking facilities, as well as recreational activities and equipment (0 to 5 stars).

Youth hostel



An establishment offering accommodations in dormitories or private rooms, as well as meals or cooking facilities (0 to 5 stars).

Educational institution



An establishment offering visitors the use of rooms, from May to September, in residences normally occupied by students (0 to 5 stars).

Hospitality village



An establishment where families offer lodging in their homes for up to six guests, along with breakfast, lunch or dinner and group activities (0 to 5 stars).

Campground



Campgrounds welcome day campers who spend the night in a tent, a trailer, a tent-trailer or a motor home. (0 to 5 stars).

Outfitting operation

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Green hotels

Many hotels and hotel chains have taken steps to reduce the environmental impact of the constant stream of clients. The [Hotel Association of Québec](#), for instance, offers its members *RéserVert*, a recognition program in sustainable development.



Outfitting operations rent cabins or rooms and offer outdoor activities, such as hunting and fishing, as well as meals or cooking facilities (0 to 5 stars).

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Brochures

Our new e-brochures: a feast for your eyes... and ears!

We're now offering you a selection of brochures in Flash format. They include videos and a soundtrack, all designed to plunge you into the ambiance of a holiday in Québec! These virtual brochures open onscreen and are as pleasant to leaf through as their paper counterparts. What's more, they offer interactivity with the bonjourquebec.com site. You can also download the brochures in PDF format.

These brochures, which are designed primarily to help foreign tourists get the most out of their stay in Québec, can also be useful for planning your own Québec vacation!

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Passionately St. Lawrence

Totally responsible

Irresistibly CULTURAL and FESTIVE



For the ultimate in relaxation, cruises are the perfect way to glimpse otherwise inaccessible landscapes while enjoying state-of-the-art facilities. Set sail and discover the majestic St. Lawrence River, a trip of a lifetime!

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Whether you choose to explore Québec's bustling big cities or the wide variety of its vacation resorts, admire the majesty of the St. Lawrence River or venture into the great outdoors, you can help preserve its natural treasures and resources.

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Québec is a festive destination where surprise after surprise awaits you: year-round picturesque festivals, major exhibitions and city streets taken over each summer by musicians and other performers. At every turn, you'll find fireworks, enchanting gardens and gambolling dancers that are the stuff of dreams! Summer and winter, great shows and world-class sport events abound.

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