

Quebec Trip - August, 1999

Sunday, August 22

Wolf family reunion. Return home; pack car; gather Becky and head for Oberlin. Stop for ice cream and a sub. Overnight in Super 8 Motel in Ashland.

Monday, August 23

Move Becky from dorm room to apartment. Big experience is getting futon from Ruth's apartment into Becky's room. Eat lunch at new restaurant in Oberlin and dinner at Macaroni Grill. Becky takes us to motel and leaves with van.

Tuesday, August 24

Motel van takes us to airport. Fly to Quebec via Boston. Jan's suitcase does not arrive with us. Taxi to Maison Historique James Thompson (our B&B). Have lunch at small restaurant on Rue Saint Louis right around the corner from the B&B. Take walking tour of old city. In lower city hear person playing the glasses like we heard in Zurich. Eat dinner at creperie. Head to bed early.

Wednesday, August 25

Go to Citadel for changing of the guards and tour. Walk along and outside old wall. Have lunch at outdoor café near Basilica. Walk down into old town and explore antique shops and other shops. Buy CD from harp player in lower city. Eat dinner in Italian place near lunch stop. Go back to terrace to hear street performers.

Thursday, August 26

Take bike ride to Montmorency Falls. Return to Quebec and take the evening boat cruise on the St. Lawrence.

Friday, August 27

Go to Inuit Museum. Eat lunch in lower city. Visit Fort diorama. Listen to part of the military band competition. Attend Sound and Light show at the Basilica.

Saturday, August 28

Pick up car. Drive to two spots to get fuel for stove - do not get lost! Drive to Canyon Park and hike waterfalls trail. Drive to Park des Grands Jardins and hike to top of Mont du Lac-des-Cygnés (3.2 miles). Drive to Tadoussac. Surprised to find a ferry to cross the Saguenay Fjord. Eat dinner at a small restaurant across from B&B.

Sunday, August 29

Take whale watching boat tour. See both Minke and Finback whales. Eat in small restaurant on bay. Take walk around point and then hike to fjord. Drive to ferry and cross St. Lawrence. Eat on other side and drive to B&B in Bic (Gîte aux 5 lucarnes). Meet Alex, the dog.

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Monday, August 30

Drive to Parc de la Gaspésie. Get campsite and set up tent. Hike to Lac aux Américains and slightly beyond (2 miles). Eat dinner and go to ranger show that is all in French.

Tuesday, August 31

Drive to Mount Jacques Cartier area. Upon arrival see that we have a flat tire. Take bus to trailhead. Hike to top of mountain where we see caribou. Change tire in parking lot and drive to Mount Saint Pierre to get it repaired. Return to park and set off to find a moose. Find one feeding in river just outside Lac Cascapédia Campground. Return to camp.

Wednesday, September 1

Drive along St. Lawrence to Forillon National Park - beautiful drive along shore with mountains coming right into river. We are right on edge for almost the entire trip. Decide to camp in Des Rosiers Campground right by the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Expect it to be very cold, but it is quite warm. See a whale as we are driving to campground. Drive to south portion of park and hike to Cape Gaspé - the end of the International Appalachian Trail. See gray seals in the water at Cape. Did not see any whales as we walked along coast.

Thursday, September 2

Break camp and drive to Percé. Run to catch boat to I'lle Bonaventure. Jan sees puffin in Percé Rock on boat ride out. Hike the Colonies Trail to the garnet colony and then back along the coast trail. Run to catch boat back to shore, and we are lucky that it crosses the path of a school of harbor porpoises. Drive to B&B (Domaine du Lac Matapédia) through beautiful valley. Have dinner in wonderful restaurant by lake.

Friday, September 3

Leave B&B and drive to St. Lawrence. Stop at Les Jardins de Métis and walk through gardens. Have lunch at Parc du la Bic. Drive to B&B in Quebec (1553 de la Côte which means "on the hill"). Pack gear bag and decide to go downtown one last time. Check out Inuit art in various shops. Have dinner on steps to old town. Run back and buy crane sculpture just before closing time. Come back to steps restaurant for dessert.

Saturday, September 4

Have breakfast in B&B. Head for airport early to register for tax refund only to find that you have to do it by mail. Fly to Boston and go through Customs. Fly to Cleveland. We arrive but our bags don't. Have dinner with Becky at TGI Fridays and then head back to Cincinnati.