

FACTS

- ✦ Québec is the largest province in Canada, 1,542,056 sq. km or 595,391 sq. miles, twice the size of Texas, six times the size of France and seven times the size of Great Britain and the second most populous in Canada (7,546,131).
- ✦ Québec is the Algonquin word "kepék," meaning 'the place where the river narrows.'
- ✦ Québec is the birthplace of Canadian history.
- ✦ Motto – "Je me souviens" (I remember)
- ✦ The capital of Québec in Québec City.
- ✦ The national holiday is June 24th, the day of Saint-Jean-Baptiste.
- ✦ The largest city in the province of Québec is Montréal.
- ✦ Québec's official language is French.
- ✦ Gold, copper, iron ore, silver, zinc, and nickel are mined in Quebec.
- ✦ Hydroelectric power is produced and exported to the U.S.
- ✦ Québec produces more than a third of Canada's pulp and paper products. (paper, newsprint, boxes, tissue, and cardboard).
- ✦ Québec is Canada's primary producer of maple syrup.
- ✦ The main farming area is the St. Lawrence Lowlands.
- ✦ The dairy industry is the largest in Canada.
- ✦ Manufacturing: aerospace industry, aircraft and commuter trains, computer and electronic products, pharmaceuticals.
- ✦ Famous people from Québec:
 - Celine Dion - has recorded in English and French and has recorded movie soundtracks
 - Oscar Peterson (1925-2007) - jazz pianist. He won his first Grammy Award in 1974, after playing professionally for more than 30 years.
 - William Shatner - actor (Captain Kirk of Star Trek series)
 - J.A. Bombardier (1907-1961) invented the snowmobile, produced the Skidoo in 1959
 - Myriam Bédard - winner of two Olympic Gold medals (biathlon)
 - Leonard Cohen, in 2013, at 78, caps an unprecedented career renaissance by topping Justin Bieber for Juno Artist of the Year honours, sending Beliebers into a pre-teen tizzy while becoming the oldest person to win the award. He breaks his record in 2017 when he wins the award posthumously.
 - Gaétan Boucher - winner of four Olympic Gold medals (speed skating)
 - Marc Gagnon - four-time World champion, winner of three Olympic Gold medals (speed skating)
 - Gilles and Jacques Villeneuve - race car drivers
 - Marc Garneau and Julie Payette - Canadian astronauts
 - Marie-Louise Meilleur (1880 - 1998) is born and lives to become Canada's oldest person ever at 118. She was born when MacDonal was PM and died when Mulroney held office, and she had 12 kids, 85 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren, 57 great-great-grandchildren and four great-great-great-grandchildren.
 - David Saint-Jacques from Montréal - On December 3rd, 2018, at 6:31 a.m. ET, Canadian Space Agency astronaut David Saint-Jacques flew to the International Space Station. On June 24th, 2019, the successful landing at 10:47 p.m. ET marks the end of the most extended Canadian astronaut mission to date (204 days).



- ✦ In the Baie-James region, you can find LG2, the largest underground hydroelectric power plant in the world.
- ✦ Québec has the most important windmill park in Canada and also one of the largest in the world, "Le Nordet." It is located in Cap-Chat in the Gaspésie region.
- ✦ It's in Montréal, where you can see the highest inclined tower in the world: the Olympic Stadium tower.
- ✦ Québec has the most border crossings with the U.S.: 32 in total.
- ✦ Montréal has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America.
- ✦ Québec contains more than 3% of the world's freshwater reserves.
- ✦ Québec's electric wiring network is one of the longest of the North American continent. It is made of more than 30,000 kilometres of high-voltage cables, which are added to 100,000 kilometres of supply wires that go all the way to the consumers. If we were to put all the wires end to end, they could go three times around the earth at the Equator.
- ✦ Québec's forest covers more than 750,000 km², which is the size of Sweden and Norway together. It represents 20% of the Canadian forests and 2% of the world's forests.
- ✦ Fairmont Château Frontenac in Québec City is the most photographed hotel in the world.
- ✦ In 1998, a significant ice rainstorm hit south-western Québec. This storm paralyzed several cities and towns for several weeks because the ice had destroyed high-voltage electric wires. Thousands of houses were then deprived of electricity during the coldest months of winter.
- ✦ The narrowest house in North America is located on rue Donnacona in Québec City, and it is only 3.7 meters (12 feet) long.
- ✦ The province of Québec has two justice systems. Civil law is used for civil cases, while common law is used for criminal cases.
- ✦ Highway 132 is the longest road in Québec. It is more than 1,400 km and stretches from the Montérégie region to the Gaspésie region on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River.
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- ✦ When the Montréal metro was built, all the earth that was taken out was used to enlarge Île Sainte-Hélène and to create Île Notre-Dame for Expo 1967.
- ✦ The traditional arrowhead sash, mainly worn during Québec's Winter Carnival, is made in the Lanaudière region.
- ✦ UNESCO Sites:
 - Québec City
 - Parc National de Miguasha, Gaspésie
 - Mont Saint-Hilaire
 - Charlevoix
 - Lac St. Pierre
 - Manicouagan-Uapishka
- ✦ Made in Québec:
 - Tubeless tire (Alexis Nihon)
 - Snowblower (J.A. Bombardier)
 - Television Transmission (A. Ouimet)
 - Peanut Butter (M.G. Edson)
 - Whippet cookies
 - Playtex Feeding Bottle (J. Saint-Germain)
 - Trivial Pursuit (C. Haney)
 - Crocs Sandals
 - Wreabbit Puzzle 3-D (P. Gallant)
 - Cirque du Soleil (G. Laliberté)
 - Poutine
 - The amplified bra by Montreal designer Louise Poirier for the WonderBra brand.
 - Starfrit - Since 1965, Les Promotions Atlantiques, de Longueuil, has invented and sold more than 4,000 products — from The Sauve-Pantalons rug to Oskar snow shovel — as famous for their low cost as for their infomercials.
 - Ice Cider - Created in 1990 by Christian Barthelemy in Dunham, ice cider is a purely Quebec product. No less than 25 producers participated in the last Ice Cider World Cup, held in Rougemont in February.



- The Bixi - Born in Montreal, the first large-scale self-service bicycle in North America, is now exported to Boston and London.
- The phone handset - Cyrille Duquette, a watchmaker from Quebec City, came up with the idea of combining the transmitter and receiver of a telephone. He established one of the first telephone lines in the world in 1878.
- Tutti Frutti - Micheline Desbiens, an unemployed single mother, invented this scented playdough in the 1980s that does not crumble. Eight patents protect its recipe.
- Entertainment onboard of the planes - More than 100 airlines use Montreal-based DTI to animate onboard entertainment screens.
- The moving movie chair - The armchairs of the long-time company D-Box, which move to the films' rhythm on screen, have recently invaded cinemas in Canada, the United States, and Japan.
- Wine Coolers - Gadget that cools your wine as you pour it.
- Smart Tea Pot - This teapot can be programmed to make sure your tea infuses perfectly, no matter what kind of tea you're brewing.
- The Customizable House - A Laval company called BONE Structure invented a house that can be rearranged to fit your family's needs. The homes have no nails and no load-bearing walls.
- The Bus Tracker - Two Université de Montréal students founded GIRO, a company that developed some of the first software used by public transport companies.
- An Affordable Flight Simulator - They may not have invented the flight simulator, but two ex-Concordia students did create a version that costs half the price.
- Montreal's Forensic Technology invented the IBIS Ballistics Identification System - The most advanced ballistic identification system in the world.
- The Electric Nose - A Montreal-based company, created an electronic nose to monitor those odours found in industrial and water treatment plants.
- The Handyscan - You know those fancy handheld tools to 3D map people? Those were invented right here in Quebec.



Anthem à la Québécoise

✦ Gens du pays

1975 – by Gilles Vigneault & Gaston Rochon

<https://youtu.be/46IDituRcRY>

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Happy Birthday à la Québécoise

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