

## TOURS OFFERED DURING THE RCNA CONVENTION IN BOUCHERVILLE QC

Your organizing committee has put together several tours that we hope you will enjoy. We think we've struck the right balance between introducing you to the rich history of the Montérégie, where Boucherville is located, and that of the industrialization we all enjoy today.

Our first outing, scheduled for **Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>**, will take us to the western part of the Montérégie region.

In Chateaugay, we'll visit the **Maison LePailleur Museum**. A prestigious and imposing house for its time, the Maison LePailleur was built in 1792. It was once a general store and is a fine example of a typical Québécois house. It contains a vast collection of artifacts and features an exhibition dedicated to the 350th anniversary of the creation of the Seigneurie de Chateaugay. You'll also be able to climb into the attic!

We'll also visit **St-Joachim church**, built between 1774 and 1779, in the heart of the old village. A true heritage gem, it contains many religious art treasures and has been named a Monument Historique du Québec and a National Historic Site of Canada.

We'll be lunching at Chez MesSœurs, at the Manoir d'Youville, on Ile St-Bernard, in Chateaugay.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the organic **Winery Le Mas Des Patriotes**, in St-Jean sur Richelieu. Founded in 2012 by a couple with a passion for organic viticulture, Le Mas Des Patriotes grew out of an abandoned farm and produces white, red and pink wines from hybrid grape varieties and *Vitis vinifera*. We'll take a tour of the winery and vineyard, and taste some of the company's wines on site.

Our second outing, on **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**, will take us to Valcourt, in the Eastern Townships, to the **Museum of Ingenuity J. Armand Bombardier**. You'll be able to star in a Ski Doo® snowmobile commercial; fly an airplane; imagine and test your vehicle of the future in the Idea Studio! Let yourself be captivated by the life and legacy of the famous Quebec inventor, Joseph Armand Bombardier, in his own garage, where it all began. Experience the rise of the Bombardier company through an immersive show by Moment Factory.

An "on the go" lunch will be served on site.

On the way back from Valcourt, we'll stop at **l'Électrium**, in Ste-Julie, at Hydro Québec's Electricity Interpretation Centre. You'll learn that electricity is found in nature

and in the human body. You'll learn about static electricity, electric and magnetic fields and renewable energy, all while having fun!

Our third outing, on **Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**, will take us to the eastern part of the Montérégie region.

In the morning, we'll head to Vieux La Prairie and visit the **Roussillon Archeology Museum**, whose mission is to preserve, conserve, study and promote the archaeological collections of the Roussillon region. Our visit will include a guided tour of the Museum and a tour of the archaeological reserve. The Museum is in the heart of Vieux La Prairie, declared heritage site in 1975. Who knows, maybe we'll have a few minutes to explore this historic district...

Lunch at own expense. Location to be determined.

We'll then move on to Mont St-Hilaire, where we'll visit the **Maison des peuples autochtones**, the only multi-national museum located outside the aboriginal community. The institution showcases the knowledge and know-how of First Peoples through museum, environmental and gastronomic activities. Those who wish to do so will take part in the Mother Earth Discovery Walk and appreciate the importance of the unique ancestral maple grove designated by the **Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada** as a reference site for the origins of maple syrup production, by participating in a guided tour of this ancient forest that contributes to the biodiversity of the territory. Other will certainly enjoy the expositions and craft shop on site.

Finally, a dinner cruise will be the activity for **Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**, when we will board a boat to spend quality time with friends, around a good meal while discovering the St. Lawrence River and a special view of the Ile de Montreal and surrounding areas.

All tours described will be offered in English or French, at the visitor's discretion.

We look forward to visiting with you!

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