

Story idea

Sweet spring in Southern Quebec Maple syrup and the traditional sugaring-off party



In a few weeks, Quebec's icy season will be over, giving way to melting snow from the sun's warm rays. In Southern Quebec, a region known for the highest density of sugar maples, this time of year spells sugaring season.

The largest producer and exporter of maple syrup in the world, Southern Quebec is proud to be the spring destination par excellence for its numerous sugar shacks where visitors can savour a variety of maple products.

Special activities:

➤ During March and April, the Village Québécois d'Antan invites visitors to take part in traditional sugaring-season festivities. Enjoy typical sugar-shack meals on site. Traditional music and horse-drawn rides will be on tap to re-create the ambience of yesteryear in Quebec.



➤ In Southern Quebec, visit family-run sugar shacks, where parents and children work side-by-side to produce maple products: maple syrup, maple butter, candies and to host the popular taffy-on-snow party.

➤ In the heart of the Beauce region, visit Cabane à Sucre Napert known as the best eatery in the Beauce. Taste crisp fried salt pork, traditional pancakes with maple syrup, and many other typical dishes.

➤ For its part, Cabane à Pierre will introduce you to sugaring-season traditions in a century-old sugar shack. Visit the trapper's cabin. Cabane à Pierre is located 35 minutes south of Quebec City.

➤ Just 5 minutes from Quebec City, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, visit Érablière du Cap. Time permitting, consider reserving for a dogsled ride.

In the spring, visitors to Southern Quebec sing this traditional sugaring song:



"En caravane, allons à la cabane

Oh! eh oh! On n'est jamais de trop

Pour goûter au sirop

Pour goûter au sirop d'érable."

Traditional sugaring song translation:

"Let's all go to the sugar camp

Oh! Oh! There are never too many

To savour the syrup

To savour the maple syrup."

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