Saint Sauveur/Montreal Garden Tour

Tuesday July 8th to Friday July 11th, 2025

Four days/Three nights

Featuring:

- Jardin de Francois:
 -compared to "Quatre Vents" and "Reford Gardens"
- Champs de Reve
- Montreal Botanical Garden
- Jardin de Michel Corbeil display garden and retail nursery
- Plus, private gardens including a fabulous collection of "Bonsai."

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 – After departing the GTA, we start our journey travelling east with a midday picnic lunch stop at my favourite Ontario private garden of Mary Ann Van Berlo then our afternoon is spent experiencing a new garden adventure – Champs de Reve.

We will be arriving in Laval in the late afternoon and making the Le St. Martin Hotel & Suites (www.lestmartin.com) our home for all three nights – unpack once!! We will end our day with a welcome dinner. (L, D)

Champs de Reve - https://www.champsdereves.com. Stroll through the landscaped gardens and admire the amazing sculptures that combine thousands of plants with high-quality materials. They have created world-class sculptures that are truly a one-of-a kind and a must -see.

DAY 2 – After our buffet breakfast, our day starts with a tour of one of Quebec's most outstanding private gardens – Le Jardin de Francois, near Saint Sauveur. It is only publicly open 3 days per year, and we are having a private tour – I have personally toured this garden twice in the past and it is breathtaking! François Marcil, accompanied by his team of passionate volunteers, welcomes you to his "Glimpse *of Paradise*" -sharing with you his love of nature, his whimsical garden ideas plus all proceeds are donated to the local Alzheimer's Society.

Jardin de François - https://www.jardindefrancois.com/ Le Jardin de François is located in Saint-Sauveur in the Laurentians. The flower-filled estate of over 7 acres, bordered by the Rivière à Simon, is the often compared to the Jardins de Quatre-vents (Frank Cabot's La Malbaie Garden) and the Jardins de Métis - Reford Garden. It is filled with whimsical art installations, wandering paths and a fabulous Treehouse.

After we visit the town of Saint Sauveur, for our lunch (on your own) we will then proceed to....





Le Jardin Baroque is the private garden of Mona Larochelle and Paul Gombert – located in zone 4b.

Started in 2005, the garden runs alongside a stream and features sever ecological zones and various soil types. The garden hosts a wide range of plant collections.

Initially, it served as an experimental garden for new horticultural varieties and plants classified as zone 5. Dinner is on your own – in the area of the hotel.(B)

DAY 3 – We start with breakfast - then we travel to the world-renowned Montreal Botanical Gardens. Our visit will include a tour of the MBG plus time for lunch (on your own). Your afternoon is free to spend experiencing the Insectarium (near the MBG), strolling downtown Montreal, visiting St. Joeph's Oratory, or exploring Mont Royal – our motor coach will be our taxi. Dinner is on your own. (B)



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Montreal Botanical Gardens - With its collection of 22,000 plant species and cultivars, 10 exhibition greenhouses, some thirty thematic gardens, and teams of researchers and activities staff, the Montréal Botanical Garden ranks as one of the world's largest and most spectacular botanical gardens.

You are sure to be captivated by the colors and fragrances from around the world as you wander from the delightful Chinese Garden to the heart of the Sonoran desert, from the peaceful oasis of the Japanese Garden to the classically designed French garden or the woodlands of the Laurentians

DAY 4—After Breakfast and checking out of our hotel, we are visiting the display garden of **Michel Corbeil**—a large nursery in St. Eustache. With your purchases safely stashed on our motor coach, we will then proceed to the private garden of **Celine Arsenault** and be amazed at the Bonsai collection of her husband, **David Easterbrook**.

We then travel to Hudson QC for our "farewell" lunch.

We depart in the afternoon and stop at a beautiful Ontario private garden before reaching the GTA in the early evening. (B, L)

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.

Your package includes:

- Return motor coach transportation.
- Three nights' accommodation at beautiful Le St. Martin Hotel & Suites, 1400 rue Maurice-Gauvin, Laval, QC 450-902-3000
- Tours/admission to attractions listed in Itinerary.
- SIX Meals: three breakfasts; two lunches; one dinner
- Services of Margaret Dailey-Plouffe, HNA Travels Tour Director



Cost: \$ **1,299.** per person/double occupancy + HST (\$ 1,467.87)

Single \$ 1,699. + HST (\$1,919.87)

Non-refundable deposit of \$ 300. due upon booking; Balance due by May 26th

PICK-UP INFORMATION: This tour originates in the Burlington area and then travels east with pick-ups along Hwy 401 east. Please call the office for departure information.

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