

EAST ROUTE



LAURENTIAN MOUNTAINS, QUEBEC

**STEP BACK IN TIME AND SKI BETWEEN INNS
THROUGH A WINTER WONDERLAND**

Accompanied by one of our professional guides, explore the backcountry nordic ski trails created by the pioneers of cross-country skiing in America, while enjoying the comfort of historic lodgings. A true journey back in time to the glory-days of the 1930s and 40s where tourists would ski from between inns. This is an all-inclusive package with luggage transport, guides and meals.



THE ADVENTURE



DURATION : 3 days

PERIOD : mid-January to mid-March



LODGING :

- Far Hills Inn
- Au Clos Rolland



LEVEL : moderate

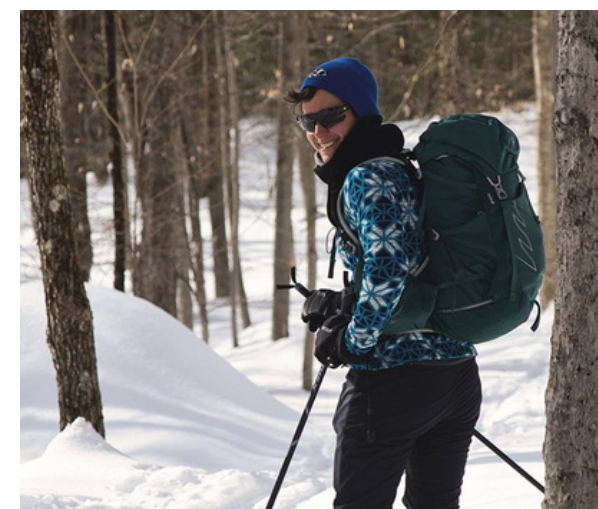
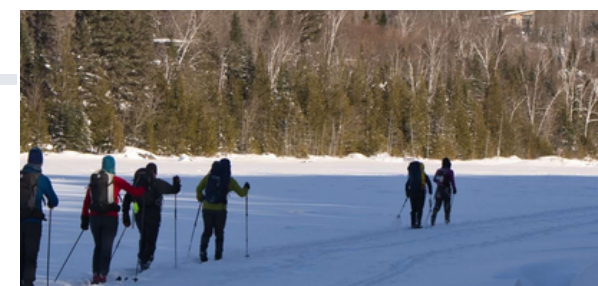
Day 1 : the adventure starts!

Meet your guide in Prévost, before taking the shuttle to Val-David. At the village's old train station, take the time to prepare for your departure and follow a briefing on the days to come. After a quick warm-up on the tracked P'tit Train du Nord, we enter the backcountry nordic trail network in order to join the Gillespie trail, one of the main arteries of this century-old network. After spending the day meandering over frozen lakes and forested hills, we reach the Far Hills Inn, for a well deserved après-ski!

 12 kilometers  345 m

The Far Hills Inn

The Far Hills Inn is a heritage hotel dating back to the creation of the nordic ski network. This haven of peace has the added benefit of allowing you to ski right up to the front door! The inn is the ideal place to enjoy spacious rooms, bar service and even a massage therapy to round off your first day. In the dining room, a fireplace provides the perfect ambiance for a well-deserved après-ski and supper.



Day 2 : Ski Laurentian History!

After a hearty breakfast, spend the day skiing on some of the most acclaimed historic ski trails: the Maple Leaf, Oxford-Cambridge and Johannsen East. Today you have the chance to ski across several beautiful lakes. After a superb descent alongside the Doncaster River, you'll take a warm break at the historic cabin Le Relais du Père Eddy. From there, join the former railroad and now tracked nordic network Le P'tit-Train-du-Nord, taking you directly to the old Mont-Rolland station. From here, a quick 5-minute walk in the village takes you to your Inn.

 **20 kilometers**  **343 m**

Au Clos Rolland, Couette & Café

The ancestral home of the Rolland family, founders of Sainte-Adèle, Le Clos Rolland is a real gem, offering comfort and a warm welcome after your second day on the slopes. Upon arrival, your hosts Claude and Geneviève will make you feel straight away part of the family. In the evening, enjoy an après-ski in the salon and then proceed onto an elaborate and gourmet three-course supper. Each bedroom has its own charming theme, and we guarantee this memorable stay will leave you enchanted!



Day 3 : the ethereal beauty of the Alfred-Kelly reserve

Enjoy a gourmet breakfast before embarking on your final day with us. Follow winding trails built by 80's trailblazers to the Mont-Olympia ski centre. After a quick skin-up the mountain, leave the crowds to enter into the Alfred-Kelly Nature Reserve. Ski past cliffs harbouring ice-climbers and peregrine falcons! After a beautiful downhill stretch through a maple grove, finish the day on P'tit Tain du Nord, which takes you straight to Prévost and your car, where it is time for a celebratory après-ski at the acclaimed Shawbridge microbrewery!

 14 kilometres  352 m

Shawbridge Microbrewery

End your adventure in style at the Shawbridge microbrewery, where you left your car three days earlier. As proud local project partner, it's the ideal place to recount your adventures over the last few days. The microbrewery has won several awards nationally and internationally for the quality of its beers and charcuterie. We highly recommend the poutine, a constant favourite amongst our guests!



EAST ROUTE PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

SUMMARY

🕒 2 days and 3 nights pre-trip add-on

🛏 Lodging: Le Manoir St-Sauveur

Created for those wishing to extend their stay in the Laurentians, or for those wishing to improve their skiing technique, these extra two days give you the chance to get to know the area before embarking on the three-day Eastern route. Stay at the luxurious Manoir St-Sauveur, improve your skiing technique with your guide, and discover the secrets of the village of Saint-Sauveur.

Day 1 : Ski Training

After your arrival at Le Manoir the evening before, meet your guide in the morning. They will take you to the village of Saint-Adolphe, where your day of guided Nordic ski initiation begins. The course is tailored according to group level. At the end of the day, return to the village and dine out at a restaurant of your choice and enjoy the many services of Le Manor, including spa and massage.

Le Manoir St-Sauveur

Le Manoir St-Sauveur is a landmark hotel in the Laurentians. Let the peaceful, warm and welcoming atmosphere envelop you for your stay. The swimming pool, spa, bar and gourmet meals will provide you with the comfort you need to prepare for your ski holiday. This resort par excellence will make you feel right at home.



The Complete Experience

Day 2 : Discover Saint-Sauveur

Design your day with several options! For skiers who need extra nordic practice, your guide will be on hand. For others, simply take advantage of this day to visit the village of Saint-Sauveur, passing by the Laurentian Ski Museum, where a conference tailor-made for Routes Blanches awaits you. Along the way, you'll find a host of boutiques, art galleries and local flavour shops where you can meet the village's mainstays. If you are sporty, you can take advantage of the Manoir's guest discounts to take to the slopes of the Sommets Saint-Sauveur. These slopes were once fearlessly skied by nordic skiers, who tracked up and down on wooden skis!

The Complete Experience



MEET YOUR GUIDES

Edouard Borel – Guide and Instructor



Professional adventure guide, instructor and outdoor enthusiast Edouard spends his time between Quebec Yukon all year round, having guided previously as a professional ski guide in the Alps and Gaspésie. He one of our finest skiers and is also an instructor in wilderness first aid and avalanche terrain safety.

Camille Carle – Guide and Project Agent



Whether by canoe or ski, Camille is always on the lookout for new adventures ! Passionate about nature, she is not only a professional guide, but also a first-rate interpreter of the environment and heritage that surrounds us. With her infectious smile and nature, Camille is dedicated to making the outdoors accessible to all.

Will Hotopf – Guide and Project Manager



Will is an ACMG-accredited guide who lives and works in Quebec after having lived and worked around the world! He speaks multiple languages, and specialises in hiking, kayaking and bc nordic skiing, and loves introducing our guests to the Laurentian backcountry. When he's not working with us, he works in the Arctic and Rockies as a guide, teacher and recreotourism consultant.



Jean-François Girard – Guide and Photographer



Our most seasoned guide and photographer, Jean-François kayaks and cross-country skis across Quebec with groups of enthusiasts. As our in-house photographer and videographer, Jean-François is one of the only people who can ski hard with a camera in his hand! Passionate and committed, we are delighted to have him as a Routes Blanches guide!

Mathilde White – Guide and Instructor



Fresh from her professional guide training, Mathilde decided to take the plunge and become a backcountry nordic ski guide, one of her favorite disciplines. A lifelong skier, she devotes much of her time with us running ski initiations and when not working with us can often be found skiing the trails. Passionate about the arts and outdoor cooking, Mathilde is a refreshing addition to the team!