

THE LEVASSEUR ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (INC.)

Réunion Familiale · Family Reunion

Bienvenue dans la ville de Québec

Welcome to Quebec City

October 2–4, 2026

Peak Fall Foliage Weekend

Château Frontenac · Pub Saint-Patrick / Maison Livernois
Chapelle des Ursulines · Lévis · La Bûche

« *De Paris à la Nouvelle-France, depuis 1651* »

Du mieux que je puis

Official website of the Association: <https://levasseur.org>

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Note: The Association reserves the right to modify the program without notice, depending on the number of registrations or any circumstance beyond its control.

Welcome, Cousins!

This weekend brings together descendants of the Levasseur family — one of the founding families of New France — for a celebration of our shared heritage right where it all began: Quebec City.

The Levasseur dynasty was founded by brothers Jean and Pierre, master joiners from Paris, who arrived in Québec around 1651. A third ancestor, Laurent, arrived from Normandy. Together, their descendants became renowned master builders, sculptors, and craftsmen whose works adorn some of Québec's most treasured churches to this day. A pioneer of New France, Laurent Levasseur settled in Lauzon, built both a family and a significant legacy, and became the ancestor of a vast Levasseur lineage across America.

The mission of the Association des Levasseur d'Amérique Inc. is to bring together and unite members of the Levasseur family, including descendants who bear the surnames Carmel, Vassaur, Borgia, Carmell, LeVesseur, Vasseur, Vassor, and Vasser.

We have chosen the first weekend of October for peak fall foliage. Expect daytime highs around 11°C (52°F) and cool evenings around 2°C (36°F) — bring warm layers!

YOUR HOSTS

Guy Levasseur, President · Association des Levasseur d'Amérique | Cheryl Vassaur, vice-president USA · Association des Levasseur d'Amérique

Weekend at a Glance

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 — RETROUVAILLES

10:00 AM	Guided walking tour — newcomers to Quebec City <i>With historian Xavier · 3 hours · Ramparts · Fortifications · Place Royale · Levasseur history woven throughout · relaxed pace</i>
10:00 AM	Returning visitors — explore at leisure <i>Sleep in · stroll Dufferin Terrace · visit Musée des Ursulines · shop Rue Saint-Jean · meet the family for lunch at 1:00 PM</i>
1:00 PM	Group lunch — Aux Anciens Canadiens <i>34 Rue Saint-Louis · oldest house in Québec (1675) · everyone together · traditional Québécois cuisine · individual bills</i>
2:30 PM	Free afternoon <i>Explore · shop · stroll · see afternoon suggestions on the following page</i>
6:00 PM	Welcome registration & Vin et Fromage reception <i>Château Frontenac · La Bibliothèque · name tags · family tree handouts · your branch label on your name tag · Quebec cheese, charcuterie & wine · sponsored by our generous family sponsors</i>
6:15 PM	Opening remarks — Guy Levasseur & Cheryl Vassaur <i>Bilingual welcome · find your branch table runner · overview of the weekend</i>
7:00 PM	Bonne soirée — dinner on your own <i>See Friday dinner suggestions on the following page</i>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 — SUR LES TRACES DE NOS ANCÊTRES

9:00 AM	Charter bus departs — Quebec City <i>Meeting point TBC · bus travels directly to Parc Etchemin, Lévis · no ferry · all aboard together</i>
9:45 AM	Inauguration — Monument Laurent Levasseur <i>Parc Etchemin · Lévis · a historic moment · the veil drops · the family stands together for the first time at Laurent's monument</i>
	Ceremony · Guy Levasseur <i>Bilingual address on Laurent's significance · formal thanks to Alex Levasseur · the monument's creator</i>
10:30 AM	Family photo · monument <i>The whole family · Laurent's monument · October light</i>
11:00 AM	Charter bus returns to Quebec City <i>Scenic drive back across the river</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch — Old Port · Quebec City <i>Restaurant TBC · individual bills · Old Port neighbourhood</i>
1:30 PM	Free afternoon <i>Rest · explore · see afternoon suggestions</i>
4:30 PM	Group family photo — Dufferin Terrace <i>The family together · Château Frontenac backdrop · Pierre Levasseur dit Carmel's ground</i>
5:15 PM	Walk together to Chapelle des Ursulines <i>The family moving through Old Quebec as one</i>
5:30 PM	Chapelle des Ursulines <i>Pierre-Noël LeVasseur's masterwork (1726–1736) · the family stands together</i>
6:00 PM	Fête des Ancêtres — Salle Trinité <i>Pub Saint-Patrick / Maison Livernois · one block from the chapel</i>
6:00 PM	Folk ensemble — fiddle & accordion <i>Traditional Quebec music throughout the evening</i>
7:15 PM	Festive table d'hôte dinner <i>Joue de boeuf braisée · Saumon rôti · Québécois classics</i>
8:30 PM	The Altar Maker — presentation by Cheryl Vassaur <i>The full story: Paris → New France → Arkansas Post · bilingual translation by Pierre Levasseur · confirmed</i>
9:15 PM	Candlelit toast · reading of the founding names · Joceline dedication <i>Guy Levasseur leads · the most solemn and moving moment of the evening</i>

9:30 PM	Open mic · family stories · dessert · folk music <i>Bleuet-citron pudding · cousins share memories · evening winds down at own pace</i>
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 — AU REVOIR ET À BIENTÔT!

8:30 AM	Farewell brunch — Restaurant La Bûche <i>49 Rue Saint-Louis · rustic Québécois charm · confirmed for 15–20 · keepsakes & booklets on tables</i>
During brunch	Memory keepsakes <i>Family tree prints · reunion booklets · group photo link — all on tables at arrival</i>
Whenever ready	Au revoir! <i>Hugs · farewells · promises to stay in touch · depart as flights require · Guy says a warm goodbye</i>
11:00 AM	Hotel checkout <i>Depart at your leisure — no fixed program after brunch</i>

Your Free Afternoon in Old Quebec

Friday 2:30–6:00 PM · and Saturday afternoon after the monument inauguration · suggestions for exploring

NOTE ON FRIDAY

First time in Quebec City? Join historian Xavier for a 3-hour walking tour at 10:00 AM — Levasseur history woven through the ramparts, fortifications, and Place Royale. Returning visitors — explore at your own pace and meet the family for lunch at Aux Anciens Canadiens (34 Rue Saint-Louis) at 1:00 PM. Everyone joins together for lunch before the free afternoon begins.

Taste & Bring Home

Maple	Épicerie J.A. Moisan The oldest grocery store in North America, on Rue Saint-Jean. Maple syrups, taffy, local preserves. The place to stock up before you leave.
Wine & Cider	Quebec wines & ice ciders Several boutiques along Rue Saint-Jean carry local Quebec wines and famous ice ciders from Île d'Orléans. A bottle makes a perfect souvenir.
Chocolate	Chocolaterie Érico Beloved Québec chocolatier on Rue Saint-Jean. Handcrafted chocolates, maple bark, and a chocolate museum downstairs.
Artisan	Quartier Petit Champlain North America's oldest commercial district — cobblestones, ceramics, textiles, and local crafts. Take the funicular down from Dufferin Terrace.

Stroll & Breathe

Iconic	Dufferin Terrace The great boardwalk along the cliff, sweeping views of the St. Lawrence. Street performers in October. The classic Quebec City stroll.
Ramparts	Fortifications walk Walk the only remaining fortified city walls north of Mexico. Levasseur de Néré helped design these very defenses.
History	Place Royale Where New France began. The square where the first settlers — including the Levasseur brothers — built their lives.
Lively	Rue Saint-Jean Our home street for the weekend. Restaurants, boutiques, cafés, and the warm pulse of Old Quebec.

Cultural Stops

Levasseur	Musée des Ursulines Adjacent to the chapel we visit Saturday evening. Houses the history of the Ursulines and the Levasseur woodcarving legacy.
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New France

Musée de la Civilisation

World-class museum on the history and culture of Québec. Highly recommended for newcomers wanting to understand the world our ancestors built.

A NOTE FOR OUR AMERICAN COUSINS

If you're bringing maple products home, J.A. Moisan is your first stop — syrup, butter, taffy, and candy all travel well. For wine and cider, Quebec produces exceptional ice cider — look for it in boutiques along Rue Saint-Jean. Most shops are bilingual — no French required, though a merci is always appreciated.

Friday Dinner on Rue Saint-Jean

After the welcome reception · 7:00 PM onwards · all within a short stroll

The welcome reception ends at 7:00 PM — a perfect hour to explore Rue Saint-Jean for dinner. Everything below is steps from the reception venue. Bon appétit!

Aux Anciens Canadiens <i>Historic · 1675</i>	Where the group lunches Friday — worth returning for dinner. The oldest house in Québec, traditional game dishes, tourtière, sugar pie, servers in period costume. A living piece of New France. <i>34 Rue Saint-Louis · Opens noon · Reservations recommended</i>
Chez Boulay Bistro Boréal <i>4.7 ★ · Michelin Select</i>	The finest restaurant on Rue Saint-Jean — northern Québec cuisine, Michelin-recognized. Salmon, scallops, braised beef, exceptional French onion soup. For a truly memorable first evening in Quebec City. <i>1110 Rue Saint-Jean · Opens 5:00 PM · Reservations recommended</i>
L'Entrecôte Saint-Jean <i>4.3 ★</i>	A Quebec City institution — steak frites with the famous caper sauce, sugar pie for dessert. Warm, unpretentious, and reliably excellent. Generous portions at reasonable prices. <i>1080 Rue Saint-Jean · Opens 4:00 PM · Walk-ins welcome</i>
Les Frères de la Côte <i>4.3 ★</i>	Rustic and buzzing. Steak with pepper sauce, beef cheek, mussels and frites, maple-candied bacon on the burger. Great for groups who want to keep the evening going. <i>1129 Rue Saint-Jean · Opens 4:30 PM · Bar seating available</i>
Cochon Dingue <i>4.4 ★</i>	A beloved Quebec bistro — French onion soup, croque-madame, excellent pulled ham. Great for families, dietary restrictions, and anyone who wants a comfortable, no-surprises dinner. <i>1014 Rue Saint-Jean · Open until 10:00 PM · Walk-ins welcome</i>

FRIDAY EVENING TIP

Friday night in Old Quebec is lively — the streets fill up after 7:00 PM. All restaurants above are within a 5-minute walk of the reception venue. For a quiet evening, Cochon Dingue and L'Entrecôte both have comfortable spaces for small groups. A glass of Quebec ice cider on a cool October evening is hard to beat.

Practical Information

Accommodation

All hotels are inside or adjacent to the walls of Old Quebec and within walking distance of all reunion events. Book early — October is peak fall foliage season and hotels fill quickly!

Fairmont Le Château Frontenac ★★★★★ · Group Block	<p>Our official group hotel. In 1735, Pierre Levasseur II's house stood on these very grounds.</p> <p>Room Block Available — October 2–4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option 1: Deluxe River View (Queen) — \$899 CAD/night• Option 2: Fairmont Gold (City View) — \$1,199 CAD/night <p>Includes: breakfast, evening canapés, executive lounge access, private concierge, Wi-Fi</p> <p>All rates + taxes (3.5% municipal + 5% GST + 9.975% QST)</p> <p>Free: pool & fitness centre</p> <p>To book at group rate: contact cheryl@levasseur.org</p> <p><i>1 Rue des Carrières</i> <i>Quebec City, QC G1R 4P5</i></p>
Hôtel Manoir Vieux-Québec ★★★★ · 15% Group Discount	<p>Overflow option — comfortable boutique hotel steps from all reunion events. 15% group discount available for reunion participants. Mention the Levasseur · Vassaur Reunion when booking.</p> <p><i>6 Rue de la Porte</i> <i>Quebec City, QC</i></p>
Auberge Saint-Antoine ★★★★★	<p>Where Cheryl & Dan stay. Built on archaeological layers of New France — artifacts in every corridor. Relais & Châteaux · Two Michelin Keys.</p> <p><i>8 Rue Saint-Antoine</i></p>
Hôtel Champlain Vieux-Québec 4.4 ★	<p>Mid-range, budget-friendly. Steps from Château Frontenac. Breakfast buffet included.</p> <p><i>115 Rue Sainte-Anne</i></p>
Hôtel du Vieux-Québec 4.8 ★	<p>Boutique hotel on Rue Saint-Jean. Breakfast basket delivered to your door.</p> <p><i>1190 Rue Saint-Jean</i></p>

BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW!

Quebec City in early October is one of the most popular travel weekends in Eastern Canada — peak fall foliage brings visitors from across North America. The Château Frontenac room block is limited to 8–10 rooms per night and will go quickly. To secure the group rate at the Château Frontenac or the 15% discount at Manoir Vieux-Québec, contact cheryl@levasseur.org · levasseur.org · vassaur.org

Weather & What to Pack

Quebec City in early October is spectacular — peak fall foliage and crisp autumn air.

Daytime	~11°C / 52°F Comfortable for walking with a jacket. October light is golden and beautiful.
Evenings	~2°C / 36°F Bring a warm coat, scarf, and layers for the Dufferin Terrace and evening events.
Footwear	Comfortable walking shoes Quebec City is hilly — cobblestones in Petit Champlain, stairs between Upper and Lower Town.
Rain	Pack a small umbrella October can bring rain showers — a compact umbrella fits easily in a day bag.

Getting Around

All reunion events are within walking distance in Old Quebec. The Château Frontenac (Upper Town) and Auberge Saint-Antoine (Lower Town) are at different elevations — the funicular connects them beautifully and is a wonderful experience.

On Saturday morning, a chartered bus will take the group directly from Quebec City to Parc Etchemin in Lévis for the inauguration of the Laurent Levasseur monument. Meeting point to be confirmed. Uber operates throughout Quebec City — we recommend downloading the app before you arrive.

Registration & RSVP

Please register at levasseur.org/2026 or contact cheryl@levasseur.org. RSVP deadline: **June 15, 2026**. Final headcount is needed to confirm all venue reservations.

REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Le Grand Retour (full weekend) · \$150 CAD / ~\$110 USD | *La Fête des Ancêtres (Saturday gala only)* · \$60 CAD / ~\$44 USD | *Le Bienvenu (Friday reception + tour)* · Complimentary if sponsored | *Les Voyageurs Virtuels (YouTube live stream)* · Free

Key Contacts

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Association website

Family database, newsletters, and reunion updates

levasseur.org

Extending Your Stay — Optional

If you are able to stay beyond Sunday, the greater Quebec City region has much more to explore at your own pace.

Île d'Orléans	Full day trip — highly recommended The island where many Levasseur descendants settled. Farm stands, historic churches, cider houses, and some of the finest fall foliage in Québec. A beautiful day on your own or with family members staying longer.
Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré	Half or full day The great shrine and pilgrimage site, 30 minutes east of Quebec City. Levasseur woodwork is found in churches from here to Saint-Jean-Port-Joli — a journey for dedicated family historians.
Côte-de-Beaupré	Scenic drive Drive the historic Avenue Royale, the oldest road in North America, lined with 17th and 18th century farmhouses and parish churches where Levasseur descendants worshipped for generations.

CANADIAN THANKSGIVING

Canadian Thanksgiving falls the weekend of October 12 — the week after our reunion. If you are driving through Québec or Ontario on your way home, you may wish to time your journey to enjoy the celebrations.

Du mieux que je puis · The best that I can.

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