

The Charlevoix Touring Train

Travelling 140 km from Quebec City to La Malbaie with 85 km of incomparable riverside scenery, the Charlevoix Touring Train is an original eco-friendly experience developed to increase accessibility to Le Massif de Charlevoix's different environments. Showcasing exceptional river and landscapes along a 3hr30min panoramic route, the train offers scheduled stops at both the base of the mountain in Petite-Rivière-Saint-François and at The Farm in Baie-Saint-Paul, while contributing to the revitalization of coastal villages in both Côte-de-Beaupré and Charlevoix.

Beyond travel: The Setting. When passengers climb aboard this train, they soon fall into synergy with the scenery. As the journey and nature gently unfurl, time and again outdoor elements meld into the traveller's auditory and visual experiences. Eight railcars accommodate up to 550 passengers, and as the journey and seasons advance, specific car configurations, installations, textures and decors evolve in line with group and corporate requests.

Advocating material re-use, the train consists entirely of restored cars transformed into genuine panoramic vehicles that place travellers before the beauty of the landscape, heightening their awareness of this rich natural environment and its preservation.

With regular departures from June to October and December to April, the touring train is a superior transportation service complete with assorted plans and packages tailored for individual or group travel, and private charters on request.

The Rail Shuttle: A New Mode of Public Transportation

Championing intermodal travel across the entire Massif de Charlevoix territory, twin rail shuttles accommodating 150 passengers establish a daily link between the base of the mountain in Petite-Rivière-Saint-François, and The Farm in Baie-Saint-Paul. Operating year-round, this new service is extended to vacationers and locals alike, and promotes a reduction in automobile transit and pollutants affecting the biosphere, in a positive gesture towards sustainable development.

Charlevoix: Back on Track

Property of *Train touristique de Charlevoix*, the new touring train and rail shuttles renew the rail offer for travellers on the Quebec City – Charlevoix corridor. In 1984 and 1985 its predecessor, *Le Tortillard du Saint-Laurent*, transited between Quebec City and Pointe-au-Pic. It was briefly in service in 1995 and finally ceased operations in 1996. In January 2009, Groupe Le Massif acquired Chemin de fer de Charlevoix, a 144 km section of track from Quebec City to Clermont. In preparation for its Rail Shuttle and Train Launch, *Le Train touristique de Charlevoix*, a subsidiary of Groupe Le Massif Inc., is currently focused on line rehabilitation for increased load capacity, safety, comfort and speed.

Fact Sheet

- A 140 km shoreline rail cruise between Quebec City and La Malbaie
- Two RS-18 locomotives
- Eight double-decker *Pullman Standard* railcars
- Overall capacity: 550 passengers
- Design team: Morelli Designers
- Operated by: *Train touristique de Charlevoix*

On-Board Services & Activities

- Gastronomic dining and bar
- Association and corporate group packages
- Packages for business meetings and conventions
- Audio-visual system
- Multimedia entertainment

On-Territory Special Infrastructures & Installations

- **Three train stations:**
 - Gare de la Grande-Pointe Train Station, in Petite-Rivière-Saint-François (base of Mountain)
 - Gare du Village Train Station, in Petite-Rivière-Saint-François
 - Gare de la Ferme Train Station, in Baie-Saint-Paul
- **Two ticket offices:**
 - At the base of The Mountain, in Petite-Rivière-Saint-François
 - At The Farm, in Baie-Saint-Paul

Off-Territory Infrastructures

- Train station and ticket office at Gare du Palais, in Québec City