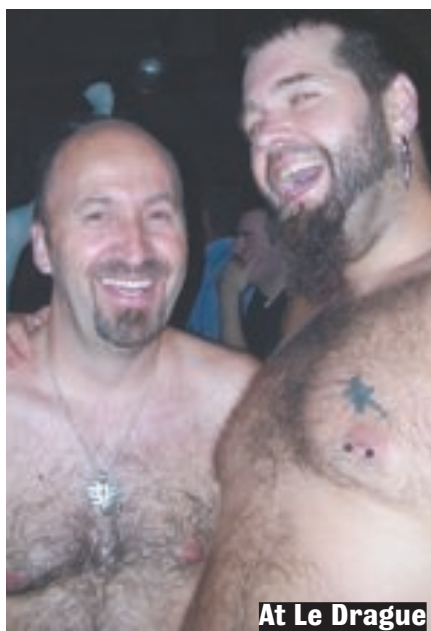




At Le Dragage



Guy & Pat at Le Dragage



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Sylvain – Staff at Le Dragage

QUEBEC CITY

With its narrow cobblestone streets, old city walls, and friendly gay scene, Quebec City conjures the magic.

Dann Carty

As soon as you arrive in the charming area known as “Old Quebec,” you’ll realize this is like no place in North America. Of course locals speak predominantly French, and join them if you can, but they are happy to converse in English, too. You don’t really need an excuse to drink in the ambiance here, but Quebec City hosts frequent special events, like the Festival d’Été (Summer Festival – Infofestival.com), the amazing Fête du Faubourg in July (Compop.net/fetedufaubourg), as well as the famous Carnaval de Quebec in February (Carnaval.qc.ca).

You’ll find the city’s gay scene along portions of quaint rue St-Jean, a street full of various bars, cafes and boutiques just outside the walls of the Old City.

Most notable is **Le Dragage** (corner St-

Augustin and St-Joachim), especially during terrace season. It’s fun anytime, but if you’re in town on a Thursday or Sunday check the live drag action on-stage in the tavern section of the complex. In addition to the main floor cabaret with two bars, there’s a downstairs dance club, open Thursday through Sunday, and the steamy **Base III** leather bar, for men. There is lots to explore in Base III including the very cruisy main washroom. It features a large bathtub in the middle of the room surrounded by tall, hung mannequins. Trust me, you’ll never look at pissing the same again. Click to Ledrague.com for a view of this big bar’s busy calendar.

You can find stripper action a little out of town, at the mysterious **Gai Serpentin** (101 boulevard du Pont, St. Nicolas). It’s situated on the Montreal side of *le vieux pont de Québec* (the old Quebec City

QUEBEC CITY

CLUBS & RESTAURANTS

- 12) Le Drague**
815 rue St-Augustin
- 1) Le Grand Mechant Loup**
585 rue St-Jean
(418) 524-7832
- 10) Le Hobbit**
700 rue St-Jean

OTHER

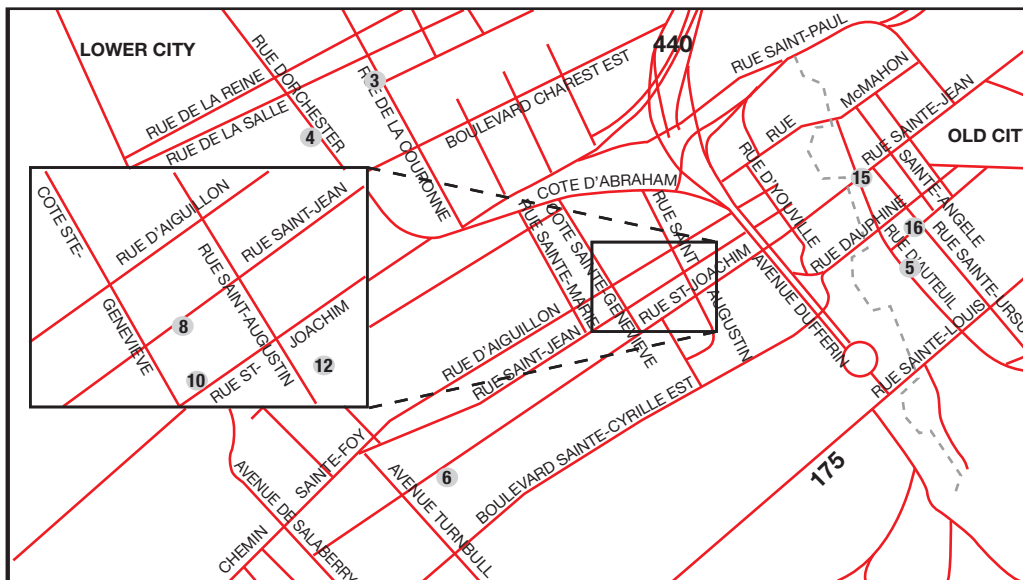
- 6) Empire Lyon**
225A rue St-Jean
(418) 648-2301

GUESTHOUSES

- 4) Le 253 B & B**
253 rue de la Reine
(418) 647-0590
- 8) Le 727**
Chambres et Pension
727 rue D'Aiguillon
(418) 523-7705
- 5) The Coach House**
(418) 261-6610
- 16) Le Coureur des Bois**
15 rue Ste-Ursule
(418) 692-1117

SAUNAS

- 3) Sauna Backboys**
264 boulevard de la Couronne
- 6) Sauna Bloc 225**
225 rue St-Jean
(418) 523-2562
- 15) Sauna Hippocampe**
31 rue McMahon
(418) 692-1521



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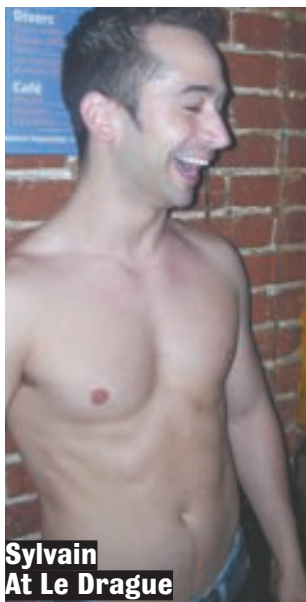
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The Guide



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Andre & Jean-Marc,
Hosts at Le Coureur des Bois



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Guests at Le Coureur des Bois



LE DRAGUE
CABARET CLUB 1997

815, rue St-Augustin, Québec Qc. 418.649.7212

- **Discothèque**
jeudi - vendredi - samedi - dimanche
- **Drag Queen show**
jeudi - vendredi - dimanche
- **Danse country**
lundi
- **Ligue d'improvisation**
mardi
- **Karaoke**
mercredi
- Connexion sans fil à Internet



BASE III

● Pour hommes

www.ledrage.com

Bridge), with a girly bar called Le Sans Limite, and a boys side, the Gai Serpentin, where the guys dance three nights, Thursday though Saturday.

Also when in town, visit neighborhood-style pubs **Bar 889** (889 cote Ste-Genevieve) and **Taverne 321** (321 rue de la Couronne).

Among the saunas you'll find a friendly reception at **Sauna Hippocampe** (31 rue McMahon), located in an historic stone house within the walls of *le vieux Québec* (the Old City). It's among the finest saunas in the world, with a darkened labyrinth, a free sun booth, in addition to the usual sauna services. In recent years they've expanded their room offerings – visitors may choose between a simple *chambrette* or larger hotel-style, double bed rooms, some of which come with private bath. Hotel guests have in-and-out privileges and free internet access.

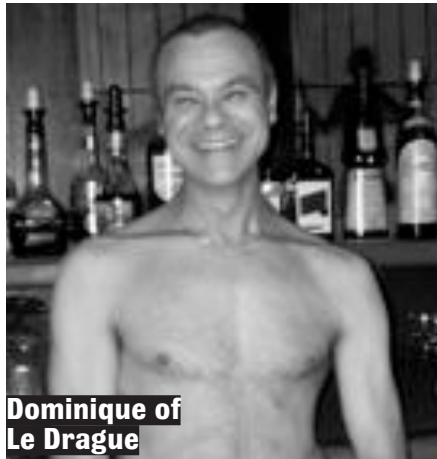
The active **Sauna Bloc 225** (225 rue St-Jean) is another sure bet for lovers of steaminess. There's plenty of coming and going her in this renovated Victorian-era building, with facilities over three floors. Check out the unique sky-lit four-level atrium. Neighbors within the complex include **Empire Lyon** (225-A rue St-Jean), with its fine selection of videos, party wear, sex toys, and aromas; and **ForHom** (225 rue St-Jean), a men's social club a with bar.

The elegant-looking **Sauna Backboys** (264 de la Couronne, downtown) offers the works, including sauna, steam, whirlpool, lockers and rooms, plus an upstairs labyrinth. There's a snack bar, video lounge, and even a fireplace on the main floor. There's also parking on premises.

Cafe Le Hobbit (700 rue St-Jean) is great for coffee, croissants, and conversation. Cool music, a warm ambiance, an expanded bar, and an appealing, affordable lunch and dinner menu, make it a great stop any time of day.

Accommodations

At **Le Coureur des Bois** (15 rue Ste-Ursule) you'll find modern rooms inside an historic stone house inside the walls of the Old City. The atmosphere is comfortable and friendly, and your hosts Jean-Marc and Andre provide a fantastic breakfast each morning. The house is close to rue Ste-Jean, so shops, bars, restaurants and tourists



Dominique of
Le Dragage



Denis, Guest
from Paris,
Le Coureur
des Bois



Securite -
Le Dragage



Bar 889



Bar 889



At Le Dragage



Sylvain of Le Drague



Dreamgirls at Le Drague



At Empire Lyon



Drag at Le Drague



At Le Drague



Rue St Jean



Hot Men

sites are minutes away. They also have wi-fi and a wonderful terrace to enjoy in good weather. Catch some rays or sip a cocktail on the several levels of decking in the back.

Also within the Old City is the **Coach House** (418-261-6610), also known as **La Maison du Cocher** – another stone-walled edifice where guests live in huge apartments with modern kitchens and access to outdoor decks and hanging gardens. They're among the nicest apartments I've seen in my travels.

Le 727 (27 rue D'Aiguillon; 418-648-6766) is an old favorite, and laid-back owners Louis and Gerald make this great house an even more appealing place. They've presided over ongoing improvements, like the modernized guest breakfast area and the adjoining main floor patio deck, as well as a second floor sun deck. Rounding out the list is the modest **Le 253** (253 rue de la Reine; 418-647-0590), located downtown within easy walking distance of Sauna Backboys. This guesthouse, too, has changed over the past several years. There's a new main floor breakfast room and an expanded garden for guests.

Venture to the countryside for a breath of really fresh air! In the Laurentians, north of Montreal, the deep, dark woods shake hands with a manicured lawn at **Le Septentrion** (Leseptentrion.qc.ca). Visitors can make an easy getaway into the forest – but don't forget to leave a trail of crumbs! It's the province's only gay five-star rated inn, and it's super deluxe. Facilities include a swimming pool and a hot tub; and at least one guestroom is equipped with an in-room whirlpool. Les Chutes (waterfalls) de Ste-Marguerite du Lac Masson, in nearby Ste-Adele, are a major nearby tourist attraction.

To or from Quebec City, in Ottawa (an easy two-hour drive west of Montreal), the **Inn on Somerset** (282 Somerset Street, West Ottawa; 613-236-9309) offers a simple getaway – or a complete gay wedding package. Whether you want romp or rest, see for yourself if this inn's custom beds don't live up to their reputation as the best in the world! It's a distinction in which longtime host, George, takes special pride.

Quebec City will make you say "ooh la la!" and perhaps you'll wonder why you hadn't taken a trip to this beautiful city sooner. ▼


Street Performer

At Le Drague

Bathroom at Base III

La Fontaine De Tourny

Securite - Bar 889

Rue St Jean