

## NOTEBOOK

### Fayetteville plans Historic Hauntings

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** – Ghastly ghouls, bloody battles and legendary ghosts mark Historic Hauntings, the annual fall fundraiser produced by the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival in conjunction with the Gilbert Theater. Tour dates for the historic hayride will be Oct. 14-16 and 21-23. Tractors will depart at 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9 and 9:30 p.m.

Board the hayride at Liberty Point, 145 Person St., and prepare to explore downtown Fayetteville's eerie past. The hour-long tour features ghostly re-enactors and storytellers highlighting the history of Fayetteville and the spooky legends of its past. The hayride is for passengers of all ages.

After the winding through downtown, the tour will return to the boarding site to join in the fun at the Boo and Brew Patio Party, featuring a costume contest, live entertainment and fun for everyone each night.

Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance by calling (910) 323-1934 or at [www.FayDogwoodFestival.com](http://www.FayDogwoodFestival.com).

### Travel offers, specials on Travel Directory

Travel promotions and special offers are summarized on a new page on [www.gogo-info.com](http://www.gogo-info.com)

Users of the travel directory scan the travel specials for bargains and deals and click to get details from the service providers.

Tour operators, hotels, resorts, attractions, airlines and other travel service providers from around the world announce promotions and special deals for travelers on the page.

The page is a useful complement to the directory pages of the site, used worldwide in planning business and leisure travel.

### Kure Beach offers autumn activities

**KURE BEACH, N.C.** – Fall has officially kicked off, and Kure Beach, N.C., continues to offer a combination of activities and special deals for visitors.

Throughout the fall, Kure Beach is the headquarters for visitors who come to attend many events in the area. It shares this barrier island, known as Pleasure Island, with Carolina Beach.

■ **On Oct. 10**, Kure Beach visitors can jam at the annual Pleasure Island Seafood, Blues & Jazz Festival. Music legend Leon Russell will headline the event and will be joined by other regionally- and nationally-recognized musicians. The festival will also feature a Kidz Zone and a Fine Arts Plaza, complete with crafts and wine tastings.

■ The family-oriented Pleasure Island Surf Fishing Challenge will take place **Oct. 15-17** and will give 250 surf anglers a chance to compete for more than \$12,000 in cash and prizes.

■ Kure Beach itself offers one of the most unique experiences built around Halloween. Children and their families can have a howling good time at the North Carolina Aquarium's Trick Or Treat Under The Sea event on **Oct. 27-28**.

### 'Legends In Concert' moving to new theater

**MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.** – The tribute artist production "Legends in Concert," headquartered in Las Vegas, Nev., announced that it has entered a long-term multi-dimensional partnership to become the resident headline entertainment attraction in the building adjacent to Planet Hollywood at Broadway at the Beach.

The show is scheduled to debut on March 11, 2011. Performances at "Legends In Concert's" theater in Surfside Beach ended Oct. 6.

"Legends in Concert" burst onto the Las Vegas stage nearly 30 years ago and continues to play to full houses nightly in Las Vegas.

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PHOTO BY ANN N. YUNGMEYER

Round barns are typical in the Eastern Townships, Quebec, Canada.

# Scenery, autumn colors accent Quebec's charm



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Quaint shops in the village of North Hatley, Quebec, invite browsing.



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A cyclist, Hal Yungmeyer, enjoys the Green Route, a bike trail that stretches across the province of Quebec in a combination of designated bike paths, converted railway lines and quiet country roads.



PHOTO BY STEPHANE LEMIRE

Converted railway lines offer excellent cycling opportunities in the Eastern Townships.

In Southern Appalachia, we have our share of scenic views and fall foliage. But travelers venturing to the northern reaches of the Appalachian range will find brilliant, colorful landscapes and the added attraction of a unique culture in the province of Quebec, Canada.



### TRAVEL NOTES

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Just north of Vermont, the region known as the Eastern Townships is touted as offering "New England charm with a Quebecois flair," hailing back to its 18th century settlers who were New England Loyalists and others who later came from Ireland, Great Britain and different parts of Quebec (New France).

This largely rural area of forest, fields and lakes is dotted with historic villages, steepled churches, dairy farms and apple orchards. Although much like New England in appearance, the area's French influence endures, evident in the language, lifestyle and cuisine. French is the primary language, but English is readily spoken.

The picturesque countryside makes the Eastern Townships a destination for enjoying the outdoors and vacation activities. Fall is a prime time for taking in the scenery along cycling and hiking paths that crisscross the region. In winter, the area is a mecca for skiing, snowshoeing and skating. Spring is sugaring season for maple syrup, and summer buzzes with festivals, water sports and golf.

### EXPLORING ON TWO WHEELS

Owing to Quebec's bike-friendly culture, extensive trails developed for urban use and touring provide a fun way for tourists to experience the area.

A popular cycling trail, the Green Route, crosses the entire province, and 140 miles of it pass through the Townships. The well-marked trail combines designated bike paths, converted railway lines and country roads, joining with other local cycling circuits. A new section of the route beginning in the town of Bromont now allows cyclists to cross the border into Vermont (don't forget your passport).

Rent a bike for a few hours or a few days in the town of Granby, one hour east of Montreal. It's a good starting point to explore the Townships with a convenient rental shop (Velo Gare) on the Green Route. Long stretches of smooth pavement make the trail ideal for cyclists of all skill levels and popular for rollerblading.

### PICTURE PERFECT VILLAGES

The architectural heritage of the early settlers leaves an eclectic mix of styles in the Eastern Townships. Plan a stop for lunch or an overnight stay in some of the quaint villages along the suggested driving route, the Townships Trail.

Bromont, best known for its ski mountain, has terraced cafes, shops and a chocolate museum on its main street. Nearby, on the shores of Lake Brome, Knowlton is a storybook village with stylish boutiques and galleries in Victorian-style clapboard buildings.

The town of Magog wraps around one end of a large lake that reaches south into Vermont. In addition to boating and lake activities, Magog features a linear park along the shoreline, lively with walkers, joggers and cyclists.

North Hatley, a hillside village on Lake Massawippi, has been a longtime retreat for well-to-do southerners from the U.S. and attracts many of the same families of past generations. Cyclists enjoy the converted railway path through the village and can ride to the nearby historic Caperton Copper mine, open for underground tours.

### WHAT? CANADIAN WINE?

The Townships are one of Canada's fastest growing wine producing regions with numerous wineries that invite tours and tasting. A published map of the Route des Vins (designated wine route) makes it easy to discover by car or bike.

Among the first wineries in Quebec, L'Orpailleur, founded in 1982, offers vineyard tours, tasting, a small museum and a fine restaurant. L'Orpailleur's collection includes remarkably good white wines and an ice wine, not surprisingly, a Quebec specialty thanks to long periods of freezing temperatures.

Visitors shouldn't miss a stop at Domaine Pinnacle and the chance to try something relatively novel – ice apple wine. The family-owned cidery created its first ice apple wine in 2000. Fermented from six varieties of frozen apples, the acclaimed beverage is described as tasting like "baked apple pie in a glass."

### EAT, SLEEP AND SPA

The Townships offer a tranquil retreat in lodging ranging from cozy bed and breakfasts to luxury spa resorts. Favorite boutique hotels that make a good base are Le St. Christophe in Granby and Auberge & Spa West Brome, where the excellent chef from France adds a flavor of Provence. Near Magog, the Manoir des Sables is a popular resort hotel, and the region boasts many renowned inns.

For simple meals, don't rule out a lakeside picnic with local cheeses, sausages and regional specialties. Maple products are the most famous specialty, and it is said that the best maple pie can be found at the general store in the tiny village of Frelighsburg, near the Vermont border.

To combine scenic views and perhaps the most memorable dining experience of all, take a ride on the Orford Express tourist train, leaving from the city of Sherbrooke in the heart of the Eastern Townships.

■ **For trip planning**, visit [www.eastertownships.org](http://www.eastertownships.org) or [www.bon-jourquebec.com/qc-en/accueil0.html](http://www.bon-jourquebec.com/qc-en/accueil0.html).

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