



Your guests
will delight in the
**wintertime
merriment**
that Canada's Capital
Region has to offer,
with a great range of
free activities!

Capital Infocentre ● Torch Relay ● Christmas Lights Across Canada
Taste of Winterlude ● Rideau Canal Skateway ● Winterlude
Gatineau Park and the Greenbelt ● Museums Passport

This winter...



CAPITAL INFOCENTRE

Start your visitors off on the right foot! The Capital Infocentre is the perfect starting point for any visit to Canada's Capital. Visitors will find a complete range of services and tools to help them make the most of their visit. During the winter, open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.

TORCH RELAY

On Saturday, December 12, starting at 5:30 pm, be part of history, along with thousands of Canadians gathered on Parliament Hill. Take in a unique evening of free activities, featuring internationally renowned artists like Gregory Charles and Tom Cochrane. The evening culminates with the arrival of the Olympic Torch and the illumination of the Christmas lights at 7 pm. Hot chocolate and BeaverTails® pastries will be offered from 5 pm to 8 pm. The evening promises to be a magical one, with fun and entertainment for the whole family



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ACROSS CANADA

From December 12 to January 7, brighten your visitors' stay in the Capital! Christmas Lights Across Canada livens up the winter with more than 300,000 lights, displayed at over 60 sites around the downtown core of the Capital Region. This year, the illumination ceremony is set to coincide with the arrival of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Flame, as the Olympic Torch Relay reaches the heart of Canada's Capital Region. On Parliament Hill, the evening of December 12 promises to be a magical one, bringing the brilliant symbol of Olympic spirit together with dazzling lights and entertainment for the whole family.



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TASTE OF WINTERLUDE

Come in from the cold, and warm up to Winterlude at some of Ottawa–Gatineau's top restaurants. During Taste of Winterlude, from January 28 to February 21, your guests can discover the many flavours of Canada's Capital Region. Encourage them to try an exclusive prix-fixe menu — value priced at \$25, \$35, \$45 or \$65 (excluding taxes and gratuities) — or a unique culinary experience. You'll find the list of participating restaurants and culinary experiences at Winterlude.gc.ca/taste.



WINTERLUDE

At various sites around the Capital Region, visitors can experience Canada's winter celebration! Three fun-filled weekends of excitement and activity await the whole family. From glittering ice carvings and majestic snow sculptures to a gigantic snow playground and the world's largest skating rink, Winterlude is a great way to take in the very best of our Canadian winter traditions. Visitors are guaranteed a great time at any one of Winterlude's ideally located three main sites: Jacques-Cartier Park, in Gatineau, and the Rideau Canal Skateway and Confederation Park, in Ottawa. Weekends, from February 5 to 21, 2010.

RIDEAU CANAL SKATEWAY

Make sure your guests get a chance to venture onto the Rideau Canal Skateway — the world's largest skating rink — now celebrating its 40th skating season. Each winter, residents and visitors of all ages enjoy the Skateway — on sled, on foot, and of course, on skates! Mark January 30 on your calendar: Hockey Day in Canada activities will take place on the Skateway, between the National Arts Centre and Concord Avenue. More details will follow. During Winterlude, the Rideau Canal Skateway is also the ideal place to see the Winterlude Triathlon, the Bedzzz Annual Bed Race, skating demonstrations, workshops and much more. For ice conditions, call 613-239-5234.



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GATINEAU PARK AND THE GREENBELT

Nature lovers are invited to experience the tranquility of nature, or enjoy any of a wide range of outdoor activities in Gatineau Park or the Greenbelt, in Ottawa. These protected natural areas are a great place for a winter adventure, just minutes from the downtown core. Your visitors can enjoy more than 300 kilometres of breathtaking trails, perfect for cross-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing and bird watching. Gatineau Park also offers hut-to-hut cross-country skiing, winter camping and snowshoeing under the stars. The Greenbelt provides hills for the young and young at heart to enjoy tobogganing. Your guests can discover all that winter in Canada's Capital Region has to offer with these internationally renowned outdoor winter destinations. Cross-country ski passes for Gatineau Park can now be purchased online at www.skigatineaupark.ca.



MUSEUMS PASSPORT

Are your visitors seeking shelter from the winter weather? Canada's Capital Museums Passport is the best way to explore Canadian culture, science, art, history, nature — and much more — in the Capital. For \$30 per individual or \$75 per family, your guests can visit nine uniquely Canadian museums in Ottawa-Gatineau at their own pace, and get a 20% discount on a performance at Canada's National Arts Centre.



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