

# Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu

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The Fairmont Manoir Richelieu is landmark of Charlevoix and has a commanding location overlooking the St Lawrence River.

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The impressive Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu is more than a hotel. It is part of the history and soul of La Malbaie, the centrepiece of a picturesque town on the St. Lawrence River in Charlevoix. As such, it is open to all comers at many price points.

The castle-like hotel is so immense and so regal that guests feel like royalty whether they have the golden purse of a king or the paltry money pouch of a common man. And although Charlevoix's marquee attractions like whale-watching cruises and golf are pricey, many of the pleasures of Le Manoir are free.

Imagine two couples with different styles and budgets: Mr. and Mrs. Tremblay, high-living gastronomes, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, a parsimonious pair who want to experience Charlevoix and not break the bank.

The Tremblays pooh-pooh the idea of arriving by helicopter at Le Manoir's landing pad. Instead they sweep into the grand circular driveway in their own luxury vehicle and hand it to the car valet, a \$20 a day expense. The Smiths park their car themselves for free and ride to the hotel in a horse-drawn carriage.

The Tremblays check into a posh suite on the exclusive Select Fifth Floor, accessible only with a special card key. Here, they find that Le Manoir has been updated with flat-screen televisions and espresso machines. They also enjoy a glorious view of the mountainous Charlevoix and the St.

