



Manoir Papineau
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Cultural Explorer

You seek constant opportunities to embrace, discover, and immerse yourself in the entire experience of the culture, people and settings of the places you visit. Not content to just visit historic sites and watch from the sidelines, you want to participate in the modern-day culture as well. You often attempt to converse with locals, attend local cultural festivals, or go off the beaten track to discover how people truly live.

While exploring Louis-Joseph Papineau's manor, you discover how closely this estate is related to the politician's personal history. As you marvel at the 'grand salon' (parlour), the mahogany furniture and the artwork, a guide tells you that this luxury was meant to impress Papineau's wife so she would agree to move to the countryside. Some things never change!

The 'Seigneurie de La Petite-Nation', explains the guide, mirrors the complex personality of its owner, who was well - educated and well-traveled. After years of exile in the United States and in France, Papineau was happy to go back to his roots in his Seigneurie. While strolling on the grounds, you see why Papineau's last refuge reflected his quest for an 'ideal estate.' Indeed, as you visit the outbuildings, you recognize both British, American and French influences in the blend of architectural styles.

Louis-Joseph Papineau himself purchased the estate from his father – who came from a modest background and was involved in politics during a period of great social change – and he also shared his father's love for nature. He designed the plans for the manor and the gardens, which were a testament to his social status. In 1860, Papineau's guests came from as far away as Quebec City and even Europe for stay at his manor!

In the funeral chapel, you learn about the link between the Papineau and the Bourassa families. A guide tells you stories about Papineau's famous relatives: a talented painter, a banker, a respected journalist, a military hero... They are all resting under your feet!

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For the **Cultural Explorer** we suggest...

Inside the Granary - This Gothic building hosts an exhibit about the 'Seigneurie de La Petite-Nation'. Did you know that the grain given by Papineau's tenant farmers was stored here?

Exploring the manor and the Seigneurie - Alone or in a small group, visit the manor, the gardens and the outbuildings. Thanks to photographs, compare past and present landscapes of the domain.

The garden Plan - Discover Papineau's passion for horticulture and ask a guide about the project to revive the historic gardens that this great man had designed. To learn more, the garden plan will show you the landscaping techniques that Louis-Joseph Papineau and his son Amédée carefully chose for the estate.

The funeral chapel - Meet the guide from the Louis-Joseph Papineau's Historical Society and learn about this influential public figure's extended family. How strange to think that many of Papineau's family members rest right below your feet!

