

47TH SESSION OF THE

Codex Committee on Food Labelling

15 - 19 May 2023

Palais des Congrès,
50 Maisonneuve Blvd., Gatineau, Quebec Canada
(National Capital Region)



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Information for Delegates



The 47th Session Overview



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THE 47TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING (CCFL47) WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN IN-PERSON, PHYSICAL MEETING FROM MAY 15 – 19, 2023, IN GATINEAU, QUEBEC, AT THE PALAIS DES CONGRÈS.

THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGEN LABELLING WILL BE HELD IN VIRTUAL MODE OVER ZOOM ON MAY 9 AND 10, 2023 FROM 15:00 – 18:00 EDT.



Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish during the meeting and for the Working Group on Food Allergen Labelling.

The Session will also be broadcast in listening mode in English, French and Spanish.

Gatineau is part
of Canada's
National Capital
Region with
Ottawa



ONLINE REGISTRATION

MEETING REGISTRATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONLINE THROUGH THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (ORS), AT [CCFL47](#) BY APRIL 14, 2023. DELEGATES ARE ALSO REMINDED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGEN LABELLING THROUGH THE ORS SYSTEM. THE WORKING GROUP WILL MEET VIRTUALLY ON MAY 9-10, 2023. ACCESS TO THE WORKING GROUP MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS.

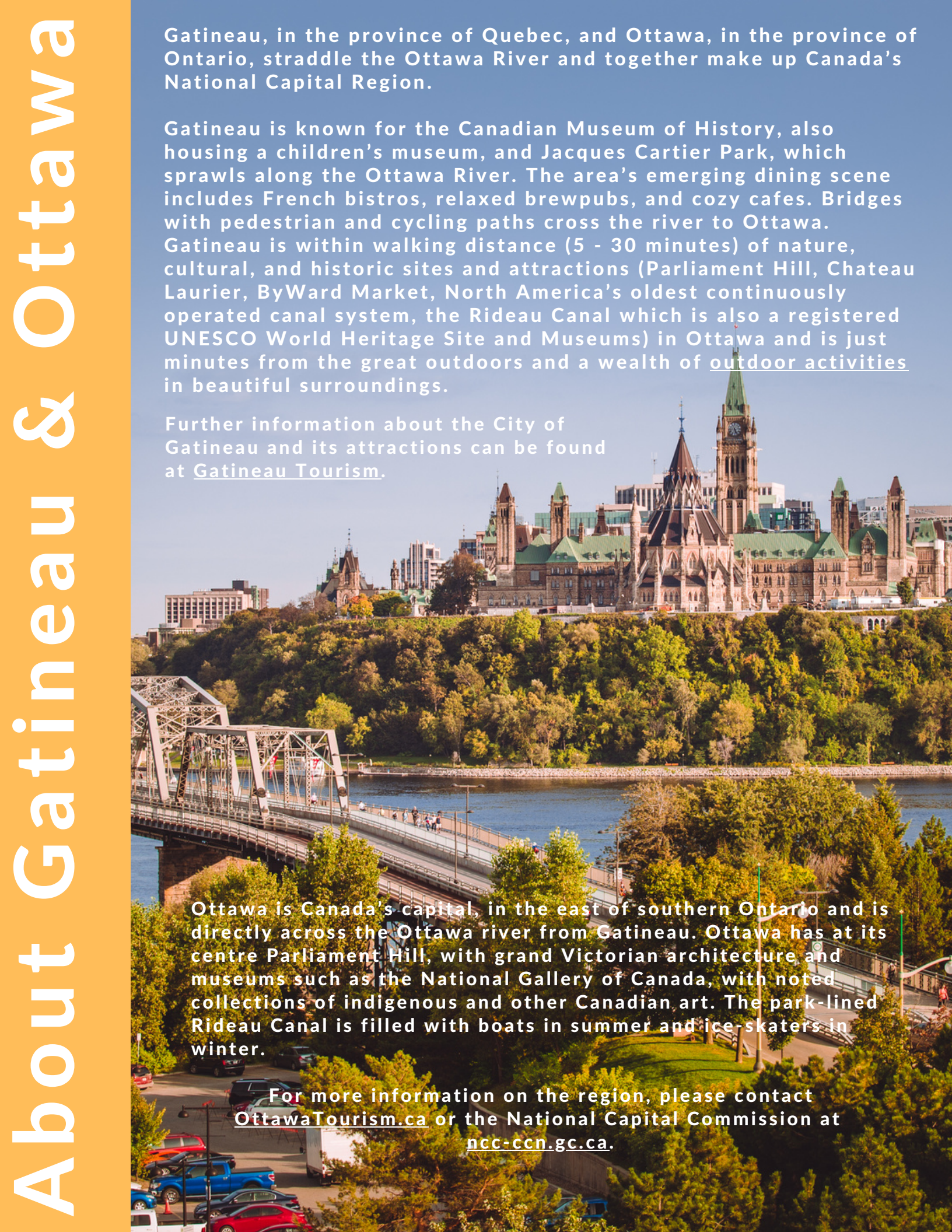
ONSITE REGISTRATION

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO PRESENT THEMSELVES ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE PALAIS DES CONGRÈS (ACCESSIBLE VIA PLACE DU CENTRE, GATINEAU, OR VIA RUE HOTEL DE VILLE, GATINEAU) TO REGISTER AND RETRIEVE THEIR PASSES, WHICH ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON-SITE. LOST PASSES SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE CANADIAN SECRETARIAT IN PERSON OR BY EMAIL AT CODEX_CANADA@HC-SC.GC.CA.

REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LOBBY OF THE 3RD FLOOR AT THE PALAIS DES CONGRÈS AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023, FROM 12:00 - 17:00 EDT
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023, FROM 08:00 - 12:00 EDT





About Gatineau & Ottawa

Gatineau, in the province of Quebec, and Ottawa, in the province of Ontario, straddle the Ottawa River and together make up Canada's National Capital Region.

Gatineau is known for the Canadian Museum of History, also housing a children's museum, and Jacques Cartier Park, which sprawls along the Ottawa River. The area's emerging dining scene includes French bistros, relaxed brewpubs, and cozy cafes. Bridges with pedestrian and cycling paths cross the river to Ottawa. Gatineau is within walking distance (5 - 30 minutes) of nature, cultural, and historic sites and attractions (Parliament Hill, Chateau Laurier, ByWard Market, North America's oldest continuously operated canal system, the Rideau Canal which is also a registered UNESCO World Heritage Site and Museums) in Ottawa and is just minutes from the great outdoors and a wealth of outdoor activities in beautiful surroundings.

Further information about the City of Gatineau and its attractions can be found at [Gatineau Tourism](#).

Ottawa is Canada's capital, in the east of southern Ontario and is directly across the Ottawa river from Gatineau. Ottawa has at its centre Parliament Hill, with grand Victorian architecture and museums such as the National Gallery of Canada, with noted collections of indigenous and other Canadian art. The park-lined Rideau Canal is filled with boats in summer and ice-skaters in winter.

For more information on the region, please contact [OttawaTourism.ca](#) or the National Capital Commission at [ncc-ccn.gc.ca](#).



Venue

Palais des Congrès, Room Deschenes (3rd floor)
50 Maisonneuve Blvd.
Gatineau, QC J8X 4H4



The 47th Session of Codex Committee on Food Labelling will be held at the Palais des Congrès which is centrally located in downtown Gatineau (Hull Section).

The Palais des Congrès is located in the central business area of Gatineau, surrounded by major attractions, and is within walking distance of the downtown Ottawa core. Hotels are available in both Ottawa and Gatineau, conveniently located near the Palais des Congrès.



WiFi at the Venue:

Access to the free Wi-Fi network will be made available at the time of registration

Sunday, May 14

12:00 - 5:00 p.m. EDT - Registration

Monday, May 15

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Plenary

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Lunch

1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Plenary

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Reception

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 16 & 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Plenary

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Lunch

1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Plenary

Thursday, May 18

All Day - No Plenary - Report Preparation Day

Friday, May 19

9:00 a.m. - Adoption of the report

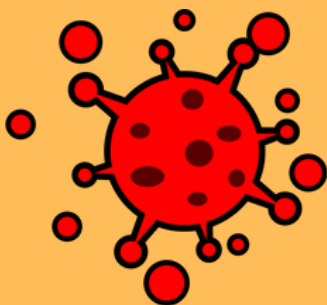
Visa Requirements



Most travellers need a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to, or transit through, a Canadian airport and it is the responsibility of the Delegate to determine if a visa or eTA is required to enter Canada. Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that delegates visit the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada website [[IRCC](#)] to determine the requirements and how to obtain a visa.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to submit their visa applications or Electronic Travel Authorizations (eTA) well in advance of the date of the event. Processing time for visa applications vary depending on the office and the time of the year. Please consult [IRCC Secure Network portal](#) to create an account to initiate the visa application if one is required.

The Canadian Secretariat is not responsible for any visa, travel, or accommodation arrangements. However, the CCFL Secretariat will provide a letter of invitation to visa-required delegates upon request. Please send requests for an invitation letter to the CCFL Secretariat by e-mail at Codex_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca.



COVID-19 Requirements

The meeting details are subject to any national COVID-19 requirements and obligations which may be valid at the time of the meeting (especially potential entry restrictions). Further information can be found at [COVID-19 information](#).



Language

The National Capital Region is bilingual – English and French. Both languages are widely spoken in this area.

Getting to and around Gatineau and Ottawa



Gatineau is serviced by the Ottawa Macdonald Cartier International Airport. International travellers are encouraged to ensure their flights land in Ottawa. The Ottawa International Airport serves Canada's National Capital Region (Ottawa and Gatineau) - and is a 20-minute drive to downtown Ottawa/Gatineau.

The Ottawa Train Station is the main inter-city train station, operated by Via Rail. Via Rail operates trains between Canadian cities. It is located 4 kilometres east of downtown Ottawa and adjacent to Tremblay O-Train station. The O-Train is Ottawa's light rail transit system within the city.



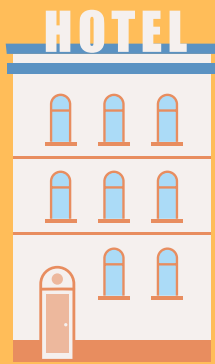
Taxis are available on Level 1 of the airport and can take you to and from the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport. Taxi rates from the airport to downtown are approximately \$37 - \$45 CAD.

Public Transportation - Get around safely and sustainably with Ottawa's transit system, OC Transpo. From Ottawa International Airport, bus route 97 will bring you to Ottawa downtown where you can access the main hubs including shopping centers, hotels, cultural attractions, heritage sites, and much more. The bus fare is \$3.75 CAD cash per ride and can be purchased from the ticket machine located on Level 1 of the airport or pay in cash (exact change) on the bus which will take to downtown Ottawa.



On the Gatineau side, the bus system is called STO - Société de transport de l'Outaouais and some buses cross into Ottawa. If your accommodation is in the Ottawa downtown area the STO bus #31 goes to the Palais des Congrès. However, STO buses will cross and stop at the Portage Building in Gatineau, which is within walking distance of the meeting venue. The bus fare is \$4.25 CAD cash per ride. Tickets purchased for OC Transpo buses and STO buses can be used on both services.

Hotel Accommodations



A list of hotels near the venue with preferred guestroom rates are provided below for your use. You are strongly encouraged to book your accommodations using a valid credit card as soon as possible to take advantage of the preferred rates. Hotel links are provided below for your convenience.

Please keep in mind that May is a busy time for tourism, therefore, accommodations may be limited. The locations of each of these hotels in relation to the venue can be seen on the map.

Hotel	Walking distance from venue	Hotel Webpage	Reservation Link	Deadline for Preferred Rates
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel 35 Laurier Street, Gatineau, Quebec	400m	www.Marriott.com -	[Booking link] -	Book by March 29, 2023
Best Western Plus Gatineau Ottawa Downtown 131 Rue Laurier Gatineau, Quebec	900m	www.bestwesterngatineau.ca -	[Booking link] -	Book by April 20, 2023
Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Downtown 361 Queen Street Ottawa, Ontario	1.4km	www.hilton.com -	[booking link] -	Book by April 3, 2023
Homewood Suites by Hilton 361 Queen Street Ottawa, Ontario	1.4km	www.hilton.com -	[booking link] -	Book by April 3, 2023
Holiday Inn Downtown 402 Queen St. Ottawa, Ontario	1.4km	Holiday Inn Downtown -	Booking Link -	Book by April 25, 2023
Les Suites Hotel 130 Besserer Street Ottawa, Ontario	2.8km	https://www.les-suites.com/ -	Code 32077 [booking link]	Book early
Sheraton Ottawa Hotel 150 Albert Street Ottawa, Ontario	2.2km	www.marriott.com -	[booking link] -	Book by April 2023
Arc Hotel 140 Slater Street Ottawa, Ontario	2.3km	www.arcthehotel.com -	[booking link] -	Book by April 20, 2023
Courtyard by Marriott Ottawa Downtown 350 Dalhousie Street Ottawa, Ontario	2.5km	www.marriott.com -	[Booking link] -	Book by March 29, 2023



The Canadian currency system uses Canadian dollars (\$, CAD) and cents (¢), Canadian banknotes or 'bills' are issued in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Canada has one and two-dollar coins, often called the "loonie" and the "toonie" respectively, in addition to 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢ coins. Most places accept debit and/or many of the major credit cards in the event purchases cannot be made using the currency. Up-to-date exchange rates can be found at: [Bank of Canada](#)

Taxes and tips

Purchases will generally include a total tax rate of 13% in Ottawa, Ontario and 14.975% in Gatineau, Quebec. There is also a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) of 4% per night in Ottawa or a Lodging Tax of 3.5% in Gatineau which will be included to your hotel bill.

Additionally, a 15-20% gratuity is customary for good service, for example at a restaurant, bar, hair salon, spa or taxi.



Climate

Gatineau/Ottawa has four distinct seasons: spring (March - June), summer (June - September), autumn (September - December) and winter (December - March)

The month of May averages a high of 19°C (66°F) and a low of 7°C (45°F), and a sweater, rain gear or jacket is recommended as temperatures can be unpredictable at this time of year.



Time Zones

Gatineau/Ottawa is in the Eastern Time (ET) Zone. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) is in effect in Canada from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November.



Voltage & Electricity

Canadian appliances operate on 120 volts (60Hz). A universal adaptor is required for overseas electrical devices. Main wall sockets (or power outlets) and plugs for 120 volts have either two parallel flat blades or two parallel flat blades with an additional ground prong either below or above the two parallel flat blades.



Emergency Services / Hospitals



Dial 911 for ambulance, fire, and police services in life-threatening situations, crimes in progress, or to report a fire in Ottawa. For other police services in Ottawa, call 613-236-1222 or dial '0' for an operator who will be able to direct you to the services required.

Canadian hospitals are publicly managed with costs for services set by provincial and hospital authorities. Hospital emergency rooms are open 24 hours for emergency care. Hospital care for non-residents of Canada is charged at a daily rate or calculated based on medical condition and length of stay. Charges vary across the country but range from \$1,000 - \$3,000 a day. For a list of hospitals in the Ottawa area, please consult the following link:
<https://www.ottawahospital.on.ca/>.

You may also contact Health Connect Ontario at Live Chat; it is a free and confidential live chat service which puts you in contact with a nurse in case of a non-urgent health issue.

Ottawa also has walk-in clinics where non-emergency treatment or consultation is available without an appointment. Costs vary by clinic and the type of medical attention required. Please consult the following link [Walk in clinics] to find walk-in clinics in the city.





Hotels in and around Palais des Congrès:

Hotels

- 1 Four Points Sheraton
- 2 Best Western Plus Gatineau-Ottawa Downtown
- 3 Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Downtown
- 4 Homewood Suites
- 5 Holiday Inn Downtown
- 6 Les Suites Hotel
- 7 Sheraton Ottawa
- 8 Arc Hotel
- 9 Courtyard by Marriott Ottawa Downtown

Palais du Congres

- Palais des Congrès de Gatineau



Restaurants near Palais des Congrès

Palais du Congres

- Palais des Congrès de Gatineau

Restaurants

- 1 Le Troquet
- 2 Place du Centre Food Court
- 3 Bien Manger Restaurant
- 4 L'Ardoise
- 5 Sham Restaurant - Shawarma & BBQ Grill
- 6 Le 138 Restaurant
- 7 Pizza Hut Gatineau
- 8 Le Deli
- 9 La Joie Shawarma

Local Attractions / Events

Rideau Canal - UNESCO World Heritage Site

Canadian Tulip Festival - May 12-22, 2023

Canadian Museum of History

Canadian Museum of Nature

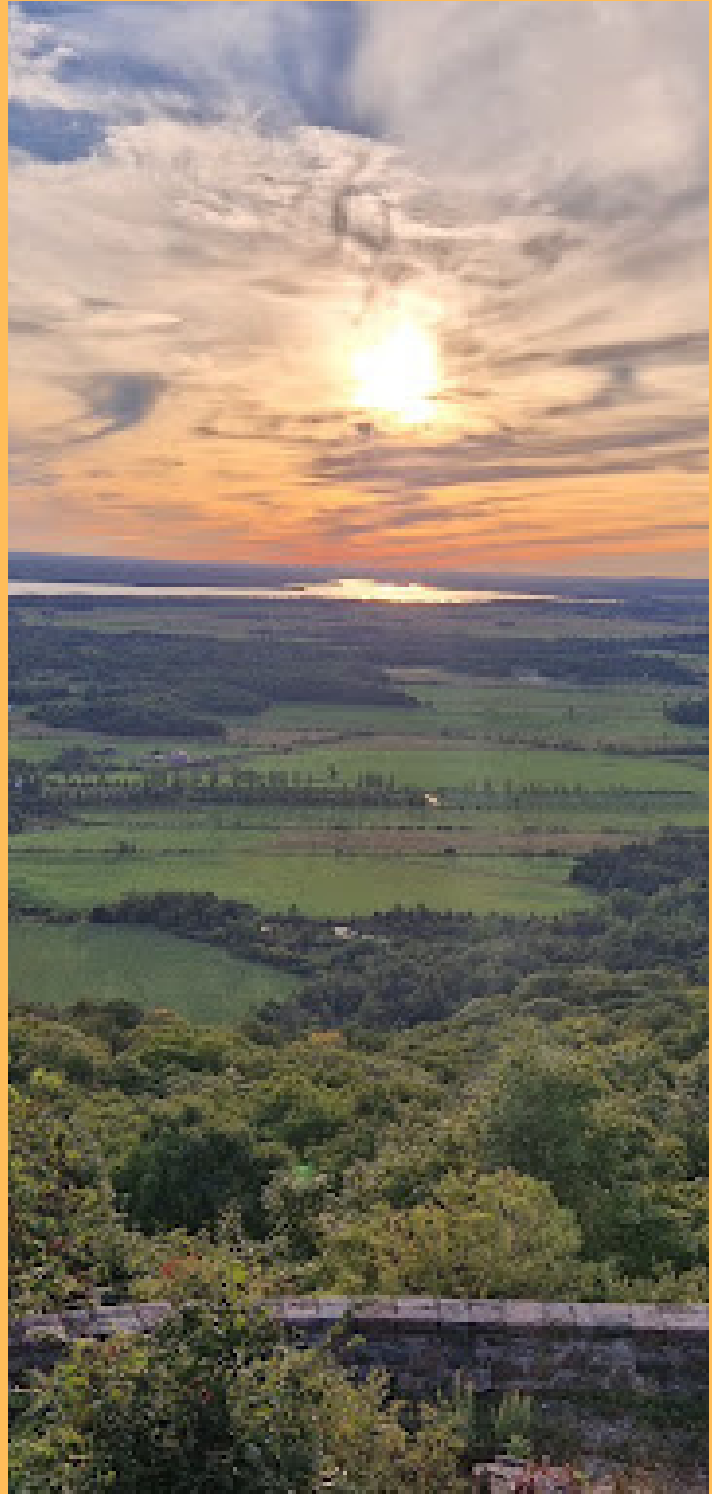
Royal Canadian Mint

National Gallery of Canada

ByWard Market

Gatineau Park

Jacques-Cartier Park



We look forward to seeing you!

CCFL Secretariat



For any additional information regarding the 47th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling at please contact the CCFL Secretariat at codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca.

