



# 10 Days of paddling down the Bazin River

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# **Description**

You don't need to be an extreme sports athlete or an adrenaline junkie to come and enjoy the thrills and freedom that white-water paddling through the heart of Quebec's wilderness can provide. Our certified guides, top-notch logistics and tip-top gear will ensure you have the ideal conditions to reconnect with nature, focus on the simpler things and rediscover a means of exploration that is so deeply etched into the history of this country. To really honor this unique way of traveling we'll use pretty unique way of getting there. We board the train in Montréal and meander our way some 350 km north, through the boreal forest, to reach our put in on the Bazin River just south of the town of Parent. The Bazin River stretches, 124 km from its headwaters on whitebear lake down to its mainstem, the Gatineau river and we will make sure you have the best possible time exploring every single one of them. A unique opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, be fully immersed in nature, master something new and just go with the flow.

# **Highlights**

- 10 Days of living at the river's pace, completely immersed and at one with nature
- Certified guides that live to share their passion and knowledge about a sport and an environment that they love
- The gradually increasing level of difficulty of the river that allows you to progress, learn and master new skills
- An eco-responsible tour using public transportation and a nonmotorized means of exploration
- A truly Canadian experience
- Explore Quebec program: applicable only for resident of province of Quebec, 25% off the posted price

## **Itinerary**

Day 0: Pre-trip meeting and preparation day

Prior to day one, all participants must be present for a pre-trip meeting where you will be fitted for life jackets and helmets and given a 60L water-tight barrel in which to put your gear and some group equipment. During this meeting, your guide will be able to answer all your questions about what to bring and what not to bring and how to pack it. It will also be the time to make sure that you have everything you need to make your trip a success.



Not included (optional)

#### Day 1: Departure by train to Parent

Meet up with your crew at Montreal's Central Station to board the train taking you to Parent, a small community founded 1910, 400 km north of Montreal. This will be where we put-in and trade the train for our canoes. During the train journey, your main luggage (your barrel) will be stored away in the luggage cart, but you are allowed a carry-on to keep a book, a change of clothes or a snack handy. Arriving in Parent at the end of the day we'll unload our boats and the rest of our gear on the side of the tracks and make our way to our first night's campground. If time allows it, your guide will start going over the basic rules that apply to your new means of transportation. After getting to know each other around a delicious campfire dinner, we tuck-in early saving our energy for the adventures to come.



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Approx. 8 h 00



L, D

Day 2: First day on the river

Today, your guide will take the time to teach you all the basic paddling strokes you'll need to master in order to conquer the many white-water sections of the Bazin River. After a full day of practice and instructions, you will

be racer ready and confident to start making your way down river.



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B, L, D

Day 3 to 10: Descent of the Bazin River!

The next 8 days will be set to nature's, and the river's pace. Assessing the group's strength, your guide will decide the number of km per day according to river difficulties. Some days will be longer than others as we will need to reach designated campgrounds along our descent. Some days will be filled with heart-pounding excitement as you conquer the roaring waters of the Bazin river and learn to maneuver your canoe down class II and III rapids. And, some days will lazily pass by as we drift downriver on the lookout for local wildlife and fishing for our dinner. We are hoping that each day of your trip will have its own unique feel and great memories, but we want you to know that every day will require your contribution and collaboration for this to be a success. You will need to help in the setting up and setting down of each night's campground and will be asked to help with the preparations of meals. Make no mistake about it, this is participatory camping, but the collegiality we'll develop during the trip will be well worth it. A typical day will see us covering anywhere from 10 to 15 km and will always start with a briefing from your guide letting you know what to expect in the KMs to come. Throughout the trip, your guide will help you hone your camping skills and let you in on all the best practices to be at one and commune with your environment.



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Approx 15 km per day - 5 h 00



B, L, D

Day 11: Last day on the river

Today will be our last day on the river. After reaching our final night's campground we'll need to clean up all our gear and get ourselves ready for tomorrow's pick-up and transfer back to the big city. We'll enjoy one last group dinner in the wilderness reminiscing about our incredible adventure.



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B, L, D

Day 12 : Back to Montreal

Our ride back to Montreal should pick us up around mid-morning and have us back in Montréal just before dinner time. We'll stop along the way to stretch our legs and grab a bite to eat. Once back in Montréal we invite you to enjoy the city and a last meal with your fellow travelers and guide.



Not included (optional)





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#### Note:

B = breakfast

L = lunch

D = diner

### **Itinerary note:**

The guide reserves the right to modify the itinerary for the group's safety depending on the weather and general operating conditions.

## **Dates & prices**

21 July - 3 August 2022
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Guided in french

4 August - 17 August 2022
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Guided in english

All our prices are on double occupancy basis. Please contact us regarding the single, triple or quadruple rates.

### **Inclusive**

- Accommodation: 11 nights wilderness camping, double occupancy (tent)
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, lunchs and dinners along the river
- Transfer by train from Montreal
- Transportation in a minivan with canoe trailer back to Montreal
- Certified and experience canoe & camping Guide (1 guide for 6 participants, second guide from 7 participants)
- Camping and cooking equipment
- Canoe rental with equipments (2 people per canoe)
- Group from 4 to 12 participants
- FICAV contribution (compensation fund for customers of travel agents 0 \$ / 1000 \$)

### Non inclusive

- Travel and medical insurance
- Air transportation
- Meet & greet and airport transfer
- Pre and post nights

- Sleeping bag, pillow and towel
- Meals not mentioned in the section included
- Optional activities
- Guide(s) tips
- Goods and Services Tax (5%) + Quebec Sales Tax (9.975%)

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