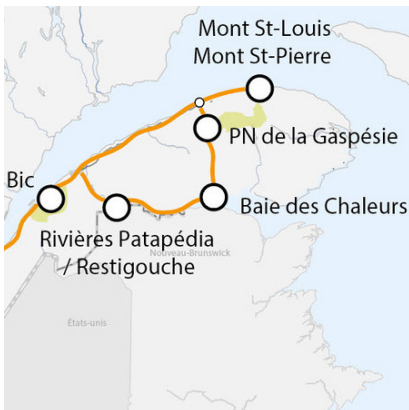




Gaspésie, where the mountains meet the sea

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Description

Derived from the Mi'kmaq word gespeg meaning land's end, the Gaspé Peninsula is the place where the Chic-Chocs mountains and salmon filled rivers meet the sea. With a history influenced by the Mi'kmaq, the basque and Breton fishermen, the French, the English, and the Acadians who have all left traces of their passage, the area not only boast a rich cultural heritage and charming accents but some of the best hiking possibilities in Eastern Canada. In a unique environment that takes you for forested slopes to barren alpine plateaus home to herds of woodland caribous we will tackle a few of the more challenging and rewarding hikes of the area. With our fill of mountains, we will head to the valleys and enjoy world class salmon rivers on a 3-night canoe trip gently taking us down the Patapedia and Restigouche rivers. Join us on this epic exploration of one of Quebec's most enchanting playground for the perfect surf and turf adventure.

Highlights

- The variety of the landscapes we explore, from marine ecosystems to thick boreal forest all the way to the alpine tundra environment - this trip has it all.
- Hiking some of the Chic-Chocs most challenging trails
- A 3-day float trip down world class salmon rivers
- A wildlife safari with chances of seeing seals, moose, black bears, caribous and even whales
- Explore Quebec program : applicable only for resident of province of Quebec, 25% off the posted price

Itinerary

Day 01 : Quebec to Parc du Bic

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby at 8:00 a.m. After an introductory briefing we leave Quebec to reach Bic National Parc. A 33 km² stretch of land that protects an area known for its large population of harbor and gray seals. For our first hike we get the chance to explore this diverse coastal environment, on a 8.7 km stroll along the little inlets, bays and coves and tide permitting, enjoy the sunset over mighty Saint-Lawrence. Night at the hotel.

Hike

Grand tour trail

8.7 km, 3 h 00 – low tide only



Hotel***



295km – 3 h 00



L, D

Day 02 : Parc du Bic to Gaspésie National Park

This morning we follow the Saint-Lawrence to reach the Chic-Chocs in Gaspésie National Park. After a lunch in local seafood hotspot, we head out for 7 km hike to the top of the Weeping Inlet Mountain. The trail offers extensive views over the Saint-Lawrence with the charming little villages nestled between the mountains and the sea. After our hike we head deeper into the parc to reach our campground for the night. Your guide will be there to assist you and to help coordinate the preparation of our dinner.

Hike

Mont St-Louis to Mt St-Pierre trail

10 km, 400m, 3 h 00



Camping with service



230 km – 2 h 30



B, L, D

Day 03 : Mount Jacques-Cartier traverse

We leave camp early this morning to tackle a 17 km traverse from the base of Mt Jacques-Cartier all the way to the lake of the Americans. After a short bus ride, we ascend the east face of Mount Jacques-Cartier to reach the summit of the highest mountain of mainland Quebec. From there we travel west along vast alpine plateaus to reach Mount Comte and Mount Xalibu from where a steep descent takes us back to Lake of the Americans. Depending on our elevation, chances of seeing moose or caribou are more than decent. The trail is rocky with forested sections, but a large portion of the trail is in an alpine environment with little to no shelter from the elements. A rugged and exposed traverse that is well worth every effort.

Hike


Mount Jacques-Cartier to Lake of the Americans trail

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17km, 500m, 5 h 00

 Ready-to-camp (triple occupancy)

 120 km - 2 h 00 (round trip)

 B, L, D

Day 04 : Mount Vallière-de-Saint-Réal ridge


Today we explore a much lesser-known area of the park on the Mount Vallière-de-Saint-Real ridge trail. This 12 km hike offers stunning view of Mount Jacques Cartier and Mount Albert on an exceptionally long ridge line. Steep and wooded at the start the trail gives way to stunning alpine terrain. A large section of the trail doesn't offer shelter and one must be equipped to face the winds and rapid weather changes. Returning to our starting point in the late afternoon we transfer to our wilderness hut for the night.

Hike

Mount Vallières-de-Saint-Real trail

12 km, 535 m, 4 to 5 hours

 Ready-to-camp (triple occupancy)

 120 km - 2 h 00 (round trip)

 B, L, D

Day 05 : Mount Albert Plateau

This morning we ascend over 300 m to reach the massive 14 km² plateau of Mount Albert. Being some of the oldest mountains on earth erosion has run its course here and left us with this huge alpine plateau home to woodland caribous and some very interesting rock formations called serpentine. This 17 km loop trail lets you explore this incredible environment at the expense of roots riddled ascent and a knee-buckling boulder filled descent. Meals : B, L

Hike

Mont Albert trail

17 km, 535 m, 4 to 5 hours

 Ready-to-camp (triple occupancy)

 B, L, D

Day 06 : Transfer to Baie des Chaleurs


Today we head south and follow the Cascapedia river back to the see. We stop on the way to hike along the river and explore the quaint seaside town of Maria. We push further up the bay to reach Carleton where we enjoy a lunch in a local microbrewery. This afternoon we have the option of taking part in a 2 h 00 sailing excursion to discover the bay with some of the highest tides in the world. Night in a hotel in Carleton .

Hike

River side trail

3 km, 50 m, 1 h 00


 Hotel***

 130 km – 2 h 00

 B, L

Day 07 : Carleton-sur-Mer

Enjoy a full day to explore the area. Many hikes to choose from both in the areas of Maria and Carleton-sur-Mer. Hiking along the coast or exploring the seaside shops. Evening free to enjoy the night life.

 Hotel***

 B, L


Day 08 & 09 : CANOE TRIP EXTENSION FOR JULY 12th DEPARTURE ONLY – Paddling the Patapedia and Restigouche rivers


For those on our August departure, you are traveling back to Quebec City and this is the last day of your trip. For those on our July departure, you continue our adventure on a 3 days canoe trip! We transfer to Matapedia to board our canoe and start our paddling expedition. For the next two days we'll go at the river's pace and enjoy salmon viewing and thrilling white water. We can do up to 30 km per day having our picnics on the shore and setting up camp every night.

Canoe

Canoe on Matapédia

Up to 30km per day

 Canoe camping


 50 km – 45 minutes

 B, L, D

Day 10 : Paddling the Patapedia transfer to Causapscale

This is our last morning on the river. We take the time to cleanly take down camp one last time before heading to our take out. From there we make our way to Causapscale for the night.

 Inn***

 50 km – 45 minutes



B, L, D

Day 11 : Transfer back to Quebec

Enjoy a last breakfast as a group before making your way back to Quebec for the end of the tour.



430 km - 4 h 30



B

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

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

Inclusive

- Accommodation : 3 nights hotel 3*, 1 overnight in camping, 3 nights in a ready-to-camp
- Meals : 7 breakfasts, 7 picnics and 5 dinners
- National and provincial park entrance fees
- 3 days paddle down the River extension (July 12th departure only): 3 days /2 nights canoe trip with wilderness camping, canoe equipment, Inn for one night, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Transportation in a minivan with cargo trailer from 8 travelers
- The services of 2 certified hiking and canoe guides
- Camping and cooking equipment
- First aid kit and emergency communication device
- Group from 6 to 12 people
- FICAV contribution (compensation fund for customers of travel agents - 0 \$ / 1000 \$)

Non inclusive

- Personal insurance (medical and repatriation)
- Air transportation, Meet & greet and airport transfer
- Pre & post night
- Sleeping bag, pillow and towel
- Meals not mentioned in the section included
- Optional activities
- Tips and gratuities
- Goods and Services Tax (5%) + Quebec Sales Tax (9.975%)

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