



## Route des navigateurs: The Country Route along the St.Laurence River

### Centre-du-Québec, Chaudière-Appalaches and Bas-Saint-Laurent

#### 4 Days

#### Day 1 / Montréal/Nicolet

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Arrival at Pierre-Elliott Trudeau Airport in Montréal

- Transfer to your hotel for the region, approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes

Overnight stay in **Hôtel Montfort**

1141, rue Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Nicolet  
819 293-6262

#### Day 2 / Nicolet/Odanak/Ste-Croix/Lévis

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07h00 Breakfast at the hotel

09h00 Tour of the Musée des Religions du Monde

*Unique in North America, the Musée des Religions du monde invites visitors to get a close look at a variety of religious beliefs and rites of different countries around the world, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.*

10h15 Departure from Nicolet towards Odanak

10h45 Tour of the Musée des Abénakis, with traditional Amerindian lunch

*The oldest Amerindian museum in Quebec, the Musée des Abénakis invites visitors to discover the true portrait of Amerindians, and in particular, that of the Abenaki nation. Located 10 km from Lac Saint-Pierre on the Rivière Saint-François, the Musée des Abénakis is the first Aboriginal museum in Quebec. Visit our exhibitions, the Odanak chapel and church, the Tolba Trail, and our boutique with its Amerindian arts and crafts. Traditional meals are offered, and group rates are available upon reservation. See the permanent exhibition, Waban-Aki, people of the rising sun, as well as the temporary exhibitions.*

11h45 Lunch at Musée des Abénakis



*Traditional meals (sagamité, bannock, smoked fish, salad, fiddleheads, dessert, tea/coffee)*

13h00 Departure from Odanak towards Deschaillons-sur-le-Saint-Laurent

14h00 Cap-Charles Centre de la Navigation

*As you travel along Highway 132, stop for a while and watch video presentations of the thrilling life and history of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent (St. Lawrence River). Discover more about the exciting life associated with this internationally-traveled route. Together with Monique and Delphis Duhamel, come and salute the ships!*

15h00 Departure from Deschaillons-sur-le-Saint-Laurent toward Lotbinière

15h30 Tour of the Domaine Joly-De Lotbinière

*Renowned as one of the most gorgeous gardens in North America, the Domaine Joly-De Lotbinière is an immense romantic garden-park dating back to the mid-19th century. An oasis of peace and beauty, the Domaine now boasts 15 thematic gardens featuring over 2,200 varieties of plants. Enjoy a picnic in the shade provided by century-old trees, go for a walk on the beach or indulge in a romantic getaway in a remarkable and charming setting. Give in to the magic of this enchanting site and take advantage of summer to discover the manor house and its exhibits, the unique access to the St. Lawrence and extraordinary old-growth forest.*

16h45 Departure from Lotbinière towards Lévis

19h00 Dinner and overnight at the **Hotel l'Oiselière Lévis**  
165A, boulevard Président Kennedy, Lévis  
418-830-0878  
www. www.oiseliere.com

### **Day 3 / Lévis/Berthier-sur-Mer/Montmagny**

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7h30 Breakfast at the hotel

Departure for Berthier-sur-Mer with a short stop at Lévis terrace

9h45 Boat passage to Grosse Île with Croisières Lachance.

**Dress very warmly: hat, scarf, and gloves**

*Lieu historique national du Canada de la Grosse-Île-et-le-Mémorial-des-Irlandais*



*Nature and history hand in hand—that's the Grosse Île experience! Fall under the spell of evocative landscapes, where nature inspires and stories captivate. You won't soon forget your visit. Delve into the lives of inhabitants, employees and immigrants alike as you tour the village and hospital sector on foot or by tourist trolley. Wander the Mirador Trail to admire the Isle-aux-Grues archipelago or take in the natural treasures that await you at every turn. Retrace the footsteps of the Irish or linger a while at the memorial and commune with these quarantined immigrants of the past. Grosse Île beckons...come be amazed.*

#### *Croisieres Lachance*

*Originally from "l'Île au Canot," the Lachance captains know the archipelago better than anyone else. Considered to be extraordinary storytellers, it is with a passion that they will share with their passengers the fabulous story of the Islanders. From the Berthier-sur-Mer marina, you will be able to take a tour to the National Historical Site of Canada on Grosse-Île.*

Lunch on the island: Boxed lunch

- 16h00 Return
- 18h15 Visit of hotel
- 19h00 Gourmet dinner and Overnight: At Hôtel l'Oiselière, Montmagny  
105, Chemin des Poirier  
418 248-1640  
[www.oiseliere.com](http://www.oiseliere.com)

#### **Day 4 / Montmagny/l'Islet-sur-Mer/Saint-Jean-Port-Joli/Québec**

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- 7h00 Breakfast at the hotel
- 8h15 Departure for L'Islet-sur-Mer
- 8h45 Tour of the Musée Maritime du Québec

*Step aboard the Musée maritime du Québec at L'Islet, the Homeland of Sailors. Discover shipbuilding masterpieces. Get acquainted with Captain Bernier, navigator and Arctic explorer! Learn about ship-museums: embark on the Ernest-Lapointe icebreaker and slip inside the Bras d'Or 400 hydrofoil. Be privy to the secrets of shipbuilding and the intricate knots used in sailing. Sit back and watch a maritime movie. Enjoy the picnic areas and playground right next to the St. Lawrence!*

- 10h00 Tour of the Musée Les Anciens canadiens and its boutique



*The largest interpretation center and most prestigious wood carving museum in North America. Experience the history of wood carving and handicrafts with over 250 remarkable works of art by noted artists, such as the Bourgault brothers and P. "Clout" Cloutier, Leclerc miniature boats and extraordinary works of up-and-coming artists. You will discover why this municipality is the arts and crafts capital. There is also an exhibit that pays tribute to Norman Rockwell. Life-size replicas of René Lévesque, P.-E. Trudeau, Harry Potter, Félix Leclerc, and Jean Béliveau. New: The Beatles and the Mona Lisa. Watch a wood carver at work. Large gift shop.*

11h15 Lunch at the restaurant La Boustifaille

*Typical Canadian cuisine that has carefully preserved culinary traditions passed on by our grandmothers. Old-style breakfasts. Regional, family-style, Canadian and Québec cuisines.*

12h45 Departures for Québec

14h00 Arrival at the Jean-Lesage Airport in Québec City for your flight back home.



## **The Route**

Ride the waves and take the time to explore the many historical, cultural and maritime sites in our beautiful regions. Well-indicated with easily recognizable signs, the Route des Navigateurs mainly follows Route 132 on over 470 kilometers, leading you through the tourist areas of Centre-du-Québec, Chaudière-Appalaches, and Bas-Saint-Laurent, from Baie-du-Febvre to Sainte-Luce.

To follow the Route des Navigateurs is to enjoy the splendor of innumerable panoramas, the generous gift of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent and its islands. Since we know you won't want to miss a thing, we have carefully indicated each site, using sail-shaped symbols. So cast off on a voyage of discovery and search for unforgettable treasure!

## **Centre-du-Québec**

In the Centre-du-Québec, 85 kilometers of scenic landscapes and interesting stops along the Fleuve Saint-Laurent will lead you on a voyage of discovery. From Baie-du-Febvre to Deschaillons-sur-Saint-Laurent, experience another aspect of our region.

The first stop at the interpretation center of Baie-du-Febvre is a must, showcasing the flora, the fauna, and the migratory birds of Lac Saint-Pierre. Continue on to the Parc écologique de l'Anse du Port in Nicolet and explore the two wooden walkways that lead to the shores of Lac Saint-Pierre, meandering through woods and marshes where wildlife abounds.

The Route then takes you to the Centre de la Biodiversité du Québec where visitors can learn more about Lac Saint-Pierre's biodiversity. The Centre-du-Québec section of the Route officially ends at Deschaillons-sur-Saint-Laurent where the Cap-Charles, Centre de la navigation invites visitors to participate in interactive presentations about the thrilling maritime life and the history of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent.

## **Chaudière-Appalaches**

In the Chaudière-Appalaches region, from the banks of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent in Lotbinière to the limits of the Côte-du-Sud, the Route des Navigateurs mainly follows Route 132. Through varied landscapes and lovely villages, head out to discover old watermills, manor houses, and stately homes that bear witness to over three centuries of history.

It is worth mentioning that several villages along the shores of [Lotbinière](#), [Bellechasse](#), and [Côte-du-Sud](#) are ranked among the most beautiful in all of Québec. They are Lotbinière, Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly, Saint-Michel, Saint-Vallier, and L'Islet. In all corners of the region, builders of yore have passed on over three centuries of history. The legacy of these local women and men can be seen in the region's rich heritage, cultural resources, and numerous must-see attractions.



Along the way, the maritime museums, the marinas, and quays, the islands and cruises to L'Isle-aux-Grues archipelago combine to provide an experience rich in maritime heritage.

### **Bas-Saint-Laurent**

The Bas-Saint-Laurent tourist region extends eastward along the south shore of the St. Lawrence, from La Pocatière to Sainte-Luce, and southward to the border with New Brunswick and Maine. The region is connected to the north shore by three ferry services and includes the numerous islands that dot the St. Lawrence, one of which is inhabited year round.

#### Tourism development

This region has been a choice tourist destination for a very long time. In the early 19th century, Kamouraska, Notre-Dame-du-Portage, Rivière-du-Loup, and Cacouna were fashionable summer resort areas that drew English-speaking tourists.

The region is home to some of the oldest golf courses and tennis clubs in Québec, which continue on as reminders of the resorts of the past, along with two Anglican chapels that remain standing today.

#### The Centenarians of the St. Lawrence

The Bas-Saint-Laurent has four-century-old lighthouses that guided ships on the St. Lawrence. The oldest, that of Île Verte, is over 200 years old. Located in the municipality of Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs, it is open to the public. The second oldest was built in 1843 on Îlot Bicquet, an islet opposite the Bic sector of Rimouski. It is not open to the public. The Île du Pot à l'Eau-de-Vie lighthouse (Brandy Pot Island light) is 150 years old and was built on the archipelago of the same name off the coast from Rivière-du-Loup. The Pointe-au-Père lighthouse is the youngest on the St. Lawrence at barely 100 years old and is located in the Pointe-au-Père sector of Rimouski.

#### The many facets of the Bas-Saint-Laurent

A four-season tourist region...

The magnificent St. Lawrence and vast lakes...

An architectural heritage that reveals the region's history...

Regional specialty products, famous chefs and renowned gourmet cuisine...

Outdoor activities, the great outdoors, freedom...

Relaxation, sea breezes, hot sand...

Breathtakingly beautiful landscapes...

Sunrises and sunsets with a full spectrum of colors...