

THE LIGHTHOUSE TRAIL

Including Montréal and Québec City, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie and Côte-Nord – Manicouagan

12 days, 11 nights



Journey to Québec maritime to discover the [lighthouses of the St. Lawrence](#), proud guardians of our maritime heritage. You will find them on isolated rocky capes or towering in the middle of villages, abandoned to harsh weather or protected by the very ones they used to watch over. Of the more than 40 lighthouses in Québec maritime, about half are open to the public. Given new life as museums, inns or cafés, they provide opportunities for visitors to discover the region's history and architecture.

The following itinerary is provided as an example only. Several alternatives are available, depending on the needs of your clients. For further information, please contact Le Québec maritime.

DAY 1

Arrival in Montréal, rest, dinner and overnight stay

DAY 2 – Montréal – Québec (253 km)

Visit of Montréal and lunch

Dinner and overnight stay in Québec City

DAY 3 – Québec – Rivière-du-Loup (206 km)

AM

Visit of Québec City and lunch

PM

Visit of the village of Kamouraska (160 km)

Duration: 1 h

Dinner and overnight stay in the Rivière-du-Loup sector

DAY 4 – Rivière-du-Loup – Rimouski (110 km)

AM

Visit of the [Musée du Bas-Saint-Laurent](#). Duration: 2 h

Lunch in the Rivière-du-Loup sector

PM

Excursion to the Pot-à-l'Eau-de-Vie Lighthouse with [Société Duvetnor](#). Duration: 3 h

Dinner and overnight stay in the Rimouski sector

Alternatives

① Dinner and overnight stay in the [Pot-à-l'Eau-de-Vie Lighthouse](#). Duration: 1 day

② Visit of [Île Verte](#) (Green Island) and overnight stay in the oldest lighthouse on the St. Lawrence. Duration: 1 day

③ Overnight stay aboard the [Onondaga submarine](#) in Rimouski

④ Overnight stay in a yurt or Huttopia tent in [Bic National Park](#)

DAY 5 – Rimouski – Bonaventure (380 km)

AM

Visit of the [Pointe-au-Père Maritime Historic Site](#) (10 km). Duration: 3 h, including tour of the *Onondaga* submarine

Lunch in the Matapédia Valley sector

PM

Stops for photos at the lighthouses in Carleton, New Richmond (at the [Gaspesian British Heritage Village](#)) and Bonaventure

Dinner and overnight stay in the Bonaventure sector

DAY 6 – Bonaventure – Percé (130 km)

AM

Visit of the [Banc-de-Pêche-de-Paspébiac Historic Site](#) (25 km). Duration: 1 h 30

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DAY 6 (cont'd)

Stops for photos at the Cap-d'Espoir Lighthouse (94 km) and at the Cap-Blanc Lighthouse in Percé (15 km)

Lunch in the Percé sector

PM

Visit of [Bonaventure Island and Percé Rock National Park](#). Excursion to Bonaventure Island with [Croisières Julien Cloutier](#) or [Bateliers de Percé](#). Duration: 4 h

Dinner and overnight stay in the Percé sector

DAY 7 – Percé – Gaspé (85 km)

AM

Visit of the Grande-Grave and Anse-Blanchette heritage sites in [Forillon National Park of Canada](#) (1 h) or hike to the Cap-Gaspé Lighthouse (7.5 km / 2 h)

Picnic lunch in the Grande-Grave sector

PM

Whale-watching excursion with [Croisières Baie de Gaspé](#) (departure from the Grande-Grave wharf)
Duration: 3 h

Dinner and overnight stay in the Gaspé sector (40 km)

Alternative

Fly from Gaspé to spend a few enchanting days exploring the rich maritime heritage of the [Îles de la Madeleine](#)

DAY 8 – Gaspé – Sainte-Anne-des-Monts (240 km)

AM

Stop for photos at the Cap-des-Rosiers Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in Canada (45 km)

Visit of the [Pointe-à-la-Renommée Historic Site](#) (30 km).
Duration: 1 h 30

Stop for photos at the Madeleine Centre Lighthouse (80 km)

Visit of the [La Martre Lighthouse and lighthouse museum](#) (65 km). Duration: 1 h

Lunch in the Sainte-Anne-des-Monts sector (25 km)

PM

Visit of [Exploramer](#). Duration: 1 h 30

Dinner and overnight stay in Sainte-Anne-des-Monts

DAY 9 – Sainte-Anne-des-Monts – Baie-Comeau

AM

Stop for photos at the Cap-Chat Lighthouse (20 km)

Visit of the [Matane Salmon Observation Centre](#) in Matane (70 km). Duration: 1 h

Stop for photos at the Matane Lighthouse

Lunch in the Matane sector or on the ferry

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DAY 9 (cont'd)

PM

Ferry from Matane to Baie-Comeau or Godbout
Duration: 2 h 30

Choice of activities at the [Jardin des Glaciers \(Garden of the Glaciers\)](#):

Glacier Exploration Station (duration: 2 h)
Three guided tours (duration: 3 h each)

Dinner and overnight stay in the Baie-Comeau sector or at the [Jardin des Glaciers](#) (campground, yurt or prospector's tent)

Alternatives

① Adrenalin Zone: kayaking, via ferrate, zip lines, rappelling at the [Jardin des Glaciers \(Garden of the Glaciers\)](#).

Duration: 1 day

② Tour of the [Manic-5 hydroelectric dam](#) (group tour by shuttle bus departing from Baie-Comeau)

③ Duration: 9 h 30

Visit of the [Pointe-des-Monts Lighthouse](#) in Baie-Trinité
Duration: 2 h

④ Black bear observation with [Domaine de l'Ours Noir](#)
Departures daily at 5 p.m. Duration: 1 evening
Lodging available on site

DAY 10 – Baie-Comeau – Tadoussac (200 km)

AM

Tour of the [Manic 2 hydroelectric dam](#) (22 km north of Baie-Comeau). Duration: 2 h.

Lunch in the Forestville sector (115 km)

PM

Visit of the [Cap-de-Bon-Désir Interpretation and Observation Centre](#) in Les Bergeronnes, with opportunity to take photos of the Cap-de-Bon-Désir Lighthouse (80 km). Duration: 1 h

Dinner and overnight stay in the Tadoussas sector (25 km)

DAY 11 – Tadoussac – Québec (223 km)

AM

Whale-watching cruise with [Croisières AML](#), [Croisières Groupe Dufour](#) or [Croisières 2001](#); or sea kayaking excursion with [Paradis Marin](#), [Mer et Monde Écotours](#) or [Fjord en Kayak](#) (L'Anse-Saint-Jean). Duration: 3 h

Lunch in the Tadoussas sector

PM

Visit of [Marine Mammal Interpretation Centre \(CIMM\)](#)
Duration: 1 h 30

Dinner and overnight stay in Québec City

DAY 12 – Québec – Montréal (253 km)

Return to Montréal and departure