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Places visited*

Embarkation in Quebec City by autocar for the village of Tadoussac. Ports of call in Port-au-Persil, Saint-Irénée, Islet-sur-mer, the Estuary National Wildlife Area, Île aux Coudres, Isle-aux-Grues, Grosse-Île-and-the-Irish Memorial National Historic Site and the Île d'Orléans. Final destination Quebec City.

* *May vary depending on wind and weather conditions.*

Duration

3 days

Capacity

20 people

Cost

To be determined

Canada's Interior Sea

Ascent of the St. Lawrence River by Sail

This three-day excursion will immerse you in the world of Canadian navigation aboard a fleet of five sailboats that will ascend the St. Lawrence River from Tadoussac to Quebec City. The St. Lawrence, giant river and inland sea for many, is at once an opening into the deepest intimacies of North America and the filament connecting the continental heartland with the Atlantic World. From the Algonquian bark canoe to Basque whalers, explorers' galleons, schooners and steamers, to the modern container ship, it is through the St. Lawrence that today's Canada took shape. For past navigators, the St. Lawrence was an unpredictable beast to be approached warily because of its formidable tides, the inconstancy of its winds, currents, and uncharted shoals. It took an unusual geographical sensibility to decipher it, map it, and harness its potential. Participants will have the opportunity to experience numerous aspects of life on the St. Lawrence by participating in crew maneuvers, eating and sleeping aboard the sail boats.* Boarding will take place in Tadoussac, Canada's first fur trading post in the heart of the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park. During the first day some 12 species of whales may be encountered in this area of rich biodiversity. We will then head for the small river ports of Charlevoix, the South Coast and the numerous islands of the estuary where the lighthouses, wharves, shipyards and place names are living witnesses to the depth of Canadian maritime culture. The voyage includes stops - which are subject to change depending on wind and weather conditions - in Port-au-Persil, Saint-Irénée, Islet-sur-mer, the National Wildlife Area Islands of the estuary, Île aux Coudres, Isle-aux-Grues, Grosse-Île-and-the-Irish Memorial National Historic Site and the Île d'Orléans. The journey ends in Quebec City, the city whose name means "where the river narrows".

* While no prior experience is required, this is a maritime voyage where participants need to be prepared to encounter conditions of wind, waves, and water.



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