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Place or route

Excursion on the North and South Shores of the St. Lawrence Estuary between Québec, St. Joseph-de-la-Rive, Tadoussac, Les Escoumins, Trois-Pistoles, Kamouraska, and Montmagny

Duration

4 days

Capacity

To be determined

Cost

To be determined

Note

Don't forget a good camera !

Discover Maritime Quebec

An Exceptional Milieu of Nature and Culture

Quebec City is a vibrant seaport where, despite being more than 1,000 km from the sea, tides rise and fall some 5 m each day. This four-day excursion, led by leading Canadian and French geographers in physical, cultural, and historical geography, will explore one of the world's largest estuaries from Quebec City to the picturesque Charlevoix region. On the first day, we will descend into a habited meteor impact crater 50-km wide, see the results of a landslide in 1663 that made possible the maritime ship-building village of St. Joseph-de-la-Rive, and explore the sedimentology and biogeography of a vibrant tidal marsh. The second day we cross the Saguenay Fjord by ferry on our way to Tadoussac and Les Escoumins, site of the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park where chances are good of seeing Beluga and other whales at the Marine Environment Discovery Centre. The third day we cross the St. Lawrence Estuary to Trois-Pistoles on the South Shore and visit the salt marshes, dikes and polders of Kamouraska County where fishermen go to sea on tractors and farmers plow the seabed! That night we dine on the produits de terroir of Kamouraska including local lamb, salt marsh herb salad, and local wines. The final day we visit Montmagny, where iconic snow geese stop for several weeks during their bi-annual migration from the arctic to the southern U.S. While we may see a few early snow geese heading south, we will definitely visit the fossil forest that can be explored at low tide. That evening, we return to Quebec City. This is an excursion where a good camera, rubber boots that don't leak, and a thirst for interdisciplinary geography are essential!



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