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# The GASPÉ COAST

2017 VACATION GUIDE



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# Welcome! Bienvenue!

The breathtakingly beautiful Gaspé Peninsula awaits you. Whether you wish to take day trips from your home here on the Peninsula or if you are a visitor from another place you will want to stay longer to enjoy the natural beauty that abounds here. Many visitors change their itinerary once they arrive here and stay longer than they anticipated. There are campgrounds, motels and hotels, and Bed & Breakfast establishments, offered at reasonable rates, that will make you feel comfortable and well rested for all that the Gaspé can offer you and your friends and family. The Gaspé offers the perfect destination for solitary travelers, friends and families of all sizes!

You can relax on the beach, swim in the salt or fresh water, or laze all day while enjoying a good book. Those who prefer a more active experience may choose to fish, go boating or rent a canoe or kayak. Bring your bike and enjoy cycling around the Peninsula. Hiking opportunities offer many different levels of difficulty and a wide variety of locations. There are many museums and Interpretation Centres for those who enjoy history, culture and nature. Highway 132 is the highway that circles the Peninsula and offers you an almost constant view of the Bay of Chaleur and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. But don't deny yourself the enjoyment of discovering more of the Gaspé, a little bit "off the beaten path". Take your time because the Gaspé is best enjoyed at a leisurely pace.

Many of the residents of the coastal towns and villages along the southern coast are English-speaking and many residents are bilingual. Many of the English-speakers are the descendants of Scottish, Irish and English immigrants. The Gaspé also is the home of people who are Mi'gmaq aboriginals. Acadians also settled here. The residents of the Gaspé are a blend of many influences and cultures and its rich and varied history is evident. Names of towns, churches, style of homes and even names of streets are a clear indication that we are a blend of a number of cultures.

The Gaspé has something for every visitor, young or old. There are opportunities to enjoy the water, whether the salt water of Chaleur Bay, the Gulf of St. Lawrence or the pristine lakes and rivers that abound here. If you are looking for a vacation for total relaxation or a more active holiday that is up to you! Opportunities to take memorable photos abound. Snap a selfie in every location you visit. What memories you will create.





#### CARLETON-SUR-MER

The southern coast of the Gaspé begins around Matapedia if you are travelling eastward. As you drive, or cycle, eastward you will come to the communities of Restigouche, Listuguj, Pointeà-la-Croix, Pointe-à-la-Garde, Escuminac, Miguasha, Nouvelle and Saint-Omer. Restigouche is the location of The Battle of Restigouche in 1759. Essentially it was a battle between the British navy and the French and their allies, which included Mi'gmaq and Acadian troops. The French, after this defeat ended their hopes of reclaiming Quebec.

Miguasha is the home of a UNESCO World Heritage Centre. This site is recognized because of the presence of fossils which provide excellent examples of the era known as the "Age of Fishes". Some of the very best fossil specimens, in high numbers, have been unearthed here. A visitor centre describes the importance of these fossils from 370 million years ago.

As you travel eastward, all the while having an excellent view of the Bay of Chaleur, be sure to note the variety of sea birds that abound on the Gaspé Peninsula. The Bay of Chaleur was given its name, meaning "bay of warmth" by Jacques Cartier in 1534. Though the water temperature is often cool, Cartier arrived in July that year when the waters were a little warmer.

Carleton, which includes the town of Saint-Omer since 2000, derives much of its economy from tourism. In fact, almost <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the population is employed in tourism and the services which support it. With a population of about 4,000, Carleton has a great deal to offer tourists. Dining, thalassotherapy, unique stores and beautiful waterfront all add to the lovely vacation experience to be enjoyed in Carleton and area.

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Hikers' Paradise

The Gaspé is a hiker's dream come true. Hiking can be done on relatively flat areas, along rivers or beaches or the hikes can involve more strenuous climbs such as Carleton Mountain. But the secret to a positive hiking experience is being prepared. On the Gaspé the weather can be changeable so dress and pack accordingly. Comfortable hiking boots are recommended for longer treks and a waterproof, wind resistant jacket is a plus. If you get warm just tie it around your waist and carry on! Dress in layers, that can be taken off or added as the weather changes. A hat, water and sunscreen are important components of a successful hike. And do not forget a camera or cell phone to take selfies and panoramic shots to keep those memories alive!



# Gesgapegiag

As you travel eastward you will pass through Maria and then Gesgapegiag. Maria was historically the site of a summer settlement for Mi'gmaq families. Then in the 1770s, the area was settled by Scottish, Irish and Loyalists

Gesgapegiag is one of three First Nations communities found on the Peninsula. The land there was set aside in 1853 for the Mi'gmaq people. Visit the church there whose style resembles a traditional tepee dwelling. Various events are held at Gesgapegiag including musical evenings, bingo and traditional pow wows. Canoe rentals are available during the summer months. Have a look in the handicraft shops there for traditional native goods, such as baskets, dream catchers, carvings and jewellery.





Le seul centre d'achats de la Baie-des-Chaleurs avec un mail intérieur. *The only Shopping Center in Baie-des-Chaleurs with an interior mall.* 

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NEW RICHMOND

# New Richmond

New Richmond is found between Maria, Gesgapegiag and Caplan. The town also includes the smaller communities of Black Cape and St. Edgar. The first Europeans who settled here were from Scotland in the mid-1770s. It still has a large English-speaking population. The town has a Heritage Village at Duthie's Point which offers a military museum, shops and historical exhibitions, forest trails and scenic picnic areas. The town has a shopping centre and of course a gorgeous waterfront with a variety of things to do and see at Taylor's Point. During the summer on Saturdays, a Farmers' Market offers local products for sale. Also a visit or an overnight stay at Pin rouge would be a memorable and peaceful, off the beaten path type experience. A variety of places to eat and shop are available in New Richmond.

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Single kayak Double kayak Canoe	\$20 \$25 \$25	Single kayak Double kayak Canoe	\$40 \$45 \$45	
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2 hours		1 day and offsite		
Single kayak Double kayak Canoe Paddle board	\$30 \$35 \$35 \$30	Single kayak Double kayak Canoe	\$60 \$65 \$65	
RENTAL OF PEDAL BOATS				

#### Rotary Cascapedia Trail (walking and biking);

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Playground, picnic area;

(walking and roller blades);

- Food services nearby
- Kite shop (sale and beginner's course) The "Bay Gardens Tour"
- (artistic gardens).

Information: 418-392-7722

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#### **TAYLOR'S POINT CAMPING**

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The Taylor's Point Camping is located at the mouth of the Little Cascapedia River and along the shores of Chaleur Bay. Right by the sea, the Camping offers an exceptional geographical position for participating in a great number of summer fun activities. 125 campsites with full, partial and no amenities, shaded and non-shaded sites also available. Open from May 13 to September 10, 2017.

Information : www.campingnewrichmond.ca/en Call : 418-392-5134 #121 or 418-392-2400 (from May 13 to September 10, 2017)

#### THE PIN ROUGE TOURIST STATION

Open year-round this resort is renowned for the beauty of its surroundings and its rich cultural heritage. Mountain biking, hiking, ATV trails, access to the Little Cascapedia River, canoes and kayaks (close by), pool, water games, terrace, exterior games, basketball, volleyball, activities for children and deer watching. This picturesque village composed of 32 chalets that offer excellent accommodations is located at the base of the mountain, fatbike to rent. This resort is situated 15 minutes from the center of the Town of New Richmond.

#### Information : www.pinrouge.com/en

Call : 418-392-5134 #121 or toll free 1 866-992-5134

#### **DUTHIE'S POINT**

Walk to Duthie's Point and explore this enchanting site with forestry trails and a magnificent view of the Bay. Our pebble beach is perfect for a picnic.

Information: 418-392-4487

#### PASSEPORT GÉOCACHES NEW RICHMOND GEOCACHING PASSPORT

A geocaching tour our municipality's many cultural, historical and scenic sites. Obtain a free passport at the Tourist Welcome Centre or at Taylor's Point Park and follow the coordinates to our hidden caches. You may use your smartphone (download the application for geocaching) for most caches or choose to rent a GPS device from us for a small daily fee. Come and discover our town and you may leave with a treasure of your own!

Information : 418-392-7075 or www.villenewrichmond.com



### Ville de New Richmond

#### **NEW RICHMOND PUBLIC MARKET**

The New Richmond public market is open every Saturday throughout the summer from July 8 to September 9, 2017. Local products and artwork are featured.

Marché public de New Richmond

#### **ZEC PETITE CASCAPEDIA**

Fishing enthusiasts can discover our beautiful salmon rivers, lakes, and brooks. Outfitting services are available.

Information and reservations: 418-392-4105 or toll free 1-877-392-4105 www.zecpetitecascapedia.com

#### **HENDERSON BEACH**

Un-supervised municipal beach, open from the end of June to mid-September, located in the scenic Black Cape area, to the east of the center of the Town of New Richmond.

#### **EVENTS RALLYE BAIE-DES-CHALEURS**

June 30 to July 2, 2017. This world renowned rally is a key segment of the Canadian Rally Championship as well as the North American Rally Cup. A challenging course, skilled drivers, awesome cars, amazing crowd, a spectacular show and a festive atmosphere make this an excellent event to kick off the summer.

Information: www.rallyebdc.com info@rallyebdc.com or 418-392-3544

#### **AGRICULTURAL FAIR**

Equestrian events such as Gymkhana, team penning and horse hauling, family activities, the return of the parade, games, small animals, country garden and crafts, judging, exhibitions and musical entertainment. August 24 to 27, 2017 at the "Fairgrounds" in New Richmond West.

Information: www.newrichmondfair.wikispaces.com Kyle Bujold, president: 418-392-5655

#### **BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL**

Bluegrass and folk music festival, with more than 40 shows performed on 2 stages from August 27 to September 3, 2017.

Information: www.newrichmondbluegrass.com 418-391-6907

> Tourist Welcome Center: 418 392-7075 Located at the intersection of Routes 299 and 132, open from June until September





Cascapedia-St-Jules

Take a slight detour from Route 132 to visit Cascapedia -St-Jules. An area which boasts some of the best hunting and fishing experiences anywhere. The area is famous for its historical lodges which host visitors from all over the world who want to fish Atlantic Salmon in a catch and release zone. The community hosts an annual Fall Festival which offers a great family experience during the day and music and camaraderie in the evenings. A strong community spirit is evident and many family friendly events are held in Cascapedia-St-Jules.

A visit to the Cascapedia River Museum is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon learning about the history of salmon fishing in the area.



70 Gallagher, Cascapedia-St-Jules, Québec, GOC 1T0 Tel./Fax: **418 392-6207 •** fumoircascapedia@yahoo.ca





#### Welcomes you to our area! Come and enjoy our down-home hospitality!

A little off the beaten track on Route 299, which follows the beautiful, world class Cascapedia River, is the majority English-speaking village of Cascapedia-St-Jules. Come and visit a destination chosen by Lords, the rich and famous, and even a Princess. This bilingual village is a community for all seasons: hiking trails and trout fishing in the summer; breathtaking foliage, the annual Fall Festival which will be held Oct. 6, 7, 8, 2017, and hunting in the fall; snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter; maple sugar camps in the spring. Not to be forgotten is the fact that some of the biggest Atlantic salmon caught in North America were taken from this river, which makes it a destination chosen by anglers from all over the world. Come and immerse yourself in the calm, peaceful way of life in a small village.



# Come enjoy your holidays on the Gaspé Peninsula

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# Bonaventure

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Bonaventure offers many attractions and events. Located at the mouth of the Bonaventure River, Bonaventure provides a perfect opportunity for making memories for vacationers, whether couples, groups or families. Be sure to visit the Bioparc, which features animals indigenous to the Gaspe. The Musée Acadien du Québec has a variety of exhibits to enjoy. The many stores include unique local handicrafts and jewelry, bakery, poissonerie (fish store) and pharmacy. The waterfront is a busy place all summer long, with swimmers and boaters. Every summer the "Festival Western" draws large and enthusiastic crowds for the rodeo events and for the musical evenings.





The Committee for Anglophone Social Action, established in 1975, is a non-profit community organization dedicated to serving the English-speaking population of the Gaspé Coast by representing the community's interests and designing and delivering programs that respond to its needs. The entire CASA team would like to wish you a memorable vacation. If you are in town, drop by our friendly office for a warm welcome to our beautiful area!

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New Carlisle

New Carlisle, a town founded by United Empire Loyalists around 1785, is well-known as the former childhood home of René Lévesque, former premier of the province from 1976 to 1985. He is known as a driving force for the separatist agenda. Currently, plans are underway to build a museum to honour Mr. Lévesque. New Carlisle is known for its beautiful tree lined streets. The Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre is located in New Carlisle. La Maison Blanche and Bellevue Motels. camping grounds, restaurants, canteens, a lovely beach and nature walk, bird sanctuary, and the offices of The Gaspé Spec newspaper. Drop in to the Spec offices to buy the latest copy of the newspaper! It will help you to fully enjoy your holiday on the Gaspé. The town offers "Hot Summer Nights" of music on the beach throughout the summer on Friday evenings. On Saturday mornings be sure to visit the local market in the centre of town for a variety of locally grown and locally made goods.





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#### A VISIT INTO NEW CARLISLE'S PAST!

Located in a unique, tree-lined village with an historical essence, the Kempffer Centre includes a permanent exhibition, a tourist kiosk, as well as exterior guided tours of New Carlisle's heritage and of René Lévesque. In exclusiveness, discover René Lévesque's childhood in New Carlisle through a temporary exhibition. Other advantages for the visitors: bilingual services, central location, stair trac for wheelchairs, temporary exhibition and other cultural activities.



FOR MORE INFO : 418 752-1334 or heritagenc@globetrotter.net 125 Gérard-D.-Levesque blvd., New Carlisle, Québec GOC 1Z0



## 1877–2017 AMONG THE ATTRACTIONS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU ARE THE FOLLOWING:

Situated midpoint on the south side of the Gaspé Peninsula, this tree-lined community of 1,365 inhabitants was founded by the United Empire Loyalists in 1784. New Carlisle today boasts a harmonious mix of both French and English cultures. An important administrative center in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, New Carlisle is also well-known as the hometown of René Lévesque, an influential politician in Quebec and Premier of the province from 1976 to 1985. The mayor, councillors, and employees of the municipality, together with the residents, extend a warm welcome and sincerely hope your stay with us will be one of the highlights of your summer!

#### LODGING

- La Maison Blanche & Motel Bellevue.
- Hamilton Manor:
- Bed & Breakfast and Campground
- Camping: "Chalets Camping Moulin Rouge".
- (In wooded area next to municipal beach.) • Maison du Shérif Sheppard Bed & Breakfast

#### DINING FACILITIES

Restaurant Bellevue and Restaurant l'Heritage, Café Luna, Canteens on the beach and on Gérard D. Levesque Blvd.

#### NATURAL BEAUTY

Sandy beach-lined coast, 2 picturesque lakes at the end of Christie's Lane. Hiking to unique rock formation at Christie's Rock. Fascinating bird watching at Jean Paul Dubé Bird Sanctuary.

#### **EVENTS**

- Canada Day Festivities June 30 July 1 and 2 • Family Fest – August 26-27<sup>th</sup>
- MUSIC FESTIVAL Friday's at the Gazebo on the Green – July 7 to August 11th – 8pm to 10pm Voluntary contribution

#### VISIT

- Kempffer Cultural & Interpretation Center
- Permanent exhibit
   Genealogy

#### SPORTS & LEISURE

Parks, playgrounds, tennis court, arena and ball field, volleyball, floor hockey, badminton, basketball, walking trails etc.

#### MUNICIPAL BEACH

Enjoy a stroll on the boardwalk and discover our sculpture and submarine replica. Fireworks demonstration July 1.

#### HERITAGE TOUR

Leaving the newly renovated Kempffer House and featuring the Thompson House, Hamilton Manor, René-Lévesque House, René-Lévesque Statue and numerous others.

#### CHURCHES

Representing five different denominations. (Anglican, Catholic, Christian Brethren, United and Presbyterian).

#### MEDIA

- "The Gaspé Spec" Newspaper
- CHNC FM 107,1

#### MAYOR: Stephen Chatterton

COUNCILLORS: Guy Gallibois, Cathy Brown, Jacqueline Mallet LeBlanc, Freddy Boudreau, Trevor Buttle, Roberta Billingsley

For more information please contact the Town Hall at **418-752-3141** 

### www.new-carlisle.ca





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Paspebiac is a historically significant town which boasts the Banc de Paspébiac which is the home of a historic fishing centre established by people from the Channel Islands, the most prominent being Charles Robin. Paspébiac was Quebec's first cod fishing centre. You may notice that the accent of the French-speakers is distinctive in Paspébiac. The early Europeans came from Portugal and the Basque region and their language's influence can still be detected in the area today. This site has been officially recognized as a "National Historic Site of Canada". Currently a very busy wharf and fishing plant is located here. Come during fishing season to see the boats come to unload their precious cargo. There is a store open to the public where you can purchase freshly caught crab, lobster, herring and more! A scenic boardwalk provides a lovely environment for walks, gazing at the water, watching the seabirds and smelling the fresh salt air.

The town also offers a motel, an auberge, a number of restaurants, pharmacies and shopping. The town hosts a number of festivals. The magnificent Catholic church has a Casavant organ and offers evenings of music there.



# The Perfect Picnic

The Gaspé boasts the perfect environment for a picnic. Whether you choose to picnic on the beach, in a park or by a river is up to you. There are so many lovely spots for that perfect picnic. The Gaspé has so much to offer the traveler who enjoys sampling locally grown and produced foods. Locally produced honey, strawberry and honey wines, jams and pies, many bakeries, and specially blended coffee can all add to your eating pleasure. Local fish stores are the perfect place to buy low-cost "Gaspesian finger food". Pick up some sushi or, for a few dollars some smoked herring or dried fish to nibble on.

What are the requirements for your successful outing?

- A picnic basket
- Fruit, in season
- A tablecloth or blanket
- **3** Sandwiches or wraps
- A Raw vegetables and dip, such as hummus
- 5 Beverages, such as vegetable or fruit juice, water
- Serviettes, wet wipes, garbage bags and recyclable containers whenever possible
- You provide # 1 # 7. The Gaspé will provide a beautiful environment in which to enjoy that 'Perfect Picnic.'



# a lobster

You are on the Gaspé and you will want to enjoy freshly cooked lobster from the waters of the Bay and Gulf. Prices are lower in the spring and summer during lobster fishing season. Imagine a warm summer evening, sitting outside enjoying a lobster. A chilled wine, garlic butter, baguette and fresh salad will help to create the perfect Gaspesian meal with friends and family.

Many people shy away from eating a whole lobster because it is an intimidating prospect. Fear not. Some essential tools, patience, a sense of humour and a relaxed Gaspesian attitude will make the experience enjoyable.

#### YOU NEED:

Whole lobsters (cooked)	Lots of serviettes / wet wipes
Seafood scissors	Seafood (shell) crackers
A bowl for shells and	Metal seafood picks
discarded bits	Bibs

#### METHOD:

Twist off the claws.

Twist and pull the tail and remove it from the body.

Pull off the legs and bits and suck the meat out of the legs.

Separate the claws where they are jointed and use the scissors and cracker to get the meat. The seafood picks come in handy at every stage of eating your lobster.

- Cut the soft part of the tail with seafood scissors and pry open. The tail is often the best part of the lobster and with luck and some skill you might get all the tail meal out in one big piece.
- The lobster body and head contain a lot of meat. Pull off the top shell and you might see tomalley, (green stuff which is basically the liver). It is edible, if you wish to eat it. In the body shell there are thin papery bits that separate the meat and you can pick the meat out of there to eat.

There! You have enjoyed a true Gaspesian experience!

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Shigawake is a farming and fishing community, settled in the 1800s by mostly Irish and Scottish people. To this day the majority of its residents are English-speaking, living in harmony with their francophone neighbours cultivating the land and harvesting the sea.

This lovely little pastoral village gets its name from the Micmac Chigouac, meaning "land of the rising sun". Indeed, the sun rises right out of Chaleur Bay here, turning the local sandstone cliffs a brilliant red.

At our tourist stop you will find families enjoying themselves playing baseball and volleyball. You can take advantage of our no service camping area. You will also appreciate strolling the footpaths through a beautiful cedar woods with lookouts on the Baie des Chaleurs & Fisherman's Wharf with picnic tables and benches. Enjoy our walking trail to the Shigawake waterfalls with picnic tables along the way.

<i>Mayor:</i> D	enzil Ross			
Councillors:				
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As you travel eastward you come to the Municipality of Hope which has a lovely family friendly park which offers mini-golf and tennis courts. A seaside hike will offer numerous opportunities for photographs at any point in the day or evening.

The Municipality of Hope Town, which is just east of Hope, has a large campground with beautiful views, a pool and a very busy canteen! This is the perfect place to stop with your family because the children will enjoy the popular playground found in Hope Town. Hope Town derives its name from Henry Hope, born in Scotland around 1750. He was a Lieutenant Governor of Quebec. The first European to settle there was Duncan McRae, a soldier from Scotland.

As you travel eastward you will pass through Saint-Godefroi, Shigawake and Port Daniel - Gascons. Each town is unique and all offer a variety of experiences for travelers.

Saint-Godefroi has a scenic harbour and you might be able to watch lobster and other fishing vessels come and go. A fresh fish store is situated here. Predominantly French-speaking it has a population of about 400. A campground is available there as well.

Shigawake is a small, vibrant community that takes its name from the Mi'gmaq word meaning "land of the rising sun" or "white water". The oldest farmhouse, from the early 1800s, on the Gaspé that was continuously inhabited by one family is located in Shigawake. The annual Shigawake Agricultural Fair, running for over 100 years, draws huge crowds for the agricultural activities and the eclectic Music Festival.

The city hall in Port Daniel has very interesting architecture and provides great photo opportunities, as does most of the Gaspé Peninsula. The recently completed McInnis Cement Plant is easily visible when driving along Route 132 and is an important industrial project for the region. Here the calcium-rich rock, particularly limestone, is crushed and heated to make material producing cement.





There are a number of versions of the legend of the Phantom Ship of the Bay of Chaleur. Some are colourful and exciting, though tragic. Scientists offer an explanation which lacks the intriguing possibility of ghosts and curses. You be

the judge.

The sightings of the Phantom ship have occurred in a number of locations in the Bay, including the Port Daniel area. One version is about a Portuguese ship which came here in the early 1500s to capture Mi'gmaq people. The captain was killed and the ship set on fire. As the sailors jumped into the water they swore to haunt the bay for 1,000 years. The ship is reported to be seen on a full moon.

The legend from Port Daniel, more specifically, is about a group of pirates who killed a woman. As she was dying she put a curse on the pirates and wished them eternal burning on the waters of the Bay.

A third version of the Phantom, or Burning Ship, recounts a tale of a doomed ship and the sailors who blamed and murdered one of their own on board the sinking ship. When the ship then caught fire the sailors blamed the vengeance of God.

Scientific explanations also attempt to explain the sightings of the Phantom Burning Ship. One theory is that what we see on Chaleur Bay is a phenomenon known as St. Elmo's Fire. Another scientist suggests it may be caused by swamp gases. A third theory is that when we think we see the burning ship, it is caused by electrical forces.

Watch the waters of the bay, especially on a full moon and decide for yourself what you are witnessing.



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Chandler is the second largest town on the Gaspé, after the town of Gaspé, with a population of 7,700. This area is one of the first areas settled on the Gaspé Coast. It was destroyed in 1758 by General James Wolfe and rebuilt by 1860. In 1912 Percy Chandler built the first pulp and paper mill on the Gaspé. It has a magnificent church, as do most Gaspesian towns. The Catholic churches tend to be large, stone churches, while the English churches, such as Anglican and United are more modest architecturally, but just as beautiful and charming. A shopping mall and many restaurants are available in Chandler.



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- Go for the unusual. Take photos of your feet in the Gaspé beach sand, sitting on a chair, walking on a trail, in sandals, hiking boots or running shoes.
- 2 Snap lots of photos. If you are using a cell phone or an iPad take lots of selfies. Then keep just your favourites.
- Place your face in the top corner, rather than in the middle of the frame. This will highlight the scenery behind you.
- Pick a theme for your selfies. For example, take all selfies of you in or around water. Do be extra careful with these shots. Do not drop your phone into the water!
- 5 Vary the style of selfie. Hold your cell with 1 hand OR 2 hands. Experiment.
- 6 Try using a selfie stick. They are a low cost 'extra' for taking selfies, around \$10.
- Don't just stand there! Take action selfies: kayaking, picking berries, dancing at a music festival, eating crab or lobster, on a boat.
- Another theme for your selfies: you and a variety of town signs.
- Don't want a double chin in your selfies? Push your neck forward. Try shooting your selfies from above and look upwards. Also, try tilting your head.
- Use a Photo App to perfect your selfies. Try Photosynth, PhotoPad, BeFunky Photo Editor, Instagram and others. All listed here are free apps.



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As you travel towards the town of Gaspé you will pass through scenic Douglastown, Haldimand York Centre and Wakeham. Douglastown, located just 15 minutes south east of the town of Gaspé, is the home of many musical events, so check in The Gaspé Spec newspaper for upcoming shows and music festivals in many areas that you will visit. Douglastown has one of the largest Irish Catholic communities on the Gaspé region. A festival celebrating the Irish heritage is held every August. Watch for a barachois, a coastal lagoon which is separated from the water by sand formations, that is over 2 ½ km long. Wakeham is named for William Wakeham, a doctor and fisheries inspector who resided in the area.

The town of Gaspé has a population of just over 15,000. Be sure to visit la Musée de la Gaspésie. Also visit the cross which signifies the visit by Jacques Cartier in 1534 who claimed the area for France. The Site d'Interprétation Mi'gmaq de Gespeg offers an indoor exhibit and reconstructed dwellings which inform the visitor about the indigenous people of the Gaspé. During WWII the deep harbour of Gaspé was used by British and Canadian navies. Today you may spot a cruise ship docked there. Two shopping centres and numerous restaurants are available. The town also has a hospital and a CEGEP (Community College).

Between July 7 and 9, several tall ships will visit Gaspé, including the Bluenose II. What a great opportunity!





Forillon is an amazing, uncommercial and unspoiled destination which offers something for every visitor. It is situated along the water, cliffs and a forest. You can walk on a beach and view seals and many seabirds. Forillon welcomes visitors with dogs, who are leashed, on their trails. You may get very lucky and spot a whale in the waters off the tip of Forillon. The cliffs are high in some places, over 90 metres! In Forillon there is the possibility of hiking, visiting historical interpretation centres and swimming in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Take loads of photos. This is a destination you do not want to miss...or forget!

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# Birdwatching ON THE GASPÉ

It is estimated that there are about 350 species of birds to be sighted on the Gaspé Peninsula. If you take your birdwatching seriously you might want to purchase a book to help with identifying our birds. You could invest in a pair of binoculars which can be used for watching all sorts of wildlife here on the Gaspé. Watch for

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robins, wrens, swallows, sparrows, grosbeaks, jays, ravens, crows, eagles, falcons, woodpeckers, owls, osprey, gulls, sandpipers, plovers, gannets, cormorants, hummingbirds, wild turkeys, ducks, Canada Geese, and seagulls.

You might want to keep a list of the birds you spot and when possible a photo of each bird. No trip to the Gaspé is complete without a trip by boat to Bonaventure Island to see the gannets that nest there. Though almost 300 species of birds have been recorded as visiting or living on Bonaventure Island the most common bird is the gannet. In fact, one of the largest gannet colonies in the world is found there, almost 100,000! Helpful hint: the aroma of many birds can be overwhelming. Take along Vicks Vaporub and put a dab in each nostril.



French is the official language of Quebec. When visiting the Gaspé you will hear French and English and possibly some Mi'gmaq. Many Gaspesian residents are bilingual. If you know how to speak some French, just go for it, give it a try. People respond positively if you attempt to communicate in French. CBC has a weekly program, C'est la vie, and it is a great intro to speaking French and offers a word of the week segment. It will, at very least, attune your ear to the French language.

#### **BASIC VOCABULARY**

BONJOUR - hello, good morning **BONSOIR** - good evening OUI - yes NON - no S'IL TE PLAÎT / S'IL VOUS PLAÎT - please MERCI - thank you **BIENVENUE** or **DE RIEN** - you are welcome D'ACCORD - okav BONNE JOURNÉE - have a good day AU REVOIR - goodbye DÉSOLÉ or JE M'EXCUSE - I am sorry COMMENT CA VA - how are you? PARDON or EXCUSEZ-MOI - pardon me **BIEN**, **MERCI** – Fine, thanks JE SUIS MALADE - I am sick PARLEZ-VOUS ANGLAIS? - do you speak English? RÉPÉTEZ, S'IL VOUS PLAIT - Please repeat QUOI? - what? JE NE PARLE PAS FRANÇAIS - I don't speak French ENCHANTÉ - Pleased to meet you J'AIMERAIS - I would like ... **OÙ SONT LES TOILETTES?** - where are the toilets? C'EST COMBIEN? - how much is it? **BONNE CHANCE** - good luck







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