

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and tan shorts, is smiling as he holds a fishing rod. He is standing on a wooden dock over a body of water. The background is a lush green forest. The text 'The GASPÉ COAST' is written in large, bold, black letters on a green, curved background on the left. The text '2019 VACATION GUIDE' is written in smaller, black, sans-serif letters below it. On the right, the text 'An ADVENTURE awaits!' is written in a mix of white cursive and yellow block letters. At the bottom right, the logo 'The Gaspé Spec' is written in a white, cursive font with a stylized bird icon, and 'ESTABLISHED • MAY 1975' is written in small, black, sans-serif letters below it.

The
GASPÉ
COAST

2019
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The Gaspé **Spec** 

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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 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.

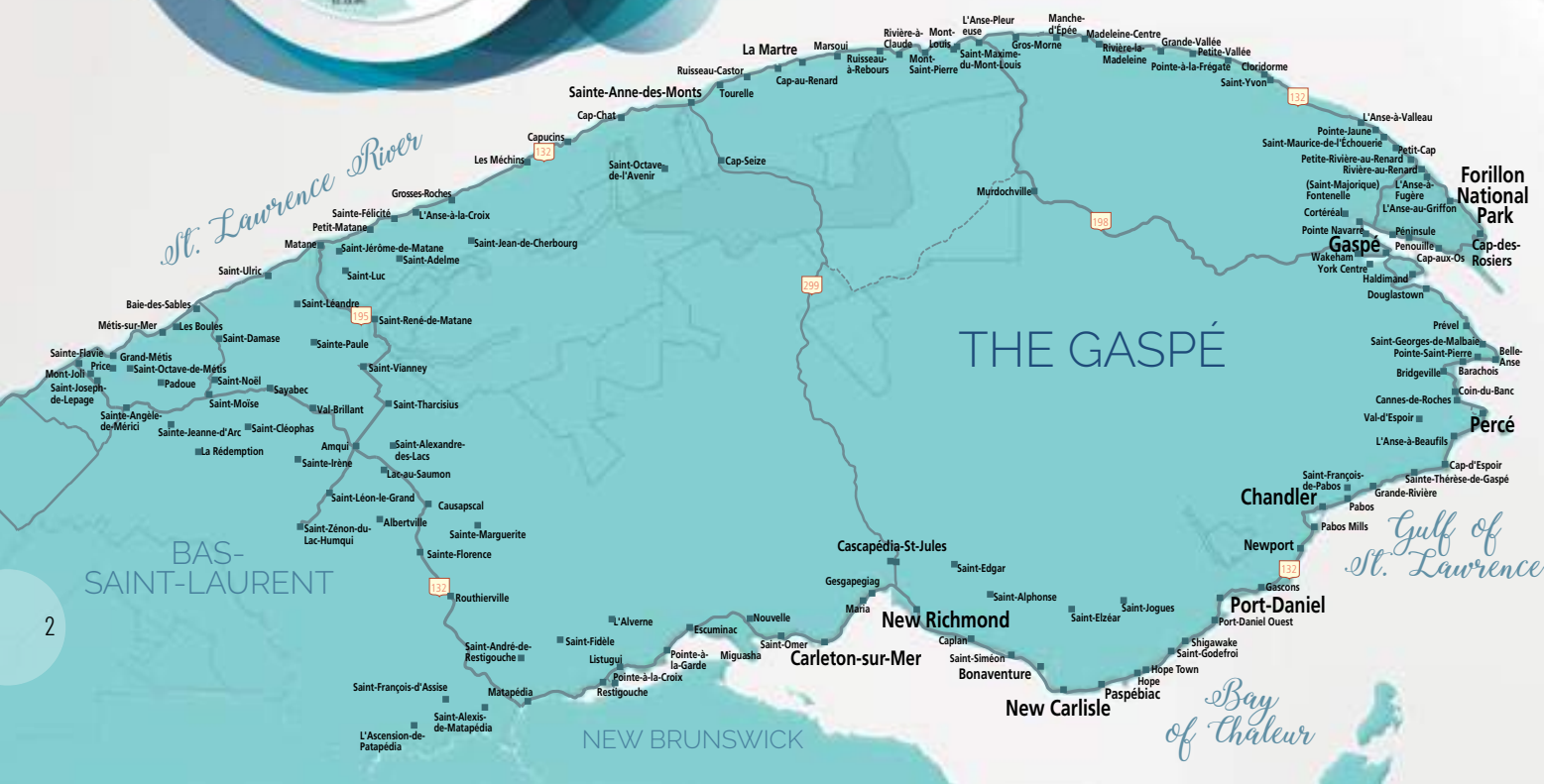
Highway 132 is the highway that circles the Peninsula and offers you an almost constant view of the Bay of Chaleur or the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Don't deny yourself the enjoyment of discovering more of the Gaspé, a little bit "off the beaten path". Take your time because the Gaspé is best enjoyed at a 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.



The Gaspé



THE southern coast



TOURISME GASPÉSIE

The southern coast of the Gaspé begins near Matapédia if you are travelling eastward. The fun starts as you drive, or cycle, eastward. You will come to the communities of Restigouche, Listuguj, Pointe-à-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. An interpretation 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 enjoy 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 ¾ 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 a beautiful waterfront all add to the lovely vacation experience to be enjoyed in Carleton and the area. For those who love activity, the awesome beach offers kite surfing and a sailing school. To conclude a day of water fun, sleep in a yurt and be lulled to sleep by the sound of the waves.



At the heart of Maria, a hotel with a renowned restaurant that honours products from the Gaspé!



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Gesgapegiag

As you travel eastward you will pass through Maria and then Gesgapegiag. Maria was historically the site of 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. When in Gesgapegiag be sure to visit the church whose style resembles a traditional tepee dwelling. Various events are held at Gesgapegiag including musical evenings, bingo and traditional powwows. Canoe rentals are available during the summer months. Have a look in the handicraft shop for traditional native goods, such as baskets, dream catchers, carvings and jewelry.



TOURISME GESGAPEGIAG TOURISM

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At Gesgapegiag's Tourism Office, you can make reservations, collect keys, and make payments for your chalet rentals as well as get answers to any touristic questions you may have.

898 boul. Perron, Maria, QC G0C 1Y0 | 418-759-3742
www.visitgesgapegiag.ca

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KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH



Take some time to visit the unique Kateri Tekakwitha Church. This tipi-shaped church is the only one on the Gaspé Peninsula displaying some of the most beautiful artwork around.

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Gesgapegiag celebrates its Annual Pow-Wow during the last weekend in July.

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The Handicraft Coop offers a wide selection in Micmac art, such as baskets and amazing beadwork. If you like souvenirs, this would be the perfect stop.

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Cascapedia-St-Jules



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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.

Explore the rich history of the
Grand Cascapedia River!



Permanent Exhibition
Temporary Exhibition
Atlantic Salmon Interpretation Room
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Open June 1st – September 30th
(Monday – Friday)



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418-392-5079



CASCAPEDIA – ST-JULES

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 October 4, 5 and 6, 2019, 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.

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A town to experience!

Attractions

TAYLOR'S POINT PARK

RENTAL OF CANOES, KAYAKS AND PADDLE BOARDS

1 hour		3 to 6 hours	
Single kayak	\$20	Single kayak	\$40
Double kayak	\$25	Double kayak	\$45
Canoe	\$25	Canoe	\$45
Paddle board	\$20	Paddle board	\$40
Stand up Pedal Board	\$25	Stand up Pedal Board	\$45
2 hours		1 day and offsite	
Single kayak	\$30	Single kayak	\$60
Double kayak	\$35	Double kayak	\$65
Canoe	\$35	Canoe	\$65
Paddle board	\$30		
Stand up Pedal Board	\$35		

- Desjardins Track (walking and roller blades)
- Rotary Cascapedia Trail (walking and biking)
- Playground, picnic area
- Food services nearby
- Kite shop (sale and beginner's course)
- The "Bay Gardens Tour" (artistic gardens)

Information: **418-392-7722**

TAYLOR'S POINT CAMPGROUND

The Taylor's Point Campground is located at the mouth of the Little Cascapedia River and along the shore of Chaleur Bay. Right by the sea, the Campground offers an exceptional location for participating in a great number of fun summer activities. 125 campsites with full, partial and no amenities, shaded and non-shaded sites also available. Open from May 17 to September 29, 2019.

Information : www.campingnewrichmond.ca/en
Call : **418-392-5134 #121** or **418-392-2400** (May 17 to September 29, 2019)

NEW RICHMOND GEOCACHING PASSPORT

A geocaching tour our municipality's many cultural, historical and scenic sites. Obtain a free passport at the Tourist Information Office 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 could leave with a treasure of your own!

Information : **418-392-7075** or www.villeneuve-richmond.com

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), swimming 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. Fatbikes are available for rental. 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 POINT

Walk to Duthie 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**

NEW RICHMOND PUBLIC MARKET

The New Richmond Public Market is open every Saturday throughout the summer from July 6 to September 14, 2019. Local products and artwork are featured.

Marché public de New Richmond

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Information and reservations:
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www.zecpetitecascapedia.com

HENDERSON BEACH

An unsupervised 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 28 to June 30, 2019. 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, cowboy show down and horse hauling, family activities, the return of the parade, games, small animals, country garden and crafts, judging, exhibitions and musical entertainment. August 22 to 25, 2019 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 28 to September 1, 2019.

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



Ville de New Richmond

www.villeneuve-richmond.com

Tourist Information Office: **418 392-7075**
Located at the intersection of Routes 299 and 132,
open from June until September

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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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?

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





Bay Chaleur Military Museum

Explore local Gaspesian history!

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June 24th to August 30th, 2019
Monday to Friday
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Grande-Rivière

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80, route 132 east
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Bonaventure

Bonaventure offers many lovely 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 Gaspé. The Musée Acadien du Quebec has a variety of exhibits to enjoy. The many stores include unique local handi-crafts and jewelry, bakery, poissonerie (fish store) and pharmacy. The waterfront is a busy place all summer long, with swimmers and boaters. A visit to Cime aventure will be a day you will not forget. Choose from kayaking, canoeing or rafting. Be sure to check out their eco-lodges, yurts and tepees.



A DAY AT the Beach

Everyone loves a fun day at the beach! Think of the beaches of the Gaspé as your playground with so much fun waiting to be had. Pick your spot, put down your blanket or chairs and your day begins. Don't forget a picnic, sunscreen and sand toys. Don't worry about getting wet. Accept that you will find a wee bit of sand here or there on your blanket or in your bathing suit. You can set the pace for the day of sun, sand and water. The day can be active or restful. It's up to you. Your fun day can include:

Hunting for shells, sea glass or other small treasures.

Collecting driftwood for an outdoor firepit.

Building a sandcastle.

Writing your name in the sand with a stick.

Bird-watching.

Covering your legs with a sand "tail" to become a sand mermaid.

Taking lots of photos.

Cloud watching.

Swimming, splashing and tubing.

Skipping stones.

Flying a kite.

Fishing.

Playing sand hopscotch.

Reading.

Enjoying a picnic.

Relaxing while enjoying the sounds of the seashore.

Watching the sun set on your "Day at the Beach, Gaspesian-style".



Committee for
**ANGLOPHONE
SOCIAL
ACTION**

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



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 19th 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!



Municipalité de

NEW CARLISLE

Mayor: Stephen Chatterton

Councillors: Jacqueline Mallet,
Betty Anne Smollett, Brent Hocquard,
Cathy-Lise Belisle, Francis V. Moran,
David Thibault

Among the attractions and services available to you are the following:

Lodging

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

Dining Facilities

Restaurant Bellevue, 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 30th - July 1st
- **MUSIC FESTIVAL** - Fridays at the Gazebo on the Green - July 5th to August 9th - 8pm to 10pm
Voluntary contribution

Visit

- Kempffer Cultural & Interpretation Center
 - Permanent exhibit - Genealogy -
 - L'Enfance de René-Lévesque
- Espace René-Lévesque

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 new exhibit.
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

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

 **Municipalité New Carlisle Municipality**

www.new-carlisle.ca



New Carlisle

New Carlisle is a town known for its beautiful tree-lined streets. The Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre, Espace René Lévesque, La Maison Blanche and Bellevue Motels, camping grounds, restaurant, canteens, a lovely beach and nature walk, bird sanctuary, and the office of The Gaspé Spec newspaper are all located in New Carlisle. Drop in to the Spec office 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 on Friday evenings throughout the summer. On Saturday mornings be sure to visit the Farmers' Market in the centre of town for a variety of locally grown and locally made goods. If you are in town on Canada Day, July 1st, this town celebrates in a big way. A parade, activities for children, a super playground by the beach, a car show and more are offered for your holiday fun. If you enjoy fishing, this might be the place for you. Try salt water fishing in the Bay of Chaleur or catch fresh water trout in the many lakes and streams.

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Kempffer

Cultural & Interpretation Centre
sponsored by Heritage New Carlisle

Located in a beautiful Tree-lined village, The Kempffer Centre reveals New Carlisle's cultural and social history through its permanent exhibition, *New Carlisle: A Vibrant Heritage*. The story is disclosed with the arrival of the Loyalists in 1784 and follows through until World War II and the capture of a German Spy. Temporary Exhibitions, including interactive display exploring the childhood of René Lévesque, 1922-1937.

English Tea served Wednesdays
1 pm to 4 pm July and August.

Open June 25 to August 31
9 am to 5 pm.

Open Tuesdays
through Saturdays

YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Tourism information Kiosque
- Genealogical centre (Library)
- Permanent Historical Exhibition
- Workshops
- Internet access

FOR MORE INFO :
 418 752-1334 or heritagenc@globetrotter.net
 125 Gérard-D.-Levesque blvd., New Carlisle, Québec G0C 1Z0

Paspébiac



Paspébiac 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 is distinctive to 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 are located here. Come during fishing season to see the boats 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. On summer evenings you may fish off the wharf while enjoying the sights and sounds of the beach.

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

GO FLY A KITE

We have wind! The Gaspé experiences a lot of windy weather. That is part of our maritime climate and many visitors love to experience it. Whether you find the wind breezy, blustery, brisk or wild enjoy it as part of your Gaspesian experience. Make the wind part of your fun-filled days while on vacation. Buy a kite and fly it, especially near the shoreline. This is such a beautiful sight and kids will love it. Cloud watch to see how fast the wind is travelling. Visit a wind turbine up close. Make a windsock and bring it with you to the beach. It is loads of fun to run along the beach with your colourful wind ribbons flapping behind you. Take a long walk and let your hair blow in the wind. Make a simple parachute from a square of plastic or piece of cotton, throw it up into the air and watch what happens. And listen at night to the wind, whether gusty or howling and enjoy being lulled to sleep on the Gaspé.



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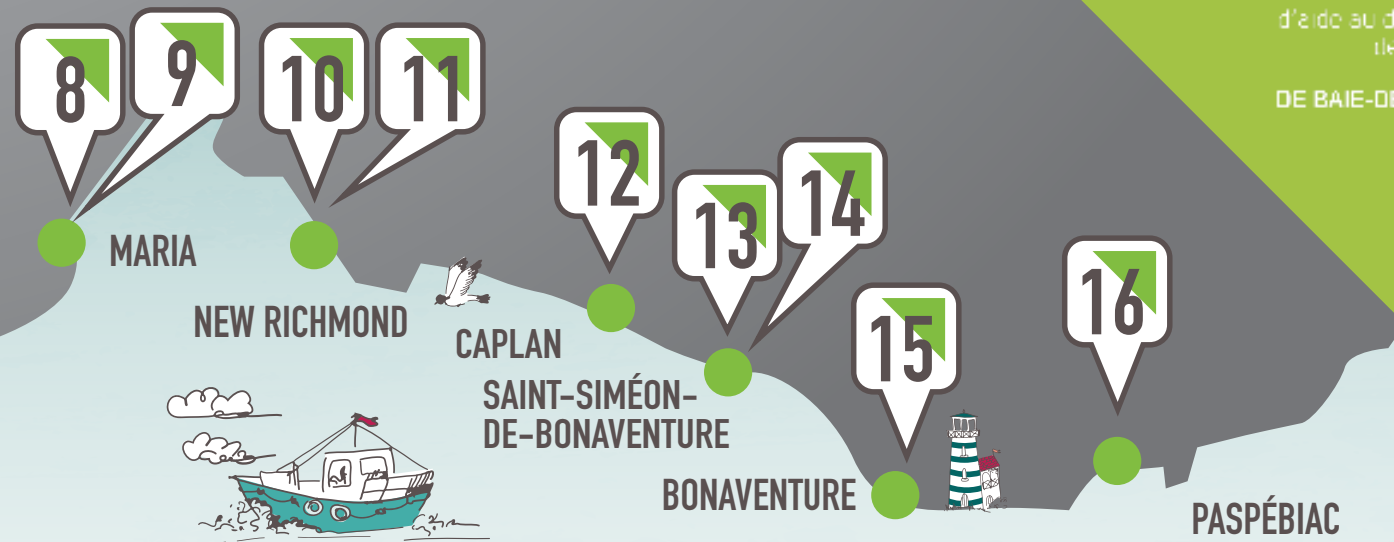
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AS YOU TRAVEL eastward

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The municipality of Hope Town, which is just east of Hope, has a large campground with a beautiful view, an inground pool and a very busy canteen. There is also a large playground located at the Municipal Hall.

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 interesting 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 scenic campground is available there as well.

Shigawake is a small, vibrant fishing and farming community. The annual Shigawake Agricultural Fair and Music Festival, running for over 100 years, draws huge crowds for the agricultural activities and the eclectic, always enjoyable Music Festival. Stop the car, get out and allow the children to play at the playground. This ups the fun quotient for your children.

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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.

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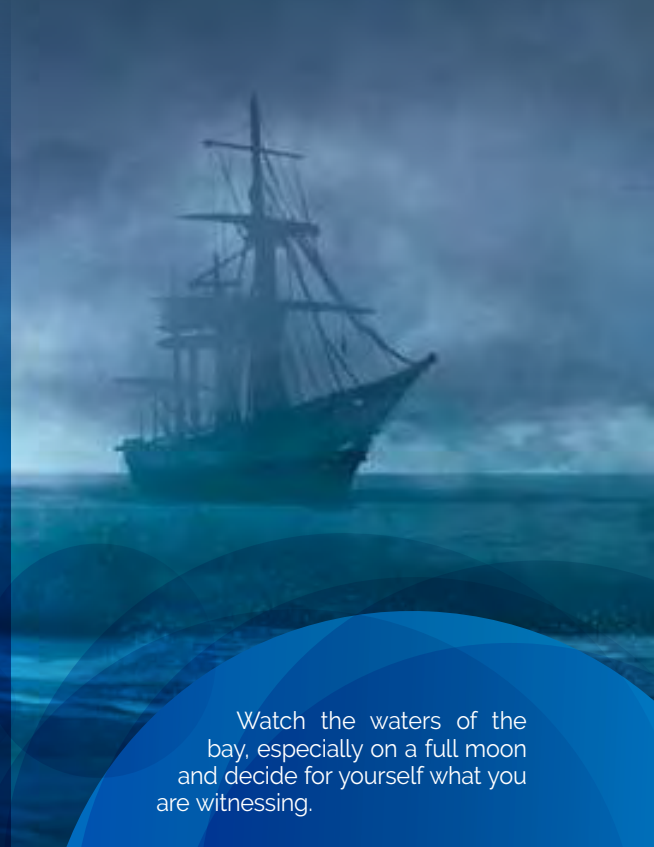
There are a number of versions of the legend of the Phantom Ship of the Bay of Chaleur. Some are colourful and exciting, though tragic. Scientists offer an explanation which lacks the intriguing possibility of ghosts and curses. You be the judge.

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.

Port-Daniel-Gascons

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You may be very lucky and see the colourful Northern Lights as they dance across the sky. This has to be one of the most beautiful sights on the Gaspé. Note when full moons and meteor showers will occur. The latter normally occurs from mid-July to August. Closer to the ground you may be lucky enough to see fireflies, which seem to be increasing in number. The sight of fireflies dancing across the top of rosebushes is a beautiful sight. The Gaspesian nights are full of splendour.

Chandler

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 located in Chandler. A very beautiful experience can be had at Nova Lumina. This evening activity offers a night walk through the forest where trees are illuminated, and music accompanies a magical experience.



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Percé

AND AREA

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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 discarded bits	Metal seafood picks
	Bibs

METHOD:

- 1 Twist off the claws.
- 2 Twist and pull the tail and remove it from the body.
- 3 Pull off the legs and bits and suck the meat out of the legs.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 The lobster body contains 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.

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Gaspé

AND AREA

As you travel towards the town of Gaspé you will pass through scenic Douglastown, Haldimand, York and Wakeham. Douglastown, located just 15 minutes southeast of the town of Gaspé, is the home of many musical events. 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 in 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. Haldimand Beach is a beautiful place to spend a day, or more. Don't forget to take a picnic lunch! 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 the Musée de la Gaspésie. Also visit the cross which signifies the visit in 1534 by Jacques Cartier 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. If you would enjoy a day of whale watching, then this is the right area to do so. Seeing these gentle giants of the sea is an amazing thing to experience. From May until October is the optimum time to spot whales. A shopping centre, motels and numerous restaurants are available. The town also has a hospital and a CEGEP (Community College).

Park Forillon is a treasure awaiting you at the tip of the Gaspé Peninsula. It covers 245 square kilometres and was the first national park in Quebec. You can choose from a variety of fun experiences, including hiking, walking along the beach, snorkeling, birdwatch, and camping. There are historical sites to visit, including a World War II cannon. You may be lucky here and spot a whale while you are out sea kayaking!



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- 2 Snap lots of photos. If you are using a cell phone or an iPad take lots of selfies, then keep just your favourites.
- 3 Place your face in the top corner, rather than in the middle of the frame. This will highlight the scenery behind you.
- 4 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.
- 7 Don't just stand there! Take action selfies: kayaking, picking berries, dancing at a music festival, eating crab or lobster, on a boat.
- 8 Another theme for your selfies: you and a variety of town signs.
- 9 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.
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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

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Helpful hint: the aroma of many birds can be overwhelming. Take along Vicks Vaporub and put a dab in each nostril.



Paddle THE DAY AWAY



You can bring your own kayak, canoe or paddleboard to the Gaspé. There are places to rent these also. Canoes are lightweight and narrow and are pointed at both ends. One or more paddlers are seated or kneeling and face the direction they are going. Paddlers use a single-blade paddle typically made of wood or fibreglass.

A kayak is a type of canoe, originally built by Inuit. It is made with a light frame and has a watertight covering with small openings in the top to sit. Kayakers use a double-bladed paddle. The canoe paddle is held with both hands and is pulled from front to back in the water. The kayak paddle is dipped from one side to the other. Gloves can be worn to prevent blisters.

Paddleboards are long, narrow and buoyant boards, akin to surfboards. The length varies from 8 - 12 feet (2.4 metres to 3.7 metres). While being assisted by the waves the person uses their arms while kneeling or lying on the board to move forward. You can also stand up on the board and use a long paddle to move and guide your paddleboard. All of these paddle sports are excellent workouts, but getting out onto the beautiful, pristine waters of the Gaspé also helps to give you a feeling of serenity that will last well after your vacation is over.

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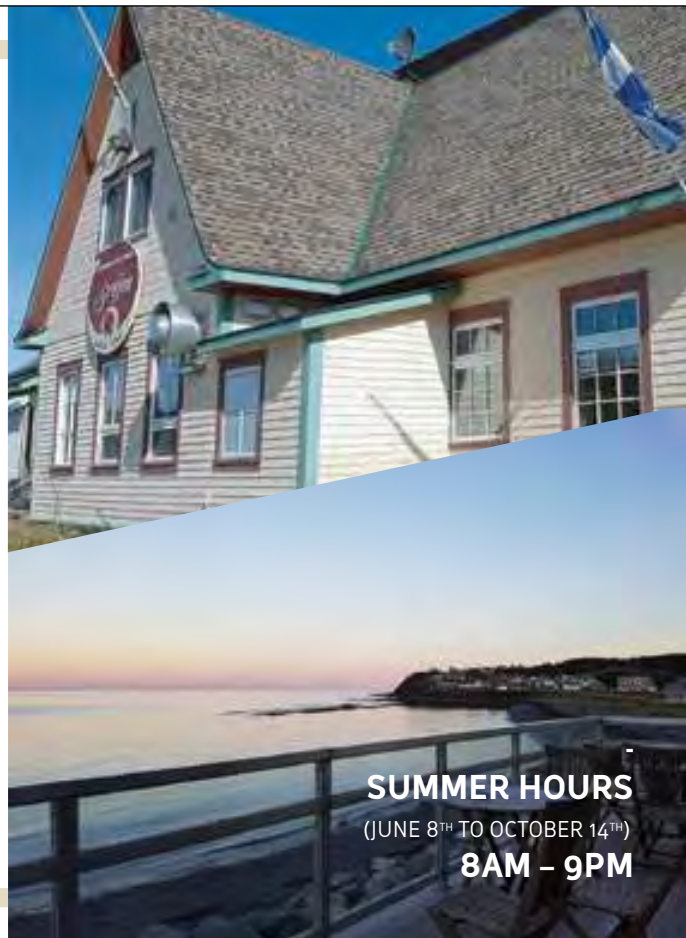
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