The GASPÉ COAST 2018 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.

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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

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The southern coast of the Gaspé begins near Matapedia 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 34 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.

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Gesgapegiag Kateri Tekakwitha Church

Take some time to visit our newly renovated Gesgapegiag Kateri Tekakwitha Church. This teepee shaped church is the only one on the Gaspé Peninsula displaying some of the most beautiful Micmac artwork around. For more information contact Doris Jerome at **418-759-3406**.



Chalets de l'Anse Ste-Hélène

Chalets de l'Anse Ste-Hélène offers chalet rentals all year round in front of the beautiful Chaleur Bay. You can choose from 3 small chalets, 2 larger family cottages or the one and only, Grande Hermine, a replica of Jacques Cartier's boat. For more information contact Walter Jerome, Operations Manager for Chalets de l'Anse Ste-Helene by email at **bookings@gesgapegiag.ca** or by phone at **581-886-5455**. We welcome all!!!



Le Relais de la Cache

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Gesgapegiag Lobster Hut

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Gesgapegiag Co-op Handicraft

The Gesgapegiag Co-op Handicraft offers a wide selection in Micmac art, such as, ash baskets and amazing beadwork. If you like souvenirs, this would be the perfect stop!!! For more information contact us at **418-759-3504**.

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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



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.





Attractions **TAYLOR'S POINT PARK**

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Paddle board	\$20
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Double kayak	\$35
Canoe	\$35
Paddle board	\$30
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3 to 6 hours

Single kayak

Double kayak

Canoe

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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 18 to September 30, 2018.

Information : www.campingnewrichmond.ca/en

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Information : www.pinrouge.com/en Call : 418-392-5134 #121 or toll free 1 866-992-5134

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Information: 418-392-4487

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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.villenewrichmond.com



Ville de New Richmond

NEW RICHMOND PUBLIC MARKET

The New Richmond Public Market is open every Saturday throughout the summer from July 7 to September 8. Local products and artwork are featured.

Marché public de New Richmond

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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.



June 29 to July 1, 2018. 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 23 to 26, 2018 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 26 to September 2, 2018.

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

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

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 boasts a shopping centre and, of course, a gorgeous waterfront with a variety of things to do and see at Taylor's Point. Your fun day at Taylor's Point can include a picnic, as well as paddle boarding and kayaking. 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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New Carlisle is a town founded by United Empire Loyalists around 1785 and is known for its beautiful tree-lined streets. The Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre, Espace René Lévesque, La Maison Blanche and Bellevue Motels, camping grounds, restaurants, 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. Both salt waters of the Bay of Chaleur and fresh water trout fishing are available for your holiday enjoyment.





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New Carlisle





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:

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- Hamilton Manor: Bed & Breakfast and Campground
- Camping: "Chalets Camping Moulin Rouge".
- (In wooded area next to municipal beach.)
- Maison du Shérif Sheppard Bed & Breakfast
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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 29, 30 and July 1st
- MUSIC FESTIVAL Fridays at the Gazebo on the Green July 13th to August 10th 8pm to 10pm Voluntary contribution

Visit

- Kempffer Cultural & Interpretation Center
- Permanent exhibit Genealogy
- 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 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" NewspaperCHNC FM 107,1

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

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ACTION

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".

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.

CASA Committee for ANGLOPHONE SOCIAL ACTION

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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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.



as you travel

As you travel eastward you come to the municipality of Hope you'll find a lovely family friendly park which offers minigolf and tennis courts. Watching a game of softball will be a great evening of family fun. The locals fish for sea bass in the evenings. 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 a beautiful view, 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. Hope Town derives its name from Henry Hope,



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.

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Mayor: Colette Dow Councillors: Seat #1 Marcel Gagnon Seat #2 Nancy Skene Seat #3 Georgette Chapados Seat #4 Joseph Blais Seat #5 Rolande Beebe Seat #6 Jean-Claude Huard Director General: Maria Marroquin 418-752-2474 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 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 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 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 on the playground. This ups the fun quotient for your kids.

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.



Marvellous Mussels

Mmmmmmm, mussels! One of the most delicious foods that you can enjoy on your Gaspesian vacation! While here you must try this scrumptious seafood. Mussels can be served smoked, steamed, fried in butter or even barbecued. Check that your mussels are alive just before you cook them. If not, they will be inedible, even poisonous. If your mussels are open when you get them, they are dead and should be thrown away immediately. Rinse the mussels in water and remove the "beard". When you cook your mussels, they will open slightly and you can peek inside to see the soft parts inside. Three ounces of mussels contain about 70 calories and are nutritious powerhouses. Mussels contain selenium, zinc, folate and vitamin B12. If you serve them with garlic butter, it ups the calories but also the flavour. The most common method of preparing mussels is to steam them. To prepare your sauté some green onion, thyme and garlic in mussels. hot oil to create a stock base. Add

some wine, chicken broth and lemon juice. Cover your pot and steam over a medium to high heat for about 10 – 15 minutes or until the mussels open. Serve with fries or crispy green salad and a baguette. Mmmmmmm, mussels! A fun authentic Gaspesian meal!

Canteens: FUN DINING

Eating is one of the joys of any vacation. You will find many roadside canteens on your Gaspesian holiday. Canteens are fun dining, not fine dining, but are often very satisfying and delicious. Canteens can be small trailer type buildings with no indoor eating area. Some have a small indoor area to eat. Do not expect linen tablecloths. When you stop at a canteen, don't expect an extensive menu, but definitely burgers, hot dogs and fries for starters. The Gaspé canteens often serve the best poutine and its variations. If you are very hungry, you might order a galvaude. This variation of poutine contains fries, gravy, cheese, peas, chicken and coleslaw. You will feel full for hours after.

Every canteen is unique and offers a different hand-written menu on a board out front. Be ready to order in French and pointing will work if necessary. In most cases you go up to a counter and order through a window. When you get close to the window, the first thing that hits you is the mouth watering smell.

It is an experience that you do not get at a regular restaurant. It is delicious because it tastes like homemade food, not prepared or frozen. Warning: Do not worry about calories or fat content. Enjoy the food, you do not eat this every day.

Diners eat at picnic tables or in their cars. You can take it with you to the beach, hotel, or just park some place with a view and enjoy your canteen food. Canteens are the fun side of Gaspesian dining. You can eat salad tomorrow.





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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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.





Percé AND AREA

Percé has been chosen as one of the "Most Beautiful Villages of Quebec". No vacation to the Gaspé is complete without a visit to and many photos of Percé Rock. A visit by boat to Bonaventure Island and around "The Rock" will provide beautiful memories and photo opportunities of your vacation to the Gaspé. Percé includes a number of smaller communities, such as Barachois, Cap-d'Espoir and Val-d'Espoir. Many lovely and quaint shops, restaurants and bird-watching opportunities offer a full day in the town of Percé. Wear comfortable shoes. You will be doing a lot of walking! Be sure to visit the Corner of the Beach Historical Museum in the former St. Luke's Anglican Church. For outdoor enthusiasts, a visit to the Geopark is recommended, if you crave adventure, you will find it at the Geopark. You can hike, visit the interpretation sites, zipline and walk on a suspended glass platform.





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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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GASPE 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



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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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