

Région de la Mauricie



Le spectacle - Eclips

ECLYPS



On the island, we will stay in the Inn of the Parc Melville situated on the shore of the river. We will also experience the thrill of "Arbre-en-Arbre". The TREE LINK adventure circuits. Move safely from tree to tree high up in the tree following the various circuits available..

Our other spectacular adventure in that region will be the trip down the St-Maurice river in kayaks and rabaska for the younger paddlers. With our guides, we will paddle along that river beginning at the hydroelectric dam St-Gabelle. We will stop for a rest at the "Forges St-Maurice", home to the remains of Canada's first ironworks. This will be an experience to remember.



The Mauricie is a region that extends between Montreal and Quebec city. There, we will stay on the Melville island. Located in the heart of Shawinigan's city, the park is surrounded by the magnificent Saint-Maurice River and is home to the famous Cité de l'énergie and its grandiose show "ECLYPS".

We will take the time to visit the city of Energie. This unusual theme park, unrivalled anywhere throughout the whole of Canada, has consistently delivered a highly entertaining experience, one that is both culturally and educationally stimulating, what with the first-rate caliber of its exhibits. The site is home to Québec's second highest observation tower, numerous interactive exhibits, thrilling and gripping multimedia presentations. As well, it hosts a number of dazzling scientific demonstrations such as the one on magnetic levitation and some new-fangled applications to which is being put hydrogen, the novel energy source.

In the evening, we will also attend the show: "ECLYPS"

Région de Charlevoix

In Charlevoix, mountains and sea combine to form a setting that can only be described as spellbinding. A succession of capes and outcroppings flank the coast like so many sentinels guarding the river.. In that beautiful region we will visit a old-fashion cheese factory as well as a papermaking Economuseum, It is a business that makes various kinds of fine handcrafted papers. We will be able to observe craftsmen at work as well as a museum of contemporary creations.

We will also spend a day at the Park national des Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie. It is one of Québec's most beautiful natural monuments. It was named after a series of valleys cut deep into a range of high mountains. At the park we will hike the famous "sentier de l'Acropole des Draveurs". It is a total of 9 km hike (there and back) that will take to the top of the highest point (1048 metres) where we will meet a park ranger that will describe the scenery.

We will visit the "Centre écologique de Port-au-Saumon". There we will follow our guide through nature trails experiencing different ecosystems, where we can see among other things a 15 metres high waterfall. We will then be treated to the "pond of marine organisms". Each summer, specialists dive in the St-Lawrence to bring back different live organisms that are housed in the centre's pond. The children have the opportunity to study them and sometimes touch them. Starfish, corals, crabs and sea urchins are some of the marine organisms that can be experienced.

ROCK CLIMBING

The "Palissades" (cliffs) of Charlevoix is a natural jewel nestled in the mountains, unique in America. This magnificent park of international caliber is, without a doubt, the best kept secret in Québec. Our certified guides will take us on a rock climbing experience in a completely safe, beginner level mountain adventure. The "Via Ferrata" will enchant us by its accessibility, its spectacular location and its unique safety features. We will live the exhilarant trill of a mountain cliff ascent in total security. Explore the landscape cut by natural terraces, balconies and walkways offering exceptional panoramic views. This activity is accessible to all where you are attached at all time to a secured wire cable. Live the mountain sensation at over 200 metres over a valley formed by glaciers 15 millions years ago.



Région de Tadoussac

The cold waters of the Rivière Saguenay that flow into the saltwater of the St. Lawrence River form an exceptional ecosystem, the Saguenay-St-Lawrence Marine Park, where countless beluga and fin whales abound in the summertime. We will spend a few days in that region staying at the "Fermes 5 étoiles". A unique concept where comfortable accommodation are situated on the grounds of a functioning farms. Our group will be housed in our own chalet on site. The children will have the opportunity to participate in the feeding and caring of the animals during one of the morning session.



Within the "Saguenay-St-Lawrence Marine Park", we will visit 2 of the best site to view whales from the shore: Cap du Bon-Désir et Pointe-Noire. Since its creation in 1998, the marine park has worked to protect and present the marine environment of a section of the St. Lawrence Estuary and the Saguenay Fjord.

In Tadoussac, we will visit the Sand dunes, the trading post Chauvin, a replica of the first fur trading post in Quebec, the "Centre d'interprétation des animaux marins (CIMM)", a hands-on exhibit that plunges you into the world of these legendary creatures.

From Sacré-Coeur where we are staying, we will go on a hike of a section of the Fjord Trail which will take us to a magnificent panorama of the Saguenay fjord.



Région de Québec



The outskirts of Québec City are simply enchanting. In just a few minutes, you could find yourself deep in the countryside or in the heart of one of the large natural parks. The Chute Montmorency alone (272 ft. high, higher than Niagara Falls) is a magnificent waterfall well worth the detour. We will climb the Panoramic Stairway: 487 steps, which literally cling to the sides of the cliff and explore above the falls with a guide from the Park.

Thirty minutes from Québec City, Mont-Sainte-Anne is one of eastern North America's most beautiful ski resorts. We will enjoy a gondola ride up the mountain and visit the canine museum on the hilltop which describe the life and history of the sleigh dogs. There we will meet our mountain guide who will climb down the mountain with us pointing out the different faunas and floras of interest as well as the point of interest we will be able to see from the mountain.



In that region we will also visit the Canyon Ste-Anne. They are astonishing! We will cross one of the highest suspension bridges in Québec, 55 m (180 ft.) above the canyon! We will marvel at the dizzying 74-m (243-ft.) drop of the Sainte-Anne waterfall as it plunges into the river far below. Winner of the 2002 *Attractions Canada Award*, a national prize.

In that region we will stay at the Centre de plein air Le Saisonnier. In the evening, the children will be able to enjoy archery, hiking, forest activities, camp fires, soccer, volleyball etc. ... and most importantly mingle with children from Québec who do NOT speak english.

