

Experience the Magdalen Islands, Canada

7 days / 6 nights

Credit : Tourisme
Iles de la Madeleine



From
\$752

Regular price : \$970

Price per person - Double Occupancy
Overnight : Château Madelinot Hotel

A trip to the Magdalen Islands, is a one of a kind experience.. The archipelago is composed of a dozen island located in the Gulf of St. Lawrence – 6 of which are connected by sandbanks. Each of these islands has its own charm, but they all have one thing in common – the warmth and authenticity of the Magdalen Islanders themselves.

Entry Island: With a surface area of 7 square kilometers, Entrance Island will charm you with its pristine nature, its shimmering landscapes and the



Big Hill which is 174 meters high and the highest point on the island – the panorama from the top is breathtaking.

Havre Aubert Island: Located in the south of the archipelago, its most important attraction is, without a doubt, the La Grave Historic Site (strike: stony and sandy ground). It was classified as a historic site by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs in 1983.

Cap aux Meules Island: Gateway to the archipelago, it is the island with the largest number of inhabitants but despite its more “urban” aspect, nature is never far away. There are 3 villages - Fatima, Cap-aux-Meules and l'Étang-du-Nord. Cap aux Meules Island with its beautiful landscapes and activities for all, is a great option.

The Package Includes:

- 6 nights accommodation in a Regular Room at the Château Madelinot
- 6 breakfasts
- Admission and fee for tasting at Le Barbocheux
- Admission and fee for tasting at Fumoir d'Antan
- 7 day Intermediate car rental with unlimited mileage (The car must be returned on day 7 at the latest at the same time as the pick-up. A return later than the time the car was picked up will incur additional charges).



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Havre aux Maisons Island: The island has kept its rural side where you will see beautiful examples of the traditional occupation by the Madelinots. The plateau slightly sloping towards the sea is dotted with multicoloured houses displaying traditional architecture. Ile du Havre aux Maisons is a study in contrasts – its gentle sloping hills set against its tormented red cliffs make it one of the most beautiful of the islands in the archipelago.

Pointe aux Loups Island: This island is the smallest of the islands with no more than 50 houses and it possesses 2 long deserted beaches which make it very popular with locals and tourists.

Grosse Island : The island is inhabited by English-speaking Madelinots. They are mainly of Scottish descent and most of the men are fishermen. The Island is beautiful. At Rockhill Point, wooded hillsides slope down to the sea, and areas like East Cape and Old-Harry have a charm all their own.

Grande Entrée Island: Grand Entree, considered the Quebec lobster capital since 1994, has more than 100 brightly coloured lobster boats. Don't miss a trip to Ile Boudrea to view one of the most beautiful panoramas of Magdalen Islands.

This 6 night package includes some great activities to help you discover this magnificent archipelago.



Day 1 - Cap aux Meules Island - Fatima

Once you arrive at the Îles-de-la-Madeleine Airport, pick up your rental car and drive to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to check out some of the islands sites.

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Day 2 - Cap aux Meules Island - Fatima

After breakfast, visit the Fumoir d'Antan. The smoking of herring has been a part of the life for many Magdalenians over the last century. Discover how the smokehouses work and learn about the daily life of the people who work there. Experience the smell of the fires and the sight of thousands of copper-coloured pots. Since 1942, the Arseneau family has passed the traditional know-how of herring smoking from generation to generation.

The rest of the day is at your leisure.

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Day 3 - Cap aux Meules Island - Fatima

After breakfast, take the time to visit Le Barbocheux :
An Artisanal Winery

In the Magdalen Islands, “barbocher” is an ancient word that evokes the tradition where people went from house to house to enjoy a little drink. The small glass which, more often than not, was filled with bagosse, a homemade alcohol, concocted from a very simple recipe: water, sugar and yeast. To this mixture, a fruit or a plant was added to give flavor. Many “bagosseux”, who got their supplies on their land, flavoured their alcohol with dandelion which is abundant on the lawns.

The rest of the day is at your leisure.

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Day 4 to 6 - Cap aux Meules Island - Fatima

The next 3 days are for you to explore the island at your leisure. The hotel has a good selection of tour options that can be purchased locally. Below are just a few – so check with the front desk for a complete list.

Pied-de-Vent Cheese Factory: This cheese factory is an artisanal cheese factory that produces Canadian cow’s milk cheese. It produces the famous “Pied-DeVent”, a mixed rind cheese, the “Tomme des Demoiselles”, a pressed cheese that has been matured

for more than 6 months, the “Jeune-Coeur”, a soft cheese, the “Cheddar Art Senau” and the “Crème fraîche des Îles”. There are several local products made with cheese. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., you can watch a demonstration of Pied-de-vent cheese molding.

Visit of the Saint-Pierre de Lavernière Church.

Classified as a historical monument, Saint-Pierre Church, which dates back to 1876, is the second largest wooden church in North America. On several occasions, it was struck by lightning and had to be saved from the flames. It has the peculiarity of having been built with the wood from a ship that ran aground near the Magdalen Islands. This church is a major element of the Magdalen heritage. Impossible not to be moved by its history!

Visit of the Lighthouse of Borgot de L’Étang-du-Nord

The Borgot lighthouse, also known as the “Cap Hérissé lighthouse”, is the most recent of the five lighthouses still in service on the Magdalen Islands. This simple and uncluttered monolithic structure is composed of a circular white plastic tower. One site is set up around the building for the following purposes visitors. If you come for a visit at the following times you will have the opportunity to see the most beautiful sunsets of the Îles-de-la-Madeleine, where the red cliffs and the sea unite to make only one!

Museum of the Sea : To understand the Islands is to love them more! This is why the Museum of the Sea team offers guided tours on themes deeply rooted in the history of islanders. Why is the archipelago described as an important marine cemetery? What is the origin of the huge skeleton hanging in the hall? All this and many other subjects plus time to answer any questions you may have.

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Islands of Yesteryear Site: Le Site d'Autrefois will make you live and discover the life of yesteryear on the islands like nowhere else. You will be able to visit the interiors of houses and farm buildings, observe farm animals and discover the evolution of fishermen's lives as told by a Madelinot fisherman. In addition, the observation tower will offer you a breathtaking view of magnificent landscapes.

Visit of the historical site of La Grave (point of interest) This authentic place bears witness to the past and preserves its traditional cachet. Cradle of the islands and the fishing industry, La Grave extends the along a small pebble beach. This site, which can be walked, offers a wide variety of activities and many events are organized there. You There you will find restaurants, cafés, etc, stores, museums, a marina, a shopping center, a shows and a fishing port.



Cultural Interpretation Center : Christian Vigneau, a fisherman since the age of 14, is passionate about mariculture. His company, La Moule du large, has been specializing in the farming of mussels and oysters on the high seas for more than ten years. The farming



site is located 7 kilometers from the port of Cap-aux-Meules. The rearing method implemented by the company is not used anywhere else in North America. The molluscs produced by the company stand out for their particularly fleshy texture and their saltier than usual taste. Visiting the interpretation center is an opportunity to learn more about mariculture and oysters and mussels, from the farm to your plate. Put on the boots of the mariculturists and board a boat to visit the aquaculture farm on the high seas or in the lagoon to discover how the delicious shellfish are raised.

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Day 7 - Cap aux Meules Island – Fatima - Departure

This morning after breakfast, drive to the airport to return the car in time to check-in for your flight.

Rates 7 days / 6 nights

Dates	Price per person in single occupancy	Price per person in double occupancy	Price per person in triple occupancy
From April 1 to May 31, 2021	\$1756 Price EQ > \$1 361,30	\$970 Price EQ > \$751,97	\$739 Price EQ > \$572,88
From June 1 to September 30, 2021	\$1913 Price EQ > \$1 482,66	\$1048 Price EQ > \$812,10	\$790 Price EQ > \$612,10
From July 15 to August 15, 2021	\$1857 Price EQ > \$1 439,26	\$1020 Price EQ > \$790,40	\$772 Price EQ > \$598,14
From October 1 to December 31, 2021	\$1765 Price EQ > \$1 367,94	\$974 Price EQ > \$757,74	\$741 Price EQ > \$574,11
Dinner Supplement per day per person	\$69	\$69	\$69

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