

# GASPÉSIE

Did you know?

The **GASPÉ PENINSULA** is

145 km (90 mi.) + 1h30 from Tadoussac  
343 km (213 mi.) from Québec City  
700 km (435 mi.) from Montréal

The **GASPÉ PENINSULA** is...



**885** km  
(550 mi.) of scenic roads, including over

**700** km  
(435 mi.) along the St. Lawrence and Chaleur Bay

Take the time to enjoy your road trip in Gaspésie! Whichever way you go, be sure not to drive more than **200 km (120 mi.)** per day.

The region is about the same size as **MARYLAND**

**GASPÉSIE**  
30,340 km<sup>2</sup>  
(11,714 sq. mi.)

**MARYLAND**  
32,132 km<sup>2</sup>  
(12,406 sq. mi.)

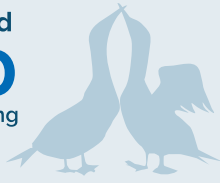


## Take advantage of our wide open spaces

### A few facts about the region

4 national parks + 3 wildlife reserves + several controlled ecological zones = over 10% protected natural areas

Bonaventure Island  
**250,000**  
migratory birds including  
**116,000**  
northern gannets



Mt. Jacques-Cartier  
**1268** metres  
(4160 feet) high



Matane Wildlife Reserve  
**4000**  
moose



Percé Rock  
**433** metres  
(1420 feet) wide

CN Tower  
**553** metres  
(1814 feet) high



**22 salmon rivers**



## Wildlife and parks go hand in hand!



Our star wildlife attractions

**Caribou**  
Gaspésie National Park

**Moose and bears**  
Matane Wildlife Reserve

**Northern gannets**  
Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé National Park

**Beavers**  
Forillon National Park

**Elpistostege**  
A 380-million-year-old fossil at Miguasha



## Delicious local delicacies!

### What should you try?

- Lobster roll
- Smoked salmon
- Northern shrimp from Matane
- Maple syrup
- Codfish fritters
- Poutine
- Local microbrew beers
- Strawberry wine from Ferme Bourdages Tradition



Gaspésie is also home to some of the largest marine mammals on the planet, including **blue whales** and **humpbacks**.



Explore hundreds of kilometres of hiking trails through forests and along the coast.



Go sea kayaking and encounter marine mammals.

## Over 15 interpretation sites

Paying tribute to our history and our French, Jersey Islander and Acadian roots



## The sentinels of Gaspésie

14 lighthouses, of which 11 are accessible to the public:

**La Martre**  
Lighthouse museum

**Pointe-à-la-Renommée**  
The world's most travelled lighthouse and the site of Marconi's first marine radio station

**Cap-des-Rosiers**  
Canada's tallest lighthouse



## Events in Gaspésie

- June**  
Petite-Vallée Song Fest
- June to September**  
International Garden Festival
- August**  
Folk Art Sculptures Festival  
Festival Musique du Bout du Monde
- September**  
TDLG on Foot
- October**  
Festival La Virée



The **Micmac**  
origin of local place names



- Gaspé = Gespeg** (land's end)
- Shigawake** (land of the rising sun)
- Restigouche = Listuguj** (good river for canoeing)
- Paspébiac = Ipsigiag** (barachois)
- Amqui** (place of amusement or pleasure)

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