As marine mammals are found in great numbers in the St. Lawrence, any opportunity to spend time on the water may result in an unforgettable sighting. Keep your eyes peeled!

**SEA EXCURSIONS**

Spending time at sea in a kayak, sightseeing boat or trimaran may lead to surprise encounters. The following activities are not particularly focused on the observation of marine mammals but still offer opportunities to see them.

**GASPÉSIE**

**Cap Aventure**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions in Forillon National Park
T: 418 892-5055 / 1 877 792-5055
www.capaventure.net

**Club nautique Jacques-Cartier**
Types of excursions: Sailboat rentals (catamarans, centreboarders and keelboats)
Activity: Excursions in Gaspé Bay
T: 418-368-1288
www.marinadegaspe.com

**Excursions L’Omiriou**
Types of excursions: Boat
Activity: Introduction to coastal fishing methods
T: 418-986-6677 / 1-866-986-6677
www.lomiriou.com

**Explorer**
Types of excursions: Boat
Activity: Exploration of underwater flora and fauna with interpretation
T: 418-763-2500
www.exploramer.qc.ca

**ÎLES DE LA MADELEINE**

**Aérosport Carrefour d’Aventures**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions along the cliffs and caves of the Islands
T: 418-986-6677 / 1-866-986-6677
www.aerosport.ca

**Auberge La Salicorne**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions along the beaches and cliffs of the Islands
T: 418-985-2833 / 1-888-537-4537
www.salicorne.ca

**Parc de Gros-Cap**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions around the Islands
T: 418-986-4505 / 1-800-986-4505
www.parcdegraoscap.ca

**Vert et Mer**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions around the Islands
T: 418-986-3555 / 1-866-986-3555
www.vertetmer.com

**CTMA**
Types of excursions: Ferry cruise
Activity: Cold-water cruises on the St. Lawrence from Montréal to the Îles de la Madeleine. The second allows the more adventurous to embark on a supply ship heading north, stopping in small villages all along the way to Blanc-Sablon on the Lower North Shore. In both cases, the chances of spotting marine mammals are excellent.

**Relais Nordik**
Types of excursions: Coaster
Activity: Cold-water cruises on the St. Lawrence from Rimouski to Blanc-Sablon (with stops)
418-723-8787 / 1-800-463-0680
www.relaisnordik.com

**Société Duvetnor**
Types of excursions: Boat
Activity: Exploration of the St. Lawrence islands with interpretation
T: 418-867-1660 / 1-877-867-1660
www.duvetnor.com

**SEBKA (Société d’écologie de la baie du Kamouraska)**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions in the Kamouraska islands
T: 418-493-9984
www.sebka.ca

**FERRIES**

Ferries are not just a practical way of crossing the St. Lawrence. They also offer a great opportunity to discover it and observe several species of marine mammals. Take along your binoculars and be sure to talk to the crew.

**Îles de la Madeleine – Prince Edward Island (CTMA)**
1-888-986-3278 / 418-986-3278
www.ctmaitama.ca

**Matane – Baie-Comeau – Godbout**
418-562-2500 / 1-877-562-6560
www.traversiers.gouv.qc.ca

**Rimouski – Forestville**
418-725-2725 / 418-562-2933
1-800-973-2725
www.traversier.com

**Rivière-du-Loup – Saint-Siméon**
418-862-5094 / 418-638-2856
www.traversersdl.com

**Tadoussac – Baie-Sainte-Catherine**
418-235-4395 / 1-877-787-7483
www.traversiers.gouv.qc.ca

**Trois-Pistoles – Les Escoumins**
418-851-4676 / 1-877-851-4677
www.traversiercnb.ca

**SEA EXCURSIONS**

**BAS-SAINT-LAURENT**

**SEBKA (Société d’écologie de la baie du Kamouraska)**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions in the Kamouraska islands
T: 418-493-9984
www.sebka.ca

**CÔTÉ-NORD**

**Ferme 5 Étoiles**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions on the Saguenay Fjord
T: 418-232-6779 / 1-866-637-6663
www.ferme5etoiles.com

**Vert et Mer**
Types of excursions: Sea kayaking
Activity: Excursions in the Le Bergeronnes region
T: 418-232-6237
www.vertetmer.com

**CTMA**
Types of excursions: Ferry cruise
Activity: Cold-water cruises on the St. Lawrence from Montréal to the Îles de la Madeleine (with stops)
418-986-3278 / 1-888-986-3278
www.croisieresctma.ca

**Québec maritime**

and marine mammals

**A VERY NATURAL LOVE STORY**

Québec maritime is home to 13 species of whales, including blue whales, belugas and white-sided dolphins. These mammals can be regularly observed from the shore or during sea excursions. It is therefore no coincidence that, from Tadoussac to Blanc-Sablon, Côte-Nord has officially been recognized as the “Whale Route” by Tourisme Québec.

Here is further proof that this region is one of the best in the world for whale watching: four internationally renowned research groups are based here. Some of them even offer sea excursions with their researchers.

Four species of seals can also be found in the waters of Québec maritime: harbour seals, grey seals, harp seals and hooded seals. They are generally easy to observe, particularly when they are sunning themselves on the rocks.
ENCOUNTERS WITH WHALES AND SEALS

ON THE ICE
Most marine mammal species that frequent the St. Lawrence are migratory and are therefore best observed from June to October. However, there is one exceptional activity that occurs only in the winter: the observation of baby seals on the ice surrounding the Îles de la Madeleine.

Château Madelinot
T: 418-986-2211 / 1-888-3695 / 1-800-661-4537
www.hotelsilesdelamadeleine.com

FROM THE SHORE
On its website at www.whales-online.net, the Group for Research and Education on Marine Mammals (GREMM) provides a list of places where marine mammals can readily be observed from the shore. Here are several other sites where naturalist guides lead interpretation activities about marine mammals:

CÔTE-NORD
Sept Îles Archipelago
T: 418-962-1238 / 1-888-880-1238
www.tourismeseptiles.ca
Saguenay – St. Lawrence Marine Park
Marine Environment Discovery Centre
T: 418-233-4414 / 418-235-4703
Cap-de-Bon-Désir Interpretation and Observation Centre
T: 418-232-6751 / 418-235-4703
1-888-773-8888
www.parcmarin.qc.ca
Anticosti National Park
T: 418-535-0156
www.parcsquebec.com/anticosti
Fjord-du-Saguenay National Park
Pointe-de-l’Islet sector in Tadoussac
Baie-Sainte-Marguerite sector
T: 418-272-1556 / 1-800-665-6527
www.parcsquebec.com/fjord

Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve
T: 418-538-3285 / 418-538-3331
1-888-773-8888
www.pc.gc.ca/Mingan

BAS-SAINT-LAURENT
Bic National Park
(seal observation and interpretation with a naturalist)
T: 418-736-5035 / 1-800-665-6527
www.parcsquebec.com/bic

GASPÉSIE
Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé National Park
T: 418-782-5500 / 1-866-617-5500
www.baleines-forillon.com

Les Bateliers de Percé
Types of excursions: Zodiac and boat
T: 418-782-2974 / 1-877-782-2974
www.lesbateliersdeperce.com

OBSERVATION OF SEALS IN CAPTIVITY
It is also possible to observe seals at close range during visits to:

Bioparc de la Gaspésie
www.bioparc.ca

Exploramer
T: 418-763-2500
www.exploramer.qc.ca

IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT
Whether you opt for an excursion in the comfort of a 500-passenger sightseeing boat or would rather enjoy a trip aboard a reliable Zodiac or sea kayak, you are guaranteed an enriching sea experience thanks to the qualified staff of the following excursion companies:

CÔTE-NORD
Croisières 2001
Types of excursions: Zodiac and catamaran
T: 418-235-3333 / 1-800-694-5489
www.croisieres2001.com
Croisières AML
Types of excursions: Zodiac and boat
T: 418-235-4642 / 1-800-563-4643
www.croisieresaml.com
Croisières Essipit
Types of excursions: Zodiac
T: 418-233-2266 / 1-888-688-6666
www.essipit.com
Groupe Dufour Cruises
Types of excursions: Zodiac and boat
T: 418-692-0222 / 1-800-463-5250
www.dufour.ca

BAS-SAINT-LAURENT
Croisières AML
Types of excursions: Boat
T: 418-892-5500 / 1-866-817-5500
www.baleines-aml.com
Croisières Julien Cloutier
Types of excursions: Boat
T: 418-782-5606 / 1-877-782-2161
www.croisieres-julien-cloutier.com
Les Bateliers de Percé
Types of excursions: Zodiac and boat
T: 418-782-2974 / 1-877-782-2974
www.lesbateliersdeperce.com

IN AN INTERPRETATION CENTRE
To learn even more about the life of marine mammals, visit any of the following interpretation centres in Québec maritime:

CÔTE-NORD
Seal Interpretation Centre
T : 418-985-2833 / 1-888-537-4537
www.salicorne.ca

GASPÉSIE
Bioparc de la Gaspésie
www.bioparc.ca
Exploramer
T: 418-763-2500
www.exploramer.qc.ca

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