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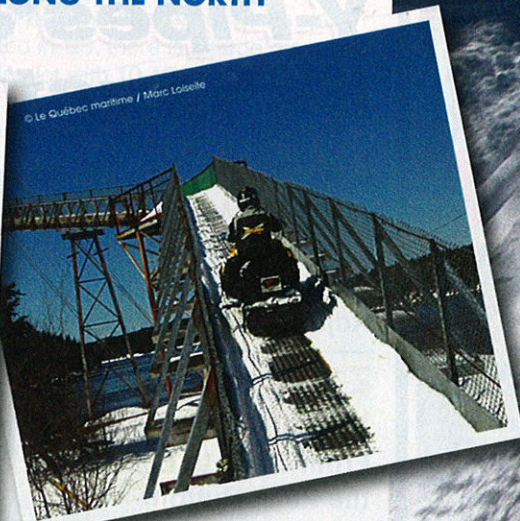
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RIDING THE NORTH SHORE OF THE **ST. LAWRENCE RIVER**

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LOCATED ON THE NORTH SHORE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE, THE CÔTE-NORD – MANICOUAGAN REGION IS IDEAL FOR SNOWMOBILERS IN SEARCH OF WILDERNESS AND WIDE OPEN SPACES. TRANS-QUÉBEC TRAIL #3 (TQ3) CONSISTS OF 1647 KILOMETRES OF TRAILS THAT WEAVE THROUGH THE REGION ALONG THE NORTH SHORE FROM EAST TO WEST.



TQ3, which offers spectacular views of the St. Lawrence Estuary, is wide, carefully maintained and well-marked. There is also several service centres located along the trail where you can purchase fuel and have a bite to eat. The trail is ideal if you plan to cover many kilometres in one day.

If it is not practical for you to transport your own snowmobile to the region, you can rent one. Hamilton & Bourassa offers rental and guide services. This is a practical and fun way to discover the region and all of its treasures.

The Tadoussac Bay and Saguenay Fjord areas offer a number of observation points for admiring breathtaking seascapes. In Sacré-Cœur, you can enjoy the Ferme 5 Étoiles Family Vacation Site, which offers several packages to snowmobilers of all levels. Various accommodations are available as well, including B&Bs, condos and cottages. You can even spend the night in a yurt or tepee. The site also offers guided snowmobile tours ranging from a half-day to five days.

As you continue eastward along your journey, you might see an ice-covered St. Lawrence River. In Escoumins, you can spend the night at Auberge de la Baie, where you will receive a warm welcome and stay in a comfortable room. In the morning, you will be served breakfast in the dining room. You can also spend a



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night at Baie du Soleil Couchant B&B in Longue-Rive. This charming log house is not located directly on Trans-Québec trail #3, but snowmobilers can access it easily. The warm welcome you will receive from your hosts, the cozy atmosphere of the log house, the view of the bay and a hearty breakfast will have you coming back for more.

A few kilometres away, a 30-metre bridge crosses the river at Portneuf-sur-Mer. If your schedule allows for it, plan to cross the bridge in the evening when it is illuminated. The setting is absolutely magical!

The Manicouagan River, the largest in the region, is very familiar to snowmobilers. The snowmobile bridge over the river is 213 metres (700 feet) long and 27.4 metres (90 feet) above the surface of the water. It is the longest snowmobile bridge in North America and is guaranteed to thrill.

The city of Baie-Comeau is located on the other side of the Manicouagan River,

where you will have access to lodging, meals, fuel and entertainment. Located on the shores of the St. Lawrence River, Hôtel Le Manoir is always ready to welcome snowmobilers, and the facility offers a snowmobile shelter and repair shop. Modern amenities combine with the unique charm of this old French-colonial style manor. In addition, the dining room offers succulent dishes featuring seafood, grilled meats and regional cuisine.

A few kilometres east of Baie-Comeau in the Baie-Trinité area, you can take an 11-km detour to Pointe-des-Monts and visit one of the oldest lighthouses in North America. The lighthouse is located on a long, rocky ridge that juts into the St. Lawrence, offering an unparalleled, panoramic view. On clear days, you can even see the wind turbines on the other side of the river, in the Gaspésie!

Snowmobilers who do not wish to backtrack may cross over to the south shore of the St. Lawrence aboard the N.M. Camille-Marcoux, a ferry between

Baie-Comeau / Godbout and Matane in Gaspésie. Ferry service is available year round. The trip is approximately two hours and twenty minutes in length, giving you ample time to gaze at the ice-riddled St. Lawrence before embarking on new trails (TQ5).

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Tadoussac
Lodging: Ferme 5 Étoiles Family Vacation Site
 quebecmaritime.ca/ferme5etoiles

Day 2: From Tadoussac to Longue-Rive (132 km)
Lodging: La Baie du Soleil Couchant B&B quebecmaritime.ca/soleilcouchant

Day 3: From Longue-Rive to Baie-Comeau (220 km)
Lodging: Hôtel Le Manoir quebecmaritime.ca/manoirbcomeau

Day 4: Return trip between Baie-Comeau and Pointe-des-Monts (260 km)
Lodging: Hôtel Le Manoir

Day 5: From Baie-Comeau to Les Escoumins (285 km)
Lodging: Auberge de la Baie quebecmaritime.ca/aubergebaie

Alternative: Ferry to Matane (Gaspésie) quebecmaritime.ca/matane_bcomeau

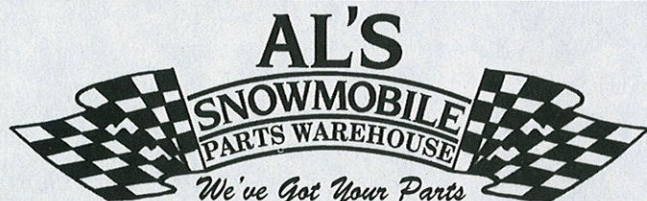
Day 6: Return to Sacré-Cœur (66 km)

Additional information

For trails, packages and to order trail maps, visit snowmobilequebecmaritime.ca. You can reach Hamilton & Bourassa, which offers rental and guide services, at 418-296-9191.



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