WELCOME TO SAGUENAY

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Bienvenue CRUISE PASSENGERS

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Saguenay
A spectacular show

La Fabuleuse
Histoire d’un Royaume

You won't want to miss

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1.5 MI. FROM PIER

More than a hundred actors together on a gigantic stage
1,600 characters
Fireworks
Cannon blasts
Waterfalls
Farm animals
Horse-riding stunts
Vintage cars

Tickets must be booked through your cruise ship shore excursion manager (transportation is included in the price of your ticket).
I’m pleased to welcome you to Saguenay!

Your stopover will allow you to discover our city and its welcoming citizens and will provide opportunities for meeting many people and visiting exciting places. We’re very proud to share our culture and history with you and are privileged to be your host: take advantage of every moment spent here in Saguenay and you’ll leave with a wealth of memories. The outstanding natural beauty of our area, our culinary treasures and regional food products, and our local artisans will surely win you over!

Bring your spirit of adventure and curiosity with you to Saguenay for an unforgettable trip!

Josée Néron
Mayor of Saguenay

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Discover the tourist attractions Saguenay has to offer with the Hop-on/Hop off shuttle bus. The two routes are designed to allow you to visit the Downtown and Cultural area in addition to the Fjord Museum and its surroundings.

Try our taxi service offering customized tours with accredited “Friendly Taxi” drivers, starting at the Cruise Pavilion. Do you prefer to rent a car? The National Car Rental office is located on site.

Discover the Port Village, close to Mars Park, which provides breathtaking views of the fjord. Walk down Victoria Street to the public market, where local craftspeople offer their unique products. Looking for a bite to eat? Satisfy your appetite at one of the nearby restaurants.

Located at the gateway to the majestic Saguenay Fjord, with the Monts-Valin mountain range towering in the background, Saguenay is a charming, authentic city with an urban vibe and a welcoming atmosphere.
Travel down the Route du Fjord on a deluxe minibus with Tours Aventure Fjord et Monde. Enjoy beautiful views of the fjord and the unique, charming villages located along its banks.

Get behind the wheel and explore Saguenay’s roads with a car from National Car Rental. Don’t forget to pick up your free road map at the Tourist Office!

From a helicopter or seaplane, you can admire the immensity of the Saguenay Fjord, the charm of our picturesque villages and the natural beauty of our forests from above. Customized tours are available leaving from the pier.

A breathtaking site ranked among the 16 must-see world attractions by National Geographic, the Saguenay Fjord is worth the trip in itself!
TOURISM REGION OF SAGUENAY–LAC-SAINT-JEAN

ARVIDA/ A COMPANY TOWN
Discover the city built in 135 days

ΜUST-SEE
• Le Carré Davis

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18 MI. FROM PIER

DOWNTOWN AND CULTURAL AREA
Where culture, shopping and heritage merge

ΜUST-SEES
• La Pulperie – Regional Museum
• The Cathedral and Racine Street
• La Petite Maison Blanche/Little White House

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11 MI. FROM PIER
MAGNIFICENT SAGUENAY FJORD
Breathtaking views on the Fjord from the most beautiful villages in the region

**MUST-SEES**
- Saguenay Fjord National Park/32 mi.
- Village of L’Anse-Saint-Jean/40 mi.
- The Notre-Dame-du-Saguenay’s Statue/32 mi./4.6-mi. looped hiking trail

**PORT VILLAGE AREA**
A large concentration of craftspeople and regional products

**MUST-SEES**
- Cruise pavilion
- Views of the Fjord and Mars Park
- The spectacular “La Fabuleuse” show

**FJORD MUSEUM AREA**
Discover Saguenay’s historical birthplace

**MUST-SEES**
- Musée du Fjord/Fjord Museum
- Touverre – glassblowing and gemstone cutting
- View of the Fjord

SAGUENAY IS PROUD TO BE PART OF “CRUISE THE SAINT LAWRENCE”, AN ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF NINE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRUISE PORTS OF CALL ALONG THE SAINT-LAWRENCE RIVER.

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Local craftsmen, boutiques and trendy restaurants await you as you take your first steps on solid ground. An area for exploring on foot, nestled in a unique setting that offers breathtaking views of the Saguenay Fjord.

CRUISE PAVILION

The tourist office is conveniently located inside the pavilion and offers help and services. The most talented craftspeople sell their goods here; a perfect place to select a souvenir from our port of call!

VIEW OF THE FJORD AND MARS PARK

Stroll along the shore and discover Mars Park. The mountains surrounding the bay blaze a thousand colors in the fall: don’t forget your camera!

PUBLIC MARKET

Only a 2-minute walk from the pavilion, the market features craftspeople selling a wide array of handmade products. A friendly way to meet the locals and appreciate their creativity!

THE SPECTACULAR “LA FABULEUSE” SHOW

The history of both Québec and Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean will unfold before your eyes! A spectacular presentation performed by a talented cast of over 100 volunteer actors who play more than 1,000 roles. Transportation included in ticket price.

MAGNIFICENT CANYON

Nestled along the shores of the Rivière-à-Mars, 5.5 miles from the pier, the Centre plein air Bec-Scie offers breathtaking scenery! Explore the beautifully landscaped trails that lead to the magnificent canyon.
On four separate occasions, the Saguenay Port of Call has received the prestigious Best Port Welcome award. Over 50 volunteer actors from the show "La Fabuleuse" and our friendly staff are at the pier to greet you and join you in the festivities!

Discover

6 O’Gelato & Cacao (Gourmet chocolate and frozen treats)
7 À Moi de Moi (Workshop boutique)
8 Chèvre-Feuille (Soap factory)
9 Conception Cuir (Hangbags and leather accessories)
This area includes numerous sites and close-by must-see attractions. A few meters away from where the first settlers arrived, the museum will take you to the depths of the Fjord.

**LE MUSÉE DU FJORD (FJORD MUSEUM)**
The Musée du Fjord unveils the captivating underwater world of the Saguenay Fjord. On the program: a giant aquarium, 3D multimedia presentations, a variety of exhibitions and an educational touch tank where you can interact with a variety of marine species.

**TOUVERRE – GLASSBLOWING AND GEMSTONE CUTTING ECONOMUSEUM**
In the workshop of artist Giuseppe Benedetto, magic is all around you; whether he’s working the blowpipe or polishing Québec gemstones. Attend a glassblowing demonstration and visit his boutique where you will be captivated by the beautifully colored works of art for sale!

**THE HA! HA! RIVER DELTA**
The Ha! Ha! River delta, which you can reach via the walking/cycling trail, offers extraordinary views. On site are interpretation panels explaining the delta and its ecosystem and seven sculptures on the theme of "A sea route on land".

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- 4 Pyramide des Ha! Ha!
- 5 Accommodation des 21 (Specialty hunting/fishing store)
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Pyramide des Ha! Ha!

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The bustling downtown area will charm you. Busy all day long, it entices with its flavours and culture. Boutiques, restaurants, museums, exhibitions and a cathedral are all must-see attractions.

1 LA PULPERIE – REGIONAL MUSEUM
Visit the house painted from floor to ceiling! See how naïve painter, artist Arthur Villeneuve turned his home into a work of art. The museum is located inside an old pulp and paper mill where you will find numerous exhibitions covering a variety of topics.

2 THE CATHEDRAL AND RACINE STREET
In the heart of downtown, this magnificent neoclassical cathedral reveals exquisite architecture behind its doors. Take a stroll along Racine Street after your visit, and you’ll find a variety of boutiques and many restaurants where you can relax and enjoy the local surroundings.

3 LA PETITE MAISON BLANCHE (LITTLE WHITE HOUSE)
Located in the charming Bassin Park, see the house that survived the flood of 1996, withstanding the raging waters, a force equal to that of Niagara Falls.

Discover
4 L’érudit Café (coffee shop)
5 Old Port of Saguenay
6 La Corniche (art gallery)
7 Chocolaterie Bons Délices (ice cream and fine chocolates)
8 Twist (workshop boutique)
9 Place du Citoyen
10 La Fabrik (workshop boutique)
11 La Théière à l’Envers (tea house)
12 La Couquerie (local products)
13 Marché Sauvage (products from nature)
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THREE SHOPPING CENTRES

OVER 200 BOUTIQUES

*Place du Royaume  l  1401, boul. Talbot
Place du Saguenay  l  1324, boul. Talbot
10.5 mi. from the cruise pavilion

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1.2 mi. from the cruise pavilion
THE MAGNIFICENT CANYON AT CENTRE PLEIN AIR

Located only 6.2 miles from the cruise pavilion

The Canyon trail is an easy 0.8-mile hike.

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6.2 MILES FROM THE CRUISE PAVILION

OUTDOOR CENTRE

nestled in the heart of breathtaking natural landscapes
Called “The Little Washington of the North” designated a National Historic Site of Canada, Arvida is worth going out of the way to see. Whether you’re looking for a leisurely stroll or some shopping, you will be delighted by this city-town entirely built in 135 days.

**MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS**

**1. CARRÉ DAVIS**

Friendly and historical, Carré Davis offers boutiques, an awesome coffee shop and a gourmet grocery store. The original house facades and signs give it a unique atmosphere. A true lesson in architecture!

When Arthur Vining Davis selected Saguenay as the location for his aluminum plant, this square was developed as a city center in the town now known as Arvida. In 1926, the entire company town was built in only 135 days.

Workers at Alcoa, now Rio Tinto, were fortunate to live in an environment that was specially designed for them and to work in one of the most productive aluminum manufacturing plants in the world.

**Discover**

2. Twist (workshop Boutique)
3. Boucherie Davis (gourmet grocery)
4. Sports Experts (sporting goods store)
5. Cinque (men's clothing store)
6. Passion Café (coffee shop)
7. La Réserve – Zéro déchet (bulk store for zero-waste shopping)
8. Manoir du Saguenay (heritage building)
9. Brittany House (heritage building)
10. Arvida Library
FJORD-DU-SAGUENAY NATIONAL PARK

Explore the paths for a short or long hike to the heart of nature with breathtaking views on the Saguenay Fjord. What about hiking up to the summit of the Notre-Dame-du-Saguenay Statue trail. Take advantage of your visit to stop by the park’s interpretation center and gift shop.

NOTRE-DAME-DU-SAGUENAY STATUE

There are so many ways to admire this magnificent statue towering over the Fjord since 1881. You can fly over the cap where the statue stands in a helicopter or seaplane. For the more daring types, a hiking excursion of 3 to 4 hours hike in the Fjord-du-Saguenay National Park will bring you at her feet. On your way back, while Sailing down the fjord, be on the lookout, you will surely see her looking down from above!

ROUTE DU FJORD

A scenic route clearly marked with signage offering fabulous landscapes dotted with capes and steep cliffs.

Gaze at the unique scenery of the Saguenay Fjord and its picturesque villages.
VILLAGE OF SAINTE-ROSE-DU-NORD

Known as the “Pearl of the Fjord,” Sainte-Rose-du-Nord has also been designated one of Quebec’s most beautiful villages. The magnificent views will leave you breathless. Your venture takes you to its pier where the Fjord welcomes you with open arms!

ASSOCIATION OF QUEBEC'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES

VILLAGE OF L’ANSE-SAINT-JEAN

Nestled between the Saguenay Fjord and the mountains in the background, L’Anse-Saint-Jean is has been designated one of Quebec’s most beautiful villages. It stands out for its historical heritage which includes its famous covered bridge found on $1,000 bills in the 90’s. The view from L'Anse-de-Tabatière is well worth the trip.
THREE WAYS TO DISCOVER THE SAGUENAY FJORD

TOURS AVENTURE FJORD ET MONDE
Hop on the minibus for a 4-hour sightseeing tour of the Route du Fjord. This route will take you to the charming fjord and its attractions. Along the way you will visit the Pyramide des Ha! Ha!, the Nativity scenes exhibition at Rivière-Eternité, the L'Anse-Saint-Jean covered bridge and the view from Anse-de-Tabatière.

CUSTOMIZED TAXI TOURS
Enjoy a personalized tour tailored to your interests that will guided you to the magnificent Saguenay Fjord and its villages.

VEHICLE RENTALS
Eager to start your adventure along the Route du Fjord? The National Car Rental office is conveniently located right at the pier. Before you leave, don't forget to pick up your free road map at the Tourist Office!
BLUEBERRY PIE

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups wild blueberries
- 4 tablespoons butter
- Pie dough

PREPARATION

STEP 1
Line the pan with pastry and add blueberries.

STEP 2
Mix flour and sugar in a small bowl. Pour over blueberries.

STEP 3
Dot with small pieces of butter.

STEP 4
Cover with top pie dough. Cut slits for steam to escape.

STEP 5
Bake at 425°F for 10 minutes, then reduce to 400°F for about 30 minutes.
SAGUENAY

An aboriginal word that means “where the water flows out”

The most Francophone region in North America

Population: 147,100

1 University with numerous research chairs and a Faculty of Medicine
2 Colleges
3 Hospitals
4 Aluminum plants (Saguenay is one of the world’s largest aluminum producers)

1 Saguenay-Bagotville Airport
1 Canadian Forces base connected to the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)
3 Deep water ports

Saguenay is located 161 nautical miles from Quebec City.

Saguenay excels in the niche markets of adventure tourism and ecotourism.

Saguenay, which can receive up to 16 feet of snow in a season, is considered a winter paradise.

The average winter temperature is about -20°C (-4°F), ideal for winter sports.

Summers are warm and dry, with an average temperature of 20°C (68°F). The perfect weather for outdoor activities or for relaxing on a sunny terrace.
far from naïve!

LA PULPERIE DE CHICOUTIMI / REGIONAL MUSEUM

more than a museum... a site, a park!

A recognized National Historic site by the Canadian and Québec governments

12 miles from the Cruise Pavilion

Photo: Pierre Tremblay

Anne-Marie Palardy BOUTIQUE

NOT TO MISS!
Journey into the Heart of the Saguenay Fjord
FreeD multimedia experience

Over than 600 fish and invertebrates specimens!

Discover the Fjord’s deep nature

Scientific and historic exhibitions

Guided tours
Only 5 miles from Cruise Pavilion

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