

THE TADOUSSAC EXPERIENCE...

Here is some advice that should help you appreciate fully your stay in Tadoussac.

-You should know that it is possible to get help in English. However, indulgence is required if it is not the case. Québec culture is mainly French, so please enjoy the difference!

-When you arrive, you should get a map of Tadoussac; it will be easier for you to get around.

-Tadoussac can get busy at times. Therefore it is strongly recommended that you make reservations in advance. Pay a special attention to the weekend of the “Festival de la Chanson” (2nd Thursday of June) as well as the last weekend of July, the first 2 weeks of August and Labour Day, the first weekend of September. During these periods, hotel accommodations could get scarce and you may have to find housing outside of the village.

-Make sure that you note the name of the person you have talked to as well as your confirmation number when you do make reservations. Agree on your arrival hour and do not forget to ask for regulations and hotel customs. For instance, arrival and departure hours, is the breakfast included, is it smoke-free or not, are pets allowed, etc.

-If you travel with pets, it is important to note that pets are not allowed on excursion boats. In the village or on the beach, they should be kept on a leash at all times.

-Tadoussac, is a small community and the touristic area is very condensed. Note that some parking spaces are free of charge and some are not.

-Do favour your outings in the village on foot, leaving your vehicle parked at your place of stay.

-Tadoussac is located along the route 138 and can be reached from Baie-Sainte-Catherine by a free ferry service which crosses the majestic Saguenay Fjord. During the high season, three ferries are available to get as many vehicles across the fjord as possible. However, delays could be caused by traffic, especially heavy on Friday and Sunday afternoons. We advise you to call your hotel to warn them of an eventual delay and tell yourself that you are on vacation!

-Motor homes are welcomed in Tadoussac. However, they are not allowed to park in rest stops through the night. “Camping Tadoussac” and “Camping du Domaine des Dunes” will be more than happy to accommodate you during your stay.

-Tadoussac and the vicinity are full of activities and touristic attractions of all kinds. Drop anchor in Tadoussac and visit the neighbouring villages of Sacré-Coeur, of Les Bergeronnes and of Les Escoumins.

-Tadoussac is surrounded by two wonderful national parks: the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park that protects the marine area around Tadoussac (www.parcmarin.qc.ca) and the Parc National du Fjord-du-Saguenay (www.sepaq.com/pq/sag/) that protects the surrounding land. Ask for their respective Visitor’s Guide for more information.

-The Parc National du Fjord-du-Saguenay trails, offering breathtaking views of the area, are located at different places in the village. Information on their length and level of difficulty is available at the Maison du Tourisme. IMPORTANT : If you plan on trekking the Fjord Trail (Sentier du Fjord), make sure that you have a map, that you know the weather forecasts, that you have the necessary gear, and that you notify someone of your plans and whereabouts. Your safety depends on it.

-In Tadoussac, whale watching excursions take place from May to the end of October. You will have the option of two types of boats, depending on your needs: large boats offer all-weather comfort and inflatable-hull boats (zodiac-type) offer a more adventurous ride. Children are accepted on the inflatable-hull boats from six years old. Make sure that you bring a hooded windbreaker and a pair of gloves along. Shorts, skirts, sandals and high heels are not recommended, and remember, it is always colder on the water than on land. It doesn’t matter the type of boat or the company you choose, they all are governed by the same rules of the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park which manage whale-watching activities. You can also get information on the land-based observation sites in the area at the Maison du Tourisme.

-Tadoussac has two automatic teller machines (ATM). One is at the Caisse Populaire du Saguenay-St-Laurent for the following cards: Visa, Interac, +Plus, Cirrus and MasterCard Cirrus. The other teller is located at the Tadoussac Youth Hostel onto which you can use the following cards: Visa, Interac, MasterCard, American Express and + Plus.

The best way to take advantage of the ***Tadoussac Experience*** is to stay a few days and enjoy the peaceful charm of this little Village. With fascinating Museums, two National Parks, whale-watching activities, sandy beaches and low-beat night-life, Tadoussac is the perfect place for an unforgettable vacation!