

Usefull informations

For more information about the Îles de la Madeleine :



Tourisme Îles de la Madeleine :

128 Chemin Principal, Cap-aux-Meules (Quebec) G4T 1C5

T : (418) 986 2245 or toll free : 1-877-624-4437

W : www.tourismeilesdelamadeleine.com

E : info@tourismeilesdelamadeleine.com



www.arrimage-im.qc.ca



Tourisme Québec :

From Montreal : (514) 873-2015

From Québec, elsewhere in Canada or in the U.S. : 1-800-363-7777

Photos credits :

M. Bonato, P. Arseneau, G. Thériault, L'île Imagin'air, E. Roberge, M. Papageorges, A. Vigneau, F. Krüger, M. Fiset, F. Deabecker, J. Lalonde, Tourisme Îles de la Madeleine.

Artists :

Artisans du Sable, Marie Berger, Francine Bourque, Boutique d'art Tendance, Hélène Chevarie, La Maison du Potier, Patrick Leblond, Poterie du Cap Blanc, Dominic Lefrançois, Annie Morin, Isoline Vallée, Jacques Hébert, Verrerie La Méduse.

This document is the product of a partnership between Arrimage cultural corporation and Tourisme Îles de la Madeleine

Graphic design : Martin Fiset / nuev

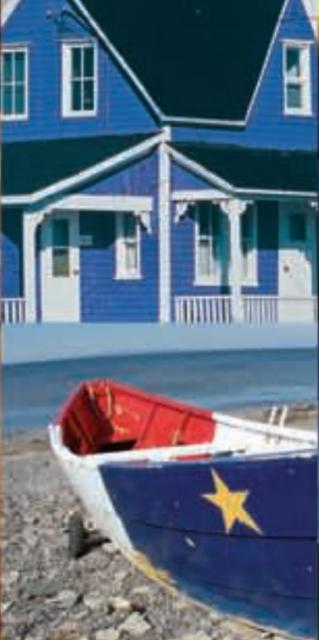
Theatre Arts

A long musical tradition!

Music has always played an important part in the lives of the Islanders. In the past, when the archipelago was isolated for long periods during the winter, neighbours got together to dance and sing to the music of the local fiddler. Every single house had a guitar, a violin or a piano.

It is not too surprising, then, to see that the Madelinots have an inborn talent for music, song and theatre. During the summer, the cultural calendar is packed with dozens and dozens of shows featuring local as well as Quebecois and international artists. Cultural events are a fine forum for artistic creations : storytelling, circus, violin, improvisational theatre.

There are countless people with theatrical talent in the Îles de la Madeleine, and their creations make this unique cultural destination even more attractive and fascinating.



Heritage, Architecture, Traditions :

A little corner of Acadia

Although they are in fact part of Quebec, the Îles de la Madeleine owe their spiritual and cultural heritage to the Acadians, whose influence can be seen and felt all over in traditional architecture typified by brightly coloured shingled houses, in the charming lilt of the accent, in the traditional Mi-Carême festival celebrating the middle of Lent, in the foot-tapping power of the music and in the legacy of the fishing industry whose influence pervades all aspects of the inhabitants' lifestyle. Amazingly full and vibrant, the heritage of the Îles de la Madeleine maintains a perfect balance between traditional and modern. Stories, legends, music, sea trades and lifestyles are transmitted from one generation to the next. The Islanders are justly proud of their Acadian heritage and their traditions, and they are always glad to introduce them to visitors.

Museums, Economuseums and Interpretation Sites

History and Heritage Interpretation Sites

On the Islands, nothing is quite the same : life flows along at a different pace, traditions and music are everywhere. Visitors succumb to the charm of this singular cultural environment as soon as they step off the boat. The Madelinots love to talk about their islands, their lifestyle, the 130-year-old lobster fishery, and the legends that have helped define their history.

A dozen interpretation sites feature this cultural heritage. There are museums, an aquarium, an archival centre, interpretation sites and two economuseums, one based on sand and the other on smoked herring. You can also visit the second largest wooden church in North America, classed as a historic monument. The Îles de la Madeleine : a region which will astound you by the richness of its culture, its history and its heritage.



A sea of

Culture

Îles de la Madeleine