



CHÂTEAU MADELINOT

Hôtels Accents

WINTER ADVENTURE **February 22th to March 10th, 2020**

The winter adventure that will inspire you!

Due for a change of scenery?

Feel like taking a worry-free break in nature?

Here's an offer unlike any other!

An activity you won't find anywhere else on earth, an experience that brings nature and mankind together, right here in Quebec!



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Our new concept allows us to offer guests a unique season every year, adapting our programs to the reality of climate change so that guests will have a chance to enjoy the most magnificent winter experience ever: **seal pups watching on the Magdalen Islands!**

CONCEPT

From February 22th to March 10th, 2020, you'll be able to take a special helicopter flight to enjoy the one-of-a-kind winter experience of watching baby seals on the pack ice between February 21 and March 18, 2019, on the Magdalen Islands.

Climate change in recent years has forced us to reconsider how to continue offering guests our winter experience, which has made Château Madelinot's reputation throughout the world for 35 years. Our objective remains unchanged: to provide our guests an exceptional experience against the backdrop of the unique Magdalen Islands archipelago.

Come enjoy this special experience from up in the sky; see the harp seals on the pack ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; watch the mothers taking care of their young; take photos of the little faces of the white seal pups against the snow and ice that stretch as far as the eye can see. The Magdalen Islands are the only place in the world where you can see harp seal pups.

And if the ice is thick enough, our helicopters will land only metres away from a spectacular herd of whitecoats (harp seals). Accompanied by our guide, you'll have the privilege of observing them up close, in their natural habitat.

In addition to the seal-watching experience, you'll be able to admire the immensity of the natural surroundings and enjoy a host of unique activities and landscapes.

❓ How many days are recommended for this visit?

Because of changing weather conditions, and to take full advantage of your time on the Islands and maximize your chances of touching down on the ice, we recommend a stay of at least three nights.

WEATHER & CLOTHING

On average, the weather on the **Magdalen Islands** in February and March ranges from **-10 to -20 degrees**.

❓ Equipment provided in the package:

For the helicopter outings, guests will be provided with a **Mustang flotation suit**, which is warm enough for going out on the pack ice. We recommend wearing a polar fleece suit or long underwear underneath it. Boots are also available.

*Note that it is mandatory to wear a Mustang flotation suit on helicopter outings.

Winter hats and mittens are available for purchase at the hotel shop. Snowshoes, poles and all other equipment needed for the activities will be provided.

What you should bring:

We recommend that you bring the following items with you in order to get the most out of the outdoor activities:

- Winter jacket and pants
- Polar fleece suit or long underwear
- Winter hat and gloves (bring gloves that will allow you to handle your camera equipment)

ACTIVITIES

DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGE ACTIVITIES

Every day, a schedule is posted offering 6 activities to all package guests, including the not-to-be-missed helicopter outing. Among the options are: an outdoor activity, a discovery/photo activity or a discovery/culture activity.

N.B.: The schedule is subject to change at any time by hotel management depending on the weather conditions prevailing during your stay. We want to treat our guests to activities that are enjoyable and totally safe. If we are forced to cancel an activity, our management team will see to it that an alternative activity is provided. Your cooperation and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

ACTIVITY: HELICOPTER

Total duration of the outing: 3 hours (may vary, depending on conditions)

Maximum number of passengers per helicopter: 6

Landing on the pack ice: conditions permitting

When ice conditions allow, our helicopters will touch down within viewing distance of a stunning herd of whitecoats (harp seals). Accompanied by our guide, you'll have the privilege of seeing them up close in their natural habitat. You'll be awed not only by the seal-watching experience, but also by the vastness of the landscape surrounding you. The magnificent views from the helicopter will also satisfy your appetite for discovery and excitement. Several routes are available depending on prevailing flight conditions, but the goal is always the same: to provide breathtaking views of plants and wildlife.

Notes:

The safety of our operations is our top priority. A decision about landing on the pack ice will be made by 9:00 a.m. of the scheduled day based on the pack ice conditions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Is it possible to reserve more than one helicopter outing?

When weather conditions and availability allow, we offer guests the possibility of reserving additional three (3)- or six (6)-hour helicopter outings.

The cost of an additional flight can vary depending on the flight itinerary (whether it lands on the pack ice or not) and can range from **\$800 to \$1,200 per person per flight**. Guests who are interested in taking additional flights will be informed about pricing only when they are at the hotel.

Note that only the flight included in the package is guaranteed (depending on conditions) before the guest's arrival. We cannot guarantee additional flights.

ACTIVITIES: CULTURE AND DISCOVERY

Guided tours of the Islands ->

Duration: 3 hours/tour

Aboard a comfortable, 18-seat private shuttle, find out more about the archipelago from an enthusiastic local guide.

📍 EASTERN part of the archipelago

The high points of the tour of the EASTERN part: fishing ports, a view of the salt mine, a visit to the Seal Interpretation Centre, Old Harry Beach (on National Geographic's list of the world's top 10 beaches), the village of Grande-Entrée and lots more!

📍 CENTRAL part of the archipelago

The high points of the tour of the CENTRAL part are: the village of Havre-aux-Maisons (cheese dairy, lighthouse, smokehouse, etc.), the village of Fatima (Mi-carême Museum), the village of Étang-du-Nord (fishing port, statue of fishermen) and lots more!

📍 WESTERN part of the archipelago

The highlights of the tour of the WESTERN part are: the village of Havre-Aubert, La Grave historical site, *Musée de la mer* (museum of the sea), *Économusée des Artisans du sable* (sand art museum), scenic route and much more!

Introduction to Fishing Workshop

Duration: 2 hours

Under the guidance of Christian Vigneau, a friendly local fisherman who owns *CULTURES DU LARGE*, you'll have the privilege of entering the world of oyster farming and lobster fishing. Be one of the fortunate people to learn the secrets of this islander. Tasting included.

Mid-Lent storytelling and cultural exchange workshop (new)

Duration: 2 hours

The Magdalen Islands are unique, whether in their colours, flavours or their love of partying! Mid-Lent is the proof. This carnival, which dates back to medieval times in Europe, is still celebrated in Canada, but only in 6 localities in Quebec and Acadia, one of which is Fatima, at our hotel, the Château Madelinot. Want to get to know the archipelago and the islanders as few visitors do? This is your chance! Come discover this tradition deeply rooted in the heart of the Magdalen Islands by sharing it with ACTUAL REVELLERS! You'll be sure to enjoy a foot-tapping reel or two.

ACTIVITIES: OUTDOORS/DISCOVERY & PHOTOS

Snowshoeing

Duration: 3 hours

Guided tour on trails.

Trekking

Duration: 3 hours

3 hours guided visit with fauna interpretation. Observation of red fox, red squirrel, white hare & many other forest birds possible.

“The Islands and the Sea” photo safari

Duration: 3 hours

3-hour guided, sea-themed photo outing. Discover stunning views: lighthouse, fishing port, cliffs, a sea of ice and much more.

Sunrise

Duration: 90 minutes

Guided outing for a sunrise photo safari.

Sunset

Duration: 90 minutes

Guided outing for a sunset photo safari.

Outing to *Bout du banc*

Duration: 4 hours

Guided outing by motor vehicle (external transportation) to *Bout du banc*. Be one of the lucky few who get a chance to walk to the end of Sandy Hook Beach, which offers a spectacular view of *Ile d'Entrée*. And if you're really lucky, you might even see seals on shore.

Ice fishing

Duration: 3 hours

Guided outing for an ice fishing activity with a local fisherman. Fish for Gulf of St. Lawrence mackerel, a unique and unforgettable experience.

Evening under the stars

Duration: 3 hours

Guided outing to *Butte du vent* – a yurt and campfire await you.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MANY OTHER ACTIVITY OPTIONS DEPENDING ON THE DATES AND TIMES OF YOUR STAY!

RESTO BISTRO ACCENTS

Come discover the cuisine of our renowned chef Hugo Lefrançois. Whether it's part of an all-inclusive package, the daily table d'hôte menu or the breakfast package, many options are available that will allow you to discover gourmet delights during your visit.


We offer an à la carte menu designed specifically for the winter period featuring comforting gourmet food. We also have noon and evening table d'hôte menus that change regularly, offering different, reimagined dishes.

Discover the flavours of the Magdalen Islands – local products prepared to perfection!

Indulge your palate with meals at the Resto Bistro Accents!

ALL-INCLUSIVE package: For a trouble-free solution, enjoy all your meals of the day right at the hotel.

EARLY BIRD package: A hot breakfast every morning!

 **Note that ALL meals are also available à la carte, at the prices shown on the menu.**

SAMPLE MENU:

<div><div><div>RESTO</div><div>ACCENTS</div><div>BISTRO</div></div></div> <div><div><div>STARTERS</div><div>Soup of the day Vegetable, tofu or chicken miso soup</div><div>Seafood chowder (scallops, shrimp and lobster)</div><div>Green salad (with balsamic vinaigrette)</div><div>Green salad topped with pulled rabbit, green apple, walnuts and goat cheese</div><div>Vegetable spring rolls served with wasabi mayonnaise</div><div>Fried oysters Provençale, wasabi mayonnaise</div><div>Scallops pan-fried in sesame oil served over braised fennel</div><div>Shrimp tempura served with Thai mayonnaise</div><div>Beef or salmon tartare</div><div>Garnished boar rillettes</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>MAINS</div><div>Mackerel tempura, fries and a salad</div><div>Miso ramen noodles with vegetables and bok choy<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Tofu or chicken· Shrimp</div><div>Lacquered chicken with vegetables and sticky rice</div><div>Pesto linguine with vegetables and tofu</div><div>Creamy linguine with seafood</div><div>Gourmet beef burger stuffed with cheese curds and bacon, served with fries and cole slaw</div><div>Smoked meat sandwich on sunflower and pumpkin seed bread (Fleur de Sable bakery), served with fries and cole slaw</div><div>Salmon fillet on pureed parsnips and vegetables, crème fraîche, capers and lemon</div><div>Pan-fried Magdalen Islands halibut served on carrot puree with sesame oil, vegetables, basil olive oil sauce</div><div>Risotto with scallops, green peas and mushrooms</div><div>Filet mignon (8 oz.) cooked in butter, mushroom brandy sauce, served with vegetables and potatoes</div></div></div>
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TRANSPORTATION

❓ What means of transportation are there to get to the Magdalen Islands?

PLANE:

The Magdalen Islands Airport (YGR) is served by two airlines, **Air Canada** and **Pascan Aviation** at the rate of two flights per day per company.

Air Canada: www.aircanada.com

Phone: 1-888-247-2262

Pascan: www.pascan.com

Phone: 1-844-582-7077 | E-mail: reservation@pascan.com

SHIP:

In addition, **CTMA Ferry** offers three crossing per week from Prince Edward Island during the winter season, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

CTMA Ferry: traversierctma.ca

Phone: 1888-986-3278 | E-mail: info@ctma.ca

ON THE ARCHIPELAGO:

❓ Is there a public transit system for getting around?

No. However, there are **taxi** companies and **vehicle rental** agencies. We recommend that guests staying for long periods of time arrange for some means of transportation to make it easier to get around during their visit.

Leblanc Location d'Autos (vehicle rentals): www.leblanclocationdautos.com

Phone: 418-969-9006 | E-mail: leblanc.locationdautos@gmail.com

CONDITIONS

1. Canadian currency

All prices are in Canadian currency and are exclusive of applicable taxes.

2. Taxes

All prices are subject to provincial and federal taxes, as well as the accommodation tax, which are all in addition to the prices listed.

Applicable taxes as of June 2018: GST: 5%; QST: 9.975%; Accommodation tax: \$3.50/night/room

3. Legislation

Participants must comply with all federal, provincial and territorial laws, ordinances, regulations and decrees in force.

4. Cancellation policy

For information about our cancellation policy, ask the front desk while reserving.

5. Non-smoking policy

Please inform your customers/partners and employees that Hôtels Accents establishments, including all rooms, are NON-SMOKING. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a minimum **\$250 charge** being added to the customer's bill without prior notice.

6. Confidentiality of this agreement

The parties agree to respect the confidential nature of this offer, unless disclosure is required for tax purposes, to meet legal requirements or in the event of a dispute between the contracting parties.

7. Prices subject to change

All prices shown are subject to change.

8. Tip included

Prices for the "Winter Adventure" include the tip (15%).

INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Thanks again for your interest in our destination. If you need any other information about our packages, feel free to ask! Best wishes from the Magdalen Islands!

2020 Winter Adventure

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Will you be one of the privileged few to experience this unique adventure in 2019?

ANNEX 1 -

PACKAGE CATEGORIES & PRICING

All our packages include:

Reception and airport transfer
Accommodations at the Château Madelinot
1 helicopter tour to the pack ice
Activities on land
Rental of a Mustang flotation suit
Tour guide certified to accompany guests on the pack ice

ALL-INCLUSIVE Package: Accommodations + Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner + Activities

Enjoy a trouble-free experience and live your adventure to its fullest with our all-inclusive package! In addition to the many one-of-a-kind activities, the helicopter outing providing a unique seal-pup-watching experience, and cozy accommodations, enjoy the all-inclusive option which includes all your meals right at the Château Madelinot's own Resto Bistro Accents, in Chef Lefrançois's dining room.

Experience all this in its simplest form, in keeping with the location – international, flavourful and varied cuisine, a well-deserved break for all your meals of the day at an advantageous price.

*Many privileges offered in the all-inclusive package.

EARLY BIRD Package: Accommodations + Breakfast + Activities

Breakfast is known to be the most important meal of the day, so take advantage of the early bird package and you'll be sure to have a tasty hot breakfast every morning at a great price right at the hotel. You'll have peace of mind for your busy mornings before the day's guided outings!

****It is also possible to purchase each of the services separately (accommodations, meals, helicopter, activities on land, etc.)***