

Magdalen Islands, Quebec, Canada

A windswept archipelago in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Magdalen Islands stun with crimson sandstone cliffs, endless white-sand beaches, and a fiercely proud Acadian fishing culture that shows up on every plate.

 Pier (small ships) / Tender (large ships)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Canadian Dollar (CAD)

 French (English widely spoken)

 Windy — dress in layers

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small/expedition ships dock at Cap-aux-Meules pier; large ships tender from anchor

Best For: Beaches, sea caves, local seafood, Acadian culture

Walk to center: 5-10 min from pier/tender dock to Cap-aux-Meules town center

Don't Miss: Pot-en-pot seafood pie, sea-cave kayaking, La Grave historic site

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  CAD \$15–\$30+ ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Sea-Cave Kayaking** — Paddle into the spectacular red sandstone arches and caves carved into the cliffs of Cap-aux-Meules Island.
- **La Grave Historic Site** — The archipelago's oldest commercial fishing site (Havre-Aubert Island) and a designated Quebec heritage site, La Grave...
- **Dune du Sud Beach & Red Cliffs** — Drive to Havre-aux-Maisons for this sheltered beach backed by dramatic red sandstone cliffs honeycombed with tidal caves.
- **Seafood & Artisan Tasting** — The islands produce some of Canada's finest lobster, Pied-de-Vent cheese, smoked herring from Fumoir d'Antan, and craft...
- **Entry Island Hike** — The only inhabited island not connected by road, English-speaking Entry Island looks like a piece of Scottish Highlands...

BEST WALKS

- **Sentier du Littoral — Coastal Trail** 3 km · Easy · 45-60 min — A paved coastal path from the Cap-aux-Meules waterfront winding south along the cliffs.
- **Cap-aux-Meules Town Stroll** 1.5 km · Easy · 30 min — Walk the town center from the pier to Gourmande de Nature bistro for local lunch or gelato, browse the craft shops, and swing by the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	36°	32°	12d
Jun	53°	49°	11d
Aug	68°	64°	11d
Sep	62°	57°	11d
Oct	53°	49°	13d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:18AM–7:56PM · Jun 5:10AM–9:05PM · Aug 6:04AM–8:18PM · Sep 6:45AM–7:18PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:18PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Always pack a windbreaker. The Magdalen Islands are famously windy — even a 22°C sunny day can feel cold on the cliffs.

Magdalen Islands, Quebec, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Cape Lighthouse Historic lighthouse offering scenic views.

3 Église catholique de Saint-Pierre-de-La Vernière Historic Catholic church with beautiful architecture.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Concours des Châteaux de Sable des Iles de la Madeleine Annual sandcastle competition on the beach.

4 Parc des Buck Nature park with trails and wildlife.