

Havre-Saint-Pierre, Quebec, Canada

One of North America's most remote cruise calls, Havre-Saint-Pierre opens the door to surreal limestone monoliths, Atlantic puffin colonies, and proud Acadian traditions on the subarctic North Shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

 Tender port (ships anchor offshore)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Canadian Dollar (CAD)  French (Acadian dialect)  National Park gateway

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor; small boats ferry passengers to the town pier

Walk to center: 5 min from tender dock to main street (Rue de la Digue)

Best For: Mingan Archipelago boat tours, puffin-watching, Acadian culture

Don't Miss: Chicoutai (cloudberry) pie at Chez Julie; puffins on Île aux Perroquets

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~CAD 10–15 per trip ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mingan Archipelago Monolith Boat Tour** — Cruise among the largest concentration of erosion monoliths in Canada — surreal limestone formations carved into pillars, arches, and flower-pot...
- **Puffin Colony at Île aux Perroquets** — This island hosts a breeding colony of Atlantic Puffins (June–late August) alongside a historic lighthouse.
- **Acadian & Innu Cultural Visit** — Explore the Maison de la Culture Roland-Jomphe in the old Hudson's Bay Company building for multimedia exhibits on the Cayens (local Acadians) and...
- **Boardwalk & Town Self-Guided Walk** — The Sentier de la Digue boardwalk runs along the St.
- **North Shore Seafood & Cloudberry Tasting** — Chez Julie on Rue de la Digue is a port institution serving legendary seafood pizza piled with shrimp, scallops, and crab, plus chicoutai...

BEST WALKS

- **Boardwalk & Town Centre Loop** 1.5 km · 20-25 min · Easy — From the tender dock, walk along the Sentier de la Digue boardwalk past whale-watching benches and interpretive panels, then cut into Rue de la Digue for Chez Julie...
- **Church & La Grande Plage Stroll** 2 km · 30 min · Easy — Head inland briefly to see the historic wooden Saint-Pierre Church, then continue to La Grande Plage — a sweeping subarctic beach perfect for beachcombing and scanning...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
	Mon	High	Low
Apr		38°	26°
Jun		60°	47°
Aug		68°	56°
Sep		59°	48°
Oct		49°	39°
			Rain
			11d
			13d
			13d
			12d
			12d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr	5:20AM–7:08PM · Jun 4:03AM–8:26PM · Aug 5:04AM–7:32PM · Sep 5:50AM–6:27PM · Oct 6:37AM–5:21PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Mingan boat tours months ahead. Daily visitor limits in the National Park Reserve fill quickly — pre-book through your cruise line or directly with Services Maritimes Boréal before you sail.
- Dress in layers — it gets cold on the water. Even in August it's windy and chilly on a boat to the islands. Bring a waterproof windbreaker, a fleece, hat, and gloves regardless of shore temperature.
- Try the chicoutai. Cloudberry is rare even in Canada — this is one of the best places on earth to eat it fresh. Order the chicoutai pie at Chez Julie and grab a jar of preserves to take home.
- Canadian dollars; cards accepted. Major credit cards work at restaurants and shops. Carry a little CAD cash for artisan stalls and the Port-des-Iles market.
- French first, with an Acadian twist. Locals speak French with a distinct Acadian accent — not standard Québécois. Tourism staff speak English, but a simple Bonjour and Merci goes a long way.
- Scan the bay for whales from shore. Minke and humpback whales regularly feed in the St. Lawrence near town — the boardwalk benches are excellent whale-watch spots, free of charge.

Havre-Saint-Pierre, 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 Réserve de parc national de l'Archipel-de-Mingan

Archipelago national park: unique rock formations, puffins, whales.

2 Cap Ferré

Scenic cape viewpoint offering panoramic coastal vistas.

P Cruise port / terminal