

Private Tour of le d'Orleans

Tour Code – DM PRIDORL



Duration - 4 hours

Île d'Orléans is a small island in the Saint Lawrence River near Quebec City, Canada. The island is known for its scenic beauty, historic buildings, and local agricultural products.

The island has a long history, dating back to the arrival of the first French settlers in the 17th century. Many of the island's historic buildings, such as the Eglise Sainte-Famille and the Maison Drouin, date back to this time and are open to visitors.

Île d'Orléans is also known for its local agricultural products, including wine, blackcurrants, and maple products. There are several vineyards on the island, including the Sainte-Pétronille Vineyard and the Vignoble Isle de Bacchus. The Cassis Monna & Filles blackcurrant farm is also a popular destination, offering tastings of their liqueurs, syrups, and jams.



Our private tour allows visitors to explore the island by car or SUV, taking in the beautiful scenery and stopping at local shops and restaurants along the way. The island is also a popular spot for outdoor activities, such as hiking, fishing, and kayaking.

Overall, Île d'Orléans is a unique and picturesque destination that offers a glimpse into Quebec's history and culture, as well as its local agriculture and food scene.



Suggested stops -

- Ste-Pétronille Winery & Cidery Vignoble Ste-Pétronille This family-owned winery is located in the heart of Ste-Pétronille and has been producing high-quality wines since 1988. The winery specializes in producing dry white wines, as well as rosés and reds. Visitors can sample the wines in the winery's tasting room, which features a beautiful outdoor terrace with views of the St. Lawrence River. The winery is open for tastings from May to October.
- 2. <u>Cidrerie Verger Bilodeau</u> This cidery is located just a short distance from the Vignoble Ste-Pétronille and produces a variety of delicious ciders using traditional methods. The cidery specializes in ice ciders, which are made by leaving the apples on the trees until they freeze, concentrating the sugar and flavor. Visitors can sample the ciders in the cidery's tasting room, which also features a gift shop selling local products. The cidery is open from June to October.



- 3. <u>Chocolaterie de l'Île d'Orléans</u> This artisanal chocolate shop offers a variety of handmade chocolates, truffles, and other treats, as well as a cozy café where you can enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee.
- 4. <u>Parc Maritime de Saint-Laurent</u> This museum showcases the island's maritime history, with exhibits on fishing, boatbuilding, and navigation.
- 5. **Sainte-Pétro** Explore the village of Sainte-Pétronille. This charming village is home to several historic homes and buildings, including the beautiful <u>Église de Saint-Pétronille</u>, a stone church dating back to 1843.
- 6. <u>Parc Maritime de Saint-Laurent</u> Take a stroll through the Parc Maritime de Saint-Laurent This museum showcases the island's maritime history, with exhibits on fishing, boatbuilding, and navigation.
- Mauvide-Genest Manor The Manor was built in 1734 by Philippe Mauvide, a prominent member of the French nobility who came to Canada in the early 18th century. The manor is one of the oldest surviving buildings on Île d'Orléans and is considered an excellent example of traditional Quebec architecture from the French colonial era.
- Saint-Jean-de-l'Île-d'Orléans Explore the village of Saint-Jean-de-l'Île-d'Orléans This picturesque village is home to several historic homes and buildings, as well as the beautiful Église de Saint-Jean, a stone church dating back to 1741.
- Église Saint-François The Saint-François-de-l'Île-d'Orléans Church This church is a beautiful example of rural Quebec architecture and is a popular spot for weddings.
- Maison Drouin Visit the Maison Drouin This is one of the oldest houses on the island, dating back to the 18th century. It has been preserved as a museum and offers a glimpse into the life of the island's early settlers.
- 11. Les Fromages de l'isle d'Orléans is a cheese factory located on Île d'Orléans in Quebec. founded in 1983 by a group of dairy farmers on Île d'Orléans who wanted to create a local cheese industry. Today, the factory produces a variety of cheeses using traditional methods and local ingredients including soft cheeses like brie and camembert, as well as harder cheeses like cheddar and gouda. Many of the cheeses are made using local ingredients, such as the milk from the island's Holstein cows and the herbs and spices grown on the island.

The cheese factory is open for tours from May to October. Visitors can see how the cheese is made, from the milk processing to the aging process, and can sample some of the cheeses in the factory's tasting room. The tours are available in both English and French. Overall, Les Fromages de l'Île d'Orléans is a great destination for foodies and cheese lovers visiting Île d'Orléans. The cheese factory offers a unique opportunity to see how local cheeses are made using traditional methods, and the boutique is a great place to stock up on local products to take home.

- 12. La Ferme d'Oc Visit the Ferme d'Oc This farm produces a variety of fruits and vegetables, as well as honey, maple syrup, and other local products, and offers tours of their facilities and tastings of their products.
- 13. <u>Maison De Nos Aieux (House of our Ancestors)</u> Visit the Maison de nos Aïeux This museum is dedicated to the history of the island's early settlers, with exhibits on their daily lives, customs, and traditions.
- 14. Domaine Sainte-Famille Winery, Cidery, Orchard Domaine Sainte-Famille is a family-owned winery, cidery, and orchard located on Île d'Orléans. Domaine Sainte-Famille is a family-owned winery, cidery, and



orchard located on Île d'Orléans in Quebec, Canada. Here's some more information about this popular tourist destination:

The Domaine Sainte-Famille was founded in 1978 by the Saint-Pierre family, who wanted to continue the tradition of wine and cider making on Île d'Orléans. Today, the estate is run by the second and third generations of the family and has become one of the most popular tourist destinations on the island.

The winery produces a variety of wines, including red, white, and rosé wines made from local grape varieties. The winery also produces ice wine, a sweet dessert wine made from grapes that have been frozen on the vine. Visitors can sample the wines in the winery's tasting room, which features a beautiful outdoor terrace with views of the St. Lawrence River.

The cidery produces a variety of ciders, including traditional ciders made from local apples, as well as flavored ciders made with ingredients like cranberry, raspberry, and blueberry. Visitors can sample the ciders in the cidery's tasting room, which also features a gift shop selling local products.

In addition to its winery and cidery, the Domaine Sainte-Famille also has an orchard where visitors can pick their own apples and pears during the fall harvest season.

The Domaine Sainte-Famille is a great destination for anyone interested in wine and cider production on Île d'Orléans. The estate offers a unique opportunity to taste locally produced wines and ciders.

- 15. <u>Cidrerie Verger Bilodeau</u> Stop at the Cidrerie Verger Bilodeau This cider mill produces a variety of delicious ciders using traditional methods and offers tastings and tours of their facilities.
- 16. <u>Artisans du Village</u> This cooperative of local artists and artisans offers a wide range of handmade crafts, including pottery, jewellery, textiles, and woodwork.
- 17. <u>Cassis Monna & Filles</u> This family-owned business produces delicious blackcurrant-based products, including liqueurs, jams, and syrups, and offers tastings of their products in a beautiful setting overlooking the river.
- 18. <u>l'église St-Pierre-de-l'île-d'Orléans</u> Explore the Saint-Pierre Church This beautiful stone church dates back to 1734 and features intricate wood carvings and a stunning altarpiece.





