



# A trip of a lifetime to your ACADIAN HOMELAND for the CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN NOVA SCOTIA

August 9 to 19, 2024 (11 days / 10 nights)



## This trip to the land of your Acadian ancestors includes:

### Major CMA activities

- ✓ Opening Day Festival in Clare (August 10)
- ✓ National Acadian Day in Yarmouth (August 15) including the famous TINTAMARRE parade
- ✓ Saturday Night Party in Yarmouth (August 17)

### Guided tour of historic Acadie in NOVA SCOTIA, including

- ✓ The beautiful Clare and Argyle regions of South-West Nova Scotia including Pointe-de-l'Église, Yarmouth, Methegan, the Pubnicos and more!
- ✓ The Port Royal area & arrival of the Acadians in early 1600s
- ✓ GRAND PRÉ and the land of Évangéline

### Special meals

- ✓ A lobster supper
- ✓ Several traditional Acadian meals (poutine, râpure, chowders, pets de sœur and more!)

### Special Acadian concerts, kitchen parties, workshops and activities

You will be sharing meals and activities with other Acadians from Canada, the USA and French cousins from France!

**Hurry to register!  
Already 70 % sold!**

Do not wait! Reserve  
your tour now before it  
sells out!

First come, first served  
basis.

### Information :

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## The package includes:

- ✓ Admission fees to all attractions and CMA events in the official Voyages DiasporAcadie Tour Program
- ✓ English speaking tour guides (a few activities may only be in French. However, we will try to provide translation whenever possible)
- ✓ Bus coach transportation for the entire duration of the trip
- ✓ Hotel accommodations at the **Rodd Grand Hotel** in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Please note that this hotel is ideally located in downtown Yarmouth and less than a 5-minute walk to restaurants, stores and waterfront. It is also less than a 50-minute drive to all CMA activities (Acadian National Day activities will be held in Yarmouth). It is the only hotel in the area capable of receiving tour groups; it is a comfortable, clean, older hotel with an older décor and a very nice pool. It has an 8/10 rating on Expedia, 7.9/10 on Booking.com and 3.5/5 on Tripadvisor.
- ✓ A 50-page DiasporAcadie souvenir tour book in colour
- ✓ All tips (bus drivers, tour guides and meals included in the tour program)
- ✓ 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners.
- ✓ All Canadian taxes (and we have lots!)



### What is this TOUR all about?

This amazing life experience is an organized tour during the most prestigious international Acadian event that attracts over 50 000 visitors and occurs only once every 5 years: the Congrès mondial acadien (CMA for short – or Acadian World Congress in English)

By extending an invitation to Acadians and tourists from around the world, the Acadian region of Southwest Nova Scotia is opening its doors to more than 400 years of history. It all started right here! The region's terrain is proof of the strength, resilience, and determination of the Acadian people. Listen to the words of its inhabitants to discover all the colours of a rich history and the flavours of an Acadie that is unquestionably contemporary.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Participation in an **EVENT-BASED TOUR** such as this one is different from a traditional group tour. Since we will only find out about the final CMA schedule 5 to 8 months before the actual event, we will only be able to provide you with a detailed day-to-day schedule approximately 4 months before the tour starts (in April 2024).

**TOUR DEPARTURE:** The tour will depart and end at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport in Nova Scotia

#### **FAMILY REUNIONS:**

Please note that because of the variety of locations and times of family reunions we cannot guarantee that we will provide transportation to and from family reunions. We will try to assist you. However, tour participants will have to secure their own transportation.

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## BOOKING YOUR TRIP

**Do not wait!** This tour will quickly sellout.

- FIRST, call (506) 850-7662 or email [diasporacadie@gmail.com](mailto:diasporacadie@gmail.com) to reserve your spots.
- SECOND, fill out the online registration form ([www.diasporacadie.com](http://www.diasporacadie.com)) or print and return form by regular mail
- THIRD, you must pay a \$500 US / \$700 CAN deposit per person to VOYAGES DIASPORACADIE
- We will send you a PayPal link where you will be able to pay online with credit card OR send a cheque (and save 100 \$) to Voyages DiasporAcadie - 318 rue Vanier - Dieppe NB CANADA E1A 5N2



### CANCELLATION POLICY

**Until March 31, 2024:** full refund less an administrative fee of \$200 US / \$275 CAN per person (\$100 US / \$175 CAN for repeat customers)

**After March 31, 2024:** no refund is guaranteed. You will be entitled to a full refund less an administrative fee of \$200 US / \$275 CAN per person (\$100 US / \$175 CAN for repeat customers) only if we can replace you.

### TOUR PRICES

\$3,150 US / \$4,274 CAN per person (double occupancy)

\$2,975 US / \$4,030 CAN per person (triple occupancy)

\$2,880 US / \$3,900 CAN per person (quadruple occupancy)

\$800 US / \$1,050 CAN single supplement

\* \$75 US / \$100 CAN REBATE for loyal travelers who have traveled with Voyages DiasporAcadie before

\* SAVE \$100 US / \$135 CAN if payment made by cheque

Please fill out the **REGISTRATION FORM** online at [www.diasporacadie.com](http://www.diasporacadie.com) and send \$500 US / \$700 CAN as a deposit to reserve your spot

**Final payment is due on March 31, 2024**

### PLEASE NOTE

Due to several factors including inflation, fluctuation in gas prices, currency exchange and other considerations, we will only be able to lock-in a final price in February 2024.

Travel medical insurance is mandatory. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended after your final payment in March 2024.

### TOUR PRICES DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- **your FLIGHT to Halifax**
- personal expenses
- alcoholic beverages
- non-included meals
- medical expenses
- optional expenses that are not part of the official program
- medical and travel insurance
- other items not mentioned

### BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT **Please contact CLAUDE BOUDREAU BEFORE BOOKING your flight.**

You are responsible for booking your own flight. Your flight must arrive on August 9, 2024 (or earlier) at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport and depart on August 19, 2024 (or later). Your package includes the night of August 9, 2024, at the Holiday Inn located at the airport. THE TOUR STARTS early morning on August 10, 2024.

**THIS TOUR IS SUBJECT TO ALL VOYAGES DIASPORACADIE TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS RELEASE AGREEMENT**

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## What is the 2024 Congrès mondial acadien?

The Congrès Mondial acadien (CMA) has been held every 5 years since 1994. It lasts 10 days and includes Acadian National Day celebrations on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This celebration brings together Acadians and their descendants from everywhere from Acadie, Canada, Louisiana, USA, France and around the world. It has been held in southern New Brunswick (1994), in Louisiana (1999), in Nova Scotia (2004), in NB's Péninsule acadienne (2009), in the Madwaska area of NB, Maine & Québec (2014) and on Prince Edward Island & Southeast NB (2019).

**Its mission is to fortify the ties among Acadian communities around the world. You will participate in selected CMA events including the Opening Day Festival in Clare (August 10), the National Acadian Day in Yarmouth (August 15) including the famous TINTAMARRE parade and the Saturday Night Party in Yarmouth (August 17).**



## Where is the 2024 CMA being held?

Located near the town of Yarmouth, the Acadian region of Southwest Nova Scotia is comprised of the municipalities of Clare and Argyle. Together, they form the largest concentration of Acadians and francophones in rural Nova Scotia. Acadian pride is clearly evident all-over Southwest Nova Scotia. From the road signs to the flags that fly on building fronts to the decorations that adorn the homes, the Acadian colours are an integral part of the region's visual landscape. The Acadian region of Southwest Nova Scotia is ready to welcome the Congrès mondial acadien in 2024!

## When is National Acadian Day and how do Acadians celebrate?

La Fête nationale de l'Acadie was proclaimed in 1881 and since then it keeps on getting bigger every year, with hundreds of thousands of Acadians donning red, white and blue costumes with a yellow star to sing, dance and make noise during our famous **Tintamarre** parades where we pound on pots and pans with spoons making enough noise for the world to notice that we are still here, alive, happy and energetic, more than 265 years after the tragic Grand Dérangement!

## Where is your historic Acadian Homeland?

The cradle of historic Acadie is in what is nowadays the Annapolis Valley of mainland Nova Scotia. You will have an incredible journey through time to the land of your ancestors, starting with the settlement of the Acadians in the early 1600s in **Port Royal**, to the tragic events of the Grand Dérangement in **Grand Pré** and other Acadian villages to their triumphant return and transformation into a modern-day society.

## Who is the Canadian tour organizer?

This outstanding tour is organized by LES VOYAGES DIASPORACADIE, a professional ACADIAN tour operator based in New Brunswick, Canada. The tour director is a 12<sup>th</sup> generation Acadian, **Claude Boudreau**. The company is specialized in Acadian cultural tours around the world, including France, Belgium, Louisiana, US East Coast, Martinique, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, Newfoundland, Saint-Pierre et Miquelon.... Over 1000 people, including several Cajuns, have toured with us since 2011.



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