

# Your Acadian Ancestral Tour de France 2026



LES VOYAGES  
DIASPORACADIE

May 29 - June 12, 2026

15 days / 14 nights

4950 \$ US / 6750 \$ CAN PER PERSON (LAND ONLY)

SAVE UP to 400 \$US / 570 \$CAN if you reserve before August 31, 2025

*Making Acadian dreams come true for more than 1500 travelers since 2014 !*

One-of-a-kind itinerary for passionate Acadian descendants interested in learning about their French and Acadian heritage. This tour is specifically designed to visit the most important Acadian heritage sites in France.

Follow in the footsteps of our early explorers and founding Acadian families ... the POITOU REGION. Includes guided tours to several towns and villages such as RICHELIEU, LA CHAUSSÉE, MARTAIZÉ, D'AULNAY, LA ROCHELLE. You will kneel in the church where some Acadians prayed before leaving for Acadie.

See the famous Towers of La Rochelle ... the last landmark Acadian would have seen before leaving their native land

Learn what happened to over 3,000 Acadians who were deported back to France over a seven-year period

Discover the towns of your ancestors in ARCHIGNY, CHÂTELLERAULT, BELLE-ÎLE-EN-MER, NANTES, SAINT-MALO and learn about their lives in France and how they eventually returned to Canada, Louisiana and elsewhere in North America

Travel through four regions of France ... Île-de-France, Poitou, Bretagne (Britanny) and Normandy. In addition to the Acadian focus of the trip, you will enjoy over 2,000 years of French history and culture while visiting some of the most popular attractions of Europe, including the castle of Chenonceau, the Mont Saint-Michel, Omaha Beach and seeing the Eiffel Tower.

The tour package includes:

Land transportation by Grand Tourisme motorcoach

13-night accommodation + 1 night on plane

- ☐ Poitou (3 nights)
- ☐ La Rochelle (3 nights)
- ☐ Quiberon (2 nights)
- ☐ Saint-Malo (2 nights)
- ☐ Caen (1 night) + Paris (2 nights)

30 meals including special meals and entertaining soirées in unique venues, plus several « collations » (snacks), wine and cider tastings

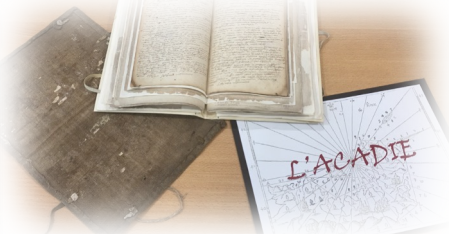
Two experienced tour guides with you at all time : one Acadian, one French.

All entrance fees and guided tours

A 100-page « carnet de route » (Acadian custom tour book)

ALL TAXES and TIPS to tour guides, restaurants and bus drivers. Administration fees.

Inquire about our discounts, you could save up to 400 \$US / 570 \$CAN per person !



**DO NOT WAIT, THIS TOUR WILL SELL OUT FAST!**

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## PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

- **IMPORTANT** - This is a preliminary itinerary and may be modified at any time before or during the tour due to unforeseen events or to improve the experience

(B = French breakfast L = lunch S = supper)

### DAY 1 – Friday May 29 -The adventure begins !

Departure from USA or Canada. Most flights to France are overnight.

### DAY 2 – Saturday May 30 - An introduction to FRANCE

A quick shuttle ride to your airport hotel to rest. Meeting with the group and your tour director. Guide tour of the city of SENLIS. Head to bed early to fight off the jetlag for the next day.

### DAY 3 – Sunday May 31 - Kings and Queens of France

After a good night's sleep, we head to the Poitou, the land of our ACADIAN ANCESTORS. On our way we will stop to visit the Château de Chenonceau along the LOIRE RIVER and end our day in the small town of Richelieu, named for the famous Cardinal. You will start learning about the early beginnings of Acadie. (3 nights in Richelieu) (B,L,S)

### DAY 4 – Monday June 1

#### Discovering your French homeland in Poitou

This will be an emotional day as you will discover the hometown of some of our founding fathers and mothers in the towns of Martaisé, Aulnay, La Chaussée and Loudun. Special ceremony at the Maison de l'Acadie (B,L,S)

### DAY 5 - Tuesday June 2 - Walking in their footsteps ... 250 years later! Richelieu, Châtellerault, Archigny, Cenac and the Acadian Line

The morning starts with a walking tour of the town of CHÂTELLERAULT where many Acadian refugees stayed during their exile. After a special lunch here, you will discover more Acadian history as we stop in Archigny to visit the Acadian farms and have supper in one of the historic buildings on the Acadian line with several Acadian cousins. (B,L,S)

### DAY 6 – Wednesday June 3

#### Wine & Archives on your way to the New World !

Today, will start by visiting the Trahan Winery! We will then drive to the Atlantic Coast to discover the port City of La Rochelle, the departing point for many Acadians for the New World. Visit to the Archives and walking tour of the historic city in the afternoon.

(3 nights in La Rochelle) (B,L)

### DAY 7 – Thursday June 4

#### Free time to explore the city

Enjoy a day to discover La Rochelle at your own pace. Visit the famous La Rochelle towers and museums, take a stroll on the beach, board a cruise to the famous 'Fort Boyard' or just enjoy the many shops and cafés around the port area. (B,S)

### DAY 8 - Friday, June 5 - Exploring more Acadian regions Rochefort, Marennes & Brouage

We will drive in the French countryside and discover the fascinating city Rochefort, followed by a special lunch in Marennes and afternoon tour of Brouage. This fortified city is marked by the military vocation of Cardinal de Richelieu in the 17th century and is also the place of birth of Champlain! (B,L)

### DAY 9 – Saturday June 6 - Nantes and Louisiana history

As we travel to Brittany, we will stop in Nantes to view the freshly restored Robert Dafford mural of Acadians leaving for Louisiana. This is the beginning of the transition from Acadian to Cajun. We tour the medieval town centre and have lunch before we continue to the Carnac prehistoric site and the ocean-side city of Quiberon. (2 nights in Quiberon) (B,L)

### DAY 10 – Sunday June 7

#### The Acadian Isle of Belle-Île-en-Mer

Let's **celebrate our Acadian roots** by dressing up in Acadian colors! We will take the ferry to meet French-Acadians on Belle-Île-en-Mer, the 'Acadian' island. We will tour the island and see amazing scenery, the Fortress, the Acadian Cross, Acadian villages, and have lunch with local Acadians. Back by ferry to Quiberon. (B,LS)

### DAY 11 – Monday June 8

#### The famous port and City of Saint-Malo

We make our way to the walled city of Saint-Malo. The area was home to thousands of Acadians during the Déportation. On the way we will visit small villages where Acadians lived for several years before returning to Acadie or Louisiana: Pleudihen, Saint-Suliac and Saint-Servan. (2 nights in Saint-Malo) (B,L)

### DAY 12 - Tuesday June 9 - A City Tour & Time to Relax!

This morning you will explore the streets and walls of Saint-Malo and learn about its amazing history of explorers & pirates! The entire afternoon is free to shop, walk on the beach or visit more attractions (B,S)

### DAY 13 – Wednesday June 10 - The amazing Mont Saint-Michel & The Coasts of Normandy

We will spend the entire morning exploring one of the most popular attractions in the world, the famous Mont Saint-Michel the drive to Normandy after lunch to discover Omaha Beach and the D-Day invasion story (June 6, 1944, some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy). (1 night in Caen) (B)

### DAY 14 -Thursday June 11 –A glimpse of Honfleur & Paris

For our last day we first stop in the city of Honfleur and afterwards back to Paris where we will enjoy supper on a bateau-mouche cruising the Seine River in the heart of the City of Love! Check-in at Charles-de-Gaulle airport hotel later in the evening (1 night). (B,S)

### DAY 15 – Friday June 12

**Return flight back (B) OR PARIS/VERSAILLES EXTENSION**