



Catapulte Design

Approximately 67 km. See also city tours, excursions!

- Île d'Orléans, a 15-minute drive from Vieux-Québec via highway 440 East (Dufferin-Montmorency), exit 325, 12 km away.

## Île d'Orléans Historic Area

Created in 1970, the historical borough of Île-d'Orléans is a rural area that encompasses the entire island, which is approximately 34 km/20½ miles long and 8 km/4½ miles at its widest point. Eighteen of the roughly 3600 buildings on the island are cultural property and are designated historical monuments. The island was connected to the mainland by a bridge in 1935. Stop at the tourist information bureau, where you can rent an audio-guide 418-828-9411. Known as a land of artful talent and family farming tradition; see full details on member service providers under **Regional Delights** and **Shopping** listings.

## Sainte-Pétronille population 1,060

*At the traffic light, turn right on chemin Royal. You are now entering the parish of Sainte-Pétronille.*

The smallest parish on the island, founded in 1870, is known to the islanders as the "Bout de l'Île" (tip of the island). General Wolfe established his headquarters at this strategic location in 1759. Towards the end of the 19th century, Sainte-Pétronille became the most coveted vacation centre in the Québec area.

Further west on the main road, take note of the institutional organizations present, including the **church** (1871), where **concerts** are held each summer; and the presbytery, a fine example of "québécois" architecture. **Rue Horatio-Walker** (street) is named after the renowned 19th century painter who lived there most of his life. The tiny street offers a magnificent view of the Montmorency Fall, the Bay of Beauport, Québec City and Cap Diamant. One of the ice bridges used to cross to the mainland until 1952 started at the end of this street. The **Vieux Quai** (wharf) built in 1855 is also worth a visit. A stand of northern red oak is located near the southeastern exit of the village and is the most northerly located stand of its kind in America.



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### M-5 Vignoble Ste-Pétronille

- ■ 1A, chemin du Bout-de-l'Île, Sainte-Pétronille G0A 4C0  
418-828-9554 [www.vignoblesp.com](http://www.vignoblesp.com)

Located just after the bridge linking Île d'Orléans to the mainland, across from the Montmorency Falls. Admire the stunning landscape in which our vineyard figures most prominently. Interpretation

# Île d'Orléans

centre, boutique-bistro, picnic area, outdoor terrace and free wine tasting will ensure you have an enjoyable visit. Red, white and rosé wines, grape mistelle and ice wine are vinified onsite. Groups welcome. Concerning **schedule**, call us.

## M-5 Chocolaterie de l'Île d'Orléans

150, chemin du Bout-de-l'Île, Sainte-Pétronille G0A 4C0  
418-828-2252, poste 4

Located in a 200-year-old home, the Chocolaterie makes premier chocolate with ingredients imported from Belgium and France. Visit the chocolate interpretation centre. In the summer, you can buy ice cream and home-made sherbet. **Open year-round.**

## Saint-Laurent-de-l'Île-d'Orléans population 1,601

Next, travel to the village of Saint-Laurent. The farms, the strawberry fields and the woodlands so characteristic of this parish dot the countryside along the chemin Royal. Saint-Laurent was founded in 1679 and is known for its naval background. Around 1830, close to twenty longboat builders and some family run shipyards operated in the area.

## N-5 Forge à Pique Assaut, Forge Economuseum®

2200, chemin Royal, Saint-Laurent-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 3Z0  
418-828-9300 [www.forge-pique-assaut.com](http://www.forge-pique-assaut.com)

This smithy is a member of the Economuseum network. Explore the universe of Guy Bel, a metal smith and artisan who has been using traditional metalworking techniques for 37 years. The gift shop onsite has an impressive collection of Mr. Bel's creations. By visiting the interpretation centre, you can learn about the technical challenges facing this craftsman and the importance of preserving this little-practised trade (admission \$2). Iron smithing demonstration for groups of 20 or more upon reservation (\$6/person). **Opening hours:** June 14 to October 11, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call us for low season hours.

## N-5 Parc maritime de Saint-Laurent-de-l'Île-d'Orléans

120, chemin de la Chalouperie, Saint-Laurent-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 3Z0  
418-828-9672 [www.parcmaritime.ca](http://www.parcmaritime.ca)

✎ Stop by the former Fillion de Saint-Laurent shipyard, located in a charming natural setting, to learn about the region's maritime history. Visit Godbout Chalouperie, a designated heritage site, where a guide will explain how a flat-bottomed schooner is built and talk about the time when such craft were the main form of transportation on the river. Take part in a number of fun maritime activities: maritime knots, different kinds of woods used. The St. Lawrence River is directly accessible from the site, which also has a picnic area. **Opening hours:** From May 3 to June 11, traditional boatbuilder onsite from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; open daily from June 12 to September 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; from September 7 to October 22, open everyday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to groups upon reservation from May 3 to October 22. Individual and group rates.

► *The Saint-Laurent church (1860) is located in the middle of the village and is open to visitors from June until October. The wharf and the marina behind the church are also worth seeing. Further, at street number 1430, the Chapelle de procession de la Vierge (1885) welcomes you. The chapel houses soft treats for our feathered friends during the summer season.*

► *As you leave the village, at number 754 to your left, an architectural landmark dating back to 1715 stands near a waterfall. It is an old flour mill known as the Moulin Gosselin, which has been converted into a restaurant.*

## Saint-Jean-de-l'Île-d'Orléans population 968

Saint-Jean was formerly the home of many pilots and navigator. The heritage of this village is both naval and agricultural. An interesting and extremely well preserved stretch of pilots' homes (1825-1860) is to be found in the centre of the village.

▶ *Next along the road is the beautiful Manoir Mauvide-Genest.*

### 0-5 Manoir Mauvide-Genest (manor)

■ 1451, chemin Royal, Saint-Jean-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 3W0  
418-829-2630 [www.manoirmauvidegenest.com/](http://www.manoirmauvidegenest.com/)

Discover a jewel from the Nouvelle-France... Visit an exceptional historical mansion built in 1734. Immerse yourself in the seigneurial life of the Nouvelle-France. Garden of Nouvelle-France. Onsite: **Guided tours**, antiques and costumes, exhibition, multimedia presentation. Parking. **Opening hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from June 22 to September 6. Weekends from May 30 to June 21. From September 7 to October 12, Tuesday to Sunday. For groups, open year-round upon request. Office hours: Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., year-round. **Rates:** individual and groups.

▶ *In the heart of the village, other interesting sites to visit include the church (1732-1734), which is a listed historic building, the presbytery (1879) and the shore cemetery facing the river. Located at the village exit stands the Chapelle Vierge de Pitié (1885). Saint-Jean is also the dairy farm kingdom and the fields are visible as far as the eye can see.*

## Saint-François-de-l'Île-d'Orléans population 573

This municipality's territory encompasses east tip of the island and the Ruau and Madame Islands.

### 0-4 La Seigneurie de l'Île d'Orléans

400, chemin Royal, Saint-François-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 3S0  
418-829-0476 [www.seigneurieiledorleans.com](http://www.seigneurieiledorleans.com)

Visit the magnificent La Seigneurie gardens, which consist of a lavender garden with 75 000 plants, the garden of sensorial delight, the fruit garden, the shady garden, the Japanese garden and the Aboriginal garden. La Seigneurie is actually the dream of one woman—Nancy Corriveau—brought to life. Her greatest pleasure is watching flowers and children blossom and grow. Her greatest wish is that her six children will one day take over her gardens. Tour of the premises upon reservation. Price of admission gives you access to the lavender garden.

▶ *Drive on to the wharf or to the church built in 1734.* Destroyed by fire in 1988, it was reconstructed in 1992 and is open to visitors from June to October. Behind stands the **oldest rural school** (1840) in the province, at 339, chemin Royal. On the south side there is the **presbytery** (1867). These three buildings form an interesting piece of our heritage.

▶ *Further down the road is the municipal rest area and its observation tower, from which you can discover the other islands in the archipelago and the St. Lawrence estuary. Notice the cross erected at the intersection of route d'Argentenay and chemin Royal. It was built to mark the 350th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival on Île d'Orléans. Your next stop is the parish of Sainte-Famille.*

## Sainte-Famille population 844

Founded in 1661, Sainte-Famille is the oldest parish on the island. Admire the superb view of the Côte-de-Beaupré, Mont Sainte-Anne, and see the large orchards spreading down from the road to the river. This is where the largest concentration of stone dwellings is to be found, dating back to the French Regime. Located at the parish entrance, the Maison Drouin (house) is one of the first houses built during the 17th century.



Église Sainte-Famille (church), Yves Tessier

### N-5 Les Fromages de l'île d'Orléans

4696, chemin Royal, Sainte-Famille G0A 3P0, 418-829-0177 [www.fromagesdelisledorleans.com](http://www.fromagesdelisledorleans.com)

Traditional cheese-maker that reintroduced the first cheese ever made in North America! Staff in period costume, 17th century decor, terrace for sampling products, cheese shop, homemade spruce beer and other local food products. Only 21 km (12.6 miles) from the bridge leading to the island.

**Schedule:** Open daily from mid-June to September 7, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open on weekends until mid-October. Guided tours for groups of at least 20 people, upon reservation.

### N-5 Maison de nos Aïeux / Maison Drouin

3907, chemin Royal, Sainte-Famille G0A 3P0, 418-829-0330 [www.fondationfrancoislamy.org](http://www.fondationfrancoislamy.org)

Maison de nos Aïeux comprises a genealogy centre and two permanent exhibitions. It is located in the former parish presbytery and next to Parc des Ancêtres, where a memorial to the island's founding families can be found. Maison Drouin is one of the first homes built in the 18th century on Île d'Orléans. It had been occupied until 1984, but has never been modernized. **Opening hours** (for both sites): from June 24 to Labor Day, daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please contact us for the opening hours for the rest of the year.

► *The village church (1743-1748) is the only church in Québec with three belfries on its façade and is opened to the public from June to October. A procession chapel nearby is typical of early-day stone and roughcast chapel buildings. As you leave Sainte-Famille, you come into the parish of Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans.*

### N-5 Domaine de la source à Marguerite

3788, chemin Royal, Sainte-Famille G0A 3P0, 418-952-6277 [www.domainemarguerite.com](http://www.domainemarguerite.com)

Winery-Vineyard-Orchards. Magnificent estate of 160 acres with a breathtaking view of the Laurentian Mountains and the St. Lawrence River. At the estate we produce with the fruits we grow 13 different wines and liqueurs. Sample our red wines, ice wine, ice cider, aperitifs, fruit liqueurs/port style (numerous awards, in Québec and USA). At our old-fashioned boutique you will find gifts, fine gourmet products from the Island and a covered-terrace. Welcome to groups, **guided tours**, pic-nic area, bike stand. Open year-round.

### G-5 Cidrerie Verger Joe Giguère

3446, chemin Royal, Sainte-Famille G0A 3P0, 418-829-2791 [www.vergerjoegiguere.com](http://www.vergerjoegiguere.com)

When you stop by this family-run orchard and cider-making business, the friendly owners will greet you with a smile. Sample ice cider and other cider products, including one a multiple gold medal winner. In the fall, you can visit the gorgeous orchard, where you can pick your own apples (several varieties to choose from). A number of apple products sold onsite. Reservation required for groups. **Opening hours:** Daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans population 1,816

In Saint-Pierre, you will be able to admire a magnificent view of the Laurentian mountains. This municipality, the most densely populated on the island, owes its popularity to its closeness to the bridge built in 1935. The oldest rural church in Québec is located in the heart of the village and is opened to the public from June to October. In this parish lived Félix Leclerc, eminent folk singer. He was buried in the new village's cemetery in 1988.

### N-5 Espace Félix-Leclerc

- ■ 682, chemin Royal, Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 4E0  
418-828-1682 [www.felixleclerc.com](http://www.felixleclerc.com)

✚ Interpretation and educational activities are organized at Espace Félix-Leclerc, a cultural centre that pays homage to the Québécois singer and poet for whom it is named. Workshops for primary and secondary school students available upon reservation. Café with an open stage gives established performers and emerging talent the opportunity to practise their craft before a live audience. Learn more about the life and work of Félix Leclerc by browsing through the gift shop. Take a leisurely stroll along the 2.5 km (1.5 mile) footpath leading down to the St. Lawrence River.

### N-5 Domaine Steinbach Cidrerie et Relais gourmand

- ■ 2205, chemin Royal, Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 4E0  
418-828-0000 [www.domainesteinbach.com](http://www.domainesteinbach.com)

Ice cider, pâté, terrines and confits—sheer delight for the palate! More than 30 locally-made products available. Organic agritourism site. Country-style meals served on the terrace with a view of the river. Sampling of locally-produced foodstuffs. Gift shop and New France atmosphere. Bike waystop. VIP room and entertainment for groups, packages and corporate gift baskets. For our **opening hours**, call us or visit our website.

### N-5 Cidrerie Verger Bilodeau

- ■ 2200, chemin Royal, Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 4E0  
418-828-9316 [www.cidreriebilodeau.qc.ca](http://www.cidreriebilodeau.qc.ca)

The Bilodeau family invites you to visit its shop, charmingly decorated in a country-style theme, to sample ice cider, mistelle (ice wine) and cider apéritif. Multiple *Coupe des Nations* winner. A range of products made onsite are available, such as delicious apple butter, apple must, onion confit (new), vinaigrette and liver pâté mousse flavoured with mistelle. Petting zoo. Guided tours upon reservation (minimum 10 people). **Opening hours:** daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### N-5 Église Saint-Pierre (church)

- ■ 1249, chemin Royal, Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans G0A 4E0  
418-828-9824

✚ The oldest church on the island was built between 1717 and 1719 by the mason, Antoine Carpentier. The altar and sculptures adorning the sanctuary were sculpted by Charles Vézina between 1732 and 1740. Classified an historic monument in 1954; it is now closed to religious services. Works of art by local artists are on display in the sacristy. **Open:** May through October; for schedule, please call us. **Free admission.**

► *Your island tour ends with your passage through Saint-Pierre, the last enjoyable stop during your trip.*