

Aboriginal Northern Seminar – 2nd edition Quebec's social, cultural and environmental issues - Schedule

Departure by train

For those who take the train from Sept-Îles towards Schefferville. Departure from Sept-Îles Monday August 14 at 9:00 a.m. for a 10-hour trip.



Day 1 – departure by plane

Schefferville

For those who choose to travel by plane.

Departure from Montreal and/or Quebec towards Schefferville. Meal at client's expense.

Departure Tuesday August 15, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. from Montreal. Expected arrival in Schefferville at 10:45 a.m. Greeting by Jean Paquet's team. Visit of Schefferville, Matimekush Lac-John and Kawawachikamach. Visit of ancient mining sites.

Lecture

Rodrigue McKenzie, Matimekush Lac-John politician. Topic: Political and legal situation of the Innu of Matimekush Lac-John.

Day 2

Departure towards George River Lodge – Falcoz River

Wednesday August 16, 2006. Departure by hydroplane for the George River, destination George River Lodge (150 miles northeast of Schefferville). Hydroplane flight over the magnificent Valley of the Falcoz River. Greeting by Ashini Adventure and Norpaq. Visit of the outfitting operation facilities. Presentation of the calendar of activities. Sleepover at the Lodge.

Lecture

Pierre Paquet, co-owner of Norpaq Aventures, adventure, caribou hunting and salmon fishing outfitting operation. Topic: 23 years of collaboration between the Aboriginal and a private company: experiences and concrete examples, evolution of northern outfitting operations, climatic changes observed.

Day 3

Chute excursion - Indian River

Thursday August 17, 2006. Going up the rapids towards Indian River. Archaeological visit with Steve Dubreuil, archaeologist.

Interpretation and observation of the wildlife and the flora. Transfer towards Haute Falaise by motorboat, southbound. The noon meal will be eaten on the river. Arrival in Haute Falaise, sleepover in Norpaq camps.

Lecture

Ghislain Picard, Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador. Topic: La reconnaissance des droits politiques et territoriaux des Premières Nations peut-elle venir de l'implication du Peuple Québécois et de ses citoyens?.

Day 4

Haute Falaise – Ashini Adventure's main site

Friday August 18, 2006. A one-day expedition in Rabaska canoe. Arrival at the Ashini Adventure site. The group's first night sleeping in the tipi. An evening of stories and legends.

Lecture

Steven Guilbeault, director of Greenpeace Quebec.

Topic: The impact of climate change on the Inuit and Aboriginal populations of Northern Quebec.

Day 5 and 6

Ashini Adventure Site

Saturday and Sunday August 19 and 20, 2006. Visit and interpretation of the main campsite. Exploration of the surroundings. Demonstration of the use made of animals. Preparation of traditional fare. Preparation of the meteshan and et experimentation (sweating tent) and the makusham (banquet and traditional costumes). Walk in the tundra.

Lecture:

Elizabeth Ashini, Innu woman. Topic: Life story of an Innu woman: from her birth in the Nutshimit (inland) to her life as a nurse.

Steve Dubreuil, archeologist. Topic: Human occupation of the Mushuau-nipi, from the last glaciations up to now.

Serge Ashini Goupil, consultant and owner of Ashini Adventure. Topic: Northern Quebec is also called the Nitassinan.

Jean-Philippe L. Messier and David Gilbert. Topic: Laisser couler le Nord. Odyssée Ungava.

Day 7

Departure towards Schefferville – Train Option

Monday August 21 2006. Closing plenary session: Gorge River: future world heritage river.

Return to Schefferville by hydroplane for those going back by train. Free time in the community. Rest. Sleepover in Schefferville.

Eco-tourism activities – Airplane Option: package carries on for those who choose to return by plane on day 8.

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Day 8

Return towards Sept-Îles. Train Option

Tuesday August 22, 2006. Return towards Sept-Îles. Train departure at 9:00 a.m.

Return towards Quebec or Montreal – Airplane Option. Tuesday August 22, 2006. Return towards Schefferville by hydroplane. Return towards Quebec and/or Montreal by plane. Late evening arrival.



Pricing

Cost per person:

Accommodations and meals:	\$720
Lectures and activities:	\$920
Transport:	<u>\$950</u>
Total:	2 590

The price includes:

- Tent and in camp accommodation / Train option: 5 nights - Plain: 6 nights
- 1- 2 nights in Schefferville in lodges depending on transport option chosen.
- All meals (except those mentioned in the next section).
- Adapted menus can be prepared upon request while booking reservation
- Activities and excursions mentioned in the program
- All transfers to the sites. Transportation from Schefferville to the Ashini Adventure site
- Services of specialized Aboriginal guides
- Floor mattresses

The price does not include:

- Sleeping bag
- Breakfasts / Train Option: days 1, 2, 8 and Airplane Option: days 1 and 2
- Breakfasts / Train Option: days 1, 7, 8 and Airplane Option: days 1 and 8
- Dinners / Train Option: days 7, 8 and Airplane Option: day 8
- Personal effects
- Tips to the staff
- Airplane transport from Montreal or Quebec (\$1 060) or train (\$160)
- Goods and services, provincial and federal taxes, taking into account
- Exemptions for foreign tourists

Physical fitness required

- 1 Low
- 2 **Average effort**
- 3 **Difficult**
- 4 Extreme

Technical skills required: canoe/hiking

- 1 **Beginner**
- 2 Intermediate
- 3 Expert