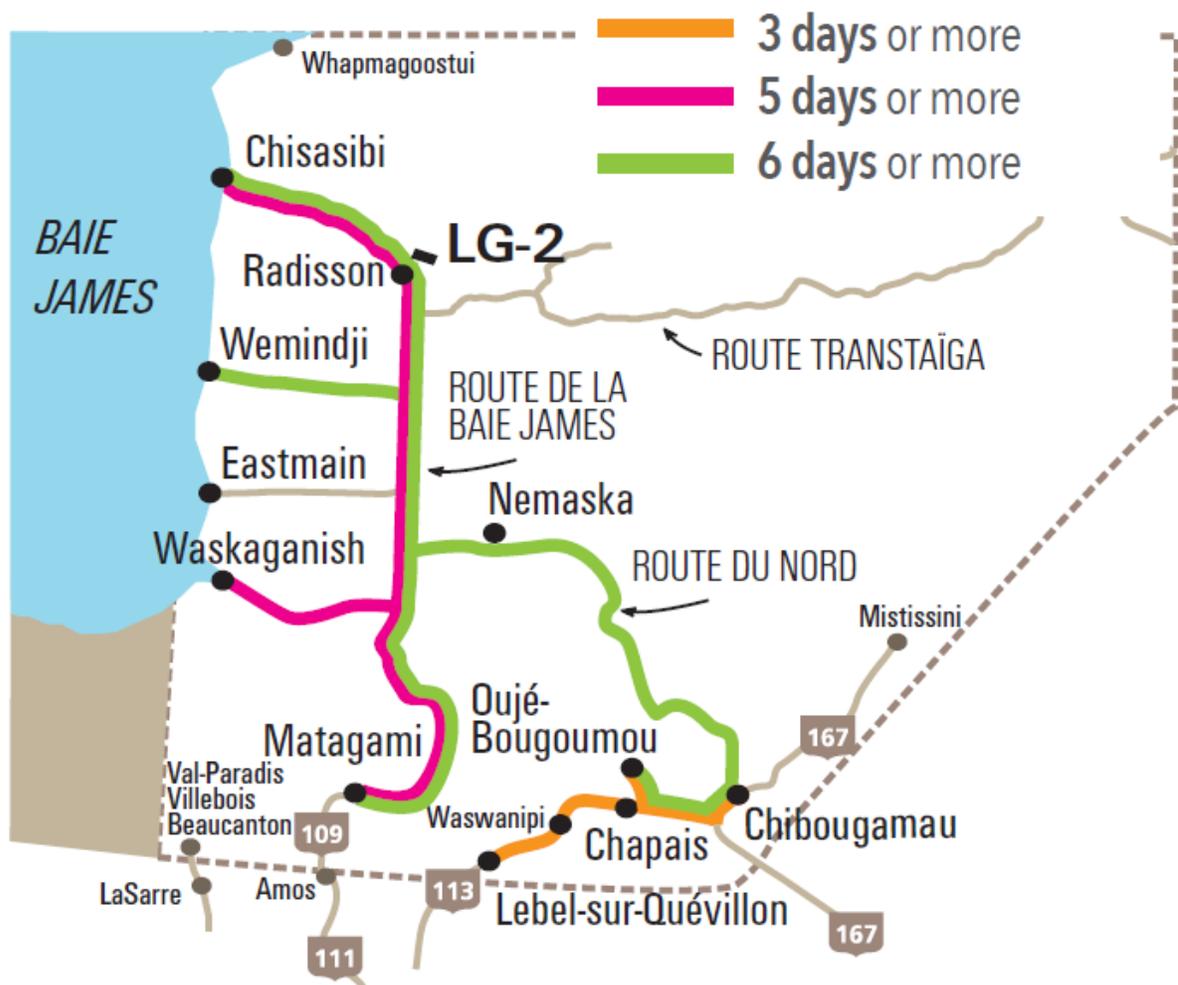


Route de la Baie-James Circuit

(5 days or more)

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DAY 1 Matagami – Radisson (617 km)

Make several stops along the *Route de la Baie-James*



KM 257: Rupert River

The powerful Rupert River, one of Québec's, largest flows from east to west, from Mistassini lake to Rupert Bay in James Bay. It flows over a distance of nearly 600 kilometres.

Rustic site, boat-launching ramp, fishing picnic tables, restrooms.

KM 381: Rest Stop - Stop for lunch and fuel-up

Gas station: open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (gas and diesel)

Restaurant: open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

General mechanics: service offered from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Other services: lodging, satellite TV, vending machines, convenience store and showers.



KM 395: Eastmain (3 km)

You will find that because of the diversion of the Eastmain and Opinaca rivers to the La Grande, the flow in the Eastmain is minimal. The bridge that connects the two banks of the Eastmain river is the most impressive of the 11 bridges along the *Route de la Baie-James*. It won an architecture and engineering prize.

Scenic lookout, rustic site, fishing, picnic tables and restrooms.

Overnight in Radisson



**Want to add a day and a night's stay?
Discover *Les Écogîtes du lac Matagami* (reservation required)**

Get off the beaten track by reserving a stay at *Les Écogîtes du Lac Matagami*, nestled in a boreal-forest setting on the shores of a vast and enchanting lake with plenty of beaches. Here, three chalets and two yurts allow you to escape from the frenzy of urban life and enjoy tranquil renewal and rejuvenation.



10, chemin de la Baie Anita (Matagami)
819 739-8231
www.ecogiteslacmatagami.ca

DAY 2 Radisson

A.M. Boutique Arts et Trésors Inouïs

The boutique offers an experience in Aboriginal culture through traditional crafts. An opportunity to appreciate and enjoy Native and Inuit art.



66, avenue Des Groseilliers (Radisson)
819 638-6969
www.artinunat.com

Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. except Mondays.



P.M. Robert-Bourassa Generating Station (LG-2)

Come and admire the internationally renowned power-generating facilities! Hydro-Québec offers **free guided tours** of the Robert-Bourassa Generating Station, which is located 140 metres underground. Since the facility is under repair, you may get to see a huge generating unit up close.

Take the coach tour and see some impressive sights, including the spillway, known as “the Giant’s Staircase”, and the dam, which is as tall as a 53-storey building.

By car take the time to take pictures at the dam LG-2, at sunset.



Complexe Pierre-Radisson (Departure)
66 rue Des Groseilliers (Radisson)
819 638-8486 / 800 291-8486
<http://www.hydroquebec.com/visit>

Schedule

June 11th to August 31st, 2018: every day at 1 p.m.
(visitor registration at 12:30 PM).

September 2018 to June 2019: Monday 1 p.m., Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.

- Reservations required 48 hours in advance
- Visitors must present photo ID
- Visitor registration 30 minutes before departure

Length of the tour: 4 hours

Further your discovery of Radisson

Hike on the Hudson Trail in Radisson. Entry of the trail located near City Hall



Length: 10 km
Level: easy and intermediate
Open yearly from May to October.

DAY 3 Radisson–Cree Community of Chisasibi (107 km)

A.M. La Grande-1 Generating Station (LG-1)

Following your tour of the Robert-Bourassa Generating Station, get back on the road with Hydro-Québec to see the last of the facilities to harness the power of La Grande river, la Grande-1. La Grande-1 is a masterpiece of Québec's engineering and is sure to impress you with its new lookout, developed as part of an ongoing partnership with the Crees of Chisasibi.



Complexe Pierre-Radisson
66 rue Des Groseilliers (Radisson)
819 638-8486 / 800 291-8486
<http://www.destinationradisson.com/>

Schedule

June 11 to August 31st, 2018; every day at 8 a.m. (visitor registration at 7:30 a.m.)

- Reserve required 48 hours in advance
- Visitors must present photo ID
- *Visitor registration 30 minutes before departure*

Length of the tour: 4 hours

<http://www.destinationradisson.com/>

Take the road towards the Cree Community of Chisasibi (1.5 hrs).

(Paved road access) Located on the south shore of La Grande river is located the modern Cree Community of Chisasibi, whose name means "Great River" in Cree. Here, the boreal forest merges with the taiga and the waters of James Bay mix with those of Hudson Bay.

Originally, the community was located on nearby Fort George Island, where every summer, a week-long cultural festival known as "Mamoweedow" takes place. A short ferry ride from the mainland will make you discover an area rich in history and culture.

Adventurers looking to spend a couple of nights in a traditional bush camp will be delighted to know that locals are available to guide you and share their incredible legends.

Chisasibi is the last Cree community of Eeyou Istchee Baie-James accessible by road.



P.M. The Chisasibi Heritage & Cultural Centre

The Chisasibi Heritage and Cultural Centre is a place of cultural renewal, honouring ancestral values through *Aayaanischa* representing cycles of reciprocal learning, knowledge, and connecting generations-past, present and future. We Crees celebrate our living culture, share our heritage through exhibitions, storytelling, song, language, and traditional activities. Enjoy the artistic craftsmanship at our gift shop and hear “our story” as the People of the Great River!



2 Fort-George Road (Chisasibi)
819 855-3311

Schedule

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

EVENING In Chisasibi, take the time to visit the shores of James Bay

In Chisasibi, make time to go explore the eastern shores of James Bay and see the wonderful northern sunsets.

DAY 4 Cree Community of Chisasibi –Cree Community of Waskaganish (550 km)

Departure from Chisasibi / Travel Day

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KM 232: Broadback River

Here, a long time ago, began the Tyrell sea.

Scenic lookout and pathway, rustic site, fishing, picnic tables, restrooms.

KM 237: Waskaganish Road Intersection

Turn around and go back 5 km to reach the road leading to Waskaganish (102 km of gravel road)

Overnight in Waskaganish.

DAY 5 Cree Community of Waskaganish - Matagami (341 km)

A.M. Smokey Hill

Traditional fishing site which is still part of this Cree community's customs.



Contact Waskaganish's tourism officer, Tim Whiskeychan 819 895-8650, to access and visit this traditional fishing site.

P.M. Take the road towards Matagami

EVENING Hike the Bell Nature trails

This beautiful park along the Bell River is located right inside the city of Matagami. 3 km of wooded hiking trails lead you to an observation tower, rapids and a terrace from which you can observe nature in all its splendour. Interpretation panels allow you to learn more about the diverse flora and fauna of the region. Pets are welcome.

Many entry points, including one on rue du Portage. For more information, feel free to visit the *Centre de la vie active de Matagami*.

Centre de la vie active de Matagami
819 739-4566
www.matagami.com

For more information, feel free to contact us at 1-888-748-8140, ext. 0 or at info@tourismebaiejames.com.

You can also order, free of charge, your copy of Eeyou Istchee Baie-James' Official Tourist Guide:
<http://www.escapelikeneverbefore.com/en/order-a-publication/>