



INTO THE NORTH ITINERARY 10 DAYS IN EYYOU ISTCHEE BAIE-JAMES!



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DAY 1: CHIBOUGAMAU

After a busy day outside, spend your first night in Marina Chibougamau's cottages or campground.

Centre de villégiature Marina de Chibougamau

Marina Chibougamau is a unique centre in the area to practise many activities such as canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding... Boats rental is also available. With its 206 sq km, the lac Chibougamau is a great playground for water sports enthusiasts. The bar and restaurant are open to all.



DAY 2: Oujé-BOUGOUMOU

Hit the road to Oujé-Bougoumou and take the day to familiarize yourself with Cree Nation's past and history.

Sleep at [Capissit Lodge](#) which some rooms have an astonishing view on Opemiska Lake.

Aanischaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute

A visit to the Aanischaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute is an inescapable stop to learn about the Cree Nation's past and history. The museum received the 2018 Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Museums. After this activity, complete your visit by a guided tour of the community of Oujé-Bougoumou, who was rewarded by UNESCO for its construction and traditional architecture.



DAYS 3 AND 4: NUUHCHIMI WIINUU

Head to Nuuhchimi Wiinuu Cree Cultural Camp on the shores of lac Scott. You can sleep under traditional Cree tent.

Nuuhchimi Wiinuu

Immerse yourself in Cree culture with hosts and owners David and Anna Bosum. They welcome you as if you were part of the family and they share their culture, their knowledge, their traditions... Many activities are available on the site, winter and summer: snowshoeing, canoeing, fishing, as well as various workshops. You can sleep in traditional accommodation, such as tents.



To book your stay in Nuuhchimi Wiinuu, contact [Eeyou Istchee Baie-James Travels](mailto:reservations@voyageseibj.com) at 1800 855-4747 or reservations@voyageseibj.com.

DAYS 5 AND 6: MATAGAMI

After two nights in Nuuhchimi Wiinuu, head to Matagami for relaxing days on the shores of lac Matagami.

Les Écogîtes du lac Matagami

Pamper yourself right in the heart of the boreal forest, in the comfort and luxury of wooden cottages or yurts. For the more adventurous, pitch your tent on the shores of the majestic lac Matagami. Take advantage of the proximity to nature to observe the fauna and flora, to go mushroom-picking with your host, to contemplate the amazing sunrise and sunset and, if you are lucky, the celestial dance of northern lights.



Mont Laurier

Ten kilometres north on the route Billy-Diamond (formerly *route de la Baie-James*), hike one of the two trails to reach *Mont Laurier's* summit. You will have an impressive panoramic view over the region. Enjoy a nice breakfast or lunch before going back down.





DAY 7: WEMINDJI

Fill up with gas and snacks; it is time to head up north to Wemindji. After the 600 km road trip, spend the night at Maquatua Hotel.

Maquatua Hotel

Maquatua Inn is located at the mouth of the *rivière Maquatua* in Wemindji. A total of 30 comfortable and modern rooms are available. The hotel also has a restaurant and a boutique filled with arts and crafts made by local artists. You can [rent canoes and kayaks](#) to explore *rivière Maquatua* at your own pace.



DAY 8

Wemindji Eco-tourist Cruise

Sail the majestic waters of James bay and Maquatua River with Cree guides! While telling you the story of their land, they let you explore the islands of James Bay, where you can observe the fauna and flora, take a walk on these rocky massifs and contemplate the vastness of Eeyou Istchee Baie-James. Complete this activity with a guided tour of the community.



To book a cruise, contact [Eeyou Istchee Baie-James Travels](#) at 1 800 855-4747 or at reservations@voyageseibj.com.



DAY 9: RADISSON

Reach Radisson and explore the small community. Make sure to stop by the art boutique and have a chat with the owners.

Boutique Arts et trésors inouïs

You do not want to miss the visit of this boutique which offers some of the most beautiful examples of art objects, jewelry, as well as Native and Inuit artifacts. It is the ideal place to purchase souvenirs and feast your eyes on extraordinary art and treasures.



DAY 10

Drive west for an hour and reach Chisasibi on the shores of James bay, after visiting the famous power stations.

Robert-Bourassa Facilities

At the end of the route Billy-Diamond (formerly *route de la Baie-James*), discover the Robert-Bourassa hydroelectric facilities! From the central—the largest in the world—located 140 metres underground to the dam as high as a building of 53 floors, these human constructions, like the nature surrounding them, dazzle by their gigantism. It is possible to visit the La Grande-1 (Chisasibi) and Grande-2 power stations for free.



Historical visit: La grande épopée de la Baie-James

Relive the great moments of the Baie-James project thanks to this tour paying tribute to the men and women who have contributed to this ambitious project, making it a reality.



DAY 11: CHISASIBI

In the modern community of Chisasibi, the boreal forest merges with the taiga and the waters of the James bay mix with those of the Hudson bay. 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.



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