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GUIDE TO  
HI HOSTELS  
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# Sainte-Anne- des-Monts



  
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# SAINTE-ANNE-DES-MONTS



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**49°N 66°W**

**Population :**

5 600 inhabitants

15 people per km<sup>2</sup>

Between mountain and sea, Sainte-Anne-des-Monts is a little slice of paradise...

Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, the gateway into the Gaspésie National Park, is a fabulous destination for outdoor activities. It's also an amazing spot to watch the sun set, when vibrant reds and oranges light up both sky and river.

In the vicinity, Mont St-Pierre is an essential stop for hang gliding aficionados, while the Chic-Chocs wildlife sanctuary will delight fishers and hunters alike.

## HI-SAINTE-ANNE-DES-MONTS AUBERGE FESTIVE SEA SHACK

On road 132, in Ruisseau-Castor | 292, Perron East Ste-Anne-des-Monts  
418-763-2999 / 1 866-963-2999 | www.hihostels.ca/seashack | seashack@hihostels.ca  
*Open all year round (may be closed for a few months during winter 2009).*



This seaside hostel will blow your mind. Not only is it ideally located for outdoor activities, but it's also a fun party place in the evening, thanks to its famous Tiki Bar. After a long day out, relax in the hot tub on the beach, crash in one of the many hammocks or enjoy a nice cold pint of Pit Caribou, a Gaspésie-based microbrewery.

### Getting there by public transportation

**By bus:** The Orléans Express bus (to or from Montreal) goes by twice a day. Tell the driver you're heading to the Auberge Festive Sea Shack in Ruisseau-Castor and he'll drop you off right out front. The hostel also provides a free shuttle from the Sainte-Anne-des-Monts bus station.

**Rates:** *Shared rooms:* From \$21 for members and \$29 for non-members. | *Private rooms:* From \$56 for members and \$70 for non-members. | *Yurts (sleeps 6):* From \$150 for members and \$170 for non-members. *Cabins:* From \$150. | *Teepee:* From \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members. | *Camping:* From \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members.

**Number of beds:** *Shared rooms:* 20 beds | *Private/family rooms:* 2 rooms of 6 beds. Bathroom is shared between the two. | *Cabin:* 9 beds, includes a kitchen and bathroom | *Yurt:* 12 guests | *Teepee:* 3 guests *Wilderness camping on the beach with yurt-shelter and comfort station:* 40 guests

**On-site services:** Kitchen, breakfast (included in the shared and private room rates), outside bar with activities, Internet access, store, hot tub on the beach, minibus for group transportation, shuttle to Gaspésie Park and other sights, activities (sea kayaking, canyoning, rafting, dogsledding, snowshoe rental, theme parties, shows and musical jam sessions).

**Amenities for families:** Two family rooms that sleep up to 6 people each and one 9-bed cabin.

## ACTIVITIES



### ESKAMER ADVENTURE

On the Auberge Festive Sea Shack's site  
418-763-2299 / 1 866-963-2999 (hostel)

[www.eskamer.ca](http://www.eskamer.ca)

*Open May to October. Sea kayaking: starting at \$40.*

*Canyoning: starting at \$35. Discounts for HI members.*

Eskamer Adventure offers guided kayak expeditions with teachers/professionals. Half-day, full-day and multi-day expeditions are available. The canyoning expedition in Ruisseau-Castor combines hiking, jumping, swimming, and rock climbing amidst a dozen basins and waterfalls.

### EXPLORAMER

1, du Quai | 418-763-2500 | [www.exploramer.qc.ca](http://www.exploramer.qc.ca)

*Open daily from June to mid-October, 9 am to 5 pm. Admission fee for the exhibits. Sea outings and expedition/exhibit combos available.*

Exploramer invites you to discover the ecosystem and biodiversity of the St. Lawrence River through a fascinating collection of aquariums and exhibits. Come aboard the JV Exploramer for an excursion at sea, during which you will witness, among other things, the hauling of fishing traps.

## FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Mont St-Pierre is popular with those who enjoy the thrills of free flight sports such as paragliding and hang-gliding. For more information, visit the town's website ([www.mont-saint-pierre.ca](http://www.mont-saint-pierre.ca)) or contact the Association québécoise de vol libre ([www.aqvl.qc.ca](http://www.aqvl.qc.ca) or 418-797-2222). For salmon fishing enthusiasts, the Cap-Chat River is pure heaven. Information: 418-786-5966.

## Surrounding area

### PARC NATIONAL DE LA GASPÉSIE

40 km from Sainte-Anne-des-Monts  
418-763-7494 | [www.sepaq.com/pq/gas/fr/](http://www.sepaq.com/pq/gas/fr/)  
*Open all year round. Adults: \$3.50.*

Located at the very heart of the Gaspé Peninsula, this park is a vast expanse of mountains offering breathtaking vistas. The park boasts a total of 25 summits of more than 1000 meters, including Mont Albert (1150 m) and Mont Jacques-Cartier (1268 m), renowned for their subarctic vegetation. Many activities for both winter and summer: hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, telemark skiing, snowboarding, etc.

### RÉSERVE FAUNIQUE DES CHIC-CHOCS

116, Prudent-Cloutier (Route 132)  
418-797-5214 / Réservations Sépaq: 1 800-665-6527  
[www.sepaq.com/rf/chc/fr/](http://www.sepaq.com/rf/chc/fr/)  
*Open all year round. Adults: \$3.50.*

This wildlife sanctuary is located amid impressive mountains, many more than 800 m high. On the higher summits, the vegetation is tundra-like. There are a total of 42 lakes, as well as numerous streams and rivers. Many activities for all seasons: fishing, hunting, telemark skiing, hiking, etc.



# DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

## **PUB CHEZ BASS**

170, 1st Avenue West, Sainte-Anne-des-Monts  
418-763-2613

This English-style pub overlooking the water offers grilled meats, fish, seafood, pasta and yummy local produce. The prices won't bust your budget, we promise! Large selection of scotches (their specialty), imported beers, beers on tap and coffees.

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## **LA BROUE DANS L'TOUPET**

20, 1st Avenue East, Mont-Louis | 418-797-2008

An essential destination that will please every kind of budget. Simple yet generous cooking that highlights regional produce. Ideal for lunch, cocktail hour on the terrace or an evening meal in the dining room.

## **VALMONT PLEIN AIR BISTRO-BAR**

10, Notre-Dame East, Cap-Chat | 418-786-1355

[www.valmontpleinair.com](http://www.valmontpleinair.com)

*Open in summer only.*

A very cute café that highlights local flavours with original dishes. Fish, grilled meats, salads, pizzas and other snacks all hit the spot. Nice selection of imported and Quebec beers to enjoy on the terrace in warm weather. Valmont also organizes outdoor activities: moose watching, river and sea kayaking, mountain hikes. You'll also find kites for sale and kite lessons offered on-site.



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