

BONAVENTURE RIVER

~ GASPÉ PENINSULA, QUEBEC ~



2006



JUNE 4 - 10 • JUNE 18 - 24

*The Gaspé's unique combination of Quebec Maritime and rugged north country provides the backdrop for the Bonaventure - reputed to be the most pristine river east of the Canadian Rockies. Flowing out of remote Lac Bonaventure, nestled high in the Chic Choc Mountains, the river features forested gorges, dramatic mountain vistas, and crystalline salmon filled waters. With a consistent dropping gradient, the river is characterized by **virtually continuous mildly technical Class I-II+ whitewater** (a few Class III drops in the gorge section) —all the way to the sea. An ideal river for solo paddlers and poling. Trip meets in Bonaventure, P.Q. the evening prior at our Quebec partner's riverside base camp, and also includes the last night's inn accommodation — overlooking the Baie de Chateaus. *A unique mini-expedition on one of eastern Canada's most appealing rivers, the Bonaventure remains a perennial favorite of many Sunrise's guides.**

\$1575 per person

\$450 Deposit Reqd.

Incl.s last night' accom. in Bonaventure, PQ



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LOGISTICS & INFORMATION

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June 3 / 17: **Arrival in Bonaventure at CIME Base Camp located directly on the Bonaventure River.** Arrival the evening prior permits us to issue you your packing gear and assist with any other packing details or questions.

Travel Directions: •If **driving**, take Highway 132 from Quebec City travelling north toward Riviere-du-Loup. Stay on Highway 132 until you reach the town of Bonaventure. At Bonaventure, turn north (head inland) at the traffic light on Avenue Grand-Pre. This road changes names to Beausejour and then Chemin de la Riviere. Follow this road for 8 kilometers and after the bridge, turn left on Chemin Athanas-Arsenault. Follow this road less than one kilometer to the Cime Aventure base camp.

•If **flying** the closest major airports are in Quebec City, located an approximate 8 hour drive from Bonaventure Quebec; and Presque Isle Maine, about a 5 hours drive. . There is also an **airport in Bonaventure**. Contact PASCAN AVIATION (888-313-8777 or www.Pascan.com) for scheduled flight information. (A **shuttle service** is offered by Cime Aventure. Let us know the time of your arrival and we can arrange a pick up at the Bonaventure airport.)

June 4/18: **Shuttle to River:** Approx. 4-5 hour drive via woods roads up into the Chic Choc Mountains and the headwaters at Lac Bonaventure.

ON RIVER: 6 days, 5 nights

June 4/18: **Reach the Sea at the Baie des Chaleurs.** Accommodations are included at the CHATEAU BONAVENTURE located right on the shoreline at the mouth of the river. Another option is to stay the last night back at the CIME BASE CAMP on the shore of the lower river.

June 10/24: **Departure** (If you wish to stay longer in the Gaspé, please let us know, and we'll assist with further plans.)

PACKING CONSIDERATIONS: All participants should have received our Northern Personal Packing List. The climate in central Quebec, in early summer, is not much different than Maine, or northern New England; daytime temps in the 55-80+ degree range, nighttime temps 40-55 degrees, although a light frost can still be possible. As usual layering is the key principle, and substantial outer shell garments are a must for wind and rain. The water should be warm enough to swim by mid-June.

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P.F.D.'s, Tents, & Personal Packs: You may bring your own, or we can provide them for you. Please indicate on the enclosed trip form which gear you need for us to provide. If you have not already returned this form, or spoken to us regarding your personal gear needs - please remember to contact us prior to the trip.

Fishing: Fishing on the Bonaventure is *highly regulated* as it is a premier Atlantic Salmon river. *Permits are possible, although extremely costly and somewhat complicated to obtain.* (Arrangements and permits are obtained through the local ZEC). Fishing for other species (incl. possession of fishing tackle anywhere on the watershed) is considered fishing for salmon and violations are *very severely* prosecuted. *Consider fishing only if it is an extremely important component of your trip.*

Bugs: Generally not too bad, although blackflies may be encountered. It's best to be prepared: 100% DEET repellent, and, if you particularly sensitive - a headnet or "bug jacket".

BALANCE OF PAYMENT: Trip balances are due in our Maine office **three weeks prior to the trip start date.**

TRIP FORMS: Unless already submitted, a trip form is enclosed. *KINDLY FILL OUT ALL THE FORMS PROVIDED AND RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.* This will enable our guide to prepare for your trip properly.

INSURANCE: Sunrise Expeditions International does not carry medical insurance on trip participants. Make sure your present medical insurance provides adequate coverage in case of accident or illness during the trip. Sunrise carries equipment or baggage at your own risk of loss. If your present policies do not provide the coverage you desire, or you wish additional protection for yourself or your baggage, we recommend that you purchase short-term traveler's insurance which is available from a number of companies. An application form from one such company is provided. This company also offers trip cancellation/emergency evacuation insurance.

INCLUDED: 6 Days & 5 nights on river, with all meals, equipment, & the service of a minimum of two professional Sunrise guides (add. guides at a participant/guide ratio of approx. 5:1.) & 1 night's inn or base camp chalet lodging in Bonaventure. All fees, taxes, (incl. GST); shuttle from Bonaventure, PQ to/from the river. Personal packs and tents (if you opt not to bring your own).

NOT INCLUDED: Transportation to Bonaventure, (*unless otherwise arranged*), hotel accommodations prior to the trip, any meals off river, fishing licenses, personal liquor, beer (we provide wine with dinner), guide gratuities, cost of evacuation for medical or personal reasons. (Please note trip insurance above.)

PACKING CONSIDERATIONS:

What's Included: Guides, canoes, all gear (except personal clothing and sleeping bag), all ground transportation from Bonaventure, last night's hotel accommodation (based on double occupancy; single available at extra \$60 charge), and all meals on river.

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Identification & Currency: U.S. citizens need only a valid government issued picture I.D.; passports, although not technically required, are recommended. Please remember to exchange U.S. cash into Canadian cash either at the airport of entry or at a bank enroute for incidental expenses. Do not expect local merchants to negotiate accurate exchange rates upon demand. However major credit cards are accepted throughout the Gaspé.

