

**BIENVENUE!** to the  
**FRENCH ACADIAN SHORE OF SW NOVA SCOTIA**  
**baiesaintemarie.ca**

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**OUR STORIES TO SHARE:**

**1. Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie: a cycling and cultural experience!**

**2016 dates: Sept. 24-25 / 2017 dates: Sept 23-25**

- Our newest experience - successful inaugural event in Sept. 2015 (420 cyclists!)
- Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie featured 3 rides: 117 km, 67 km, and 35 km distances
- Our event will appeal to those looking to ride for fun, for good health and to take on a personal challenge, all while enjoying the beautiful scenery in a safe environment.
- Although a timed event, this is more of a self-paced FUN group event, rather than a race.
- Acadian culture: sample Acadian fare at nutrition stations, lobster at the post-ride meal. Acadian music at the Saturday social. Mega-Acadian hospitality, be treated like a rock star!
- **Info: [granfondobaiesaintemarie.ca](http://granfondobaiesaintemarie.ca)**

**2. Feast on lobster with the locals at Les beaux vendredis seafood suppers!**

- Feast on fresh lobsters, steamed clams and snow crab while taking in the refreshing sea air at the Belliveau Cove Wharf along St. Mary's Bay.
- Locals/visitors both love this experience for its informal atmosphere & delicious seafood.
- The locals freely offer to show visitors the "real" way to eat a lobster
- Live local music by Musique de la Baie
- Every Friday evening from 6 to 9 pm, from June 24 to September 2, 2016.
- Clamdigging with a local expert – custom digs available
- **Info: [beauxvendredis.ca](http://beauxvendredis.ca)**

**3. Festival acadien de Clare: August 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**

- Key dates: Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – one of the more popular traditions is the Festival Parade, lots of colourful floats, fun for the whole family
- Celebrate National Acadian Day on August 15<sup>th</sup> by participating in the Tintamarre noise parade, 2 parades: cars from 3 different directions honk and converge, then parade by foot.
- Music concerts featuring both local, New Brunswick and Cajun artists from Louisiana
- **Info: [festivalacadiendeclare.ca](http://festivalacadiendeclare.ca)**

**4. Rendez-vous de la Baie Visitor Centre & Le Petit Bois trails and yurts**

- Welcome Centre for visitors as well as a cultural centre. Number of attractions in centre: Acadian Interpretive Centre, Art Gallery, Visitor Information Centre.
- Internet Café and Boutique are run by local non-profit as a social enterprise.
- Extensive walking trail system in the woods and along the coast called *Le Petit Bois*
- Guided walking tours, as well as night walks available
- Lighthouse rebuilt as multipurpose nature observatory and interpretive centre
- Yurts to be available for overnights stays, corporate retreats, yoga retreats, group events
- **Info: [lepetitbois.ca](http://lepetitbois.ca)**