W8banaki Cultural Exchange
Maine | From 28 to 31 July 2023
Presentation Summary

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The w8banaki cultural exchange project is part of the Nation's desire to learn about other w8banaki communities. Although there are two communities (Odanak and W8linak) that are closely related, there are also other w8banaki communities in the United States, mainly in the state of Maine.

The idea for this project came about as a result of some comments and proposals from families in the communities to exchange and meet a w8banaki community.
Location of the stay

Nibezun

Mission

Nibezun is a non-profit organization led by the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Nations that is committed to protecting and promoting W8banakiak ways of life for future generations. Located on sacred W8banaki territory along the Penobscot River, we celebrate culture as medicine, provide an inclusive space for healing, and promote sustainability for all people.
Wolinak, Québec
Odanak, Québec J0G 1H0
Nibezun, 18 Nepiskwit Dr, Passadumkegon

Ajouter une destination

Options

Envoyer un itinéraire vers votre téléphone

via QC-132 O 6 h 13 min
6 h 13 min sans circulation 512 km

Cet itinéraire traverse une frontière. Avant votre départ, vérifiez les restrictions frontalières en lien avec la COVID-19.

Détails

Explorer Nibezun

Restaurants  Hôtels  Stations-service  Stationnements  Plus
Objectives & identified needs

- Exchange with the W8banaki communities of Maine
- Discover and share knowledge about the culture, traditions and history of the Nation
- Discover cultural distinctions and similarities between communities
- Reconnect with the w8banaki confederacy
- Reconnect with the Nation
• Recognize the traditional boundaries of the Ndakina and identify culturally significant places for the Nation.

• Learn about the traditional way of life, the specific skills of the Nation, learn about songs and dances, etc.

• Learn about the history of the W8banakiak, from before colonization to today. To know the significant events of the upheaval of the way of life and the migration.

• To know the reason for the migrations and the establishment of W8banaki groups in Bécancour (W8linak) and Saint-François (Odanak) at the turn of the 18th century.

• Learn about the language and its particularities. Know the toponymy and their meaning. Learn basic common phrases.
Mandatory preparatory workshops

Workshops goals

• Gain knowledge about the history and culture of the Nation in relation to the activities of the stay
• Share your knowledge during the exchange periods of the workshops
• Create connections with other participants

1st workshop: April 12, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Odanak Community Hall
Workshop themes

• History
• Territory
• Language / Traditions / Know-how

* The workshops will last about 1h30 and a meal will be served during them.

Mandatory preparatory workshops
Length of stay and typical schedule

Length of stay: From July 28 to 31, 2023
4 days and 3 nights

Typical schedule

Friday, July 28, 2023
- Arrival on the site
- Potluck, evening of songs and dances

Saturday, July 29, 2023
- Teachings on the green corn ceremony
- Exchange on the practice of basketry and ash beating
- Work with birch bark
- Visit to the community and the museum
- Sweetgrass harvesting
- Carving
- Sharing Circle

Sunday, July 30, 2023
- Teachings on moon ceremonies
- Expedition to Sugar Island (culturally important place for the Penobscot)
- Sweetgrass harvesting
- Carving
- Sharing Circle

Monday, July 31, 2023
- Return trip
How to register

• On site at the information evening
• By appointment by contacting Karine St-Aubin
• Complete the registration form
• If the registration request is accepted: Fill out the official registration form, the health form and the commitment form
• Have submitted a deposit of $100 per participant 14 years of age and older
• Participate in the three mandatory preparatory workshops

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Eligibility Criteria

- Be involved and participate in the three preparatory workshops
- Have a valid passport at the time of the trip
- Have no criminal record
- Respect all the rules established for the project
- Respect the participant's commitment form
Priority criteria

1. Families with one or more young people between the ages of 11 and 17
2. Culturally involved person/knowledge holder
3. General w8banaki population living in and out of community
Question period

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