

# **WEST ROUTE**





SKI FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE THROUGH THE QUEBEC WILDERNESS

Accompanied by one of our professional guides, enjoy an authentic experience as you follow the trails between three villages: Morin-Heights, Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard and Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts. Venture onto historic ski trails that take you over lakes, through forests and up mountains. Experience glamping with a twist, with accomodation in pods and yurts.

This is an all-inclusive package with luggage transport, guides and meals.





## THE ADVENTURE

DURATION: 3 days

PERIOD: mid-January to mid-March

LODGING: • Centre plein air de St-Adolphe-d'Howard

• Parc Régional de Ste-Agathe-des-Monts



LEVEL: moderate



# **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: The adventure begins!

Meet in Morin-Heights, one of the cross-country skiing capitals of North America! Your trip begins at the historic Bellevue Chalet, where you'll meet your guide for a pree-trip briefing. From the chalet, travel to the starting point in the centre of Parc des Bouleaux. A first day of winding hills will bring you straight to the Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard outdoor centre yurts and cabins. Once you've settled in comfortably, head off to the village centre to to Pizzeria Lupi, which provides a gastronomic experience well worth the detour.

**₺** 10 kilometres **№** 330 m

### Centre plein air St-Adolphe-D'Howard

Situated in the middle of a forest, the centre provides a memorable glamping experience, with yurts and chalets for your overnight stay. You'll have the feeling of being in wilderness, while still close to the village of Saint-Adolphe. We guarantee you will be charmed by your Saint-Adolphe experience.











#### Day 2 : Ski like a Canadien(ne)!

After breakfast, set off on the trails of the Saint-Adolphe network towards the splendid Sainte-Marie lake. From there, you will join a key heritage trail: La Canadienne. Discover the history of this trail through finding hardly-emergent century-old markers, absorbed by veteran trees. A short climb will take you to the rmountain top, from which you can Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, your destination for today. After a couple more kilometres, enter into the Regional Park of Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts and it's excellent cross-country skiing network. Arrive at into the secluded campground where your "pod" is waiting for you!



16 kilometres



324 m



You'll find a cosy nest for the night in the Regional Park's brand new pods. Fully equipped with a bathroom and kitchenette, we guarantee a restful night's sleep. In the evening, head from your pod to the welcome chalet to enjoy a made-to-measure sugar shack themed menu with a roaring fire and share some unforgettable moments.











#### Day 3: The Western

Set off on the trails of the Regional Park nordic network after a delicious breakfast. Today you rejoin the Western, another backcountry nordic classic. This day of with rolling hills provides breathtaking panoramic views of the Laurentian hinterland. History and sporting exploits will be at the heart of this day's experience of almost 20 kilometres of snow. ~After a beautiful lakeside picnic, spend the afternoon skiing lake traverses. Finish with a beautiful long downhill section to the Parc des Bouleaux, where you started three-days earlier. Afterwards, you are invited to join the guide at the Anorak microbrewery to enjoy a well-earned drink.



20 kilometres 530m





To round off your adventure in style, your guide will invite you to share the last few days' adventures at the Anorak microbrewery in Morin-Heights. In a relaxed setting, relive your best moments with your guide and your adventure partners before hitting the road home.











## **MEET YOUR GUIDES**

#### Edouard Borel - Guide and Instructor

Camille Carle - Guide and Project Agent



Professional adventure guide, instructor and outdoor enthusiast Edouard spends his time between Quebec Yukon all year round, having guided previously as a professional ski guide in the Alps and Gaspésie. He one of our finest skiers and is also an instructor in wilderness first aid and avalanche terrain safety.



#### Jean-François Girard - Guide and photographer



Whether by canoe or ski, Camille is always on the lookout for new adventures! Passionate about nature, she is not only a professional guide, but also a first-rate interpreter of the environment and heritage that surrounds us. With her infectious smile and nature, Camille is dedicated

to making the outdoors accessible to all.



Our most seasoned guide and photographer, Jean-François kayaks and cross-country skis across Quebec with groups of enthusiasts.

As our in-house photographer and videographer, Jean-François is one of the only people who can ski hard with a camera in his hand! Passionate and committed, we are delighted to have him as a Routes Blanches guide!





Will is an ACMG-accredited guide who lives and works in Quebec after having lived and worked around the world! He speaks multiple languages, and specialises in hiking, kayaking and bc nordic skiing, and loves introducing our guests to the Laurentian backcountry. When he's not working with us, he works in the Arctic and Rockies as a guide, teacher and recreotourism consultant.

#### Mathilde White - Guide and Instructor



Fresh from her professional guide training, Mathilde decided to take the plunge and become a backcountry nordic ski guide, one of her favorite disciplines. A lifelong skier, she devotes much of her time with us running ski initiations and when not working with us can often be found skiing the trails. Passionate about the arts and outdoor cooking, Mathilde is a refreshing addition to the team!