

THE CASTLE AND ITS SITES

To get to the site of the castle, you must take rue des Menier and continue to the western extremity of the town until you see the indications, on your right, to get to the chemin de la Baie-Ste-Claire. A couple of meters farther, you will see the road to get to the castle and its sites on your left. On the road to get to the castle point, you must take your left at the junction, and here you are, following the woods along the sea...



1. The epitaph of the sorcerer of Anticosti

Here is laying Louis-Olivier Gamache, the food supply deposit keeper in Baie Ellis for the Canadian government starting from 1824. He helped many shipwrecked in this area. He got known as a sorcerer by personally getting people to tell all sorts of stories about him to make sure his family as well as his food supply deposit would be protected, because many pirates were sailing around the island at that time. Since his death, in 1854, his mortal remains have been relocated three times. Mysterious stories... you must say but true however!!! Now, we find him here in this peaceful area forever... at least, we hope!



2. The turret of Menier's castle

The construction of the turret was accomplished from 1991 to 1994. T.P.G. Inc. from St-Émile (Québec) and the architect Mr. Pierre Bernier from Québec rebuilt the turret and also made concrete boxes showing different parts of the castle on the first floor.



3. The castle's lighthouse

This lighthouse was privileged to witness the harbor and economic activities of the island. In the winter of 1989, a third moving was made by a group of Anticostians to bring it to its current location. This project was part of the whole project to rebuild the castle point and its sites.



4. Louis Jolliet's stone

This stone was unveiled on the 300th anniversary of Louis Jolliet's arrival on our shore.



5. Pavillon Luc Jobin

It was in 2016 that the city council went ahead with the reconstruction of the courtyard located at the historic site of the castle. Several activities and parties were held under this structure. By giving it a youthful look, the council hopes to bring this enchanting site back to life. The new building was named "Pavillon Luc Jobin". The purpose of this recognition is to highlight his contribution to the dissemination of the history of Anticosti Island for more than 40 years and to the enrichment of its heritage through the creation of archival collections. Mr. Jobin, a retired entomologist, was surprised and deeply touched by the double recognition received at the inauguration of the Pavilion on October 8, since he was also named honorary citizen of Anticosti Island.



6. Menier's elm

On Anticosti Island, there is just one European elm; a unique specimen in a unique environment! This centenary tree is witness of a bygone era but how present in the memory of the inhabitants.

A touch of history

Anticosti has once been the property of the French chocolate man Henri Menier. He exploited the natural resources of the island and built a villa that had an English style garden. The European elm get along with the Virginia deer, which we can count by thousands. The deer are responsible of the excessive grazing of the forest. The forest is typically boreal and count a few white birch and trembling aspen. We mainly find white and black spinet. In a floristry aspect, Anticosti Island interest has been recognized for a long time. The year 1904 has been memorable for the island because Mr. Menier bought thirteen hundred fruit trees and shrubs of use and ornament from a nurseryman of the South shore of the St-Laurent's River. It is highly likely that the European elm came from this same plantation. Since then, from a generation to another, several come to contemplate the tree and at the same time, all become privileged witness of the last Anticosti elm.

May you have an enjoyable tour!

