Anticosti island sits astride the St. Lawrence River in the gulf of the St. Lawrence, in Quebec Canada. Anticosti island is the 20th largest island in Canada and is 135 miles long and between 10 and 30 miles wide. The island is a Provincial Wildlife Reserve.

Safari Anticosti exploits an exclusive hunting Anticosti lease of 800 square miles of territory or 25% of Anticosti island. The Safari Anticosti sector encompasses 3 distinct territories, the Salmon River, Bell River and Chaloupe River areas.

Safari Anticosti’s territories are comprised of a unique and varied deer habitat that can be defined as a sub-boreal landscape. Thick stands of black spruce, birch and pine tree cover the island’s land mass which is also mixed with large areas of bog, grasses and moss. Crystal lakes dot the territory with Atlantic salmon rivers and streams that cut through the island’s limestone base, creating deep canyons and spectacular vistas.

A WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTERS PARADISE!
Menier who bought Anticosti island in 1895, introduced most of the island’s wildlife. Many game species were released on the island including the white-tailed deer, caribou, elk, moose, and bison. From the original 220 white-tailed deer released on the island the deer population has increased dramatically and now numbers well over 120,000. The elk, bison, caribou, and black bear have long since disappeared. Henri Menier’s vision and unprecedented biological experiment has left a legacy of a very unique deer-hunting destination.

The deer of Anticosti Island are the most northeastern white-tailed deer of North America. Their field dressed weight is on average between 140 and 160 pounds. A standard bucks antler would consist of 8 points with an antler width of between 16 and 18 inches. We harvest many deer that exceed the islands averages every year. You are allowed 2 deer per hunter, buck or doe...

A VERY UNIQUE DEER SPECIES
Both Boone and Crockett and Safari Club International record books have been lobbied to list Anticosti deer as a distinct sub-species of the Virginia White-tailed deer. Safari Club International has agreed and the Anticosti White-tailed deer now has its own record book listing as a distinct sub-species. In 2008 we harvested the new number 1 S.C.I. record book buck which scored 146 5/8.

EXPERIENCE DEER HUNTING
AS IT WAS 150 YEARS AGO...!
Hunt free ranging and unpressured deer in a wild and immense private territory setting. Live a true northern woods deer hunting experience.
Accessibility to our immense 800 square miles of hunting territory is provided by crew cab pick-ups and ATV’s along private roads that take you to your designated hunting zones.

In your hunting zones you will also find numbered and marked hunting trails. These stalking or still hunting trails have purposely been selected and prepared by your guides to help access productive areas of different deer habitats. Hunters have the option of hunting alone or to be accompanied with a guide. Guide to client ratios will also vary depending on the hunters personal requirements or resulting from the different hunting packages selected.

ENJOY OUR STILL HUNTING APPROACH. REDISCOVER YOUR DEER HUNTING INSTINCTS!
Hunters have a selection of main lodges and chalets that are of the highest standard. Whether you are a group of hunting buddies looking for a secluded but rustic hunting getaway or a corporate group looking for a full service 4 star lodge, Safari Anticosti has all of this and more. Housekeeping chalets are available in their own distinct and reserved territories. The chalets accommodate between 6 and 8 hunters and offer a fully equipped kitchen, electricity and hot running water with showers. The housekeeping packages include your own private hunting territory and the services of a professional guide with a crew cab pick-up and ATV. There is also a fully equipped meat shed to store and process your deer.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EVERY TASTE AND PREFERENCE
Of all the full service lodges on Anticosti Island, Safari Lodge is by far the most luxurious. The lodge offers incredible comfort, attentive service and first class international cuisine. Situated on the mouth of the reknowned Salmon River, its view of the islands jagged coastline delivers an awe inspiring view of the setting sun over the Atlantic ocean.
Nothing beats the rustic log cabin and down home family atmosphere of the two Chaloupe River lodges. Enjoy our Quebec style cuisine or maybe choose from one of the optional housekeeping chalets and their magnificent view of the Chaloupe River.

CHALOUPE RIVER LODGES AND CHALETS
Situated in the southeast sector of the island, this premium facility can be defined as a true deer hunting lodge as it is open only during the pre-rut, rut, and partial post rut periods. Hunters requiring an intimate setting will also enjoy the private chalets adjacent to the main facility.
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1680  
*Louis XIV, King of France granted Anticosti Island to Louis Jolliet as a reward for discovering the Mississippi River.*

1895  
*Henri Menier (the French chocolat magnate) bought the island and turned it into the most extraordinary private club on the planet.*

1974  
*The Government of Quebec purchased Anticosti island from corporate interests for 14 million dollars.*

1990  
*Safari Anticosti acquired 500 square miles of the island from the government of Quebec.*

2011  
*Through mergers of existing territories on the island, Safari lodge now offers their guests over 800 square miles of spectacular coastal and wilderness adventure.*

Henri Menier  
1853-1913
Emerging from the prehistoric Champlain Sea 6 million years ago, Anticosti Island sits astride the entrance to the majestic Gulf of the St. Lawrence. Anticosti Island is 216 km long (135 miles) and between 16 km (10 miles) and 48 km (30 miles) wide.

Atlantic Salmon Rivers and streams cut through the island’s prehistoric limestone base creating deep canyons and spectacular vistas. Vast boreal forests of black spruce and pine trees cover the island with also intermingled and rare stands of birch. Underfoot, carpets of colourful lichens line the forest floor seemingly out of place and reminiscent of a more northern environment. Crystal blue lakes and bogs dot the vast landscape adding to this unique and exotic environment.

With its awesome and jagged coastline of towering limestone cliffs, the island’s coastline has once been described as looking at the “giant teeth of an immense saw blade.” Guests will discover secluded saltwater bays deep blue in colour with their pristine beaches and coastal wildlife. Many areas of the islands coastline are littered with fossils that have emerged from its prehistoric roots as the bottom of the Champlain Sea.
Most of the wildlife species to be found on Anticosti Island were introduced by a gentleman from France, Mr. Henri Menier. During the late 1800’s, and in his many attempts to turn the island into his personal sporting paradise, he released a variety of wildlife on the island. From the frogs, to the ruffed and spruce grouse, to the elk, caribou, moose, hare and fox, many of the released species flourished while some others did not. Of all the species introduced, the white-tailed deer are now the most abundant. As a result of their incredible population explosion the deer have now populated the entire island while influencing the entire eco-system. Forest re-generation projects inside protected and fenced areas have also been initiated by the Quebec Government to help protect and restore original tree and flora growth native to Anticosti. There are also 132 bird species to be found on the island including that of the majestic bald eagle.
There are no natural predators left on Anticosti Island. In the past, natives from the north shore of Quebec hunted black bear on the island. The black bear are now extinct due mainly to the deer over browsing of the local berry producing flora. The deer have evolved into what can be described as a sub-species of the Virginia white-tailed deer. Their evolved facial features, size and different skeletal structure are witness to their incredible prowess of adaptation in this difficult environment.
Situated on the north-eastern coast of Anticosti island and nestled away on the mouth of our private Atlantic salmon river, is the fabulous and unique Safari Lodge. Intimacy and outstanding service are hallmarks of this premier lodge. Featuring a breathtaking view of the Anticosti coast line, incredible sunsets, and first class service, the lodge is second to none. Amenities include 10 luxurious rooms in either double or single occupancy, a massive central stone fireplace with cozy living area, appointed dining room with French cuisine, pool room, and business room. Safari Lodge is much more than just a home away from home.

A range of relaxation or business oriented spaces also offer corporate or private groups a very pampered stay on the island. The friendly Safari team whether dedicated to the lodge accommodations or outdoor activity services will cater to all of your required needs. Hosting a meeting? you will find a state of the art meeting facility adjacent to the lodge complete with a board room, internet connections and audiovisual equipment.
SAFARI LODGE
ISOLATED LUXURY
in an all inclusive resort
The Chaloupe River lodges and cottages – A home away from home. Nothing beats the back-home family atmosphere, rustic log cabin construction and the Quebec style cuisine of both the Louis Jolliet Lodge and the Gisele Michaud Lodge. Optional housekeeping chalets offer a magnificent view of the Chaloupe River.
If you are of an adventurous spirit and would like to experience some of the islands special seasonal activities, there is an array of exploratory equipment and professional guiding services at your disposal. You may choose from several seasonal orientated activities, “of the soft kind,” while enjoying the lodge and the island. Why not jump on board our tour boat for a coastal exploratory excursion to enjoy one of our renowned lobster picnics. Grab one of the guides and saddle up a four wheel all terrain vehicle for an exciting backwoods adventure. Jump on board a snowmobile and explore our virgin forests.

Grab your camera and launch a sea kayak for some of those close up images of the spectacular Anticosti coastline and fauna. Don’t forget to visit some of the islands breathtaking highlights complete with a guided 4 x 4 vehicle tour of the renowned Vaureal falls, Lobster bay, and much more. Never tried fly fishing? Our experienced fly fishing guides can also help you to catch your first Atlantic Salmon or sea run trout on a fly. A fresh fish or Anticosti lobster makes for a great shore lunch picnic but please do not forget the wine (it is included).

READY TO EXPLORE?
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