

St. Pierre and Miquelon



1. The "Pointe aux Canons" Lighthouse guides the boats from the Atlantic Ocean to enter Saint-Pierre's harbour, called Barachois. It is a treasured monument, near which remains the upright canon that dates back to the Crimean War and used to protect the territory from invasions. A few small islands, like L'Île-aux-Marins ("The Island of the Sailors"), protect the entrance of the harbour.



2. There are about 5,500 inhabitants in the city of Saint-Pierre. The city faces the Atlantic Ocean, and sited at the base of the mountain, from which, if the sky is clear, New Foundland can be seen. To the right side of the photograph is the bell-tower of the cathedral, which is now the only church on the island. It was built from sandstone from Alsace, in France.



3 & 4. Here we can enjoy the impressive sight of a Humpback Whale, breaching the water. This is not an unusual view in the waters of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon as marine mammals pass by during their migration to Greenland. If you are fortunate, dolphins and porpoises – the largest group of baleen whales, can also be observed. Humpbacks have become the mainstay of whale-watching tourism in many locations around the world, as in the nearby New Foundland.



5. Brue Street is located in Saint-Pierre. The colourful wooden facades are typical of the archipelago, and lighten up the grey sky. Looking at these houses, you can feel that North America and Europe meet in Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon. The harsh climate is part of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon's identity. The snowy winters can last until May, which makes a great environment for marine mammals... and for the population to practice snowshoe!

