



*Learn about 11,000+ years of living history and land-based knowledge.*

## Waaseyaa Cultural Tours

Waaseyaa Cultural Tours is an Indigenous tourism company operating across unceded Algonquin territory in what is now known as Eastern Ontario. Waaseyaa Cultural Tours offers opportunities to learn about 11,000+ years of Madaoueskarini Algonquin history through land-based programming and workshops.

Waaseyaa means “bright light” in Anishinaabemowin, the language of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg Nation.

Christine Luckasavitch is Madaoueskarini Algonquin and mixed settler, living in her ancestral territory at the headwaters of the Madawaska River. Her work is centered around creating spaces for Indigenous peoples to share their knowledges, both in physical and digital spaces, and encouraging the re-emergence of ancestral kinship ties. She is the owner of Waaseyaa Consulting and Waaseyaa Cultural Tours, two small businesses dedicated to reviving and celebrating Indigenous ancestral knowledge and culture-based practices through educational opportunities. She is the co-owner of Algonquin Motors, a woman-led motorcycle clothing company that celebrates the land now also known as Algonquin Park. She is the former Executive Director of Native Land Digital, the Indigenous-led non-profit behind Native-Land.ca. Christine is a graduate of Acadia University, and she is currently finishing her Masters Degree at Trent University, her thesis offering a critique of Algonquin Park as a wilderness space and the continued impacts on her Algonquin community. She currently writing her first book.



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## CURRENT OFFERINGS:

*Two-hour land-based programs will be offered on Friday mornings at 9:30AM from May to September at Madawaska Kanu Centre. These programs may be available at other locations across unceded Algonquin territory throughout the year.*

### **Algonquin Peoples History Guided Walk**

*Learn about the history of Madaoueskarini Algonquin People.*

This program shares approximately 11,000 years of living history of the Madaoueskarini Algonquin People, intertwined with a general scope of Indigenous history across what is now known as Canada. This experience offers an understanding of the impacts of colonial settlement of unceded Algonquin territory and the continued impacts on land and people.

This experience is approximately two hours in duration and can be customized.

### **Omamiwinini Wiigwas Chiiman (Algonquin Birch Bark Canoe) Along the Madaoueskasibi**

Walk along the Madaoueskasibi, now also known as the Madawaska River, to learn more about Algonquin birch bark canoes, the significance of the birch tree, canoe craft, and the role of the canoe across the living history of Algonquin people.

### **Medicinal Plant Guided Walk**

Our climate is quickly changing, and conversations surrounding the health of the natural world are more crucial than ever. This hands-on experience will encourage participants to develop a deeper respect for and understanding of plants found in Algonquin territory and have been used to encourage health and well-being by Algonquin people for thousands of years. This workshop will also explore the concepts of Indigenous food systems and Indigenous food sovereignty.

This experience is approximately two hours in duration and can be customized.



## RATE:

- Adult - \$145.00 per person + HST
- Senior & Youth (24 and under) - \$125.00 per person + HST
- Children under 6 – \$65.00 per person + HST
- Minimum 4 people, any age

## GROUP RATE:

- \$3200 + HST

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 25% discount for Indigenous and diverse peoples (Nation and/or community affiliation required)
- Wherever possible, tours should be booked 2 weeks in advance, though bookings may be accepted up to 24h in advance
- 50% deposit required, non-refundable if cancelled 48h in advance by the client (not applicable in emergency situations)
- Tours may be customized, though additional charges will apply to honour work related to content research and development
- Rates do not include costs associated with parking or permits

## BOOKING INFORMATION:

To learn more, please visit:

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