

PROPOSITION : GASPE 2020 International Shintaïdo

We are very happy to present our proposal to International Shintaïdo Project.

As a complement to our proposition we also want to submit a theme.

Do: The way

Talking together during the planification of our proposal for international, we realized how much the Gaspé project was bringing us joy and energy. How much the place, the ambiance and the vibration were right to us. It became more and more obvious as we were prospecting for other places. But in the same time we were so strongly told that the distance was too big to travel and that people will not make it.

A little disappointed by this fact, the metaphor of the way, in sense of philosophical way, strike our eyes.

Shintaïdo has never been an easy way to travel and it ask us a lot of work and effort.

We were all attracted by something behind our comprehension and we never accepted it easy. This path is the one that lead to our inner-self alignment **Tenchijin**, a place of calm, beauty and awareness. It is the point where we as human contact nature and through it Universe.

As connection is the goal, being in a special place like Gaspé would be a great help to reach this state of mind. Maybe could we also take a time, in this period of decreasing practitioner, to think about the **way**, we want to promote in our message to the rest of the world. Remembering what bring us into this so deeply spiritual practice and somehow look the distance we have travel and what image we want to keep on following.

Keeping in mind that we attract what we dream at the end of the road! It may happen that some people find it too far, but for those who will take the chance it may be behind imagination.

Site

The proposed site is located at the edge of the sea, in the beautiful Gaspé peninsula.

<https://ville.gaspé.qc.ca/>



Gaspé

The Gaspé College offers a choice of accommodation that is both comfortable and affordable. A double indoor gym is available as well as a meeting room that could be used for group meetings between Keiko.

In the Gaspé College photo we can see behind the college a field that could serve as an outside dojo

Another field near the college and easily reachable by walking would also be available.



Gaspé College

The airport is located only few kilometers from the town center.

One of the reasons we chose this site is the ease of access from the airport to the proposed site.

Naturally we have also taken into account the beauty of the surrounding nature and the proximity of the Perce Rock which is a very recognized site that attracts tourists from all over the world. <http://ville.perce.qc.ca/>

The average temperature is 21/8 (celcius) in June and 25/11 (celcius) in July.

From the site, it is possible to walk to the sea and the city center. The main beach of Gaspé, called the Haldiman beach is located at about 10 km from the city center, in a beautiful scenery with the Farillon Park as a backdrop.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOG4cqJkrA8>

It is easily reachable by transportation within 10 minutes.



Haldiman beach



Town center



View of the bridge arriving to Gaspe

Cost* : all prices are in **Canadian dollars** and include :

- Accommodation : 3 nights
- Meals : 3 breakfast, 4 lunches, 3 suppers
Choice of standard meals and vegetarian meals
- Large meeting room
- Apartment for tea corner
- Indoor double gymnasium
- Two outdoor fields
- Cost of transportation: for 3 master instructors per flight from the international airport of origin to the airport of Gaspe.

Total per person for 50 people

- 446,48 \$ Single room occupancy
- 656,48 \$ Single occupancy apartment
- 476,48 \$ Double occupancy apartment (2 rooms)
- 446,48 \$ Triple occupancy apartment (3 rooms)
- 408,98 \$ Quadruple occupancy apartment (4 rooms)

Total per person for 80 people

- 388,72 \$ Single room occupancy
- 598,71 \$ Single occupancy apartment
- 418,71 \$ Double occupancy apartment
- 388,71 \$ Triple occupancy apartment
- 351,21 \$ Quadruple occupancy apartment

Total per person for 100 people

- 369,46 \$ Single room occupancy
- 579,46 \$ Single occupancy apartment
- 399,46 \$ Double occupancy apartment
- 369,46 \$ Triple occupancy apartment

331,96 \$ Quadruple occupancy apartment

Timing

From Tuesday June 30 to Friday July 3, 2020.

We are proposing these dates because they include a holiday for both the Quebec and the United State groups.

During this time of the year, the site offers tourist accommodation which is only possible from the end of June until the second week of August.

So the proposal is just before the start of the touristic rush of the region.

Duration

For this proposal, we have taken into account past events. For example, the international event that took place in California ran from Tuesday to Friday as proposed here. As participants, we enjoyed this formula.

The four days represent for us the General Gasshuku. It will be necessary to check with the ISP to know the needs concerning pre-gasshuku meetings, advanced Keiko and others, to know if we have to plan additional days.

Sources of leadership and staff

At the moment we are 2 people in Gaspésie (Mélanie and Carole) and one in Quebec (Hervé). We had the opportunity of few communications with Ito sensei, Stephen and Bela, SOA (Connie) and ISP (David and Lee) for the first encouragements and advices. We also have a few people who have made themselves available to offer help as needed, in Quebec and the US.

Our expectations: Depending on the interest shown by the ISP following our proposal, if it is positive, we will start by building a team. As you know, we will need to surround ourselves to ensure the necessary support for the preparation and holding of the event. The team would be made up of people from here in Quebec and people from the international who already have organizational experience. When the team becomes concrete and we know the role of each, then we can invest ourselves and confirm that we are ready to go ahead by organizing the event.

Information about transportation*

Here are some examples of current costs for transportation:

All prices are in **Canadian dollars** and round-trip

By plane:

Paris / Gaspé: 2 300 \$

Paris / Montréal: 1 200 \$

Boston/Gaspé: 900 \$

By train/bus from Montréal :

Montréal / Campbellton by train: 220 \$

Campbellton / Gaspé by bus: 80 \$

There is no direct bus service between Montreal and Gaspé, a person should spend one night in Québec city, however there is one from Quebec to Gaspé.

There may be opportunity to charter a bus from Montreal but for now we prefer to present the options that require the least logistics.

For the transport of the 3 masters instructors we chose the option of the flight to Gaspé so as not to worry about the logistics at this moment, which gives us a fat budget. There is potential for lowering costs by changing the instructor's route and carpooling when possible.

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** All coast presented in this proposition are subject to change since there is a lot of time before the event.*



Apartment



Inside gymnasium