

# "Voices of the First Peoples of Canada"

## Discover Native and Métis Cultures

Temporary Exhibit: from October 19, 2009 to April 30, 2010

The Juno Beach Centre is proud to present the exhibit "**Voices of the First Peoples of Canada**," enriched with new content. From October 19, 2009 to April 30, 2010, discover these fascinating people who contributed to Canada's war effort during the First and Second World Wars.



### First Peoples and Respect for the Environment

Conceived in 2005 in partnership with the First Nation Reserve of Curve Lake, Canada, this exhibit presents the **culture and traditions of the Nishnaabeg people**. In their own words, these people express themselves through past and present narratives and **all aspects of the environment**, touching on fundamental values such as exchange of knowledge, cooperation and respect, and teaching of the four directions. Birch bark is at the heart of the Nishnaabeg culture and the exhibit also explores Canada's relationship to the land and water.

### First Peoples and Diversity

The exhibit also touches on the history of explorers and French traders. In 2009, the exhibit is enriched by presenting the Métis people, a community that developed starting in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. **Métis** are descendants of English, Scottish or French fathers and mothers from various native tribes in Canada. By creating a link between the past and the present, this display shows living cultures and invites visitors to discover them.

### A Unique Temporary Exhibit Returns to the Juno Beach Centre

The exhibit consists of a space of 150 m<sup>2</sup> and includes a birch bark **tipi** and **wigwam**, 4 **wall murals** drawn by children of the Curve Lake Reserve representing the 4 directions, display cases containing medicinal herbs and objects of aboriginal culture. **Illustrated banners** present quotations and statements about the past and the present from youth and elders, men and women. These voices express "Who Were Are", "Our Land – Our Place", "Our Beliefs", "Our Values – an Ancient and a Living Culture". A **Red River cart** and its equipment serve as a central point to present the Métis culture.

### An Ideal Visit for the Families and School Groups

Young visitors are encouraged to **learn through acting, playing games, and observing**: find your native name based on the Circle of Life, discover how to build a canoe, trade furs, test your skills at drawing on sculpted wood, enter a wigwam, touch animal hides and play with Métis wooden characters...



**Families** can visit the exhibit together to discover all that it has to offer.

**School groups of all ages** participate in a presentation by a Canadian guide and visit the exhibit (by reservation only).

Visit of the temporary exhibit included in the museum's entrance fee.

Temporary exhibit only: 2,50 €

Annual closure: December 25<sup>th</sup> and during the month of January.