



Canadian Maritimes: Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island

9 days | 12 days with St. John's, Newfoundland extension

Enjoy rural scenery and rugged coastal landscapes as you journey off the beaten path to discover one of Canada's most storied regions. Uncover immigrant history, fascinating Acadian culture, and the tranquil lifestyles of quaint fishing villages as you get to know Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Picturesque sea views, small-town charm, and a colorful past collide on this breathtaking trip.



Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 4 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 ferry transfer

Included highlights

- Halifax Public Gardens
- Maple sugar shack visit
- Bay of Fundy
- Confederation Bridge
- Anne of Green Gables Museum
- Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- Cabot Trail

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including unpaved paths with some hills and stairs.

Group size

15-35

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Halifax, Nova Scotia → 2 nights

Day 1: Arrival in Halifax

Welcome to Canada! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in.

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Halifax

Included meals: breakfast, welcome lunch

Join a kilted local guide and head out on a sightseeing tour of Halifax, a global city that serves as the capital of Nova Scotia.

- Set off on foot to explore the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, where many Titanic victims are buried, and stop at the Victorian-era Halifax Public Gardens (*seasonal, early May–mid-November*)
 - Enjoy a guided visit to the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, which pays homage to the many immigrants who have shaped Canada's history
 - Stroll along the city's large natural harbor
- Then, gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a welcome lunch.

- Marvel at the power of tidal erosion as you explore Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park
- Take in views of beaches and covered bridges during a photo stop at Mary's Point, a sanctuary for shorebird species and home to internationally recognized wetlands
- Enjoy free time to explore the Bay of Fundy, a natural wonder that boasts the largest tidal change in the world, where you can walk on the ocean floor during low tide

Please note: It's only possible to walk on the ocean floor during low tide.

Later, cross the Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island.

- Marvel at this feat of engineering, which crosses the Abegweit Passage and is the longest bridge to span ice-covered water
- Make your way to Charlottetown, the capital of Prince Edward Island and home to a variety of historic buildings

Attend an authentic Acadian cultural show this evening. You'll hear traditional music as you enjoy an included dinner during the interactive experience.

Day 6: Transfer to Cape Breton Island

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Continue on to Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. En route, make a brief transfer to Wood Islands, a fishing area on Prince Edward Island. Then, board a ferry to Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

- Disembark from the ferry in Caribou, a rural area on the Northumberland Strait
- Stop in the coastal town of Pictou, the first place Scottish immigrants landed in the late 1700s
- Transfer to the village of Baddeck, located along the shore of the Bras d'Or Lake on Cape Breton Island and noted as the starting and ending point of the Cabot Trail
- Visit the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, which pays homage to the life and work of the famous inventor

Sit down for an included dinner in Baddeck this evening.

Please note: The ferry from Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island to Pictou County, Nova Scotia is seasonal and cannot be guaranteed on all departures.

Moncton, New Brunswick → 1 night

Day 3: Moncton via Peggy's Cove & Lunenburg

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to the city of Moncton, which serves as a major crossroads at the center of the Maritime provinces, making stops en route.

- Admire stunning coastal scenery at Peggy's Cove, a rural, coastal region in Nova Scotia
- Visit the UNESCO-listed port town of Lunenburg and enjoy free time to explore the charming port town

Continue on to Moncton and enjoy a free evening.

Day 5: Kensington & Cavendish Beach

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know some of Prince Edward Island's charming sights on a guided tour.

- Make a short trip to the town of Kensington, the Heart of Prince Edward Island
- Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum located on Campbell Farm
- Explore the property, which served as the inspiration for L.M. Montgomery's famous novel
- Enter the Confederation Centre of the Arts which celebrates Canada's origins and evolution through the arts and learning experiences
- Transfer to Cavendish Beach, which runs for almost five miles along the Gulf of Saint Lawrence
- Marvel at red dunes and breathe in fresh sea air as you stroll along the boardwalks

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Cape Breton Highlands National Park

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Join your Tour Director and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

- Drive up to Cheticamp, a fishing town located on the Cabot Trail, and enjoy an included lunch
- Enjoy breathtaking views of oceans and mountains as you journey north along the Cabot Trail through Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- Make scenic photo stops at Neil's Harbour and Ingonish Beach as you drive through the park

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island → 2 nights

Day 4: Charlottetown via Hopewell Rocks

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

This morning, stop for a guided tour of the intriguing rock formations called Hopewell Rocks, located in the Bay of Fundy.

Halifax Region, Nova Scotia → 1 night

Day 8: Halifax Region via the Grand-Pré National Historic Site

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Cape Breton Region, Nova Scotia → 2 nights

Drive back to mainland Nova Scotia, stopping to enter the UNESCO-listed Grand-Pré National Historic Site to learn about Acadian history along the way.

Later, marvel at beautiful coastal scenery as you continue on to the Halifax region. Then, celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit St. John's, Newfoundland.

+ St. John's, Newfoundland extension

St. John's one of the oldest cities in North America, but this scenic port city still boasts a decidedly modern vibe. After a short flight, set out on a sightseeing tour to discover this delightfully distinct Canadian capital.

St. John's, Newfoundland → 3 nights

Day 9: Flight to St. John's

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to St. John's, the capital of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of St. John's

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a panoramic bus tour of St. John's today.

- Pass Government House and the mid-19th-century Basilica of St. John the Baptist
- Take in stunning views of the city during a photo stop at Signal Hill, which is surrounded by 17th-century fortifications and is the site of Cabot Tower
- Transfer to Cape Spear, the most easterly point in North America, and walk along a stunning cliffside trail to the Cape Spear Lighthouse

Spend free time in St. John's or add an excursion.

+ Quidi Vidi Village & Dinner

Day 11: Free day in St. John's

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in St. John's.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Newfoundland Whale Watching Cruise

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.com/CNP | 1-800-597-0350

Extension excursion options

Day 10: Quidi Vidi Village & Dinner

\$89/\$99* (3.5 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Stroll the streets of the charming Quidi Vidi Village, a historic fishing town located along Newfoundland and Labrador's northeastern coast. Pay a visit to the Plantation Craft Studios where you can watch local artisans create a variety of handmade items, from pottery to woodcut prints, and take some trinkets home for yourself. Continue on to The Rooms museum and enjoy free time to explore the many exhibits that highlight the region's history, culture, artwork, and wildlife. Then, sit down at a local restaurant for an included dinner served with beer or wine.

Day 11: Newfoundland Whale Watching Cruise

\$125/\$135* (2 hours, departs in the morning)

Discover the waters around Newfoundland and immerse yourself in local insight during a sailing excursion out of St. John's. The Atlantic is the feeding area for a variety of wildlife, so keep your eyes open for humpback whales, puffins, and other seabirds as you float past stunning icebergs. Take in seaside views of Cabot Tower, which is an iconic heritage building that sits atop Signal Hill National Historic Site. Then, sail through "The Narrows," a thin channel that has served as a natural defense against enemy ships entering St. John's Harbour throughout history. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs mid-June through August. This is when icebergs and whales are usually seen. Please be sure to bring an extra layer in the event of cold weather, and prepare yourself for the possibility of feeling seasick.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms