

# Cabot's Trail Adventure: Scenic Drives, Breathtaking Hikes, Stunning Beaches, & a Cultural Immersion!

8 Days | 7 Nights DM-SD YHZEXPCAB

Halifax, NS

This tour is fully customizable

"Explore Nova Scotia's captivating landscapes and cultural treasures on a self-drive adventure from Halifax to Baddeck. Embrace the charm of fishing villages, serene Liscomb River, and delightful Baddeck waterfront. Dive into Cape Breton's scenic beauty, the Cabot Trail, and Alexander Graham Bell's legacy. Journey through time at Fortress Louisbourg. Then, embark on a coastal drive to Ingonish Beach and continue to Cheticamp, immersing in Acadian heritage and whale watching. Conclude your memorable trip in Halifax, with scenic vistas, sandy beaches, and a taste of local cuisine. Unforgettable experiences await!



# **Highlights**

- Coastal Drive: Explore rugged coastlines and charming fishing villages for a serene coastal experience.
- Local Charm: Visit quaint Musquodoboit Harbour and savor the tranquility of Liscomb River.
- Cultural Legacy: Discover Alexander Graham Bell's historic site and immerse in the Cabot Trail's natural heauty
- Historical Adventure: Step back in time at Fortress Louisbourg, engage with costumed interpreters and reenactments.
- Scenic Journey: Enjoy wildlife encounters, coastal villages, dramatic cliffs, and pristine beaches along the Cabot Trail.
- Experience Nova Scotia's coastal beauty, history, and local culture on this self-drive adventure.

#### Includes:

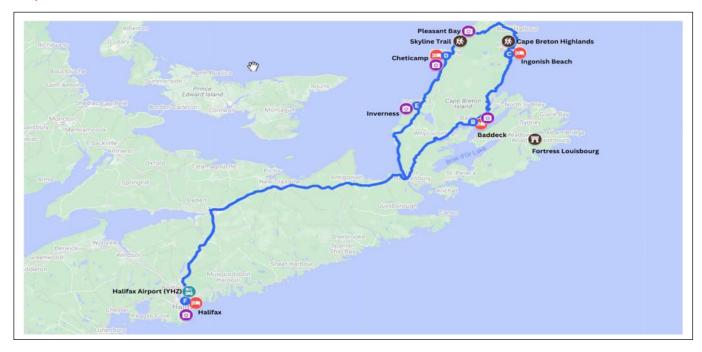
√ 7-nights accommodations.

Tour Operates: 1 May to 15 Oct 2024

- Rental of mid-size car. Option to upgrade offered, Charges will apply.
- ✓ Unlimited Mileage.
- ✓ Rental Car Insurance (CDW/LDW). Minimum deductible applies. Please review FAQ.
- ✓ Admissions to Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site.
- Admissions to Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site.
- ✓ Admissions to Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.
- ✓ Whale Watching Cruise.
- ✓ Taxes, GST.



# Map



Map Link - https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=1wdQ1kHxw33DH FhtGlFg2HcziOUDAE0&usp=sharing

Driver Age: minimum age 21. Must hold a Drivers License that will allow you drive in Canada.

# DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN HALIFAX, NS.

Welcome to Halifax, NS! Collect your luggage and head to the airport's rental depot to pick up your car. Drive to your downtown hotel, check-in, and enjoy the rest of the day exploring the vibrant city of Halifax. Uncover its rich history, stroll along the waterfront, and indulge in local delights. Let your Halifax adventure begin!

Overnight in Halifax, NS.

# **DAY 2 – DRIVE TO BADDECK.**

Driving Distance: 350 km | 217 miles.

# **Highlights**

- Coastal drive: Explore the scenic Eastern Shore with rugged coastlines and charming fishing villages.
- Musquodoboit Harbour: Visit a quaint village with a tranquil harbor and local shops.
- Liscomb River: Enjoy the serenity of the river and surrounding forests.
- Baddeck: Arrive at a delightful waterfront village on Bras d'Or Lake for a memorable experience.



Drive out from Halifax on a captivating journey along the Eastern Shore from Halifax to Baddeck. Discover charming fishing villages, rugged coastlines, and pristine beaches. Bask in the serene beauty of the Atlantic Ocean as you cruise along coastal roads. Pause in Musquodoboit Harbour, a quaint village with a tranquil harbor and inviting local shops. Admire the picturesque Liscomb River, immersed in the peacefulness of the surrounding forests. Arrive in Baddeck, a delightful waterfront village on Bras d'Or Lake.

Overnight in Baddeck, NS

#### **DAY 3 – EXPLORE BADDECK**

#### **Highlights**

- Scenic exploration in Cape Breton.
- Visit Alexander Graham Bell's historic site.
- Drive through the stunning Cabot Trail.
- Cruise Bras d'Or Lake, savor seafood, and embrace local culture.

Discover Baddeck's charm through scenic vistas and rich local experiences. Explore Bell's legacy and drive along the Cabot Trail, immersing yourself in Cape Breton's natural beauty. Cruise Bras d'Or Lake, savor delectable seafood, and embrace the vibrant local culture. Your adventure in Baddeck awaits!

Overnight in Baddeck, NS

#### DAY 4 - STEP BACK IN TIME AT FORTRESS LOUISBURG

Driving Distance: 118 km | 73.5 miles.

#### **Highlights**

- Journey to 18th-century Fortress Louisbourg.
- Explore the reconstructed French fortress.
- Engage with costumed interpreters and reenactments.
- Immerse in a historical adventure.

Step into the 18th century at Fortress Louisbourg, a reconstructed French stronghold. Engage with costumed interpreters, witness historical reenactments, and explore interactive exhibits. Immerse yourself in a captivating journey through time.

Overnight in Baddeck, NS

# DAY 5 - DRIVE BADDECK TO INGONISH BEACH.

Driving Distance: 174 km | 108 miles.

#### **Highlights**

- Scenic journey along Cabot Trail
- Wildlife encounters in untouched wilderness
- Coastal villages and dramatic cliffs
- Pristine beaches and hiking in Cape Breton Highlands National Park



Embark on a captivating journey from Baddeck to Ingonish, taking the famous Cabot Trail. Discover breathtaking vistas, encounter wildlife, and explore coastal villages. Enjoy scenic lookouts, pristine beaches, and hiking in Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Create lasting memories on this unforgettable adventure.

Overnight in Ingonish Beach, NS.

#### DAY 6 - INGONISH BEACH TO CHETICAMP.

Driving Distance: 115 km | 71.7 miles.

#### **Highlights**

- Vast ocean vistas from Cape Smokey.
- Rugged Middle Head with a lighthouse.
- Picturesque Black Brook Beach.
- Whale watching and Acadian heritage in Cheticamp.

Immerse in Cape Breton's beauty, from ocean views to Acadian heritage in Cheticamp. Explore lighthouses, beaches, and engage with vibrant Acadian culture. Savor local seafood, watch rug hooking, and enjoy thrilling fishing trips or whale watching. Experience the rich history and traditions of Cheticamp.

Overnight in Cheticamp, NS.

#### DAY 7 - CHETICAMP TO HALIFAX, NS.

Driving Distance: 396 km | 246 miles.

#### **Highlights**

- Margaree Valley's scenic river and rolling hills.
- Stunning ocean vistas in Inverness.
- Relax on West Mabou Beach.
- Explore historic Halifax and the Citadel.

Embark on a scenic drive from Cheticamp to Halifax. Enjoy river views, ocean vistas, and sandy beaches. Explore Halifax's history, visit the Citadel, and savor local cuisine. A journey of natural beauty, culture, and culinary delights awaits.

Overnight in Halifax, NS.

# DAY 8 - END OF YOUR CABOT'S TRAIL TOUR.

Conclude your memorable Cabot's Trail Self Drive Tour today. Check-out time is 11:00 AM. Drive to Halifax Stanfield International Airport, return your rental car, and embark on your journey home. Reflect on the incredible experiences and beautiful landscapes as you bid farewell to Nova Scotia. Safe travels!

End of your Cabot's Trail Self Drive Tour.

### Exclusions



- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Breakfast and other meals unless listed under inclusions.
- × Canada Park Fees.
- × Additional Driver Fees.
- × Roadside assistance.
- × Gas for the vehicle.
- × GPS. Racks, etc.
- × Child and Infant Seats.
- × Parking & Tolls.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Resort Fees if applicable.
- × Gratuities for hotel staff (optional).Porterage at hotels.
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# **Hotels Featured**

Destination	Standard
Halifax, NS	Hampton Inn by Hilton Halifax Downtown
Baddeck, NS	Ceilidh Country Lodge
Ingonish Beach, NS	Keltic Lodge
Cheticamp, NS	The Archie & Isidore Hotel
Halifax, NS	Hampton Inn by Hilton Halifax Downtown

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise. Hotels featured will be as above or similar. We feature a range of hotel properties. Hotel upgrades are available. Please check with us for rates and availability.

Rental Car featured in this package.





# TOYOTA COROLLA OR SIMILAR | MIDSIZE CLASS (IDARXI)

Transmission	Doors	Seatbelts	Large Suitcase	Medium Suitcase	Small Suitcase	Air Conditioning
Automatic	4	5	None	1	2	Yes

We do offer upgrades to full size cars, SUVs, and Mini Vans for an additional cost.

Please contact our Canada Destination Specialist for information and assistance.

# Things to know before you pick up your rental vehicle.

#### Your Car Rental also includes:

- Unlimited if offered under Tour Inclusions.
- Rental Car insurance (CDW/LDW) if offered under Tour Inclusions.
- Liability Insurance: Included in rates. Coverage up to the provincial required minimum.
- Sales Tax: Included.
- Social Service Tax: Included in rates.
- Vehicle License Fee: Included in rates.
- Airport Surcharge.
- Air Conditioning Excise Tax: Included in rates.
- Customer Facility Charge: Included in rates.

#### Driver

- The person in whose name the car rental has been booked and confirmed will be considered the primary Driver.
- Driver must be 21 years of age or older.
- Young Driver Surcharge Driver's age 21 and 24 are required to pay CAD 30.00 plus taxes, per day at the time of rental pick up. This surcharge will not apply to drivers 25 years or older.
- Additional Driver Fee: Each additional driver is CAD 13.50, per day, VAT included, paid locally.

#### Driver's License

- Driver/s must hold a valid Driver's License. Clients from abroad may be required to hold an international Driver's License.
- Driver's License must be held for a minimum of 1 year (some exceptions may apply).
- International Driver's License: License in any language other than English or French must be accompanied by an International Drivers License.



• Only the driver/s listed on the rental agreement are legally allowed to operate the vehicle.

#### Credit Card

- A valid credit card in the name of the primary driver must be presented at the time of picking up the rental vehicle.
- The rental agency will take a security deposit of between \$200 to \$800 on the primary Driver's credit card. Upon return of the car in good order, the deposit will be reversed.
- Credit Cards accepted locally: Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Diners.
- Cash Rentals: Not permitted.
- Debit Cards cannot be used to rent cars.

#### Insurance

- Collision Damage Waiver & Theft Protection (CDW/LDW) for the vehicle is included unless specified otherwise under Exclusions. If CDW/LDW is not included, same can be purchased at the Rental Depot at the time of picking up your rental car for an additional cost.
- Minimum deductible Collision Damage Waiver & Theft Protection (CDW/LDW) comes with a minimum deductible of between \$500 and \$1000 depending on the model of the vehicle you rent. Most mid-size cars come with a \$500 deductible.
- You will be required to purchase Collision Damage Waiver & Theft Protection should your personal auto insurance not cover the Insurance Coverage requirement.
- Insurance does not provide coverage for damage to windows, wheels, tires, hubcaps, clutch, keys, mirrors, roof, underside, or interior of the vehicle.

Roadside Assistance is not included in package cost. Same are available at an additional cost.

Personal Accident Insurance is not included in the cost of Car Rental.

Child Seats - Our rental cars do not come with child, infant, booster seats. These must be pre-booked and even when pre-booked, are subject to availability at the rental depot where you pick up your car. We recommend you bring your own child, infant, booster seats.

GPS - Most Rental Car depots do not carry GS any longer. You will have to depend on the GPS that comes with your smart phone or bring your own GPS.

#### Rental Cycle

- DMCi voucher is a reservation document. At Pick-up time, clients will have to sign a rental agreement subject to the law of the country in which the rental takes place.
- Please review the rental agreement carefully before you leave the rental depot. Ensure you review the pickup and drop-off dates and timings, as any delay in returning the vehicle may result in an additional charge of a full day or more depending on when the vehicle is returned.
- Vehicle should be returned to the location printed on the Rental Agreement. Any deviation from this will attract additional costs and same will be charged to the primary driver's credit card on file.
- All rentals are based on 24-hour periods with a one-day minimum rental. A full day is charged for any portion of a day that the vehicle is used.
- There will be refund on unused rental days.
- There will be no refund for any rental where client is a no show.



• Should the rental run late, the client is required to alert the rental deport before end of rental and advise them of the delay in bringing the vehicle back.

#### Travel outside Canada

- Travel is permitted into U.S. If you pan to drive the vehicle into the United States, such information must be shared with us at the time of making your Self-Drive Tour reservation.
- Travel is not permitted into Mexico.
- When travel is permitted outside the renting country it is the responsibility of the renter/primary driver to make sure their vehicle complies with the local laws of the country in which they are travelling. This includes but is not limited to safety equipment, cross border documents, toll stickers, etc.
- Vehicles are not permitted to travel on ferries and/or to island locations without pre-approval.

# At the time of Pickup of your Rental Car

- Inspect the vehicle in bright light. It is easier to miss small defects at night or when you do the inspection under insufficient light. Inspect the exterior including the roof and the tyre rims for scratches, dents, mismatched body panels, or paint defects. Make sure there are no chips on the windshield.
- Check out the tires and make sure there are no cuts, and they have sufficient treads etc.
- Make sure you understand the controls headlights, parking lights, etc., windshield washers and so on.
- Make sure the radio, sunroof (if the vehicle comes with one) and the ports to connect your cellphone work.
- Determine there are no visible damages to the roof and the under carriage.
- Be sure the vehicle has all the options and accessories that you ordered and that they work.
- Inspect the interior for loose or misfitting trim and stains or other defects in the upholstery, carpeting, or headliner.
- Check the odometer and note the mileage even if you are on an unlimited mileage plan.
- Check and note the Gas levels. Check out which side of the vehicle the gas tank access is located and how to open same.
- If you notice anything unusual, insist on a full explanation and make sure same is noted on the Rental Agreement.

#### Ensure the vehicle has the following inside it:

- Owners Manual
- Copy of Ownership Registration Papers.
- Windshield Brush & Scraper (if you are driving during winter)
- Spare Tire, and the spare tire Jack.
- Accept the vehicle only if you are satisfied with the vehicle that has been offered meets your expectation for safe operation.

# Returning your rental car

- Refill the gas tank so that it is at the same level as when you picked up the car. Stop at a gas station as close to the rental agency as possible so that you do not run the gas down before you drop the car off.
- When returning the rental vehicle, driver must insist the rental depot staff walk around the vehicle, confirm the vehicle has been returned in good order including the windshield, roof, and undercarriage.
- Insist on a receipt closing the Rental Contract when you return your rental car.



# **Smoking & Pets**

• Smoking and pets are not allowed inside the rented vehicle. The rental company will apply a cleaning charge to the driver's credit card should this rule be infringed.

### Accidents during your rental

- The rental depot and police should be immediately notified. Follow the instructions of the rental depot relating to collision reporting etc.
- Outstanding Fines, Tolls, Parking Changes, Traffic Tickets
- The car rental company reserves the right to charge the driver's credit card for any outstanding tolls, parking changes, traffic tickets, etc. after return of the vehicle.

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# **Deposit & Payment Policy**

- 31-days or more prior to start date of tour \$250 per person.
- Full payment required 30-days prior to start date of your tour.

# **Change & Cancellation Policy**

- 31-days or more prior to start date of tour refundable less \$100 per person.
- 30-days or less 100% non-refundable.
- No Show 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services non-refundable.

# **FAQ**

- Is this tour customizable? Yes. This tour is 100% customizable. You may
  - Increase or reduce the number of days.
  - Change the itinerary to suit your idea of the tour.
  - Add or take away experiences.
  - Upgrade Rental Car to a higher category car.
  - Upgrade Hotel, Hotel Room category.
  - Choose to stay in quaint little Inns and Bed & Breakfast instead of hotels at some of your overnight destinations.
- **Do clients require a Driver's License?** Clients operating the rental car must be in possession of a driver's license valid for operating the vehicle in Canada.
- What kind of information is required to book my rental car? We will need your First and Last Name exactly as on your Driver's License.



- What should be the minimum age of person driving the rental vehicle? Clients and must be at least 21 years of age.
- Is Insurance for the Rental Car included (Collision Damage Waiver/ Loss Damage Waiver with \$ 500 deductible)? Refer to Inclusions. If Insurance for the Rental Car is included, a minimum Deductible of between \$500 and \$1000 depending on the model of the vehicle you rent. Most mid-size cars come with a \$500 deductible.
- What kind of documentation should I present to pick up my rental car? You will need to present a valid Driver's License (valid in the province in Canada where you will pick up to your rental car). If there is a second driver, such person should also have a valid driver's license. You will also need to present a valid credit card. If you are an overseas resident, you will be required to present a second piece of valid Government issued photo-id such a s a passport.
- Do clients require a credit card to rent the confirmed rental vehicle? Yes. The person in whose name the vehicle is being rented must be in possession of a credit card in his/her name. Clients are required to present the credit card along with their driver's license to rent the car.
- Would the car rental company require a deposit to pick up the rental vehicle? Yes. The car rental company would take an authorization for between \$500 and \$750 (depending on the location and the model of the vehicle) to cover any damages, unpaid toils, fines etc. The authorization will typically auto-cancel within 72 hours of the car being returned to rental deposit on time and in good order. Car Rental companies will not accept cash in lieu of credit card.
- Am I allowed to drive my rental car into the United States? You may. However, if you plan to drive into the United States, this intent should be brought to our notice at the time of reservations so we can alert the rental company and secure necessary approval.
- **Do rental Car contracts run on a 24-hour contract?** Yes. Car rental contracts work on a 24-hour cycle. Your car should be return at or before the drop-off time printed on your rental contract provided to you at the time of pick-up of your rental vehicle. Please make sure to review rental contract, especially the drop off date, time and drop off location before you proceed to the lot to pick up your rental vehicle.
- Can I pick up my rental car in Canada and drop same off in the United States? No. The car must be returned to the drop off point in Canada as confirmed on your reservations.
- Can I pick up my rental car in one Canadian rental location and drop it off at a different rental location in the same city or at a different city? Yes, you can. However, one-way drop off charges will apply. Unless it is included under Inclusions, you will be required to pay the one-way drop off fee directly to the drop-off pick-up or drop-off location (depending on the rental car operator) at the end of your rental.
- What would be the maximum number of persons who can sit in the car? The maximum occupancy in the car is limited to the number of seat belts. The vehicle chart under "Rental Car featured in this package "clearly lays down the number of persons who can be accommodated in a vehicle.
- Are Child Seats/Infant Seats available? Our rental cars do not come with child, infant, or booster seats. These must be pre-booked and even when pre-booked, and confirmed, are subject to availability at the rental depot where you pick up your rental car. We highly recommend you bring your own child, infant, booster seats.
- How many pieces of luggage can be accommodated in the rental car? The information is available under "Rental Car featured in this package ".



- Would I require a credit card to check-in at confirmed hotels, lodges, and inns? Yes. Clients are required to present a Credit Card n their name at check-in. Hotel will typically take an authorization on the credit card for between \$500 and \$750 per stay to cover room incidentals and any damage to property. The authorization will auto-cancel within 72 hours of check-out less any incidentals or other charges relating to the room. The hotels will also require you to present a valid Government issued photo id such a s a passport or driver's license. The name on the reservation should match the name on the photo-id you present.
- What is the hotel check-in and check-out times?

Check-in: 4 PM Check-out: 11 AM

Early Check-in and Late-check-out require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.

- Can I expect to see animals during the tours? On some of the routes you will drive in Canada and the United States, you can expect to see wild animals.
- Wild Animals Is it safe to get close to wild animals? Is it okay to touch them if they appear friendly? Absolutely not. It is not safe to approach wild animals, even if they seem calm and friendly. It is also important not to step out of your vehicle to take pictures of them.
- Should we purchase Travel Insurance? Travel Insurance is highly recommended for all clients. If you choose not to purchase Travel Insurance, you will need to sign a Liability Waiver, as required by the Provincial Travel Authorities. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to Ontario residents, but non-residents of Ontario or international clients must obtain Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons? DMCi Inc., our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, delayed/cancelled visas, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. DMCi is not responsible for any disruptions caused by weather, traffic &/or road conditions, cancelled flights, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

# For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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