

# Self Drive Holidays

## Viking Trails – Newfoundland & Labrador

Approximate distance driven: 1,165 kms.

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Somewhere around 1,000 CT, much before Columbus discovered the New World, Vikings, sailing west from Iceland or Greenland arrived on the shores of Newfoundland. Their settlements will remain a mystery for another millennium until the discovery of settlements and historic sites allowing visitors to step through history and experience the Newfoundland Viking Trail.

The Viking Trail transports you back in time through Native burial grounds to 1,000-year-old Newfoundland Vikings' settlements all while touring Newfoundland's beautiful west coast. The trail starts just outside Deer Lake and heads to the incredible UNESCO World Heritage site, Gros Morne National Park; Gros Morne being the tip of the Appalachian Mountain range. The Park features glacier-carved valleys, lush wilderness, and some of the world's most incredible geological formations.

The Viking Trail snakes along the western coast of Newfoundland, offering incredible whale-watching opportunities. T

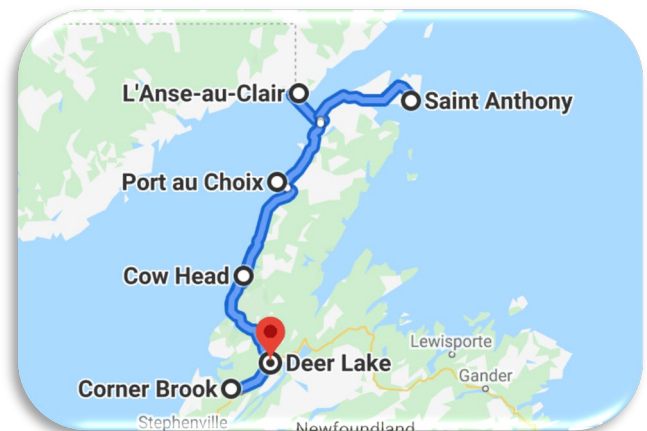
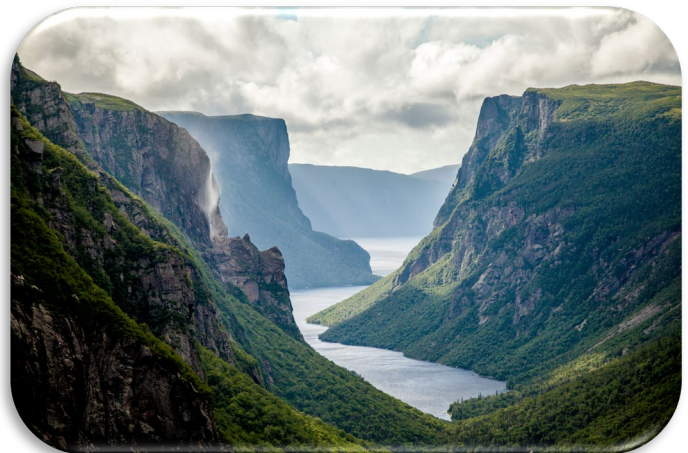
Continue along the Viking Trail north to the northernmost tip of Newfoundland to visit the remains of an ancient Native village and the famous Viking settlement of l'Anse aux Meadows. The trail ends in the quaint little town of St. Anthony.

### Highlights

Duration: 7 Days | 6 Nights

Deer Lake – Corner Brook - Port au Choix - L'Anse au Clair - St. Anthony – Cow Head - Gros Morne National Park – Deer Lake

May to Oct



### DAY 1 – Arrive in Corner Brook, NL

**Driving Distance: 53 KM**

This afternoon, arrive in Deer Lake, the nearest International Airport to Corner Brook. Pick up your car at the rental depot and drive out to Corner Brook.

Note - If you are arriving late, you may wish to stay overnight in Deer Lake instead of Corner Brook and this may be requested on booking for no additional charge subject to availability.

*Overnight in Corner Brook, NL*

### Day 2 – Corner Brook to Port Au Choix

**Driving Distance: 286 KM**

This morning, depart for Port Au Choix Newfoundland. The fishing community of Port au Choix juts slightly out into the Gulf of St. Lawrence on Newfoundland's northwest coast.

#### Highlights:

- ✔ **Port Au Choix** You will discover the crossroads of 6000 years of human history. Long before the Europeans arrived, Port Au Choix Newfoundland was home to Maritime Archaic people, the Dorset people, the Groswater people and the more recent indigenous people.

*Overnight in Port au Choix, NL*

### Day 3 – Port Au Choix to L'anse Au Clair

**Driving Distance: 137 KM**

Departing Port Au Choix, board the ferry at St. Barbe to cross the Strait of Belle Isle to Labrador.

#### Highlights:

- ✔ **Red Bay National Historic Site** – In the 1500s, whalers from the Basques regions of Spain and France established

a major whale station here.

The Basques whalers rendered whale oil in Red Bay to light the lamps of Europe. Wander the streets of this whaling town and UNESCO World Heritage Site and soak yourself in the traditional life of a Basques whaler.

*Overnight at L'anse Au Clair, NL*

### Day 4 – L'Anse Au Clair to St. Anthony

**Driving Distance: 169 KM**

Returning to Newfoundland, you will travel to L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site. Spend the day living the life of the Newfoundland Vikings at L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site before driving out to St. Anthony.

#### Highlights:

- ✔ **L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site** - This is the only authenticated Norse site in North America. Travel back to where the Vikings once stood. At this Viking village, try your hand at blacksmithing or weaving. Interact with the characters who will bring the Viking history to life. Spend the evening around the skáli (kitchen) as you listen to the heroic and tragic tales of Thor, Loki, Erik the Red, and more from the Sagas.

*Overnight in St. Anthony, NL*

### Day 5 – St. Anthony to Cow Head

**Driving Distance: 304 KM**

Enjoy a morning whale watching boat tour in St. Anthony before travelling to Cow Head in Gros Morne National Park for a two-night stay.

**Highlights:**

- ✔ **St. Anthony** - is located along the northern portion of the Iceberg Alley. This small town is famous for the Iceberg Festival which starts on the first Friday of each June to celebrate the annual arrival of these floating ice castles. The festival features Viking history, music, food, culture, and great hospitality. And perhaps a whale or two – keep your eyes peeled!
- ✔ **Cow Head** - A scenic community on the Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland Labrador, Cow Head was first named Cap Pointe by the French explorer Jacques Cartier. Later, French fishermen called it "Tete de Vache" because of a large rock that looked like a cow's head when viewed from the sea. Cow Head has some of the best and longest sandy beaches in Newfoundland.

**Note:** June and early July are the best time to see Titanic-size icebergs.

**Day 6 – Tour Gros Morne National Park**

Some 485 million years old, the Gros Morne National Park, is a place like no other. The Park offers all kinds of outdoor activities. Particularly popular would hiking. The You will discover both marked and unmarked trails winding throughout the landscape, and explore the park's dense forests for rare plant, animal, and bird species.

**Highlights:**

- ✔ **Scenic Boat Tour** - Clients may request on booking to take a scenic boat tour on Western Brook Pond in lieu of the scenic boat tour on Bonne Bay. While

some may consider the boat tour on Western Brook Pond to be an exotic outing, please note that there is a 45-minute walk (3 km/2 miles) from the parking lot to the dock and a 45-minute walk back. This option must be requested on booking.

*Overnight in Cow Head, NL*

**Day 7 – End of Tour.**

**Driving Distance: 116 KM**

This morning, check out of your hotel and drive to Deer Lake. On arrival in Deer Lake, drop your car off at the Rental Depot.

*End of your Newfoundland & Labrador's Viking Trail Self-Drive Tour.*



#### Typical Self-Drive Package includes:

- ✓ Accommodations – 6 Nights.
- ✓ 6 Breakfasts.
- ✓ Admissions to Port au Choix National Historic Site.
- ✓ Strait of Belle Isle ferry to/from Labrador.
- ✓ Red Bay – UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ L'Anse aux Meadows – UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ Whale Watching Boat Tour.
- ✓ Gros Morne National Park – UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ✓ Choice of Bonne Bay or Western Brook Pond Boat Tour.
- ✓ Rental of a Mid-Sized car Hyundai Accent or similar with unlimited mileage. Driver must be 21 years or older. Upgrades to SUV or Minivan also available for an additional cost.
- ✓ Unlimited Mileage.
- ✓ Taxes & GST.

#### Typical Self-Drive Package Exclusions:

**These exclusions may vary vendor to vendor. Please check with us at the time of booking.**

- × Airfare to destination.
- × Meals other than breakfast.
- × Unlimited Mileage.
- × Travel Insurance – recommended. We require Travel Agent to secure a signed Waiver in the event client declines your offer to sell Travel Insurance. DMCi will require Travel Agent to provide us the signed waiver when required as a part of the Terms & Conditions of Contract.
- × DMCi sells Manulife Travel Insurance. Please check with us for rates.
- × Collision Damage Waiver & Theft Protection for the rented Car and Roadside Assistance not included in package cost. Same is available at an additional cost.
- × Young Driver Surcharge – Drivers aged 21 to 24 are required to pay CAD 25.00 plus taxes, per day at the time of rental pick up.
- × Gas for the vehicle.
- × GPS, Child Seats, Racks, etc.
- × Parking & Tolls.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs, please visit:

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## Rental Cars we feature (or similar)

### Economy



#### CHEVROLET SPARK

OR SIMILAR | ECONOMY CLASS

AUTOMATIC



### Compact



#### HYUNDAI ACCENT

OR SIMILAR | COMPACT CLASS

AUTOMATIC



### Midsized



#### VOLKSWAGEN JETTA

OR SIMILAR | MIDSIZED CLASS

AUTOMATIC



### Standard



#### HYUNDAI SONATA

OR SIMILAR | STANDARD CLASS

AUTOMATIC





Midsize SUV



**FORD ESCAPE**

OR SIMILAR | SUV CLASS

AUTOMATIC 4 5 1 2 ❄️

Luxury SUV



**CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 7 PAX**

OR SIMILAR | SUV CLASS

AUTOMATIC 4 7 2 2 ❄️

Minivan



**DODGE GRAND CARAVAN**

OR SIMILAR | FULL SIZE CLASS

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