

FIT - Self Drive Holiday Viking Trails



Deer Lake, NL, Canada

Product Code:

DM-SD- VKGTRAILS

Highlights

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

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

Admission to Port au Choix National Historic Site

Ferry tickets on Strait of Belle Isle ferry to/from Labrador

Admissions to Red Bay – UNESCO World Heritage Site

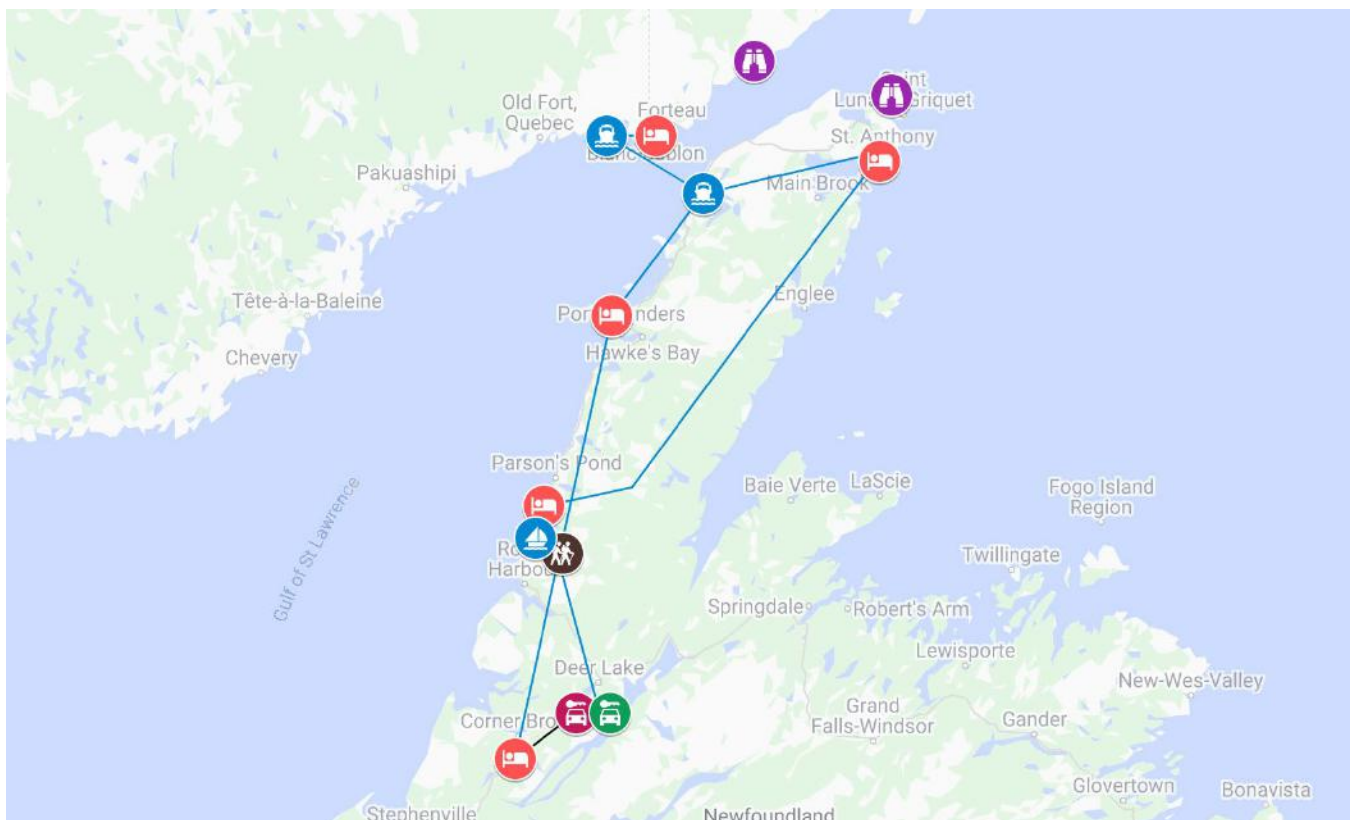
Admissions to - L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site – site of ancient Viking Settlement

Whale Watching Boat Tour

Park Pass - Gros Morne National Park - UNESCO World Heritage Site

Choice of Bonne Bay or Western Brook Pond Boat Tour

Available on demand - May to October 2023



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

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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.

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.

Day 1: Arrive in Deer Lake.

Driving distance – 54 KM | 40 minutes

Your journey begins at the Deer Lake Airport, where you'll pick up your rental car. From here, it's just a short drive to your hotel in Corner Brook. On arrival, check into your hotel.

Rest of the day free.

Overnight in Corner Brook, NL

Day 2 – Corner Brook to Port au Choix

Driving distance – 287 KM | 4 hours

This morning, depart for the fishing community of Port au Choix, Newfoundland. Jutting slightly out into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Port au Choix offers stunning views of the coastline. What better way to start your day than with a refreshing dose of salty sea air?

At Port au Choix, you will journey back in time as we explore the crossroads of 6,000 years of human history. Port Au Choix was once home to Maritime Archaic people, the Dorset people, the Groswater people and the more recent indigenous people. Today, you can still see traces of their presence in the land and culture. We invite you to come and explore this fascinating place with us. You'll be mesmerized by the beauty of the landscape and the richness of the culture.

Overnight in Port au Choix, NL

Day 3 - Port Au Choix to L'anse au Clair

Driving Distance – 137 KM | 4 hours including ferry crossing

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

The charming town of L'Anse au Clair, located at the southern-most tip of Labrador. This community was established by French settlers in the early 1700's and features a rich history and stunning landscapes. Situated on the coast, visitors can enjoy beautiful clear waters and lovely coastal views. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to explore one of Canada's oldest communities!

While in Port Au Choix, visit the 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

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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 in L'Anse-au-Clair, NL.

Day 4 - L'Anse Au Clair to St. Anthony

Driving distance – 169 KM | 8 hours including ferry crossing and time at Viking Settlement

Returning to Newfoundland, you will drive 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.

At L'Anse aux Meadows, take a step back in time and explore the only authenticated Viking site in North America. L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site is a must-see for anyone interested in history or intrigued by the Vikings. Interact with costumed characters who will bring the Viking history to life. You can also try your hand at blacksmithing or weaving, just like the Vikings did. In the evening, gather around the skáli (kitchen) and listen to tales of Thor, Loki, Erik the Red, and other mythical Norse heroes.

The Viking Trail continues to St. Anthony, NL.

Overnight in St. Anthony, NL.

Day 5 - St. Anthony

This morning, go out on a Whale Watching Tour.

St. Anthony, a small town located along the northern portion of Iceberg Alley. This is a town with a big personality, thanks to the annual Iceberg Festival which takes place on the first Friday of June. The festival celebrates the arrival of icebergs with a range of activities including Viking history, music, food, culture, and great hospitality. And if you're lucky, you might even spot a whale or two! So come and enjoy all that St. Anthony has to offer. We guarantee you'll have a great time!

**June and early July are the best time to see Titanic-size icebergs!*

Overnight in Cow Head, NL.

Day 6 – St. Anthony to Cow Head

Driving distance – 304 KM | 5 hours

Depart St. Anthony for Cow Head in the Gros Morne National Park. Cow Head is 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.

Overnight in Cow Head, NL.

Day 7 – Gros Morne National Park

Spend the day exploring the north side of the park. Park highlights include the scenic community of Norris Point and Rocky Harbour. Take time to visit Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse and Bonne Bay

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Marine Station. In the afternoon, enjoy a spectacular Western Brook Pond Fjord Boat Tour – the only way, other than by helicopter, to see the spectacular Western Brook Gorge.

Gros Morne National Park is a place unlike any other on earth. It took 485 million years for Mother Nature to create the Gros Morne National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the park is a never-ending series of wonders and delights, and a demonstration of the spectacularly raw and enigmatic beauty of the physical world. The Park offers all kinds of outdoor activities. Particularly popular would be hiking. 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. Instead of taking the boat tour at Bonnie Bay, clients have the choice of taking the Western Brook Pond scenic boat tour.

Clients must note that although the Western Brook Pond sounds an exotic outing, there is a 45-minute walk (3 km/2 miles) from the parking lot to the dock and a 45-minute walk back.

Overnight in Cow Head, NL.

Day 8 – End of your Viking Trail Self-drive Tour.

Driving distance – 116 KM | 2 hours

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 Viking Trails Self-Drive Tour.

Inclusions

- ✓ 7 Nights accommodations.
- ✓ Admission 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 at St. Andrews.
- ✓ 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.)
- ✓ Taxes & HST.

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Breakfast and other meals.
- × Park Fees.

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- × Porterage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Gratuities for hotel staff.
- × Travel Insurance – highly recommended. We require clients to provide us a signed Waiver in the event your client opts to decline your offer to sell Travel Insurance.
DMCI Inc. sells Manulife Travel Insurance. Please check with us for rates.
- × Collision Damage & Theft Protection – Optional.
- × Additional Driver Fees.
- × Gas for the vehicle.
- × GPS. Racks, etc.
- × Child and Infant Seats.
- × Parking & Tolls.
- × Optional Tours and activities.
- × Early Check-in and Late Check-out charges. Charges will apply.
- × Gratuities for Tour Guides/Driver cum Guides (Expected)
- × Cost of any RTPCR/Antigen Test or costs related to quarantine if applicable.

Hotels Featured

Corner Brook, NL	Holiday Inn Express Deer Lake
Port au Choix, NL	Torrent River Inn
L'Anse-au-Clair, NL	The Florian Hotel
St. Anthony, NL	Saint Andrews Inn & Suites
Cow Head, NL	Shallow Bay motel

Hotels will be as listed above or similar properties.

Deposit & Cancellation Policy

100% Deposit required on confirmation of this Tour.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- 91-days prior to start of tour – 100% refundable less \$500
- 90-days or less – 100% non-refundable.

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- No Show – 100% non-refundable.

Notes

- Clients should be double vaccinated.
- Clients may be required to wear a Face Masks.

FAQ

- **Is Park Fees included in this package?** National Park Entrance Fess is included. Parks under provincial administration re not included.
- **Are admissions to historic sites included?** Admissions to historic sites listed under Inclusions are included.
- **How much time should I spend at L’Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site?** If you really like to learn more about the earliest known Viking settlement in North America, their lives, etc., you must be ready to spend a day here.
- **How much of a walk is there from the Parking Lot to the Pier from here the Western Brook Pond Boat Cruise departs?** Clients must note that although the Western Brook Pond sounds an exotic outing, there is a 45-minute walk (3 km/2 miles) from the parking lot to the dock and a 45-minute walk back.
- **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 should be the minimum age of person driving the rental vehicle?** Clients and must be at least 21 years of age.
- **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?** – No. However, the rental company would take an authorization for between \$300 and \$7500 (depending on the location) 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 typically will not accept cash in lieu of credit card.
- **Would the client 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.

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- **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 rental contract before you proceed to the lot to pick up your rental vehicle.

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

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