

## Highlights

Halifax – Beddeck – Cabot’s Trail - Louisburg – Charlottetown, PEI, Moncton – Hopewell Rocks – Alma – Fundy National Park – Moncton – Truro – Halifax – Peggy’s Cove – Chester - Mahoney Bay - Lunenburg –LaHave & Petite Rivière – Liverpool – Shelburne – Barrington - Halifax

Duration – 11 Days | 10 Nights.

Accommodations in a choice of Hotels, Cottages, Motor Inns.

Rental of a mid-size car.

Unlimited Mileage.

Optional CDW/LDW.

Fundy National Park Pass

Cape Breton Highlands National Park Pass

Prince Edward Island National Park Pass

Admissions to Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

Admissions to Fort Anne National Historic Site

Admissions to Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

Admissions to Halifax Citadel National Historic Site

Admissions to Green Gables Heritage Place

Ferry Tickets – Caribou, NS to Wood Island, PEI.

Available on demand - May to Oct 2022, May to Oct 2023

Imagine driving at your own pace through scenic areas, historic towns and quaint little fishing villages, experiencing the unique charm of Celtic culture while discovering Atlantic Canada's natural beauty. Choose from a selection for guided cultural experiences or go off on an adventure to see animals in their native habitat!

### Day 1 - Arrive in Halifax

This afternoon arrive in Halifax. Collect your luggage and proceed to the rental desk to pick-up your rental car and drive to your hotel in downtown Halifax. Rest of the day free to explore the beautiful city of Halifax and its downtown and harbor.

*Overnight in Halifax, NS*

### Day 2 - Halifax to Beddeck on Cape Breton Island

**Driving Distance: 352 km | approx 4 ½ hours of driving.**

Head to Cape Breton Island, often described as 'a little piece of Scotland in North America'. The island offers an array adventurous activities from sailing and hiking all the way down through golfing or kayaking for those who want some fresh sea air without getting too far out into open waters! If you're looking more than just relaxation this destination has plenty going on including cultural experiences with delicious food made by hand - like fresh "ship-to shore" shellfish served up at one restaurant I found while exploring--and single malt whisky distilleries where visitors can enjoy tours free tasting sessions plus learn how their products are produced.

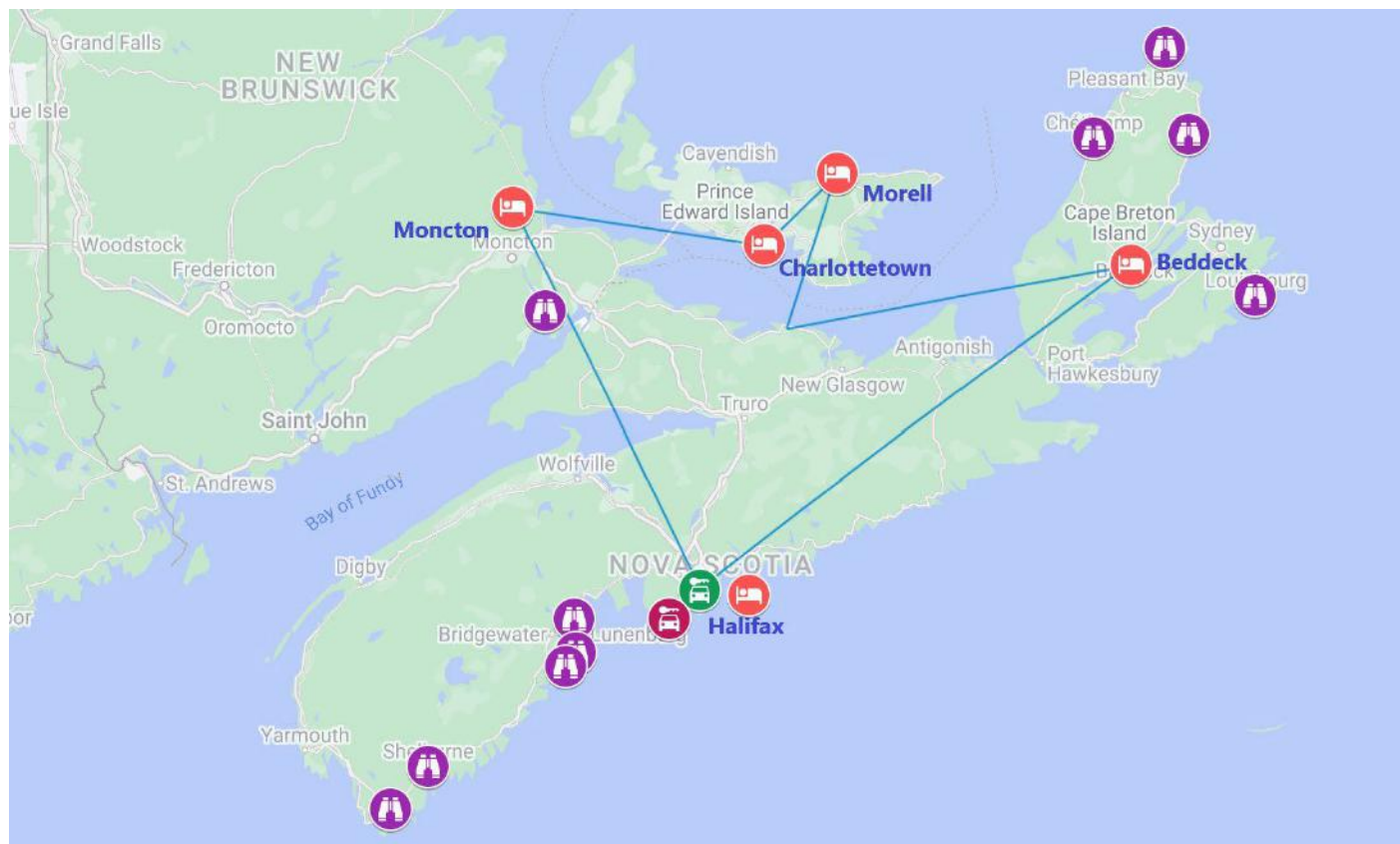
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The town of Beddeck is often referred to as the beginning and end of Cape Breton Island's famous Cabot Trail. This tiny town, nestled along its shores with beautiful views for miles in every direction makes an ideal stopover on your journey through this iconic island nation - especially if you're looking for tranquil beauty amidst all that nature has offer!

The area was once home to Mi'kmaq settlements, and it got its name from the native word "Abadak" which means place with an island near. The most famous face to grace Baddeck's summer residence was that of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor and creator who built two homes on his estate he called "Beinn Bhreagh". Scottish Gaelic for "Beautiful Mountain".

*Overnight in Beddeck, NS.*

## Day 3 – Cabot's Trail

**Driving Distance: 298 km | approx 10 hours of driving including stops.**

The Cabot Trail is a 298 km (186 mi) highway that weaves through the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. You will be amazed by all of the incredible views you get throughout this journey, which rewards travelers with spectacular valley and coastal scenery on every side! Suggested stops include the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre with its performances and Glenora Distillery home to the first single malt whisky distillery in North America! The trail offers 28 hiking trails with beautiful sceneries that never disappoint you.

Other suggested stops include Clucking Hen Cafe & Bakery, Ingonish Beach, The Middle Head Trail, White Point, Grave Of The Unknown Sailor, Neil's Harbour, Skyline Trail and Cheticamp.

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*Overnight in Beddeck, NS.*

## Day 4 – Fortress of Louisburg

**Driving Distance:** 218 km | approx. 5 hours of driving including time spent at the Fortress of Louisburg

Just east of Sydney, Nova Scotia, stands Fortress of Louisburg, a National Historic Site and the location of a one-quarter partial reconstruction of an 18th-century French fortress. In 1744, the settlement here rivalled New York and Philadelphia. Its two sieges, especially that of 1758, were turning points in the Anglo-French struggle for what today is Canada. The fortress is the largest historical reconstruction in North America, spanning 16,000 acres, sixty of which are located within restored stone walls.

Each summer, historical re-enactors breathe life to this unique living museum, playing their French colonial part of soldier, settler, merchant or peasant. French soldiers march down the streets of the town as ladies dance in formal parlours. Cannon fire shakes the ground as harpsichord tunes mingle with baking bread aromas drifting from the stone bakery. Step through Louisburg's fortress walls and time-warps back to the 1700s. Chat with fishermen, sailors and servants. Sip rum and watch lacemaking as children play 300-year-old games and stew simmers on an open-hearth fire. It's so real, it seems surreal.

*Overnight in Beddeck, NS.*

## Day 5 – Beddeck to PEI and Points East Coastal Drive

**Driving Distance:** Beddeck to Caribou & Woods Island – 254 km | 4 hours

**Driving Distance:** 350 km | 8 hours including stops

Leaving Beddeck this morning, we drive to Caribou, just east of the historical town of Pictou to ferry-cross to Wood Island in PEI. On arrival in PEI, embark on the famous Points East Coastal Drive.

Your first stop on the Point East Coastal Drive would be Point Prim Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse on Prince Edward Island. Built in 1845, by a Richard Walsh, the Prim Lighthouse is 60 feet above the ground and 80 feet above sea level and offers spectacular views of the Northumberland Strait. You can climb the lighthouse to the top and enjoy the views! Enroute to Prim Point, you may want to stop by at Orwell Corner Historic Village or Roma at Three Rivers National Historic Site.

From here, proceed to Murray Harbour a rustic fishing village with beautiful beaches, lighthouses and amazing restaurants. At Murray Harbour, you can go kayaking, cycling & hiking on Confederation Trail. If you like lighthouses, perhaps, you can check out the Cape Bear Lighthouse a 3-story square tower that has guided fishermen and sailors along PEI's Northumberland Strait. The view from the lighthouse reveals small, secluded beaches, rugged sandstone cliffs, and marine life such as seals and porpoises. Leaving Murray Harbour behind drive to Montague, often called "Montague the Beautiful" because of the tranquil river running through it, the lovely tree-lined streets, its stately heritage homes and hidden gems. Enjoy the boardwalk which runs along the waterfront and is part of the Confederation Trail.

The next stop on your itinerary would be Georgetown, the very first harbour to be built on the eastern seaboard. Home to one of the deepest harbours in North America, Georgetown was once a major ship-building centre and home to A.A. MacDonald, one of the Fathers of Confederation.

The last stop on your itinerary today would be the Greenwich National Park, home to Prince Edward Island's largest sand dunes, including a parabolic dune system that is very rare in North America. The park is also habitat to rare plants and animals, as well as archaeological findings dating back 10,000 years.

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The route is a haven for foodies with its fresh seafood, local produce and warm service. You can enjoy quaint beachside fish shacks or indulge in specialty trucks while you tour around the area before deciding on your next location to dine at one of many genre restaurants that line this stretch!

*Overnight in St. Peters, Morell or Charlottetown, PEI.*

#### Day 6 – Central Coastal Drive

**Driving Distance: 206 km | 8 hours**

Depart PEI this morning for New Brunswick. Before you drive across the Confederation Bridge, spend the morning driving up to the Anne of Green Gables Museum. Your first stop on the way up would be the tiny fishing village of French River offering breathtaking scenery with hills and farmland overlooking the New London Bay. Take a trip off-the-beaten-path and discover the Cape Tryon Lighthouse overlooking spectacular sandstone cliffs. Next, visit Anne at Green Gables Heritage Place. At the time when Anne of Green Gables was published in 1908, most people could only dream of visiting its magical setting. Since then, millions of fans have travelled to Prince Edward Island to discover the place that inspired Lucy Maud Montgomery's stories and characters.

Departing PEI, drive across the world-famous Confederation Bridge to arrive in Moncton. Enroute, stop at Shediac Bay for a short lobster visit.

Spend the afternoon and evening exploring Moncton. Make sure to drive to the bottom of Magnetic Hill. On getting there, shift into neutral, and be prepared to be amazed. Your car will roll uphill in total defiance of natural law, even as your brain is telling you it's simply not possible.

*Overnight in Moncton, NB*

#### Day 7 – Hopewell Rocks and Fundy National Park

**Driving Distances: 80 km | 10 hours**

Next on the itinerary is Hopewell Rocks Ocean Tidal Visitor Centre, which is just forty minutes outside of Moncton. Visit the famous flowerpots (Hopewell Rocks). You will need about 6 hours and 13 minutes to see both the high tide and the low tide. It is important that you know the time of the tides on the day of your visit and so that you can plan the rest of the day accordingly. You have about 3 hours to walk on the ocean floor. To enhance your experience, join for a Kayak trip and paddle around Hopewell Rocks.

From Hopewell Rocks, you'll head south towards Fundy National Park. If you are driving without stopping at any interesting waypoints you find on the way (like Cape Enrage), it will take approximately half an hour to reach Alma.

If you have time (or travelling with teens), Cape Enrage is another stop you should consider visiting. Enjoy a spectacular view of Bay of Fundy from towering cliffs and explore the 140 years old light house. Have dinner at the highly acclaimed lobster shop in Alma where you can taste some glorious Atlantic Canadian lobster. Thankfully, Alma's lobster shop is located right on the outskirts of Fundy National Park.

*Overnight in Moncton, NB.*

#### Day 8 – Moncton to Halifax

**Driving Distances: 265 km | 4 hours**

Leaving Moncton this morning, your first stop on your way back to Halifax would be Amherst. The town is centrally located to both the Bay of Fundy, home to the world's highest tides and the Northumberland Shore, where several warm-water ocean beaches await.

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Leaving Amherst behind, drive south to get to Truro. Truro is known as the "Hub of Nova Scotia". The city's size, central location and historic downtown makes it a popular home-base for exploring the province and the world-renowned tidal phenomena of the Bay of Fundy. On the edge of town visitors flock to the Truro Tidal Bore Viewing Visitor centre along the Salmon River to view the tidal bore that occurs twice a day because of the immense incoming Bay of Fundy tide.

From Truro, the drive to Halifax is approximately an hour and fifteen minutes.

Arrive in Halifax late afternoon. Rest of the day free to explore Halifax.

*Overnight in Halifax, NS.*

## Day 9 – Explore the South Shore

**Driving Distances: 670 km | 10 hours**

The South Shore of Nova Scotia make up for some of the most beautiful arts of the province. Places that should be on your stop and see list should include Peggy's Cove., Chester, Mahoney Bay, Lunenburg, LaHave & Petite Rivière, Liverpool, Shelburne and Barrington.

Nova Scotia is home to over 160 historic lighthouses, but no beacon is as photographed as the one in the vibrant fishing village of Peggy's Cove.

Recently named as one of Canada's top ten most beautiful towns, Mahone Bay boasts a simple yet extraordinary way of life. Experience it all from history to unique shops, artisans to culinary experiences, along the colourful and quaint streets.

Old Town Lunenburg is one of only two urban communities in North America designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Seventy percent of the original colonial buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries continue to greet visitors with their colourful façades.

At LaHave, venture down the east side of the LaHave River and enjoy a scenic drive along the winding LaHave River before arriving at the LaHave Ferry. As one of the last remaining cable ferries in Nova Scotia, this unique 5-minute journey gives you a perfect 360° view of life on the river.

Liverpool is a storied coastal community with colonial captains' homes, scenic seaside accommodations, and a rich privateering history.

The town of Shelburne provides unique experiences that are rich in culture and adventure while offering places to relax and unwind in a surrounding of historic treasures, wilderness and beauty.

And at the very end of the South Shore stands Barrington, the Lobster Capital of Canada. Fresh seafood is easily found here with some of the richest lobster fishing grounds in the world.

*Overnight in Halifax, NS.*

## Day 10 – Halifax

Day free. This a day for you to explore Halifax, with its extraordinary maritime history and lovely walkable downtown. Stroll to the top of the Citadel which has guarded the city since the 18th century. Visit one or two of the fascinating museums charting the history of the city which amongst other things was the first responder for the Titanic.

*Overnight in Halifax, NS*

## Day 11 – End of tour

Return your rental car to Halifax Airport prior to your return flight. End of your happy trip.

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*End of your Self-Drive Holiday*

## Inclusions

- ✓ 10 nights' accommodations in hotels, inns and cottages.
- ✓ Rental of a mid-size car.
- ✓ Unlimited Mileage.
- ✓ Optional CDW/LDW.
- ✓ Fundy National Park Pass
- ✓ Cape Breton Highlands National Park Pass
- ✓ Prince Edward Island National Park Pass
- ✓ Admissions to Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- ✓ Admissions to Fort Anne National Historic Site
- ✓ Admissions to Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site
- ✓ Admissions to Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- ✓ Admissions to Green Gables Heritage Place
- ✓ Ferry Tickets – Caribou, NS to Wood Island, PEI.
- ✓ Resort fees, Taxes & HST.

## Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Breakfast and other meals.
- × Insurance – Collision Damage Waiver/ Loss Damage Waiver with \$ 500 deductible. This is offered as an Optional Add-on.
- × Additional Driver Fees.
- × Roadside assistance.
- × Gas for the vehicle.
- × GPS. Racks, etc.
- × Child and Infant Seats.
- × Parking & Tolls.
- × Canada Park Fees.
- × 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 (optional).
- × 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.

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DMCI Inc. sells Manulife Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario. Please check with us for rates.

Residents of other provinces as well as those coming from overseas must purchase Travel insurance in the province/country where they reside.

- × Optional Tours and activities.
- × Early Check-in and Late Check-out charges. Charges will apply.
- × If applicable, cost of any RTPCR/Antigen Test or costs related to quarantine.

## Hotels Featured

| Destination    | Standard Hotels                           |
|----------------|---|
| Halifax        | Hampton Inn by Hilton Halifax Downtown    |
| Baddeck        | Ceilidh Country Lodge                     |
| Charlottetown  | Rodd Royalty                              |
| Moncton        | Rodd Moncton                              |
| Saint John, NB | Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Saint John |
| Digby          | Coastal Inn                               |
| Lunenburg      | Mariner King Inn                          |

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise.

Hotels featured will be as above or similar.

## Deposit

100% on confirmation.

## Change & Cancellation Policy

- 22-days prior to start of tour – 100% refundable less \$250 per person.
- 21-days or less – 100% non-refundable.
- No Show – 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services - 100% non-refundable.

## Note

1. The Federal and/or Provincial health authorities may require that clients are double vaccinated and produce a vaccination certificate on demand. Please refer to [Health Canada](https://www.healthcanada.ca) site for most up to date information in this regard.
2. Federal, Provincial, Municipal Health Authorities and/or certain service providers may require clients to wear a face mask.
3. We recommend clients carry a digital/paper copy of their Vaccination Certificate on person to be produced on demand.

## 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 Hopewell Rocks to see the tidal bore?** The tide tables change each day. Please visit [Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park](#) for the up to date Tidal schedule when planning your visit. You should set aside at least 6 hours if you wish to see the full tidal bore.
- **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 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)?** No. Insurance for the Rental Car is not included. We offer this as an optional Add. The CDW/LDW Add-on Package should be purchased at the time of making your reservations. Please check with us for rates that are inclusive of CDW/LDW Package.
- **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 a 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?** – No. However, the rental company would take an authorization for between \$300 and \$750 (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.
- **Am I allowed to drive my rental car into the United States?** You can. 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.



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- **Can I pick up my rental car in Canada and drop same off in the United States?** No. The car has to be returned to the drop off point in Canada as confirmed on your reservations.
- **Would I require a credit card to check-in at confirmed hotels, lodges, and inns?** Yes. Clients are required to present a Credit Card in 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 as 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 AMEarly Check-in and Late-check-outs require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.
- **What is your policy should our flight be cancelled and therefore we are unable to join the tour?** – We are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If you are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. All such circumstances should be covered by your Travel Insurance.

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