

MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

August 30, 2019 - 24 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$7525 double/twin

\$9320 single

\$7020 triple

> Please add 5% GST.

> **Experience Points:** Earn 151 points from this tour.
Redeem **151 points** if you book by **May 23**.



Includes

- Coach transportation for 22 days
- 23 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Transportation to Victoria airport
- Westjet flight from Victoria to Halifax
- Air taxes, security fees, airline baggage fees
- Transfer from Halifax airport to hotel
- Locally-guided sightseeing in Halifax
- Grafton Dinner Theatre
- Maritime Museum of the Atlantic with guides
- Alexander Keith's Brewery tour with sampling
- Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- Fisheries Museum of Lunenburg
- Horse drawn carriage tour of Lunenburg
- Bay of Fundy ferry from Digby to Saint John
- New Brunswick Museum
- Locally-guided sightseeing in Saint John
- King's Landing Historic Village with guides
- Hopewell Rocks
- Charlottetown Centre of the Arts
- Locally-guided Prince Edward Island tour
- Anne of Green Gables Cottage
- Prince Edward Island National Park
- Ferry from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia
- Hector Heritage Quay
- Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- Fortress of Louisbourg with guided tour
- Cape Breton Miners Museum
- Ferry from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland
- Sharecroppers show at Corner Brook
- Gros Morne National Park
- Bonne Bay boat tour with Screech-In
- L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site
- Grenfell House
- Insectarium
- Botwood Museum
- Beothuk Centre
- Prime Berth Fishing Museum
- Terra Nova National Park
- Cape Spear National Historic Site
- Locally-guided sightseeing in St. John's
- Signal Hill National Historic Site
- Transfer from St. John's hotel to airport
- Westjet flight from St. John's to Victoria
- Transfers from Victoria airport to pickup point
- Gratuities for local guides, museum docents, and boat crew
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **36 meals:** 17 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 8 dinners

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Discover Atlantic Canada

2019 will be the 42nd year that Wells Gray has offered Maritimes tours! No other company in British Columbia has organized this tour for so many years or knows Atlantic Canada better than we do. All our hotels, attractions and restaurants are chosen carefully to ensure you have a memorable experience. Our 2019 tour stays 10 nights in Newfoundland because we strongly believe you should see this scenic province while you are touring eastern Canada. It has been a highlight of our Atlantic Canada tours since 1990. Most hotel stays are for two or three nights, so you do not have to put up with the inconvenience of repacking your suitcase every morning. A Wells Gray Maritimes tour is noted for its leisurely itinerary, many included meals and attractions, and superb hotels in great locations. To reduce driving time, we fly from Victoria to Halifax and return from St. John's, NL.

Tour Notes

- This tour spends 6 days in Nova Scotia, 3 days in New Brunswick, 3 days in PEI, and 10 days in Newfoundland (on the island, not in Labrador).
- Current air taxes, fuel surcharges and security fees are included in the tour fare, but these are subject to change until air ticketing is completed one month prior to departure. The airline baggage fee of \$30 plus tax per suitcase in each direction is included in the tour fare.
- You are welcome to make your own flight arrangements to Halifax and home from St. John's, and your tour fare will be reduced by \$1030 plus GST per person.
- **Option:** On Saturday, September 7, during your stay in Charlottetown, you can choose to see the popular musical, *Anne of Green Gables*. It has been playing every summer at the Confederation Centre since 1965 and is recognized as Canada's longest running musical. Cost is \$70 per person. Please request when you book this tour, or no later than final payment.



Activity Level: Moderate activity including walking up to 1 km over uneven surfaces, stairs, beaches, and some trails. You can decline to go on the Glace Bay underground mine tour. You will miss some attractions if you are unable to do this amount of activity. A few hotels do not have elevators. There can be long walks in the airports; request a wheelchair in advance if this could be an issue for you. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance may not cover you.

Itinerary

Friday, August 30:

A transfer is provided to Victoria airport. We fly on Westjet to **Halifax** and stay three nights at the downtown Cambridge Suites Hotel.

Saturday, August 31:

Meals: B,D

After a free morning, enjoy a tour with a local guide around this historic port city, including the waterfront, universities, St. Paul's Church, and residential areas. Tonight, prepare for fun and laughter at **Grafton Dinner Theatre** where a musical comedy is performed with dinner served by the actors.

Sunday, September 1:

Meals: B

This morning, we visit the **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic** where a permanent exhibit has been unveiled about Halifax's connection to the Titanic. Next, we take a lively tour at **Alexander Keith's Brewery** to learn about Nova Scotia's long brewing

tradition since its heyday in the 19th century and to sample the local beer. This afternoon, we stop at the **Halifax Citadel National Historic Site**, a fortress perched on the hill overlooking the city.

Monday, September 2:

Meals: B,D

Famous **Peggy's Cove** is one of the most picturesque fishing villages along the Eastern Seaboard. We stroll along the harbour to a view of the iconic lighthouse. In **Lunenburg** we visit the acclaimed Fisheries Museum, housed in two historic vessels and five waterfront buildings. Afterwards, there is a horse-drawn carriage ride around Lunenburg with tales of its heritage and unusual buildings. Then we drive across Nova Scotia to Wolfville and stay overnight at the Old Orchard Inn.

Tuesday, September 3:

Meals: B

We drive through the beautiful **Annapolis Valley** and take the midday ferry from Digby across the

Bay of Fundy to **Saint John**, New Brunswick. Our overnight stay is at the Delta Hotel which has a great location in historic Market Square.

Wednesday, September 4:

The **New Brunswick Museum** is Canada's oldest continuously operating museum and features galleries on Canadian and International art, New Brunswick's industry, and a whales exhibit. A local guide shows us around Saint John with a stop at the famous **Reversing Falls**. This afternoon, we drive inland to the provincial capital, **Fredericton**, where we stay two nights at the historic Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in the downtown area. The opening of this grand hotel in 1948 was the social event of New Brunswick, attended by Lord Beaverbrook (Sir Max Aitken) himself.

Thursday, September 5: *Meals: B,L*

At **King's Landing** on the Saint John River, we visit a restored village of the 19th century, complete with costumed actors and homes, school, store, grist-mill, printer, and theatre. Lunch is in the 1855 Kings Head Inn. The afternoon is at leisure in Fredericton.

Friday, September 6: *Meals: B,L*

A highlight is **Hopewell Cape** where the powerful Fundy tides have eroded towering rocks like flow-erpots. The huge tidal range is impressive to witness – today, it will vary from 2 to 12 metres. We drive across Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island on the spectacular **Confederation Bridge**. The next three nights are at the Delta Prince Edward, Charlottetown's finest hotel, located downtown on the waterfront.

Saturday, September 7:

This is a free day to enjoy **Charlottetown**. The waterfront beside the hotel is an appealing stroll and downtown shops are close by. A guided tour is included of the Confederation Centre of the Arts, built in 1964 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference. There is an option offered tonight to see a performance of *Anne of Green Gables* (details in the Tour Notes box).

Sunday, September 8: *Meals: L,D*

A local guide is with us all day today to enhance our visit to **Prince Edward Island**. After a city tour of historic sites in Charlottetown, we drive through PEI National Park along the north shore beaches and visit the **Anne of Green Gables** cottage. Other stops include Dalvay by the Sea and Cavendish Beach. Then we go to the quaint village of North Rustico for a traditional dinner of **fresh lobster** served at Fisherman's Wharf!

Monday, September 9:

We ride the ferry from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia across eastern Northumberland Strait. In Pictou, we see the restored ship Hector which carried Scottish immigrants to Nova Scotia in 1773. After crossing Canso Causeway to **Cape Breton Island**, the road winds along the eastern shore of lovely Lake Bras D'Or and we take a break at Rita McNeil's tea house. Our accommodation for three nights is at the waterfront Cambridge Hotel in **Sydney**.

Tuesday, September 10: *Meals: B,L*

The **Alexander Graham Bell Museum** at Baddeck houses his remarkable collection of early inventions. After lunch in Cheticamp, we drive the renowned **Cabot Trail** through Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Along this rugged and scenic coast, there are stops such as Cape Smokey and Ingonish Beach.

Wednesday, September 11: *Meals: B,L*

With the benefit of a Parks Canada docent, we explore the **Fortress of Louisbourg**, the formidable French stronghold of the early 18th century and now a National Historic Site. Next we tour the **Cape Breton Miners' Museum** in Glace Bay and take an underground tour of the vast coal mines. There were once dozens of collieries near the town, and the last one closed in 1984.

Thursday, September 12: *Meals: B*

We board the ferry at North Sydney for the six-hour crossing of Cabot Strait to **Port-aux-Basques** at the southwestern tip of Newfoundland. We drive north to **Corner Brook** and stay two nights at the quaint Glynmill Inn. Built in 1924 as a VIP guesthouse for the Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Company, the hotel is now a Registered Heritage Structure.

Friday, September 13: *Meals: B,D*

This is a free day. Take a stroll around Glynmill Pond and admire the fall foliage.

Saturday, September 14: *Meals: B,L,D*

The remote **Viking Trail** ranks among the most scenic highways in Eastern Canada because it is bounded by the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the west and the barren Long Range Mountains to the east. **Gros Morne National Park**, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, protects a wilderness of deep fjords and coastal beaches. Our first experience in this area is the **Bonne Bay boat tour** which provides views of the tablelands of Gros Morne. Newfoundland's traditional welcome is arranged on the boat with a Screech-in Ceremony. Near Rocky Harbour, we visit Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse,

built in 1897 and still flashing its warning light across the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We stay overnight at Shallow Bay Motel in Cow Head.

Sunday, September 15: *Meals: B,D*

We continue on the Viking Trail, admiring more splendid coastal scenery. Near the tip of the Northern Peninsula, we stay two nights at Hotel North in **St. Anthony**.

Monday, September 16: *Meals: B,L*

During the morning, we tour the home of Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, founder of **Grenfell Mission**, and view the Jordi Bonet Murals at the hospital. This afternoon, we visit **L'Anse aux Meadows** and examine the reconstructed sod houses and artifacts from Leif Eriksson's Viking expedition to "Vinland" about the year 1000.

Tuesday, September 17: *Meals: B,L,D*

We retrace our route along the Viking Trail, stopping at the Arches to see the waves eroding the seashore and Broome Point to learn about the Newfoundland fisherman's lifestyle. Our overnight stop is at the Holiday Inn Express in **Deer Lake**.

Wednesday, September 18: *Meals: B,L*

First we visit the Insectarium which displays thousands of insect species (mounted and live) along with a butterfly conservatory and beehive. Then we head east on the Trans-Canada Highway to **Botwood** where the giant Pan American clippers landed in the 1930s after their trans-Atlantic flights. We stay two nights at the Comfort Inn in **Gander**.

Thursday, September 19: *Meals: B,L*

Gander was once the largest airport in the world and, throughout the 'Jet Age' of the 1950s and 1960s, transatlantic flights required a refueling stop here. A local person meets us to talk about Gander's role as host to thousands of air travellers who were grounded on September 11, 2001. Today's circle drive goes to the north coast and the village of **Twillingate** where we may get glimpses of icebergs that have floated from Greenland. Other stops are the Prime Berth Fishing Museum where we experience the gregarious personalities and lifestyles of the Newfoundland fishermen, and the **Beothuk Centre** which interprets these vanished native people and their lifestyle.

Friday, September 20: *Meals: B,L,D*

Today's drive passes through **Terra Nova National Park** and the farmlands of the Avalon Peninsula. An exciting experience is standing at the most easterly point in North America, **Cape Spear**, and learning about the remarkable lifestyle of the lighthouse keepers. Our last destination is **St. John's** where we stay two nights at the Delta Hotel. Tonight is our farewell gathering featuring a traditional Newfoundland Jiggs Dinner, also called a scoff or a feast. It is an opportunity to reminisce about our journey across the Atlantic Provinces.

Saturday, September 21:

A morning tour with a local guide visits the **Cabot Tower** atop Signal Hill, Confederation Building, and Quidi Vidi Battery. The afternoon is at leisure.

Sunday, September 22:

We fly with Westjet from St. John's via Toronto to Victoria. A transfer is provided to your pickup point.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$800 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due May 23, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to April 23, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From April 24 to May 23, the cancellation charge is \$400 per person. From May 24 to June 21, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From June 22 to July 23, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After July 23, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from airlines and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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