

MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

August 24, 2020 - 24 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$7625 double/twin

\$9410 single

\$7115 triple

> Please add 5% GST.

> **Experience Points:** Earn 152 points from this tour.
Redeem **152 points** if you book by **May 13**.



Includes

- Transfers to Victoria airport and return
- WestJet flight from Victoria to Halifax
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Transfer from Halifax airport to hotel
- Coach transportation for 22 days
- 23 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 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
- Confederation 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
- Gratuities for local guides, museum docents, and boat crew
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels and airline
- **36 meals:** 17 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 8 dinners

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Discover Atlantic Canada

2020 will be the 43rd 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 2020 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 (limit of one suitcase per person).
- You are welcome to make your own flight arrangements to Halifax and home from St. John's, if you want to use airline points. Your tour fare will be reduced by \$995 plus GST per person.



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.

Option — *Anne of Green Gables* musical

On Tuesday, September 1, 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. A straw hat, red-haired braids and a pinafore define Canada's most loved fictional character. Cost is \$75 per person. Please request when you book this tour, or no later than final payment.

Itinerary

Monday, August 24:

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

Tuesday, August 25:

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.

Wednesday, August 26:

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. The first citadel was built in 1749 and the current structure was completed in 1856. Although never attacked, the Halifax Citadel was long the keystone to defending the strategically important harbour and its Royal Navy Dockyard.

Thursday, August 27:*Meals: B,D*

Famous **Peggy's Cove** is one of the most picturesque fishing villages along the Atlantic coast. 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.

Friday, August 28:*Meals: B*

We drive through the verdant **Annapolis Valley**. The shelter provided by low mountain ridges on each side has produced a micro-climate with mild temperatures, so the region grows abundant vegetable and fruit crops, and is particularly famous for its apple orchards. We ride 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.

Saturday, August 29:

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.

Sunday, August 30:*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, gristmill, printer, and theatre. Lunch is in the 1855 Kings Head Inn. The afternoon is at leisure in Fredericton.

Monday, August 31:*Meals: B,L*

A highlight is **Hopewell Cape** near Moncton where the powerful Fundy tides have eroded towering rocks like flowerpots. 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 **Confederation Bridge**. It was completed in 1997 and is 13 km long, consisting of 43 spans. The bridge replaced one of the two ferries crossing the strait. The next three nights are at the Delta Prince Edward, Charlottetown's finest hotel, located downtown on the waterfront.

Tuesday, September 1:

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 Options box).

Wednesday, September 2:*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. A straw hat, red-haired braids and a pinafore define Canada's most loved fictional character, Anne of Green Gables. 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!

Thursday, September 3:

We ride the ferry from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia across the eastern end of 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 western shore of lovely Lake Bras D'Or. In Baddeck, the **Alexander Graham Bell Museum** houses his remarkable collection of early inventions, including the telephone and hydrofoil. Our accommodation for three nights is at the waterfront Cambridge Hotel in **Sydney**.

Friday, September 4:*Meals: B,L*

The day is devoted to driving the **Cabot Trail** through Cape Breton Highlands National Park, one of Canada's most awesome coastal highways. Along this rugged shoreline, there are stops such as Cape Smokey and Ingonish Beach.

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

The **Fortress of Louisbourg** was the formidable French stronghold, built between 1720 and 1740. It was seized by the British in 1745, returned to the French by the 1748 treaty, then taken by the British again in 1758 during the Seven Years War. It was carefully reconstructed in the 1960s, and still ranks as the largest restoration project in North America. The Fortress was designated a National Historic Site in 1920. We tour the buildings with the benefit of a Parks Canada docent, then have lunch in one of the historic buildings. This afternoon, we visit 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.

Sunday, September 6: *Meals: B*

We board a 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 guest-house for Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Company, it is now a Registered Heritage Structure.

Monday, September 7: *Meals: B,D*

This is a free day. Take a stroll around Glynmill Pond and admire the fall foliage. After dinner, we are entertained by **The Sharecroppers**, a Newfoundland folk trio who sing and tell stories about the province's wonderful culture and heritage.

Tuesday, September 8: *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.

Wednesday, September 9: *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**.

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

We tour the home of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, founder of the **Grenfell Mission** in 1892. The team of doctors and nurses provided medical services to remote communities in northern Newfoundland and Labrador, travelling by boats and dog sleds, and later by airplanes. Dr. Grenfell died in 1940, but the work of his Mission continued for another 41 years when the province took over responsibility. We also 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.

Friday, September 11: *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**.

Saturday, September 12: *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** which was utilized by the giant Pan American clippers between 1937 and 1945 as a terminal for trans-Atlantic flights. We stay two nights at the Comfort Inn in **Gander**.

Sunday, September 13: *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. This story is told in the musical *Come From Away*, one of Broadway's and Toronto's most popular stage shows. 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 culture.

Monday, September 14: *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.

Tuesday, September 15:

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.

Wednesday, September 16:

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 13, 2020. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to April 13, 2020, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From April 14 to May 13, the cancellation charge is \$400 per person. From May 14 to June 12, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From June 13 to July 13, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After July 13, 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.

Home pickups may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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E-points: This tour earns 152 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until May 13.

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