



NEWFOUNDLAND ONLY

May 31, 2021 – 15 days

A Comprehensive Tour of Canada's Easternmost Province

This brand new tour includes all the highlights of wild and wonderful Newfoundland. The culture and heritage of Newfoundland runs deep. Come and discover all the things you never knew about this unique province. Highlights of this tour include visits to historic sites and stunning landscapes, several cruises including a puffin and whale watching cruise, theatrical shows and iceberg viewing. We also visit L'Anse aux Meadows, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is the only known viking settlement in North America.

ITINERARY

Activity Level: 2



TOUR
30

24 Meals Included:

10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

Fares:

\$5685 pp double, \$6765 pp single
Please add 5% GST

Experience Points:

Earn 127 points on this tour

Redeem 127 points if you book by February 19, 2021



Day 1: Monday, May 31

Transfers are provided to Victoria airport. We fly to Toronto, then connect to **Deer Lake** in western Newfoundland. We stay overnight at the Holiday Inn Express.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express

Day 2: Tuesday, June 1

First, we visit the **Insectarium** which displays thousands of insect species (mounted and live) along with a butterfly conservatory and beehive. 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**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, protects a wilderness of deep fjords and coastal beaches. We take a short walk with a Parks Canada ranger who talks about the remarkable ancient tablelands. Next, we take a water taxi to visit the **Norris Point Marine Station** which is a marine ecology research and teaching facility noted for its wonderful aquarium. We stay two nights at two small hotels in Norris Point, Neddies Harbour Inn and Sugar Hill Inn.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Neddies Harbour Inn

Accommodation: Sugar Hill Inn

Day 3: Wednesday, June 2

A wonderful experience is the **Bonne Bay boat tour** which provides views of the Gros Morne tablelands. Newfoundland's traditional welcome is arranged on the boat with a Screech-In Ceremony. With the benefit of a Parks Canada interpreter, we explore **Green Point Geological Site** which protects an intriguing sequence of layered rocks. Almost 500 million years ago, these rocks formed on the bottom of an ancient ocean and geologists have discovered fossils that define the boundary between the Cambrian and Ordovician periods, making Green Point a world geological benchmark. Near Rocky Harbour, we visit **Lobster Cove Head**

Lighthouse, built in 1897 and still flashing its warning light across the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Dinner is in Rocky Harbour, followed by the **Anchors Aweigh** show where a band of five talented musicians present renditions of popular Newfoundland songs and tunes, sprinkled with one-liners and wit.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Neddies Harbour Inn

Accommodation: Sugar Hill Inn

Day 4: Thursday, June 3

Western Brook Pond is one of Newfoundland's best known attractions, yet its name hardly does justice to this awesome fjord cut deep into the tablelands of Gros Morne. The lake is 16 km long and our two-hour cruise passes 600-metre high cliffs and many cascading waterfalls.

Note: There is a level walk of 2.7 km each way (45 to 60 minutes) from the parking lot to the boat dock. Those who are unable to do this walk can be dropped off at the motel. We stay overnight at Shallow Bay Motel in Cow Head. Tonight, we have tickets to attend a show at Theatre Newfoundland's **Gros Morne Festival**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Shallow Bay Motel

Day 5: Friday, June 4

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**. Entertainment this evening is provided by Wade Hillier who re-enacts the Viking saga of the discovery of Newfoundland.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel North

Day 6: Saturday, June 5

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

Grenfell Mission, and view the Jordi Bonet Murals at the hospital.

Meals included: Breakfast,

Accommodation: Hotel North

Day 7: Sunday, June 6

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**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express

Day 8: Monday, June 7

Leaving Deer Lake, we follow the Trans-Canada Highway east. We visit the Flying Boat Museum in **Botwood**, the town where the giant Pan American clippers landed and refuelled in the 1930s during trans-Atlantic flights. **Gander** was once the largest airport in the world and, throughout the 'Jet Age' of the 1950s and 1960s, European flights stopped here for fuel. 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, the story told by the popular musical, *Come From Away*. The Gander Aviation Museum has an amazing collection of aircraft. We also pause at the Silent Witness Memorial which commemorates the Arrow Air crash of 1985. We stay one night at the Comfort Inn in Gander.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Comfort Inn

Day 9: Tuesday, June 8

We drive to the north coast at **Twillingate**. Stops are made at 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. The north coast is known for **icebergs** that have floated from Greenland, so we take a two-hour boat excursion which

hopefully can approach one of these amazing ice giants. We stay overnight in Twillingate at the Anchor Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Anchor Hotel

Day 10: Wednesday, June 9

Today's drive passes through **Terra Nova National Park**. From the visitor centre, you can take short walks along the shore of Newman Sound or part of the Goowiddy loop. We stay two nights at the Clarenville Inn.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Clarenville Inn

Day 11: Thursday, June 10

The day is devoted to exploring the **Bonavista Peninsula**, one of Newfoundland's iconic places as noted by the poetic line "From Bonavista to Vancouver Island" in *This Land is Your Land*. We visit the **Cape Bonavista Lighthouse** which operated from 1843 until 1962 and is now a museum dedicated to the lifestyle of a lightkeeper. Next is **Ryan Premises National Historic Site** which operated as a retail store and cod exporter from 1857 to 1978. Nearby is Ye Matthew Legacy, a re-creation of John Cabot's 1497 ship. A stop in **Trinity Bay** is also included today.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Clarenville Inn

Day 12: Friday, June 11

Newfoundland is known for some wonderful place names and today we follow the **Baccalieu Trail** through villages such as Heart's Content, Heart's Desire, and Heart's Delight. As if those aren't romantic enough, how about Cupids, Harbour Grace, and even Dildo? We explore the Wooden Boat Museum and the Cable Station which was the western terminus of the Trans-Atlantic cable from 1866 to 1965. We continue across the farmlands of the Avalon Peninsula to **St. John's** and stay three nights at the downtown Delta Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Delta Hotel

Day 13: Saturday, June 12

A morning tour with a local guide visits the historic **Cabot Tower** atop Signal Hill where Marconi received the first Trans-Atlantic wireless message in 1901. We also see the Confederation Building, the colourful “Jellybean Houses”, and Quidi Vidi Battery. An exciting experience is standing at the most easterly point in North America, **Cape Spear**, graced by two historic lighthouses.

Accommodation: Delta Hotel

Day 14: Sunday, June 13

The morning is leisure time. The afternoon features a **puffin & whale watching cruise** in the

Witless Bay Ecological Reserve. With 2.5 million seabirds including 500,000 pairs of Atlantic Puffins, this reserve offers amazing opportunities to see and photograph the birds, and these waters are also one of the best feeding areas for whales in Atlantic Canada. Tonight is our farewell gathering featuring a **traditional Jiggs Dinner**, also called a scoff or a feast. It is an opportunity to reminisce about our journey across Newfoundland.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Delta Hotel

Day 15: Monday, June 14

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

UNTOUCHED AND UNSPOLIED... WITH PLENTY OF BREATHING ROOM

As Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are fond of saying, this place is about as far from Disneyland as you could possibly get. And yet, we think you will find that it competes as one of the happiest places on earth. The people are extremely proud of their province — Labrador on the mainland and the island of Newfoundland — and are very resilient. Economic hardship has often plagued this land, and yet the people endure and thrive in spite of it, most often with great joy. The natural wonders here are unparalleled, with stark rugged landscapes warmed by a thousand kilometres of shoreline. The history is vibrant, full of stories of adventure and global events and ordinary people doing extraordinary things. This is a journey of popular sights as well as off the beaten path places, but an experience not soon forgotten.

Celebrate your arrival in Newfoundland with a Screech-In Ceremony during the Bonne Bay cruise. Walk on 500 million year old rocks at Green Point. Admire the soaring cliffs above Western Brook Pond. Be humbled by history at L’Anse aux Meadows, settled by the Vikings about a thousand years ago. Explore two national parks, Gros Morne and Terra Nova, and several national historic sites. Learn about the Newfoundland fishery at Broome Point and Prime Berth Museum. Enjoy local entertainment on four evenings. Take boat excursions close to an iceberg at Twillingate and watch thousands of puffins, other seabirds, and whales near St. John’s. Stand on Signal Hill where the first trans-Atlantic wireless message was received in 1901, and look out over the Atlantic from Cape Spear, North America’s easternmost point.

This is the first time that Wells Gray has offered a tour of Newfoundland Only (other than the 2020 tour which had to be postponed due to Covid-19). Our Maritimes & Newfoundland tour has been an annual event since 1978, but this tour provides an in-depth discovery of Canada’s easternmost province. It is an amazing experience amid the wonders of Atlantic Canada.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transfers to/from Victoria airport
- Flight from Victoria to Deer Lake, NL transportation taxes and security fees
- 13 days of coach transportation
- 14 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Transfer from Deer Lake airport to hotel
- Insectarium
- Bonne Bay cruise with Screech-In Ceremony
- Norris Point Marine Station
- Green Point Geological Site with interpreter
- Gros Morne National Park
- Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse
- *Anchors Aweigh* show
- Western Brook Pond boat excursion
- Show at Theatre Newfoundland in Cow Head
- Re-enactment of Viking saga by Wade Hillier
- L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site
- Grenfell House & Interpretive Centre
- Broome Point Fisheries Exhibit
- Botwood Flying Boat Museum
- Gander Aviation Museum
- Silent Witness Memorial
- Beothuk Centre
- Prime Berth Fishing Museum
- Iceberg Quest boat tour at Twillingate
- Terra Nova National Park
- Bonavista Peninsula tour with Lighthouse, Ryan Premises NHS, Ye Matthew Legacy, Trinity Bay
- Wooden Boat Museum & Cable Station
- Locally-guided sightseeing in St. John's
- Cape Spear National Historic Site
- Signal Hill National Historic Site
- Puffin & whale watching boat excursion
- Traditional Jiggs dinner in St. John's
- Transfer from St. John's hotel to airport
- Flight from St. John's to Victoria
- Gratuities for local guides, museums & boats
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **24 meals:** 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

TOUR NOTES

- This unique tour has many experiences on the Island of Newfoundland but does not visit Labrador.
- Tour is limited to 30 travellers, due to the smaller hotels along the route.
- Expect some hotels to have 3-star ratings (not luxurious). Your 3-night stay in St. John's at the Delta Hotel is the best accommodation. Some communities only have one place to stay such as at Cow Head and Twillingate, and at Norris Point, our group is split among two small inns. Finding available and suitable hotels has dictated this itinerary.

 **Activity Level 2:** Moderate activity which could include walking up to 1 km over uneven surfaces, stairs, beaches, and some trails. The walk to the boat dock for the Western Brook Pond cruise is 45 minutes or 2.7 km each way along a wide level trail; you can be dropped off at the hotel in Cow Head if you prefer not to do this trip, but it is a truly spectacular boat excursion. **Most hotels on this tour do not have elevators.** The coach cannot carry a scooter. 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. There can be long walks in some airports; request a cart or wheelchair at check-in if this could be an issue. 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 asked / required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

TOUR

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This is a Tour 30 departure: meaning the tour is limited to 30 participants, a more intimate travel experience

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$700 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due February 19, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 19, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From January 20 to February 19, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From February 20 to March 19, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From March 20 to April 17, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After April 17, 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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Experience Points: This tour earns 127 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 February 19.

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