

# MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

August 2026



St. John's

## A comprehensive tour of all four Atlantic Provinces

2026 will be the 49<sup>th</sup> year that Wells Gray has offered Maritimes tours! All our hotels, attractions, and restaurants are chosen carefully to ensure you have a memorable experience. We stay 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. Many hotel stays are for 2 or 3 nights, so you do not have the inconvenience of repacking your suitcase every morning. To reduce driving time, we fly to Halifax and return from St. John's, NL. Come and see the wonderful Atlantic Provinces!



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

### ▶ Departure from

- ① **BC Interior:** August 17, 2026 - 24 days
- ⑤ **Vancouver Island:** August 17, 2026 - 24 days
- ① **Lower Mainland:** August 17, 2026 - 24 days

### ▶ Fares per person

- ① from **\$10,095** double/twin, **\$12,275** single\*
- \*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

### ▶ Earn 257 Experience Points



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# DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking.

**I BC Interior:** We fly from Kelowna to Halifax on Monday, August 17 and return to Kelowna from St. John's on Wednesday, September 9. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

**V Vancouver Island:** We fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Halifax on Monday, August 17. We return to Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox from St. John's on Wednesday, September 9.

**Departure from Victoria:** Depending on the number of people booked and coach size, home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

**Departure from Up-Island:** Transportation to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. While we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox Airport at the time of booking.

**L Lower Mainland:** We fly from Vancouver to Halifax on Monday, August 17. We return to Vancouver from St. John's on Wednesday, September 9.

**Departure from Vancouver:** Home pickup in the Greater Vancouver Area can be arranged at the time of booking.

**Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack:** Transportation to/from Vancouver Airport is not provided.

## FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
<b>I BC Interior</b>	<b>\$10,095</b> double/twin <b>\$12,275</b> single	
<b>V Vancouver Island</b>	<b>\$10,195</b> double/twin <b>\$12,375</b> single	• Please add 5% GST.
<b>L Lower Mainland</b>	<b>\$10,145</b> double/twin <b>\$12,325</b> single	

Charlottetown

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## ▶ Meals

- **38 total:** 17 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 9 dinners

## ▶ Transportation

- Transfers between Kelowna, Victoria or Vancouver Airport and the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, & Greater Victoria Areas
- Flights from Kelowna, Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, or Vancouver to Halifax & return from St. John's
- Current air taxes & security fees
- 1 checked bag per person
- Transfer from Halifax airport to hotel
- Coach transportation for 22 days
- Bay of Fundy ferry from Digby to Saint John
- Ferry from PEI to Nova Scotia
- Ferry from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland
- Transfer from St. John's hotel to airport

*While we prioritize convenient flight connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability.*

## ▶ Accommodation

- 23 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at most hotels

## ▶ Key Highlights

- 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
- Guided walking tour of Lunenburg
- Locally-guided sightseeing in Saint John
- Historic Algonquin Hotel with lunch
- King's Landing Historic Village with guides

- Hopewell Rocks
- Walking tour of Charlottetown historic district
- *Anne of Green Gables* at Confederation Centre
- Locally-guided Prince Edward Island tour
- Green Gables Heritage Place
- Prince Edward Island National Park
- Restored ship Hector
- Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- Fortress of Louisbourg with guided tour
- Cape Breton Miners Museum
- Sharecroppers show at Corner Brook
- Gros Morne National Park
- Bonne Bay boat tour with Screech-In
- St. Anthony entertainment by Wade Hillier
- Grenfell House
- L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site
- Deer Lake entertainment by Tuff
- Insectarium
- Botwood Flying Boat Museum
- Beothuk Centre
- Prime Berth Fishing Museum
- Long Point Lighthouse
- Terra Nova National Park
- Cape Spear National Historic Site
- Locally-guided sightseeing in St. John's
- Signal Hill National Historic Site

*Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.*

## ▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guides, museum docents, & boat crew in the Maritimes & Newfoundland
- **Note:** Gratuities for drivers are **not** included

## ▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director





Peggy's Cove

## ITINERARY

### Monday, August 17

We fly to **Halifax** and there is a four-hour time zone change. We stay three nights downtown.

**Accommodation:** Cambridge Suites Hotel

### Tuesday, August 18

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

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Cambridge Suites Hotel

### Wednesday, August 19

We visit the **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic** which has an exhibit 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 the 19<sup>th</sup> century and to sample the local beer. **The Halifax Citadel National Historic Site** is 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.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Cambridge Suites Hotel

### Thursday, August 20

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 wonderful Fisheries Museum, housed in two historic vessels and five waterfront buildings, and take a guided walking tour.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville

### Friday, August 21

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 crops and apple orchards. We ride the midday ferry from Digby across the **Bay of Fundy** to Saint John, New Brunswick. A local guide shows us around **Saint John** with a stop at Reversing Falls. Our overnight stay is at the Delta Hotel, located in historic Market Square.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Delta Saint John Hotel

### Saturday, August 22

We travel along the Bay of Fundy to the quaint village of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. A lunch is served at the renowned **Algonquin Hotel** which dates to 1889 and established St. Andrews as Canada's first seaside resort. Later, we drive

# ITINERARY continued

## Saturday, August 22 continued

inland to the provincial capital, **Fredericton**, and stay two nights at the delightful 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.

**Meals included:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Lord Beaverbrook Hotel

## Sunday, August 23

At **King's Landing** on the Saint John River, we visit a restored village of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Lord Beaverbrook Hotel

## Monday, August 24

One of the best-known scenes of the Maritimes is **Hopewell Rocks** 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 remarkable **Confederation Bridge**. It was completed in 1997 and is 13 km long, consisting of 43 spans. The next three nights are at the Delta Hotel, Charlottetown's finest, located downtown on the waterfront.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Delta Prince Edward Hotel

## Tuesday, August 25

There is free time today in **Charlottetown**. The waterfront beside the hotel is an appealing stroll and downtown shops are just along Queen Street. A walking tour is led by a local guide who has lots of stories about historic buildings such as Province House, the Legislative Assembly. **Anne of Green Gables** is synonymous with PEI and tonight we attend a performance of the beloved musical at the Confederation Centre of the Arts.

**Accommodation:** Delta Prince Edward Hotel

## Wednesday, August 26

A local guide is with us all day today to enhance our visit to **Prince Edward Island**. Some highlights are Cavendish Beach in PEI National Park, the **Green Gables Heritage Place**, Covehead Lighthouse, and the grounds of Dalvay-by-the-Sea, a 30-room summer "cottage" built in 1895 by a wealthy American. In North Rustico, we savour a traditional **dinner of fresh lobster** served at Fisherman's Wharf!

**Meals included:** Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Delta Prince Edward Hotel

## Thursday, August 27

We ride the ferry from PEI 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.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Gisele's Auberge Inn, Baddeck

## Friday, August 28

A local guide joins us for the drive along the **Cabot Trail** through Cape Breton Highlands National Park, one of Canada's most awesome coastal highways. Along this rugged shoreline, there are several stops for interpretive walks. We continue to **Sydney** for a two-night stay.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Simon Hotel

## ITINERARY continued

### Saturday, August 29

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 reconstructed in the 1960s and ranks as the largest restoration project in North America. A Parks Canada docent leads a walk. This afternoon, we are at 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.

**Meals included:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Simon Hotel

### Sunday, August 30

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

**Accommodation:** Glynmill Inn

### Monday, August 31

This is a free day. Take a stroll around Glynmill Pond or into downtown Corner Brook. After dinner, we are entertained by **The Sharecroppers**, a Newfoundland folk trio who sing and tell stories about the province's unique culture.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Glynmill Inn

### Tuesday, September 1

The remote **Viking Trail** also 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** protects a wilderness of deep fjords and coastal beaches. Our first experience is the **Bonne Bay boat tour** which provides views of the tablelands of Gros Morne. Newfoundland's traditional welcome is on board with a **Screech-in Ceremony** (will you kiss the cod?). Near Rocky Harbour, we visit Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse, built in 1897 and still flashing its warning light across the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head

### Wednesday, September 2

We admire more coastal scenery along the Viking Trail. We stay two nights in **St. Anthony**, near the tip of the Northern Peninsula. After dinner, there is musical entertainment by Wade Hillier.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel North

### Thursday, September 3

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. The afternoon is devoted to **L'Anse aux Meadows** where we explore the reconstructed sod houses and artifacts from Leif Eriksson's Viking expedition to "Vinland" about the year 1000.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel North

# ITINERARY continued

## Friday, September 4

We retrace our route along the Viking Trail, stopping at the Arches to see the waves eroding the seashore and Broom Point to learn about the Newfoundland fisherman's lifestyle (if open). Entertainment is presented by Tuff.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express, Deer Lake

## Saturday, September 5

In Deer Lake, we visit the **Insectarium** which displays thousands of insect species (mounted and live) along with a butterfly conservatory and beehive. **Botwood** is home to the amazing Flying Boat Museum which commemorates the years between 1937 and 1945 when the giant Pan American clippers stopped here during trans-Atlantic flights. We stay two nights in **Gander**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Comfort Inn Gander

## Sunday, September 6

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, the story told by the musical *Come From Away*. 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 lifestyles of the Newfoundland fishermen; the **Beothuk Centre** which interprets these vanished native people and their culture; and the Long Point Lighthouse, built in 1876 on a high bluff above the sea.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Comfort Inn Gander

## Monday, September 7

Our 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 lighthouse keepers. **St. John's** is our last destination and we stay two nights at the Delta Hotel in the city centre. Tonight is our farewell gathering with a traditional Jigg's Dinner.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Delta St. John's Hotel

## Tuesday, September 8

A morning tour with a local guide visits St. John's highlights such as the **Cabot Tower** atop Signal Hill, Confederation Building, the colourful Jellybean Row Houses, and Quidi Vidi Battery. The afternoon is at leisure.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Delta St. John's Hotel

**Wednesday, September 9** We fly home from St. John's.



Confederation Bridge

# ACTIVITY LEVEL & TOUR SIZE



## Activity Level 3

**High Activity:** You are an active traveller who wants to explore wherever you go. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can walk longer distances, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground,

beaches or shorelines; climb in and out of small boats without assistance; walk on docks which may have steep ramps at low tide; stand for prolonged periods; and climb 3 flights of stairs easily and unassisted. There is lots of walking at the Halifax Citadel, Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, King's Landing, Fortress of Louisbourg, and the historic district of Charlottetown. There is a multi-storey flight of stairs down to the beach at Hopewell Rocks, but you can see the Rocks from the top. Expect walks of 3 blocks (15 mins each way) to and from the Grafton Theatre in Halifax and Confederation Centre in Charlottetown. 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. Luggage handling may not be available at some hotels. Keep in mind that this is a 24-day tour which can be tiring.

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices; hiking poles are fine. Additionally, this tour is not appropriate for those who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost. 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 will probably not cover you.

**Please note:** Prior to accepting your booking, you will be required to [sign a declaration](#) that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour.



## Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.

## TOUR NOTES

**Please book early!** Maritimes & Newfoundland is a popular tour destination. Many tour companies from around the world offer it and want the same deluxe hotels that we book. Because of the demand, those preferred hotels have strict policies about our commitment to the number of rooms needed and will cancel rooms from our original reservation if they can sell the rooms to other visitors. If this happens, we have to consider the tour full, even though seats are available on the motorcoach. Therefore, waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait until next year."

**Flight seating:** We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction of \$900 and book your own flight which allows seat selection. You can also use this option if you want to redeem airline points.

**Flight upgrades:** Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights to Halifax and return from St. John's. Premium economy and business class may be available.

**Flight delays or cancellations:** In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather or other reasons, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for flight delays.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

**Only 40 travellers:** This tour is limited to only 40 travellers in 2026. Early booking is recommended, as there is always a waiting list.

# TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$800 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due May 14, 2026. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level 3 Declaration, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to April 14, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From April 15 to May 14, the cancellation charge is \$400 per person. From May 15 to June 12, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From June 13 to July 14, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After July 14, there is no refund.

**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 for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in Canada, but medical costs can vary wildly from one province to another. While your BC Services Card may partly cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included.

Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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**Experience Points or E-points:** This tour earns 257 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until May 14, 2026.

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