

NOVA SCOTIA NOVELTIES

October 2026



Cabot Trail

Discover the best of the Maritimes on this unforgettable journey through scenic Nova Scotia, complete with fall colours. You will begin on beautiful Cape Breton Island where you will explore the historic grounds of the Fortress of Louisbourg, hear powerful stories at the Glace Bay Miners Museum, and settle into Baddeck for three welcoming nights. You'll board a boat and glide across the sparkling Bras d'Or Lake, taking in the calm water and highland scenery as it surrounds you. Then, you'll follow the spectacular Cabot Trail, where every turn brings a new burst of colour and breathtaking views. You'll tap your toes to world-class music at the Celtic Colours Festival, stroll vineyard rows in the Annapolis Valley, and move through the historic Acadian landscape of Grand-Pré. At Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg, you'll roam iconic coastlines and colourful streets before concluding your adventure in lively Halifax, exploring maritime history, the Citadel, and Pier 21.

Come and discover Nova Scotia novelties with Wells Gray Tours!



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** October 7, 2026 - 11 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** October 7, 2026 - 11 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** October 7, 2026 - 11 days

► Fares per person

- ❶ from **\$5,925** double/twin, **\$6,800** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Early Booking Bonus

\$300 on first 12 seats; **\$150** on next 8.

► Earn 152 Experience Points



Providing Quality Packaged Travel Since 1972

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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

I BC Interior: We depart on Wednesday, October 7 and fly from Kelowna to Sydney, Nova Scotia. We fly to Kelowna from Halifax on Saturday, October 17. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Wednesday, October 7 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Sydney, Nova Scotia. We fly home from Halifax on Saturday, October 17.

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 and 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 depart on Wednesday, October 7 and fly from Vancouver to Sydney, Nova Scotia. We fly to Vancouver from Halifax on Saturday, October 17.

Departure from Vancouver: Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack: No transportation is provided to and from Vancouver Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I BC Interior	\$5,925 double/twin \$6,800 single \$5,665 triple	
V Vancouver Island	\$6,075 double/twin \$6,950 single \$5,815 triple	• Please add 5% GST.
L Lower Mainland	\$5,975 double/twin \$6,850 single \$5,715 triple	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **20 total:** 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transfers between the Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria Airport & the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas
- Flights to Sydney, Nova Scotia
- Current air taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person
- Transfer from Sydney airport to hotel
- Coach transportation for 9 days
- Transfer from Halifax hotel to airport
- Flights from Halifax to Kelowna, Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, or Vancouver

▶ Accommodation

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

▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guides, museum docents, & boat crew

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

▶ Key Highlights

- Fortress of Louisbourg with guided tour
- Cape Breton Miners Museum
- Celtic Colours International Festival (2 or 3 evenings, schedule pending)
- Boat tour on Bras d'Or Lake
- Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- Hector Heritage Quay with restored ship Hector
- Grand-Pré National Historic Site
- Evangeline Beach
- Wine tasting at Lockett Vineyards
- Henningar's Farm Market
- Peggy's Cove
- Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic
- Guided walking tour of Lunenburg
- Harbour Hopper land & water tour of Halifax
- Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- Friends of the Public Gardens guided tour
- Maritime Museum with guides
- Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Attractions are subject to change. Please see [Tour Policies](#) for more information.

Activity Level 2



Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance. You can stand for prolonged periods, negotiate a variety of terrain including moderate hills comfortably, and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. At airports, you must handle your own luggage and often walk long distances. You may need to handle your own luggage at hotels if luggage service is not available. There is lots of walking at the Halifax Citadel, Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, and Fortress of Louisbourg. You can decline to go on the Glace Bay underground mine tour.

This tour is not appropriate for people who require the use of a walker. You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. The coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. 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.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.

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Wednesday, October 7

We fly to **Sydney**, Nova Scotia, and there is a four-hour time zone change.

Accommodation: Simon Hotel Sydney

Thursday, October 8

We begin our Atlantic adventure in the historic city of Sydney on Cape Breton Island. After a relaxed morning, we travel back to the 18th century at the **Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site**. This formidable French stronghold was built between 1720 and 1740, 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 evening, gather with fellow travellers for a "Welcome to Nova Scotia" dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Simon Hotel Sydney

Friday, October 9

We explore the rich industrial history of Cape Breton at the **Glace Bay Miners Museum**. On a guided tour, hear the powerful stories of generations of coal miners who worked beneath the Atlantic seabed, shaping the culture and economy of the region. We even descend into a mine tunnel with a retired miner as our guide. This afternoon, we drive along the scenic shores of Bras d'Or Lake to the charming village of **Baddeck** and stay three nights. This evening, experience the opening events of the renowned **Celtic Colours International Festival** where musicians from around the world gather to celebrate Cape Breton's vibrant Celtic traditions. The festival schedule is not yet announced and takes place all around Cape Breton. We may travel outside of Baddeck this evening to the opening ceremony.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Gisele's Auberge Inn

Saturday, October 10

We start with a unique perspective of **Bras d'Or Lake** during a scenic boat cruise. While gliding across these sheltered inland waters, designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, take in the sweeping highland scenery surrounding Baddeck. This afternoon, we visit the fascinating **Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site**. Although best known as the inventor of the telephone, Bell conducted important experiments here in aviation and hydrofoil boats. After dinner, enjoy another evening of lively Celtic music and culture during the Celtic Colours festival.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Gisele's Auberge Inn

Sunday, October 11

We experience one of North America's most celebrated scenic drives: the legendary **Cabot Trail**. With a knowledgeable local guide, we follow the winding coastal highway through the dramatic Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The route climbs along rugged cliffs with spectacular ocean vistas where whales, eagles, and moose may be spotted. This evening, we enjoy our last night of the Celtic Colours Festival (if scheduling allows).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Gisele's Auberge Inn

Monday, October 12

We cross the Canso Causeway to mainland Nova Scotia. We visit **Hector Heritage Quay** where a replica of the ship *Hector* commemorates the arrival of 200 Scottish Highland settlers in 1773. Their journey marked the beginning of large-scale Scottish immigration and helped shape Nova Scotia's culture. Continuing through picturesque farmlands, we arrive in the charming university town of **Wolfville**, set amid vineyards and orchards in the Annapolis Valley. This evening, enjoy a festive **Thanksgiving dinner** featuring local seasonal flavours.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Old Orchard Inn

Tuesday, October 13

Discover the poignant story of the Acadian people at **Grand-Pré National Historic Site**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here we learn about the Acadians—French settlers who transformed the tidal marshlands into fertile farmland before their tragic deportation by the British in 1755, remembered as the “Grand Dérangement.” Nearby, we pause at Evangeline Beach where huge **Bay of Fundy tides** shape the dramatic coastline. Continue to the vineyards of the **Annapolis Valley** for lunch and a tasting at Lockett Vineyards, known for its award-winning wines and iconic red telephone booth overlooking the valley. Before returning to Wolfville, browse local produce and treats at Hennigar’s Farm Market.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Old Orchard Inn

Wednesday, October 14

We explore two of Nova Scotia’s most picturesque coastal communities. First we visit the famous **lighthouse at Peggy’s Cove**, dramatically perched on wave-sculpted granite rocks overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the beautifully preserved town of **Lunenburg**, renowned for its colourful wooden buildings and maritime history. Founded in 1753 by German and Swiss settlers, Lunenburg became one of Canada’s most important shipbuilding centres. Enjoy a guided walking tour before visiting the engaging **Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic** where exhibits and historic vessels tell the story of the fishing heritage. Then we head into Halifax for a three-night stay.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Cambridge Suites Halifax

Thursday, October 15

After a leisurely morning, experience **Halifax** from land and water on the entertaining Harbour Hopper Tours, an amphibious vehicle that splashes from city streets into the harbour for a unique adventure. Afterwards step back in time at the imposing **Halifax Citadel National Historic Site**. The star-shaped hilltop fortress has guarded the city since 1749 and offers panoramic views of Halifax Harbour. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy Halifax’s waterfront shops, galleries, and breweries.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Cambridge Suites Halifax

Friday, October 16

We start with a guided stroll through the beautiful **Halifax Public Gardens**, a rare surviving example of a Victorian formal garden filled with ornate fountains, flower beds, and winding paths. Next we visit the Maritime Museum with exhibits on the Age of Sail, the Halifax Explosion, and artifacts from the ill-fated *RMS Titanic*. Later, we explore the **Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21** where one million immigrants first stepped onto Canadian soil. Celebrate your journey around Nova Scotia with a farewell dinner overlooking Halifax Harbour.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Cambridge Suites Halifax

Saturday, October 17

We fly from Halifax to BC and travel home.



Fortress of Louisbourg

TOUR NOTES

Please book early! Nova Scotia is a popular tour destination in the fall due to the Celtic festivals and fall colours. Because of the demand, some 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 another 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 \$700 and book your own flight which allows seat selection. You can also use this option if you want to redeem airline points. Please read our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information on taking the “No Flight” option.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the major flights to Sydney and return from Halifax. 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due July 28, 2026. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$300 discount on the first 12 seats and \$150 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 28, 2026.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 29, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From June 30 to July 28, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From July 29 to August 11, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. From August 12 to August 28, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After August 28, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to 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 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 a lot 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 152 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 July 28, 2026.

Consumer Protection BC Licences: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924, Victoria 65842

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