

Newfoundland



It's Yours to Discover

August 2-14th 2010

Ever wonder what makes Newfoundland so unique? This is your chance to discover why this island so very special. You'll see the rugged landscape and beautiful vistas. Hear of how their history and lives have been shaped by the sea. Feel the warmth of the people in their hospitality and welcoming ways. Experience their culture in music, song, theatre and yes, food. You'll have a Mug Up, be Screeched In, eat a Jig's Dinner and more...don't know what they are???

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Day 1 Halifax



Today you will check in to **Cambridge Suites Hotel** in downtown Halifax. The hotel is located at the foot of Citadel Hill minutes away from Spring Garden Road and a short walk to the Halifax Waterfront. Tonight you will meet your fellow travelers and Tour Director at your **"Welcome Dinner"**.

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Day 2

Halifax-North Sydney

This morning we start our "adventure" to Newfoundland. After crossing the **Canso Causeway**, the deepest causeway in the world (218 ft.) we will be on Cape Breton Island and will start to see the beauty of this island. We will pass along the shores of the beautiful Bras'dor Lakes and over the Seal Island Bridge on our way North Sydney. Tonight you will overnight in North Sydney (North Star Inn)

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Day 3

North Sydney -Corner Brook

This morning we board the ferry are scheduled for a 10am departure and cross the Cabot Strait (6 hour cruise) to **Port aux Basque, Newfoundland** and it's here you'll see why they call Newfoundland "The Rock". We will travel past the Tabletop Mountains and through the Codroy Valley arriving in Corner Brook at the **Glynmill Inn** early evening.

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Day 4

Corner Brook-Cow Head

This morning we will have a brief tour of the City with your local guide. Passenger rail travel stopped by 1969, but we will have the opportunity to visit and to explore the "**Newfie Bullet**" one of the narrow gauged trains (named in jest, because it was so terribly slow) that crossed the island years ago. Next we take a highway that was cut out of the solid rock formations in the scenic Humber Valley. Following along the Humber River to Deer Lake where we will start heading north on the Viking Trail . Passing through part of Gros Morne National Park (named after the barren mountain) to **Norris Point Look-off** for the beautiful view. Then to **The Shallow Bay Motel** our home for the next two nights.



Tonight we will be attending a performance of the **Gros Morne Theatre Festival** for some truly Newfoundland entertainment.

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Day 5

Gros Morne National Park

Today we will explore **Gros Morne National Park**. Gros Morne is a UNESCO World Heritage Site highlighting the formation of the earth. This area has become a geologist's paradise and a photographer's playground. Keep your eyes peeled for moose and your camera ready!



We will travel to Woody Point visiting **The Discovery Center** perched on the hillside overlooking beautiful Bonne Bay. After viewing **The Tablelands** we travel back to Rocky Harbour for our "home style" lunch. Then visit **Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse** which has marked the entrance to Rocky Harbour since 1897. It is here where you will learn how the sea has shaped the heritage of this small village. Then a visit to **Broom Point**.

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Day 6

Cow Head-St. Anthony's

This morning we visit **Port aux Choix** where you will learn about the very first settlers of this area. After our visit we will be stopping for **lunch**. We continue to travel along the rugged Northern Peninsula coastline passing the small communities and tiny fishing villages on the shores of the Strait of Belle Isle, with the Labrador coastline in the distance. This body of water is nicknamed "Iceberg Alley" because of the abundance of icebergs traveling through here in the Spring and early Summer. We arrive in St. Anthony's and visit **The Sir Wilfred Grenfell Museum** and home. It is here you will learn just how just one man made such a difference in so many peoples lives. Your home for tonight is **The Haven Inn**.

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Day 7

St. Anthony's-Hawkes Bay

This morning we will finish touring St. Anthonys visiting **L'Anse aux Meadows** where the Vikings landed and set up temporary residence in 1000 AD. After an early lunch we will then and make our way to Hawkes Bay and the **Torrent River Inn** where we will overnight.



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Day 8

Hawke's Bay- Grand Falls

We will make our way to Grand Falls today passing through Gros Morne and Deer Lake. Then head eastward on the Trans Canada Highway passing by Birchy Lake. This is where over 10,000 caribou crossed when migrating in Spring and Fall of the early 1900's. We will also see the Exploits River, the longest river in Newfoundland where in years gone by the Beothuk Indians (now extinct) used river as a highway to the Atlantic Ocean. We arrive in **Grand Falls** and **The Mount Peyton Inn** in late afternoon.

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Day 9

Grand Falls-Twillingate-Gander

This morning we travel to the tiny community of Twillingate and have a picture stop at the **Long Point Lighthouse**. Walk in front of the house for the view of the jagged coastline meeting the Atlantic for miles...it feels like you are sitting on the edge of the world. After **lunch** and visiting the **Twillingate Museum** we will make our way to **Gander**, it is here that during World War II Gander Airport functioned under a three way partnership, with British, Canadian and US Forces operating Maritime Patrol and convoy escort squadrons.

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Day 10

Gander-St. John's

Our first stop will be the **Gander Aviation Museum** then a brief stop the **Silent Witness Memorial** and on to **Terra Nova National Park** with a stop at **Visitors Centre** which sits on the edge of Newman Sound.

As we get closer to the capital city of St. John's you will see a definite change in the terrain. The last glaciers scoured the land and left very little soil, made a few ponds and left lots of glacial erratic rocks strewn over the landscape. Your home for the next 3 nights is **The Delta St. John's**, the perfect location to easily explore the downtown area of St. John's.

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Day 11

St. John's

This morning is our **St. John's City Tour** with a local guide. St. John's is a modern city with a difference; steeped in history, it has kept its character and charm. Since the 1500's this harbour has been visited by explorers, fishermen and tourists. Make sure to bring your camera to capture the panoramic view of the city

from **Signal Hill** where the last North American battle of the Seven Years War was fought. You will be amazed at the narrow entrance to this harbour. Really is. In the distance you will see Cape Spear. A great Kodak moment for sure!

The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore and discover this vibrant city. Maybe take a stroll along the waterfront or visit the shops on Water Street with many of them featuring locally handmade sweaters, works of art and crafts. Be sure to check out The Downhomer if you are looking for Newfoundland videos, books or music to take home with you.

Tonight perhaps take a short walk to George Street just minutes from our hotel. George is the most well known street in St. John's. Although a short street it is lined on either side with pubs and restaurants, many with local entertainment. Maybe find something to quench your thirst and chat with the locals.

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Day 12

St. John's

This morning we will visit the **Johnson Geo Centre** which is actually has been dug out of and has been built into the earth. It is here you will learn how the Earth formed. What causes volcanoes and earthquakes? Find out about the world of rocks, minerals, fossils, and geological time. See the Earth as you have never seen it before! A wonderful site not to be missed.



On our way to Bay Bulls this afternoon we will stop at **Cape Spear** the most Easterly Point in North America and **visit the lighthouse**. The lighthouse dates back to 1836 and is the oldest surviving lighthouse in Newfoundland.

We will then take The Irish Loop Road for Bay Bulls. It is here you will take a **Nature Cruise** to the



Witless Bay Ecological Reserve where you will learn about and may see humpback, minke or fin whales that live in this bay in the summer months. In addition to whales this is one of the largest concentrations of seabirds in the world. There are over 260,000 pairs of nesting **puffins** and it also has the 2nd largest colony of leach's storm petrels (620,000) along with razorbills, guillemots, murrens and kittiwakes to name a few.

Make sure to bring your camera and a hat (lots of birds)!!!

After our cruise we will go directly to our “special” **Farewell Dinner** right in Bay Bulls overlooking the water. What’s makes it special ? How about lobster for dinner and some local entertainment. Don’t worry if you don’t eat lobster there will be alternate meals for you to choose from.

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Day 13

St. John’s - Halifax

Today is the day we have to say “good-bye” to St. John’s and **fly back to Halifax**. There are some things you’ll be taking back home with you today that you didn’t pack and yet will always have....Memories of good times with old and newfound friends, of beautiful scenery, the music and the wonderful people of Newfoundland , memories to last you a lifetime. Newfoundland it was “Yours to Discover” and you did!

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Prices include Land & Air Halifax-Halifax, entrance fees to museums and parks, 12 Full Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners As well as the services of an experienced professional Tour Director. A deposit of \$250 is required when reserving this tour.

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| Triple | \$2589pp + tax |
| Double | \$2749pp + tax |
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