

CULTURE + WALKING

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, Bay of Fundy & Lunenburg



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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

Province of the Unexpected

In Nova Scotia, we keep imagining there's a National Geographic cameraman nearby. Every moment is so beautiful; it's hard to believe that no one is getting it on film. Consider the natural history. This is the place of 45-foot tides in the Bay of Fundy, great gatherings of whales, tumbled coastlines, and successions of migrating birds. Less predictably, this maritime province is a melting pot that never quite melted. The French Acadians you may know about, and the English—but what about the Greeks, the Gaels and the Germans? They're all here and they're all mad for festivals. The fishing villages are jigsaw puzzle-perfect...and absolutely authentic. Our walks range from candlelit tours of some of the oldest towns in North America, to spectacular coastal footpaths and woodland trails where the native Mi'kmaq (or Micmac) made their home for thousands of years. Atlantic currents make Nova Scotia milder than you may have realized and its northern latitudes make for extra long summer days perfect for enjoying.

DAY 1

HALIFAX / PEGGY'S COVE

- Visit Peggy's Cove
- Explore Halifax

You begin your journey in the vibrant city of Halifax, one of the first English settlements in Canada, and the second largest natural harbor in the world.

You venture for a short scenic drive over to Peggy's Cove. Known for its iconic lighthouse, you and your guide will trek along the beautiful coastline taking in the scenery and wildlife. The perfect introduction to your week.

You return to Halifax and step back in time as you stroll the quaint streets and explore the colorful history of Halifax. Your guide shares with you personal stories and historical anecdotes of the people and events that have shaped this city. You wind your way from the landmark Citadel, through Grand Parade, the Old South End and along the waterfront to Historic Properties.

OVERNIGHT: HALIFAX
MEALS: D

DAY 2

HALL'S HARBOUR / PORT ROYAL HISTORIC SITE

- Walk around the Grand Pré National Historic Site
- Wine tasting
- Tide time at Halls Harbour

The French Acadian settlers were the first Europeans to make their home in Nova Scotia. Then, for the next hundred years, the British and the French feuded over the area until the Acadians were ultimately expelled from Nova Scotia. This morning, a scenic walk atop Nova Scotia's famous dikes brings us to Grand Pré National Historic Site, a significant center of Acadian activity. While your guide recounts the tragedy and triumphant survival of the Acadian's pioneer life, you explore the memorial church, visit the 19th-century blacksmith and walk through the 14 acres of landscaped grounds with beautiful flower beds, ponds and old French willows.

After exploring Acadian culture, you make your way to our guide's favorite local winery for a tasting of their award-winning wines and vistas over the Minas Basin. Then it's off to Halls Harbour for a lobster lunch. You have the opportunity to experience a location where the world's highest tides come and go every six hours and lobsters are landed on a small community wharf and brought directly to the customers at this most famous lobster Pound.

You then travel to the Queen Ann Inn, in the charming town of Annapolis Royal, Canada's birthplace. Its history spans nearly four centuries, and fascinating remnants of history abound in over 150 historic sites and heritage buildings.

OVERNIGHT: ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 3

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

- Whale-watching adventure

- Walk along Brier Island

The Digby Neck—a narrow peninsula separating St. Mary's Bay from the Bay of Fundy—is one of the most recognizable geographical landmarks in Nova Scotia. Known for its rugged coastline, it also has high ridges, spongy bogs and expansive ocean views. Two short ferry rides bring us to Brier Island where it's all aboard for an exhilarating whale watching excursion in the Bay of Fundy. The rich feeding grounds make the Bay of Fundy one of the world's most accessible sites for viewing marine mammals and one of the marine wonders of the world. Every summer many different varieties of whales (Humpback, Minke, Fin and North Atlantic Right Whales) come to the Bay of Fundy to mate, play and feast on the bountiful supply of food, and we have a great vantage point from which to see them.

After lunch, you follow one of our favorite coastal trails where you view the spectacularly rugged scenery of this wild island. This area of the island is made up of volcanic rock with large veins of semiprecious stones like Jasper, Agate and Amethyst. On foot, you explore the Brier Island bogs to view the rare flora of the island, including the delicate orchids and other colorful wildflowers. As the peninsula is located along the Atlantic Flyway—a major migration route for many species of seabirds, shorebird and waterfowl—you have a unique opportunity to do some excellent birding. You also have a chance to catch a glimpse of the resident seals and other marine life that inhabit the island's craggy shores.

In the late afternoon, you return to Annapolis Royal for dinner and rest after an exhilarating day. After dinner, if you'd like, join our guide for a candlelight walk through the oldest 17th-century cemetery in Canada, where you learn all about the famous residents and their role in the town's history.

OVERNIGHT: ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 4

KEJIMKUJIK / LUNENBURG

- Wander in historic gardens
- Travel along the woodland trails
- Fishing village visit

After breakfast, you cross the street from your inn and visit Annapolis Royal's beautiful Historic Gardens overlooking a tidal river valley.

Late morning, you turn east and head inland to Kejimkujik National Park. Covering 381 square kilometers of island lakes and forests, and located in the heart of south-central Nova Scotia, Kejimkujik is a world away from coastal Nova Scotia. For thousands of years, the native Mi'kmaq Indians canoed along these connecting waterways, and set up hunting and fishing camps along the shores. Join your guide on one of our favorite woodland trails and pass wetlands and lakes that offer wonderful birding opportunities, or spend the afternoon relaxing on Merrymakedge Beach or swimming in the warm waters of Kejimkujik Lake.

Midday, you enjoy a picnic lunch just steps from beautiful Mill Falls. A short drive then brings you to the charming town of Lunenburg, the first British Colonial settlement in Nova Scotia outside of Halifax. Today this quaint fishing village is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

DAILY ITINERARY

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where the streets of Old Town still follow the original town plan of 1754. Lunenburg has a host of exceptional restaurants. Dinner is on your own this evening so you can sample a variety of regional specialties from the sea and some of Lunenburg's traditional recipes like Solomon Gundy and Lunenburg Pudding.

OVERNIGHT: LUNENBURG

MEALS: B, L

DAY 5

LUNENBURG

- Experience Lunenburg
- Go sailing on a classic ship
- Examine the Blue Rocks

After breakfast, join us for a fascinating walk through charming Lunenburg. Along the way, we learn about the beautiful architecture and history of this colorful village. Our walk culminates at the hilltop site of the Lunenburg Academy, a masterpiece for its wooden structure and Victorian design.

For an easygoing afternoon, we'll board the Eastern Star, a classic 48-foot wood ketch. Sails unfurled, you'll taste the salt air and get a wonderful feel for life on the sea. Our route gives us a chance to spot lighthouses and to take in a view of Lunenburg's historic waterfront. We're also likely to spot porpoises and seals along the way.

Back on shore, an afternoon walk takes us Blue Rocks, so named because of the rugged slate rock that takes on a blue hue in the afternoon light. As we walk, our guide shares the unique history of these tiny seafaring villages and the thousands of shipwrecks that have taken place off of their rugged shores.

OVERNIGHT: LUNENBURG

MEALS: B, D

DAY 6

MAHONE BAY / HALIFAX

- Stop at Mahone Bay
- Meet local artisans
- Departure

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast we make our way back to Halifax. A pause at Mahone Bay, a working arts and crafts center, offers a final opportunity to view some of the local artisans at work creating masterpieces of pewter and pottery.

Midday, we part company in Halifax.

MEALS: B



DAILY ITINERARY

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Tour Hotels



Prince George Hotel

World-class hotel in the heart of downtown Halifax. For your convenience hotel is connected to The Downtown Halifax Link, a convenient network of climate-controlled pedways that link together various entertainment venues and buildings.

OVERNIGHT: | NIGHTS: 1



Queen Anne Inn

In the heart of Annapolis Royal, this elegant inn was built in 1865 as a wedding gift for a wealthy merchant's son. The grand staircase leads to gracious guestrooms delightfully furnished with antiques, paintings and beautiful bathrooms.

OVERNIGHT: ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, NOVA SCOTIA | NIGHTS: 2



The Mariner King Inn

Dating back to 1830, this colorful and historic inn is actually a collection of three Victorian style homes in the heart of Lunenburg. A recent renovation updated the accommodations to blend contemporary décor and amenities with warm, classic details.

OVERNIGHT: LUNENBURG | NIGHTS: 2

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Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
July 12-17, 2020	\$3,495	\$4,090
August 9-14, 2020	\$3,495	\$4,090
September 6-11, 2020	\$3,395	\$3,990
July 11-16, 2021	\$3,595	\$4,190
August 8-13, 2021	\$3,595	\$4,190
September 5-10, 2021	\$3,495	\$4,090

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE to learn more about private journeys.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 6 Days, 5 Nights

START: 1:00 PM Lobby of Prince George Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

END: 12:00 PM Halifax Prince George Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate on good trails, always with mini-van support.

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 5 nights
- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Perfect Pairings Dinners**
- **Invisible Check-In**
- **Wine on Us**
- **Privileged Access Events**

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AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to a [whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

**Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

THE Classic Journeys Difference

HANDCRAFTING TRIPS OF A LIFETIME.



At the end of the day, we fundamentally believe that every guest on every departure of every trip should have a trip of a lifetime. We're fortunate to play the role of well-connected friend, linking our guests with amazing guides, artisans, winemakers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, naturalists, and too many others to list here.

That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

President & Founder



You can expect the highest standards:



Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in Nova Scotia...

- Strolling in historic Annapolis Royal and Lunenburg
- Walking the spectacular forest and coastal trail to Hall's Harbour for a lobster boil
- Spotting humpback, minke or right whales on a boating excursion
- Sleeping in historic properties, including a Victorian mansion in Annapolis Royal
- Connecting with local culture through Renaissance man and expert local guide, Michael, who is also one of Canada's most famous chefs

"Our guide was delightful! The trip was a good combination of exercise and learning about the local culture."

—Stephen & Diane E., Lutherville, MD

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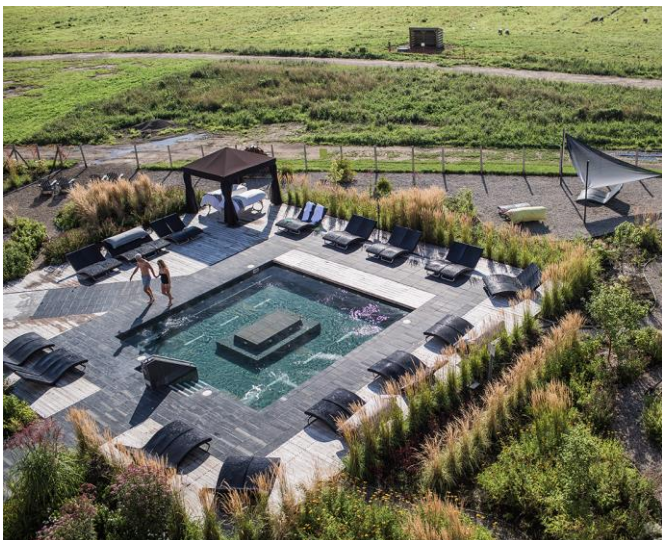
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“Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.

Congratulations! How did you get the news?

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



How can you top this?

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

"I voted for you!"

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

STAFF AND GUIDES

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

ACTIVITIES

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

ACCOMMODATIONS

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

FOOD

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

OVERALL VALUE

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

Final thoughts?

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.