

Halifax, Bay of Fundy & Lunenburg

Nova Scotia Cultural Walking Adventure

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Province of the Unexpected

In Nova Scotia, we keep imagining there's a National Geographic adventure travel 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 travel 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

- Stroll through Nova Scotia's charming capital city of Halifax
- Visit the iconic lighthouse and picturesque village at Peggy's Cove

You'll begin your journey in the vibrant city of Halifax, one of the first English settlements in Canada and home to one of the largest natural harbors in the world. With fascinating historic sites, picturesque parks, and a bustling downtown, Nova Scotia's capital is a beautiful port city waiting to be explored. As your guide shares personal stories and historical anecdotes of the people and events that have shaped this city, you'll stroll together towards the landmark Citadel, with its famous Halifax Town Clock, and continue through Grand Parade and the Old South End before taking in the shops and live music along the waterfront boardwalk.

Leaving Halifax, you'll make a short scenic drive over to Peggy's Cove. Located on the eastern shore of St. Margaret's Bay in a quaint fishing village, you can't miss its iconic lighthouse. Built in 1915, it continues to keep boats safe along the rocky shoreline while also providing the backdrop for the most photographed lighthouses in Nova Scotia (and there are over 160 of them). After snapping some pictures and learning about its maritime history, enjoy walking the beautiful coastline and taking in the scenery and wildlife. Afterward, enjoy dinner in the charming town before settling into Lunenburg, a fantastic little fishing village dating to 1754.

Overnight: Lunenburg

Meals: D

DAY 2

LUNENBURG

- Experience Lunenburg on a guided cultural and architectural walk
- Walk along the nature trails and into sea caves

Lunenburg is one of only two urban UNESCO sites in North America and as you explore it on foot at eye level you'll experience first-hand why this port town is so special. One reason is the unique and quirky look of the architecture that owes its origins to the many shipbuilders who lived in Lunenburg and applied their skills to their homes. The result is that each house has its own carefully chosen color and design. While the colorful wooden buildings and street signs are photogenic, that's not all that Lunenburg offers on your morning walk.

The history of this area offers a fascinating backdrop to the coastal scenery, as the French Acadian settlers were the first Europeans to make their home in Nova Scotia. Then, for the next hundred years, the British and French feuded over the area until the Acadians were ultimately expelled from Nova Scotia. You'll make your way on foot from the hilltop site of the Victorian-era Lunenburg Academy and literally walk through history. Once you've arrived in town, with its rich collection of art galleries and shops, you'll have the opportunity with your guide to spend time with some of the local potters and pewtersmiths as they explain their craft as well as to explore on your own.

After lunch in town, follow your guide on an unforgettable eco-adventure, walking along scenic nature trails and into iconic sea caves for which this coastline is famous. Learn about the fascinating gold rush history, unique geology and diverse coastal environment as you enjoy the beautiful sea cliff trail and marvel at the resounding boom created as the waves enter the caverns.

Overnight: Lunenburg

Meals: B, D

DAY 3

LAHAVE VALLEY / LUNENBURG HARBOR

- Cross the LaHave River on one of the last remaining cable ferries in Nova Scotia
- Beachcomb along the scenic Green Bay coastline
- Sail a 48-foot wooden ketch to spot porpoises and seals

Today's aquatic adventures will take you along the waterfront, over a river, and onboard a sea-worthy vessel. Following the coastline in Nova Scotia means looping around headlands that jut into the sea, and then inland as you trace the edge of scenic estuaries. Occasionally, there is a way around that, and you experience it firsthand this morning as you come to the winding LaHave River. Here, the LaHave Ferry is one of the last remaining cable ferries in Nova Scotia. On a five-minute crossing, you'll get a perfect 360-degree view of life on the river. Just after the crossing, three of the most beautiful beaches in Nova Scotia overlook the LaHave Islands, just offshore. Take your time enjoying the coastal scenery and beachcombing along the Green Bay coastline.

After a lunch of local specialties hand-selected by your guide, who is also one of Canada's most famous chefs, you'll sail together on the Eastern Star, a classic 48-foot wooden ketch. Sails unfurled, you'll taste the salt air and get a wonderful feel for life on the sea. This leisurely route offers the chance to count the many lighthouses that dot the coast, as you take in the picture-perfect view of Lunenburg's historic waterfront. It's smooth sailing ahead, as you're also likely to spot porpoises and seals along the way, so be sure to have your camera ready.

Overnight: Lunenburg

Meals: B, L

DAY 4

KEJIMKUJIK NATIONAL PARK

- **Spot wildlife along woodland trails in Kejimikujik National Park**
- **Savor a lobster roll picnic on Merrymakedge Beach**
- **Wander the manicured landscape of Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens**

Fueled from breakfast this morning, you'll head inland to Kejimikujik National Park. Covering more than 150 square miles of lakes and forests, and located in the heart of south-central Nova Scotia, Kejimikujik is a world away from coastal Nova Scotia. For thousands of years, the Mi'kmaq First Nations canoed along these connecting waterways, setting up hunting and fishing camps along the shores. Join your guide for a leisurely walk along woodland trails passing wetlands and lakes that offer wonderful birding opportunities. After a private picnic lunch on Merrymakedge Beach, you'll make the short drive to Annapolis Royal.

After settling into your accommodations, you'll have the chance to visit Annapolis Royal's Historic Gardens overlooking a tidal river valley. These picture-perfect gardens represent more than four hundred years of local history and showcase unique landscaped designs and diverse gardening methods throughout 17 acres. Be sure to stop and smell the roses in the famed Rose Collection, boasting thousands of fragrant and colorful blossoms.

After dinner, if you'd like, join your guide for a memorable candlelit walk through a 17th-century cemetery. Keep your eyes peeled for the oldest English tombstone in all of Canada, marked in 1720.

Overnight: Annapolis Royal

Meals: B, L

DAY 5

DIGBY NECK / BRIER ISLAND

- **Ferry to the Bay of Fundy for a memorable whale-watching excursion**
- **Enjoy a seaside stroll with excellent birding opportunities on Brier Island**

The Digby Neck is a narrow peninsula separating St. Mary's Bay from the Bay of Fundy. Known for its rugged coastline, it also has high ridges, spongy bogs and expansive ocean views. A short ferry ride brings you to an exhilarating whale-watching excursion in the Bay's rich feeding grounds. Every summer many different varieties of whales come to the Bay of Fundy to mate, play and feast on the bountiful supply of food, and you'll have a great vantage point from which to see them.

After lunch, another short ferry ride leads to Brier Island, where your guide will lead you on a favorite coastal path through scenic stretches of volcanic rock with veins of semi-precious stones like jasper and amethyst. Explore the bogs to view the rare flora of the island, including orchids and other colorful wildflowers. The peninsula is a major stop on the Atlantic Flyway - the major migration route for many species of birds - so you'll have a unique opportunity to do some excellent birding. You're in for a real small-town experience too, as there are only 200 full-time residents on the entire island, and your visit ends at the island's general store and homemade ice cream parlor.

Overnight: Annapolis Royal

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL / HALIFAX

- **Browse the local shops and art galleries of Annapolis Royal**
- **Immerse yourself in the history of Port Royal on an insightful guided walk**

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, you'll have time to explore the historic town with its unique shops and art galleries before returning to Halifax. Along the way, you'll visit Port Royal and walk your way through one of the earliest European settlements established on the continent. A small party of French explorers established Port Royal in 1605, two years before

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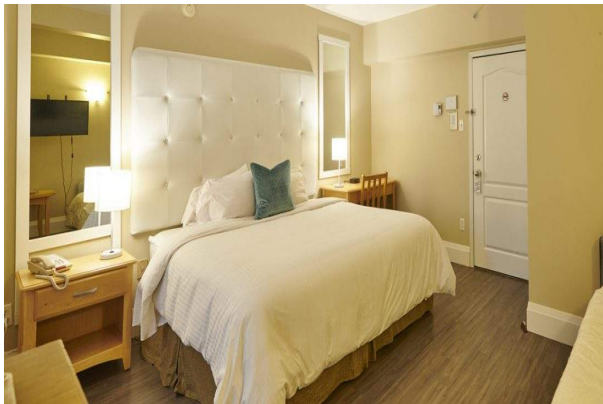
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the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia, three years before the founding of Quebec, and fifteen years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. One of Canada's first National Historic Parks, Port Royal continues to commemorate the important legacy of the region.

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



Smuggler's Cove Inn

Smuggler's Cove Inn is a privately owned historic inn located in the heart of Lunenburg. The spacious rooms offer views of Lunenburg's waterfront or town views surrounded by colorful historic buildings.

OVERNIGHT: Lunenburg | **NIGHTS:** 3



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

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH 6 Days, 5 Nights

START Lobby of Prince George Hotel, Halifax, NS, Canada

END Lobby of Prince George Hotel, Halifax, NS, Canada

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

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 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
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You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in Nova Scotia...

- Strolling in historic Annapolis Royal and Lunenburg
- Walking the spectacular lakes and forests of Kejimikujik National Park
- 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

"The hotels were good choices in giving us a feel for the area and its history."

-Andrew B., Cottonwood, AZ.