

CANADIAN Maritimes

featuring
Nova Scotia
New Brunswick
Prince Edward Island



Experience the maritime magic of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, where a magnificent, rolling landscape of green meets the brilliant blue of sky and sea. Delight in wild and rugged coastal scenery, spectacular bays, lush river valleys, scenic drives, blazing sunsets, and beautiful lighthouses, the sentinels of the sea. Stroll along the history-lined streets of charming fishing villages, bustling ports, and cosmopolitan cities. Immerse yourself in the unique cultures that thrive in the Canadian Maritimes: the First Nation people, French Acadians, Highland Scotsmen and Irishmen.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Two nights** in **Halifax** at the **Delta Barrington Hotel**.
- **Two nights** in **Saint John** at the **Hilton Saint John**.
- **Two nights** in **Charlottetown** at the **Great George**.
- **Two nights** in **Baddeck** at the **Auberge Gisele's Inn**.
- **One night** in **Wolfville** at the **Old Orchard Inn**.

Transportation

- Deluxe motorcoach transfers between Halifax, Saint John, Charlottetown, and Baddeck, including baggage handling.

Activities and Events

- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception** and a **Farewell Dinner**.

Meals

- Enjoy nine breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners; tea or coffee with all meals.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **AHI Travel Director** throughout your trip.
- A **Hospitality Desk**, staffed by local experts, conveniently located in your hotels to assist you in every way.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- **Tipping** of all guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Your exclusive **Small-Group experience** will accommodate a maximum of 28 travelers. In addition to granting access to venues not available to individual travelers, this limited number enables closer encounters with nature and direct interaction with local people.
- Immerse yourself in the culture and history of the Canadian Maritimes, as you visit **Nova Scotia, New Brunswick** and **Prince Edward Island**.
- Learn about the **cultural diversity** that influenced the region from the original First Nation people to the early settlers—French Acadians, Highland Scotsmen and Irishmen.
- Follow the **Lighthouse Trail** from the charming Peggy's Cove to **Lunenburg**, a UNESCO *World Heritage List* site.
- Embark on an exciting **whale-watching cruise** on the Bay of Fundy, one of the best places in the world to encounter migrating whales.
- See a **Celtic show** at the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada.
- Experience the scenic beauty of **Cabot Trail** on **Cape Breton Island**.

AIR PROGRAM

- Scheduled jet service.
- Deluxe motorcoach transfers between the airports and the hotels, including baggage handling at the hotels.
- All domestic and foreign governmental airport/departure taxes and fees.
- Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance for all passengers ticketed by AHI Travel, subject to policy terms.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ DEPART GATEWAY / HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Depart your gateway city for **Halifax, Nova Scotia**, aboard scheduled jet service. *(Provided for Air Program participants only.)*

Upon arrival, transfer to the **Delta Barrington Hotel**. *(Transfer provided for Air Program participants only.)*

This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a *Welcome Reception*.

DAY 2 ~ HALIFAX

Excursion: Halifax. Visit the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, showcasing the city's shipbuilding and seagoing eras. Visit the Public Gardens and the landmark Citadel. See scenic Peggy's Cove. Journey along the Lighthouse Trail to the UNESCO *World Heritage List* site of Lunenburg, the best surviving example of a planned British colonial settlement in North America.

DAY 3 ~ SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

Depart Halifax for Saint John. Travel through Annapolis Valley, the bread basket of Nova Scotia with its orchards, vineyards and breathtaking scenery. Ferry across the Bay of Fundy, one of the world's most dramatic coastlines. Upon arrival in **Saint John**, check into the **Hilton Saint John**.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a cooking demonstration at a local restaurant, followed by dinner.

DAY 4 ~ SAINT JOHN

Excursion: Bay of Fundy. Visit New Brunswick Museum to learn about the natural and cultural history of the province. Enjoy the scenic beauty of the Bay of Fundy before arriving in the fishing village of Shediac. Climb aboard a boat for dinner and a lesson on catching, cooking and cracking lobster.

DAY 5 ~ CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Depart Saint John for Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Excursion: Good Clean Fun.

En route, stop at the Olivier Soapery for a hands-on demonstration.

Excursion: Tartan Tunes. See a show at the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada.

Upon arrival in **Charlottetown**, check into **The Great George**.

DAY 6 ~ CHARLOTTETOWN

Excursion: Prince Edward Island.

Visit Cavendish National Park and the Anne of Green Gables House.

Celebrate the precocious redheaded girl in braids, the heroine of Lucy Maud Montgomery's first book, published in 1908. Journey to Rustico and its scenic harbor dotted with fishing boats.

DAY 7 ~ BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

Depart the hotel and ferry over to Nova Scotia. Enjoy a scenic drive on the isolated and craggy Cape Breton Island. Stop by the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site and learn about the young scientist who invented the telephone. Arrive in Baddeck, located on Bras d'Or Lake.

Upon arrival in **Baddeck**, check into the **Auberge Gisele's Inn**.

DAY 8 ~ BADDECK

Excursion: Cabot Trail. Indulge in a scenic journey along Cabot Trail, which climbs and descends the promontory of Cape Smokey. Enjoy panoramic views. Visit St. Peter's Church, fishing villages, Neil's Harbour and Ingonish.

DAY 9 ~ WOLFFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA

Excursion: Grand-Pré National Park. Discover Nova Scotia's Acadian heritage and culture at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site. Visit the commemorative center, which showcases a 17th-century Acadian settlement. Learn how the Acadians converted saltwater marshes into productive farmland.

Tonight, gather with fellow traveler's for a *Farewell Dinner*.

DAY 10 ~ RETURN

Transfer to the Halifax airport for the return flight(s) to your gateway city. *(Provided for Air Program participants only.)*

NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motorcoach.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Delta Barrington Hotel **Halifax**

Located in the heart of downtown Halifax on the Link walkway system, the hotel offers fine dining and relaxation venues; a health club; indoor heated pool, whirlpool, sauna; concierge; laundry; and a business center. Each luxurious room has a private bath, Internet access, television, minibar, hair dryer, clock radio, coffee/tea maker.

Hilton Saint John **Saint John**

Situated on the harborfront at the foot of historic King Street, the hotel has a walking track, pool, fitness room, pool table, a fine restaurant, harborside lounge and a seasonal patio. Each spacious room has a private bath, hair dryer, television, clock radio, telephone, and coffee maker.

The Great George **Charlottetown**

Nestled in the Great George Street National Historic District, this boutique hotel is comprised of a unique collection of lovingly restored heritage buildings. Amenities include a coffee shop, bar, 24-hour fitness facility and concierge. Each room offers a private bath, hair dryer, television, telephone, radio, iron/ironing board, and Internet access.

Auberge Gisele's Inn **Baddeck**

At this fine country inn, enjoy warm Cape Breton hospitality, superb views overlooking the Bras d'Or Lake, landscaped gardens, gourmet dining, sauna, whirlpool, and gift shop. Beautiful, air-conditioned rooms feature private baths, hair dryers, televisions, telephones, wireless Internet, and coffee/tea makers.

Old Orchard Inn **Wolfville**

Ideally located in the scenic Annapolis Valley, the Old Orchard Inn offers two fine restaurants with panoramic views of Cape Blomidon, a lounge with access to a rooftop sundeck, spa, heated indoor pool, and sauna. Each elegant, air-conditioned room has a private bath, hair dryer, clock radio, satellite television, and telephone.



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