

N.S ADVENTURE (CUSTOMIZED TOUR)

8-day all-inclusive tour



Peggy's Cove Tour – Day #1 (August 20th, 2019)

Home to a year-round population of a mere 37 people, this little fishing village is one of the most photographed places in Canada. There is no shortage of history and eerie tales about this rugged exposed cove. Over the years the people here have had their share of ups and downs, including the tragedy of Swiss Air 111.

Join us as we venture through a landscape transformed some 12,000 years ago by glaciers. Hiking through the coastal barrens we will learn about the unique vegetation in this area and the wildlife that calls this stark landscape home. Keep your camera handy as you never know when you may spot a whale or seals playing just off the coast here.

1st night accommodations – Lunenburg

Lunenburg Tour – Day #2 (August 21st, 2019)

We start our tour at Hirtle Beach where our spectacular hike to Gaff Point begins. Our travels take us through a coastal forest and barren land as well as a number of coves where high rugged cliffs drop to the sea. A perfect place to spot whales and seals playing off the Atlantic coast as you pass your feet over petrified seafloor and fossilized ancient trees.

The second half of our day takes us to lovely Lunenburg. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995, Lunenburg is one of the premier places to visit when traveling to Nova Scotia.

With a rich history, unique architecture and brightly colored houses, this quaint little ocean side town will leave a lasting impression on you.

2nd night accommodations – Lunenburg

Bay of Fundy Tour – Day #3 (August 22nd, 2019)

Our day together we experience part of the Annapolis Valley region, where we will explore the coast of the world-famous Bay of Fundy. Here we have the chance to see the world's highest tides, flocks of seabirds and rugged sea cliffs. From towering volcanic sea cliffs near black in color to the red sandstone seabed of the Minas Basin, the sea here not only provides incredible scenery, but creates a diverse marine ecosystem which is home to an abundance of sea-life which provides a lucrative living for many families along its coast. If the tides play in our favor we will have the chance to walk on the ocean floor in search of precious rocks, sea shells and lost pirate treasure.

Back on land, the farming community here is alive and well! At the Farmers Market we mingle with locals selling their goods in the form of precious hand made delicacies, locally produced wines, art and fresh produce. Various local musicians frequent the market to entertain and set the scene for a welcoming community supported venue

3rd night accommodations – Bay of Fundy

Valley & Tidal Bore Tour – Day #4 (August 23rd, 2019)

A more leisurely more morning to rest our feet and enjoy the tastes of the valley in the form of fresh seasonally inspired dishes and local fine wines to tickle your taste buds. The view alone from the Crush Pad Bistro at the Lockett Vineyards will leave you speechless, compliment that with world-class. After lunch we head to the Shudenacadie River for a unique experience to Nova Scotia; ride the waves of the world's highest tides on the tidal bore. This is a wild wet ride with muddy waters that will leave your clothes in a mess, but your inner kid bagging for more! This is one experience you will remember for the rest of your life. We stay the night at the cabins located near the river enjoying making smores and memories around the fire under a blanket of stars.

4th night accommodations – Urbania

Baddeck, Cape Breton - Day # 5 (August 24th, 2019)

We are off to Cape Breton, in no time at all you'll see why Nova Scotia is referred to as New Scotland, as we drive past rolling hills and wind up at the door step of the Bras D'or Lakes and the base of "Salt Mountain – 2.5km". Here we hike to the summit following the moderate trail for incredible views of the lakes below, the surrounding hills and soaring eagles above the countryside. During the afternoon we enjoy a hike to "Usige Ban Falls – 3.5km." This hike leads us to a dramatic 50ft waterfall in the heart of the low highlands.

After our hike we head to the beautiful lakeside town of Baddeck. Here we will have a chance to stroll the lovely streets and shops and later catch a musical act after a fine meal at the Silver Dart Lodge where we rest our heads for the evening.

5th night accommodations – Baddeck

Cabot Trail, Cape Breton - Day #6

(August 25th, 2019)

After a healthy and filling breakfast we are off to start our adventurous day. We drive across the island toward to western side of Cape Breton, passing through mixed forest and through the Margaree Valley which is home to one of Canada's premier salmon rivers. Making a stop in the town of Cheticamp you will quickly notice the strong Acadian culture and presence. Many folks here still speak Acadian French and even dress in the traditional Acadian attire. We head out on the water for a whale watching tour which is **one of the best places in Canada to go whale watching**. Many species of whales can be seen in these rich waters including the Minke Whale, Humpback, Fin Whale and most frequently seen are the pods of Pilot Whales.

We continue on to the Highland's National Park, making frequent stops to take photos from the look offs of the highlands which rise from the ocean. There is no better way to see and experience Cape Breton then by foot. We hike the world famous **"Skyline Trail – 7km"** which follows the mountain ridge and offers incredible views of the surrounding highlands and the Bay of St. Lawrence which lies 1000ft below. Keep your eyes open for pods of Pilot Whales in the waters below and the parks largest land animal along the trail, the majestic Moose. Returning to the van we follow the "Cabot Trail" driving across the highlands to view an expanse of mountain plateaus and glacial valleys. Coming down the mountain we enter the valley town of Pleasant Bay where we head to the beach for a lobster dinner next to a fire and stunning sunset (weather permitting).

6th night accommodations – Baddeck

Cabot Trail - Day #7

(August 26th, 2019)

Waking up in Pleasant Bay is always a treat; really could this get any better? We'll yes it can! We fill up on a hearty breakfast and of course a hot coffee and tea. Crossing back over the mountains toward the east coast we head towards Cabot's Landing Beach Park. We spend some time at the 4 mile long beach where John Cabot was said to have first landed in 1497, hence giving the famous coastal drive the named "Cabot Trail".

A short drive brings us to our **sea kayaking** destination (weather permitting). From the cockpit of our sea kayaks we paddle the waters of the South Harbour lagoon where bald eagles are frequently seen. The water is so clear here you can even see fish swimming underneath your kayak. After lunch we keep their feet dry on land as we hike past the seaside village of **"White Point – 2.5km"** out onto the peninsula where pink granite cliffs rise from the sea. This location is a great place to spot eagles, whales and various seabirds.

After our hike we drive again to the beautiful village of Baddeck. This is where Alexander Graham Bell had built a summer home which still stands today overlooking the Bras D'or Lakes, also known as Canada's inland sea.

Alexander Graham Bell was quoted saying this about Cape Breton:

"I have travelled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian Rockies, the American Rockies, the Andes and the Alps and the Highlands of Scotland; but for simple beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all."

7th night accommodations – Baddeck

St Ann's Bay, Cape Breton - Day #8

(August 27th, 2019)

At the mouth of St Ann's Bay lies a set of rocky islands known as the Bird Islands. It is here we get a chance to experience Nova Scotia's largest Puffin colony (Mid June – Mid August), Eagles and Seals (Mid August – Mid September). Our boat operator and hosts are extremely knowledgeable and passionate about this incredible area and make this an unforgettable experience. *(Do not forget your camera for this tour) — Est 2006 —*

After our tour we continue our travels, making our way back to the mainland of Nova Scotia and saying farewell to Cape Breton. On our way back, we make a stop at the university town of Antigonish for a rest and share stories and photos of our amazing expedition, before returning back to the city of Halifax where we finish our 4-day long journey together.

Price includes: Transportation, Accommodations,
Tour Guide, Activities and Meals.

Total (private tour) = \$\$\$

Price based on double occupancy

Single occupancy additional \$\$\$ CAD (Please inquire prior to booking for availability)

Package inclusions:

- Professional Tour Guide
- Transportation
- 7 nights shared accommodations in local Inn's & Cabins
- 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners
- Provincial Park Fees
- Hike: Coastal Barrens, Gaff Point, Salt Mountain, Usige Ban Falls, Skyline Trail & White Point
- Activities: Wine tasting tour, Tidal Bore Rafting, Whale Watching, Sea Kayaking & Bird Islands Boat Tour

***Does not include guide gratuities, alcoholic beverages or items purchased during personal time.**

