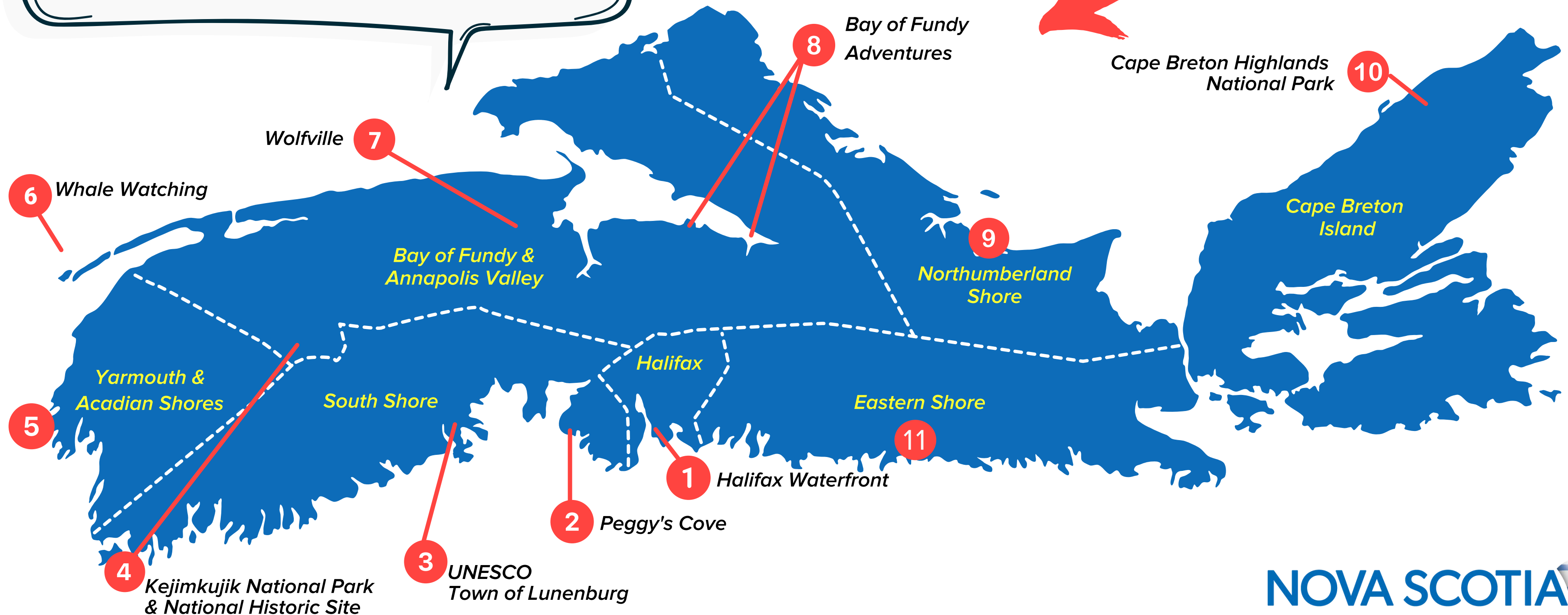


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# Welcome to the Halifax Waterfront

Walk along the Halifax waterfront boardwalk that follows the water's edge alongside the world's second largest ice-free harbour. Stretching from the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 – the gateway into Canada for over one million immigrants – to Casino Nova Scotia, you'll pass unique shops, restaurants, tour operators and a bustling working harbour.

Hop aboard the ferry, North America's longest running saltwater ferry, in fact, and cross the harbour to the Dartmouth side which is filled with more locally-owned shops, galleries, cafés, restaurants, and pubs.

## Historic Sites



Explore the history of Halifax by visiting the Halifax Citadel and Georges Island National Historic Sites, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, or the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

## Harbourfront Boardwalk



Nearly four-kilometre long harbourfront boardwalk is lined with shops, restaurants, cafes, and entertainment. From the boardwalk you can also find numerous tour options to explore the harbour.

## Downtown Halifax



Halifax is a very walkable city with many accommodations, restaurants and attractions located within the downtown core. Visit the cities North End where you find vibrant bars and restaurants, and local boutiques.

## Travel Tip

You can easily fill 2-3 days in Halifax. It's central location also makes it the perfect location to add a few more nights and enjoy day trips to many other iconic locations within an hour of Halifax such as Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, and the Annapolis Valley.

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Click to virtually explore the Halifax Waterfront



The Halifax Stanfield international Airport is located about 25 minutes from downtown Halifax.



You will find large branded hotels, as well as several smaller independent accommodation options.



Home to many options for waterfront dining, locally inspired restaurants and craft breweries.



There are numerous land and water based tour operators easily accessible from the Halifax Waterfront.

# Welcome to Peggy's Cove

Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, also known as Peggy's Point Lighthouse, is one of Nova Scotia's most well-known lighthouses and may be the most photographed in Canada. Located in the quaint fishing village of Peggy's Cove, along the South Shore, Peggy's Point Lighthouse was built in 1915.

Peggy's Cove is famed for its picturesque and typically East-Coast profile, with houses perched along a narrow inlet and on wave-washed boulders facing the Atlantic Ocean. Although this unique environment has been designated a preservation area, it is still an active fishing community.

## Lighthouse



Nova Scotia is home to over 160 historic lighthouses and these majestic beacons can be found throughout the province.

## Artisan Galleries



There are a number of accomplished artists based in Peggy's Cove. Browse the shops and galleries located throughout the village.

## Fresh Seafood



The restaurants and cafes in this area offer the freshest Nova Scotia seafood. Lobster is the specialty, but don't miss a feed of mussels or a meal featuring the wonderful fresh St Margaret's Bay haddock.

## Travel Tip

In a regular travel season Peggy's Cove is a popular bus tour destination. If possible, we recommend you schedule your visit for first thing in the morning or late afternoon when it's less busy.

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Click to virtually explore Peggy's Cove



Peggy's Cove is less than 1 hr outside of Halifax



A seasonal provincial Visitor Information Centre is located here, offering travel counselling services.



There are several small accommodations within the village, as well as the nearby Oceanstone Resort.



The safest way to enjoy the view is to make sure you are walking on dry, white rocks.

# Welcome to Lunenburg

Old Town Lunenburg is one of only two urban communities in North America designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Seventy percent of the original colonial buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries continue to greet visitors with their colourful façades.

Wander Old Town Lunenburg's distinctive waterfront with its historic buildings and listen for salty tales of seafaring and rum-running. Discover a charming town filled with amazing restaurants, distilleries, breweries, artisans and unique shops.

## Home of the Bluenose



You may recognize this famous vessel from the Canadian 10 cent coin. When in port visit this replica of the famous Original Bluenose schooner, launched in 1921.

## UNESCO Town



Lunenburg is the best surviving example of a planned British colonial settlement in North America. Established in 1753, it has retained its original layout and overall appearance,

## Seafaring History

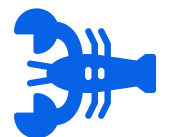


Learn of Lunenburg's seafaring History (and ship building heritage) by visiting the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic or explore the historic streets with Lunenburg Walking Tours

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Located along the South Shore, Lunenburg is just over an hours drive from Halifax.



Numerous waterfront restaurants offering locally inspired cuisine and fresh seafood



Lunenburg is home to beautiful historic inns and B&Bs



Book a walking tour where your guide will wow you with the equally colourful history of the town.

## Travel Tip

When travelling to or from Halifax, be sure to save some time to explore the charming town of Mahone Bay, located just 15 minutes outside of the town of Lunenburg.

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# Welcome to Kejimkujik National Park & National Historic Site

Generations of families have paddled, hiked, camped, and connected with nature and Mi'kmaw culture at Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site. When the sun sets, the skies over Kejimkujik reveal a beautiful panorama of tens of thousands of stars in Nova Scotia's only Dark Sky Preserve. Rock engravings known as petroglyphs, traditional encampment areas, and canoe routes attest to the presence of the Mi'kmaw people for thousands of years.

Kejimkujik National Park Seaside is a separate protected wilderness on the Atlantic coast where you can experience pristine white sand beaches, astounding turquoise waters, coastal bogs, abundant wildflowers, rich lagoon systems, and coastal wildlife.

## Camping at Keji



"Keji" offers a variety of camping experiences from front-country campsites and permanent roofed accommodations to backcountry sites only accessible by hiking, biking, or paddling.

## Explore by Water



The park offers some of the best paddling in Atlantic Canada. Canoe, kayak, or paddleboard waters travelled by the Mi'kmaq for thousands of years. Bring your own equipment or rent while at the park.

## Mi'Kmaw Culture



Check out the traditional encampments, ancient petroglyphs and the birch bark canoe building demonstrate to learn about the area's rich Mi'Kmaq history and culture.

## Travel Tip

It is easy to spend an entire day or more at Kejimkujik . If you don't plan to camp within the park, we suggest you plan to stay nearby, or overnight in Digby or along the South Shore to reduce your travel time.

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The only national park to also be designated a national historic site due to its cultural landscape



On site Parks Canada Visitor Centre to assist travelers in planning their visit in the park



Guided experiences, equipment rentals and camping outfitters located within the park



Parks Canada offers numerous programmed activities throughout the season

# Welcome to the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores

Acadian culture and life by the sea intersect in Yarmouth. From the grand sea captains' homes that line the streets and fishing boats in the harbour, to the fresh seafood served up at local restaurants, Yarmouth is a quintessential seaside town.

Perhaps the area is best experienced outdoors. Enjoy paddling along the waterfront or nearby lakes, taking a self-guided or guided walking tour, exploring the grounds at Cape Forchu Lighthouse, strolling the shops and cafes along Main Street, or dining waterside, overlooking the harbour.

## Dark Skies



Yarmouth's location is so perfectly suited for viewing the night sky that it has been designated a Starlight Reserve by the Starlight Foundation - the first in North America.

## Acadian Culture



The Acadian 'joie de vivre' is felt throughout the area - in the music and food, through the Acadian patois (dialect) heard as locals converse, and the Acadian flags that proudly adorn homes and businesses.

## Seafaring History



The most recognizable icon in Yarmouth is its "applecore lighthouse" at Cape Forchu. Explore the rugged landscape and take in the breathtaking views and sunsets. It is also a great location to take in the Dark Skies

## Click to experience the Yarmouth & Acadian Shores



Located in the most southwestern end of the province, approximately 3 hrs from Halifax.



A high speed passenger/vehicle ferry runs between Portland Maine, USA and Yarmouth



Accommodations include branded hotels, historic Inns and B&Bs



The region is home to the largest Acadian community in Nova Scotia

## Travel Tip

As Yarmouth is located at the southwestern tip of Nova Scotia, it allows you to do a perfect loop of South Western Nova Scotia from Halifax. Travel the South Shore on your way there and the Annapolis Valley on your return - or vice versa!

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# Let's go Whale Watching

The waters surrounding Nova Scotia are a popular summer feeding ground, nursery and play area for dozens of species including whales.

Your breath will be taken away when a whale breaches the ocean's surface, lunges out of the waves, and re-enters with a loud smack and plume of water. Summer into early fall is the best time of year to view whales off our rugged coastline. Find yourself aboard a whale watching tour with lively commentary and local tales as you watch for any of the 12 species of whales that visit our region each year.

## Brier Island



Due to its unique location at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, Brier Island is home to multiple whale watching operators. This tiny island is located about 90 mins from the town of Digby and can only be reached by taking 2 small ferries.

## Types of Tours



There are two types of tours available in Nova Scotia - travel onboard a Zodiac which accommodates smaller numbers and travels more quickly, or on a larger vessel which offers more stability and can host larger group sizes.

## Cape Breton Island



Tours are also available off the shores of Cape Breton Island. In addition to the whales, these tours offer stunning views of the Cabot Trail from the coastal waters.

[Click to experience Whale Watching](#)



Brier Island is located off the shores of Digby, and is the most popular whale watching destination



More than 12 species of whales have been spotted off the shores of Nova Scotia



All licensed tour operators follow national guidelines to respect the whales in their natural habitat

## Travel Tip

For safety reasons, whale watching tours are dependent on the weather conditions, ocean tides and wind direction. Before heading out to meet your tour, be sure to check ahead to confirm your tour is still scheduled to depart on time!

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# Welcome to Wolfville

Wolfville is located in the heart of the Annapolis Valley and is the epicentre of Nova Scotia's burgeoning wine scene, with eight wineries located within 10 km of the town's centre. This agricultural region filled with its dykelands, orchards and vineyards is also home to numerous craft breweries and cideries.

This charming university town has a lot to offer visitors from its historic attractions, locally inspired restaurants, unique shops and outdoor experiences.

## Visit the Wineries



Due to its unique climate, Wolfville is home to the highest concentration of wineries in Nova Scotia. Hop aboard the Magic Winery Bus, and spend a day visiting the wineries of the Annapolis Valley.

## Artisan Galleries



Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Grand Pre National Historic Site takes you back in time to experience the event which displaced thousands of Acadians from their homes.

## Fresh Seafood



Driven by the value of local, quality food, influenced by sustainable practices, the dining scene in Wolfville will appeal to the foodie in all of us. It is also home to Devour! The Food Film Fest, the world's largest food film festival.

## Travel Tip

If you're spending time in Wolfville - be sure to make the short drive to Hall's Harbour - located on the shores of the Bay of Fundy. Work up an appetite exploring this tiny fishing village then select your own lobster to enjoy while watching the tides. At low tide the fishing boats sit on the harbour bottom until the tide rises more than 40 ft!

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[Click to virtually explore Wine Country.](#)



Wolfville is located just 1 hour outside of Halifax



It is a university town, home to Acadia University.



This quaint town is home to many beautiful historic Inns and B&Bs



Daily wine tours operate between Halifax and Wolfville in season

# Experience the Bay of Fundy

A visit to Nova Scotia is not complete without witnessing the incredible tides in the Bay of Fundy.

Twice each day the Bay of Fundy fills and empties its 160 billion tons of water creating the highest tides in the world. These dramatic tides which typically see a difference of 14.5 metres (47.5 feet) allow Nova Scotia to offer one-of-a-kind adventures that literally cannot be experienced anywhere else on earth!

## Burntcoat Head Park



At low tide you can easily make your way to onto the ocean floor to explore. A mere 6 hours later the mudflats where you once stood will be covered in up to 42 feet of water.

## Tidal Bore Rafting



When the Bay of Fundy's incoming tide meets the Shubenacadie River, the rolling waves created by the tidal bore, ranging from 8 to 20 feet, create the perfect roller coaster on water.

## UNESCO Geopark



The cliffs and beaches of the bay of Fundy are home to the world's most complete fossil record of life 300 million years ago and are part of the Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark.

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Tidal Bore Rafting

Burntcoat Head Park



Bay of Fundy is a shared body of water located between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick



This region is home to the highest recorded tides in the world.



The dramatic cliffs and caves make it a popular paddling destination.



Home to the oldest dinosaur fossils in Canada.

## Travel Tip

As tide times change by the day, be sure to check the tide schedule to make sure you plan your visit for the right time to fully experience the Bay of Fundy. Keep an eye on the time while exploring the ocean floor so you can safely return before the tide comes in!

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# Welcome to the Northumberland Shore

With more warm-water, ocean beaches than anywhere else in Atlantic Canada, the Northumberland Shore is also known as ‘Beach Country’. Not surprisingly, fresh local lobster is a favourite food here!

The region is also abundant in history and culture. Explore the Town of Pictou, known as the “Birthplace of New Scotland.” Step aboard the legendary Ship Hector replica and imagine what it was like for the many Scottish immigrants who voyaged across the Atlantic Ocean.



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Over 200kms of coastline filled with sandy, warm water beaches



Seasonal walk-on and vehicle ferry runs between this region and Prince Edward Island



Home to numerous cottages, inns and coastal resorts



Rich in Scottish heritage and home of the annual Antigonish Highland Games

## Warm Beaches



Dive into some of Nova Scotia’s warmest ocean beaches, right here on the Northumberland Shore. Spend the day exploring one of many beautiful uncrowded sandy beaches in this region.

## Rich In History

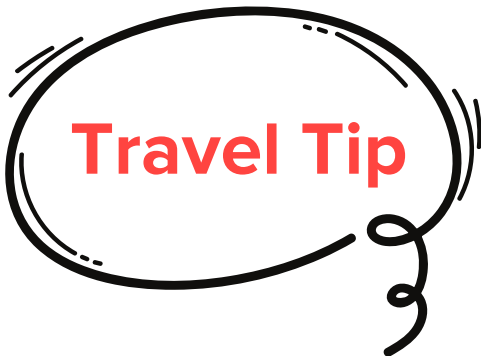


Did you know Nova Scotia is Latin for "New Scotland"? Board the Ship Hector replica and retrace the steps of the many Scottish immigrants who left their homes in search of a better life.

## Locally Made



This region is full of local producers and talented artisans. Explore the historic village of Tatamagouche, try your hand at distillery at the Steinhart Distillery, or treat your senses to a stop at Sugar Moon Farm.



Travelling from Halifax to Cape Breton? Break up the drive by spending some time on the Northumberland Shore. This region is home to some amazing oceanfront resorts.



# Welcome to the Cape Breton Highlands National Park

As you hug the world-famous Cabot Trail coastline you'll wind through Cape Breton Highlands National Park, where lush, forested river canyons carve into the ancient plateau, edged by rust-coloured cliffs.

Bring your hiking shoes and explore the park's 26 scenic trails. Picnic in quaint coves, and experience the friendly local culture in the fishing villages that dot the park's edges. There are sandy beaches and plenty of ocean and freshwater swimming. Enjoy cycling, ocean kayaking in sheltered bays, camping, golfing, and fishing; you might even catch minke and humpback whales breaching off shore.



Click to virtually explore the Cape Breton Highlands National Park!



100km of the world famous Cabot Trail are located within the National Park



Park entrances located in both Cheticamp and Ingonish



26 Hiking trails and 12 look-offs located within the park



Numerous accommodation options available within and surrounding the park.

## Hiking



Trails provide a chance to intimately explore the complex habitat of northern Cape Breton Island. The park's hiking trails range from easy strolls to challenging climbs with panoramic views of canyons, highlands and seacoasts.

## Cabot Trail

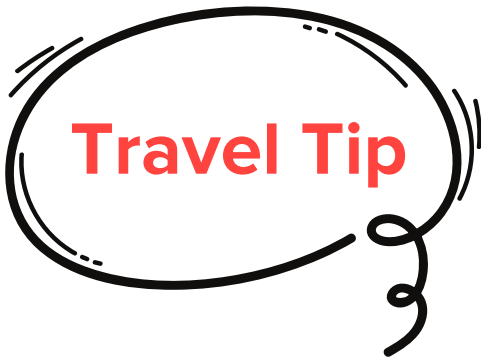


One-third of the celebrated Cabot Trail runs through the national park and for picturesque views, it is one of the most visited regions in Canada. Numerous look-offs provide ample opportunities to admire the striking beauty of the landscape.

## Parks Canada Programs



From guided sunset hikes along the Skyline Trail, to lobster boils on the beach, Parks Canada offers an array of interpretation programs to enhance a visitor's stay in the park.



This is one of the world's most breathtaking drives, so leave plenty of time to explore it. Plan to spend at least a day or two in this national park to allow time to get out of your vehicle and really explore!

All visitors are required to purchase a Parks Canada visitors pass.



# Welcome to the Eastern Shore

Pristine wilderness, historically-themed attractions, authentic fishing communities, and beaches stretching as far as the eye can see offer explorers an array of off-the-beaten-path adventures on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore.

It's main attractions are the popular beaches, hiking trails, and historic attractions. There is also a growing number of Bed and Breakfasts, cabins, lodges, cottages and inns, offering a unique and cozy selection of accommodations.



## 100 Wild Islands



Explore the Protected 100 Wild Islands coastal wilderness area. These islands offer explorers sheltered coves, turquoise waters, windswept headlands and unique boreal rainforests.

## Step Back In Time



Experience living history at Sherbrooke Village. Get dressed in 1800's attire, and step into the life of a villager. The Fisherman Life Museum and Memory Lane Heritage Village also welcome you to discover the past.

## Surfing



Surf's up year-round and the pounding waves at Lawrencetown and Martinique Beaches beckon surf enthusiasts to some of the best surfing conditions on the east coast. Book a surfing lesson to give it a try for yourself.



Some of the best cold-water surfing on the east coast of North America



Home to numerous living historical attractions



Rich in Acadian history and authentic fishing communities



Abundance of sea kayaking, hiking, birding and coastal activities

## Travel Tip

This stretch of coastline between Halifax and Cape Breton is perfect for the outdoor adventure looking to get off the beaten path. Spend a night in the Guysborough, Charlos Cove or Liscombe area to give yourself the opportunity to really take in this area.

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