



Tour dates 2020 Aug 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 OR 2021 Tour membership limited to 12-24 guests

## THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

12 days from \$4,697 total price from Boston

(\$4,595 air & land inclusive plus \$102 airline taxes and fees)

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island make for a scenic and history-infused journey. We explore fishing villages and port cities, French fortifications and colonial British settlements, and travel to secluded Prince Edward Island and rugged Cape Breton on this classic route.

### Explore the Region



### Meet Our Tour Directors



### Day-by-Day Trip Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive Halifax, Nova Scotia** We arrive today in Halifax, capital of the Canadian province of Nova Scotia and a bustling center of commerce and shipping. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

**Day 2: Halifax/Lunenburg/South Shore** This morning we begin our exploration of Canada's maritime provinces with a scenic and comprehensive day along Nova Scotia's South Shore. Once the domain of privateering pirates, the region is now home to countless photogenic fishing villages. We set out early for Peggy's Cove, a tiny hamlet strung along the eastern shore of St. Margarets Bay. Our destination: Peggy's Point Lighthouse, one of Canada's most photographed landmarks, the red-and-white beacon perched on a granite outcropping. Then we continue on the coastal road to Lunenburg, a UNESCO site. Settled by the British in 1753, this historic town represents Canada's finest surviving example of a planned British town. We take a walking tour of this colorful hamlet then have time for lunch on our own. Our touring continues this afternoon as we make a photo stop in Mahone Bay, known for its three centuries-old churches. Late this afternoon, we return to Halifax for tonight's welcome dinner. **B,D**

**Day 3: Halifax/Saint John, New Brunswick** Today we travel to the scenic Annapolis Valley, a network of farms, fields, and forests lying between two mountain ranges in Nova Scotia's northwest. We stop for a tour at Tangled Garden, where we learn how the workers use the fresh fruit and aromatic herbs cultivated here to create a wide range of preserves, jellies, mustards, and liqueurs. After sampling a few of the garden's wares, we visit nearby Grand-Pré National Historic Site, dedicated to the memory of the area's original French Acadian settlers. Then we travel to the coastal village of Digby, the "Scallop Capital of the World," where one of the options for lunch will include this Maritime delicacy. Late this afternoon we board a ferry and cross the Bay of Fundy to Saint John, where dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

**Day 4: Saint John/St. Andrews** This morning we embark on a panoramic tour of Saint John, the first incorporated city in present-day Canada. We gain an appreciation for the city's history as we drive along King Street, the steepest main street in Canada; and pass by landmarks including the Loyalist House, one of Saint John's first homes; hilltop Carleton Martello Tower, the fortification that ranks as Saint John's oldest building; and the Old City Market, Canada's longest-running farmer's market. Then we make our way down the coast to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. From here, we embark on a whale watching cruise in the Bay of Fundy, where we're on the lookout for the bay's 12 species of whales (including humpback, minke, and finback). **B,D**

**Day 5: Saint John/Shediac** We travel today to the head of the Bay of Fundy to tour Hopewell Rocks, famous for having the world's highest tides. Formed over the millennia as the seaside sandstone cliffs were slowly worn away by a combination of

wind, surface water, and tide, these “Flowerpot Rocks” range from 40 to 70 feet tall. We spend time here to view the formation, then continue on to Shediac, the “Lobster Capital of the World.” Here we enjoy an authentic lobster dinner on board a working lobster boat and learn about this industry that plays a vital role in the region’s economy. **B,L,D**

**Day 6: Shediac/Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island** This morning we cross the 8-mile-long Confederation Bridge connecting mainland Canada to Prince Edward Island (PEI). Many PEI residents trace their lineage back to the area’s first French and English settlers, and we learn about this rich historical tradition at our first stop on the island: Village Musical Acadien, which hosts cultural events, concerts, and community theater. We continue on to Charlottetown, PEI’s capital and our home for the next two nights. Known as the “Birthplace of Confederation,” Charlottetown hosted the Charlottetown Conference of 1864, which paved the way for Canada’s eventual independence from Britain. We tour this historic locale, passing the Greek- and Roman-influenced Province House, seat of the PEI Legislature since 1847; and the Confederation Centre of the Arts, a National Historic Site and home to Canada’s longest-running mainstage musical, *Anne of Green Gables*. **B,L**

**Day 7: Prince Edward Island** We have a free morning in Charlottetown; this 35,000-resident city is lively yet walkable, and we may wish to enjoy the trails and parks by the waterfront, visit the acclaimed art gallery at the Confederation Centre, or relax at a café. Early this afternoon we travel to the island’s scenic North Shore, where we admire the red cliffs, white-sand beaches, gently sloping dunes, and green fields of Prince Edward Island National Park. Along our drive we stop to tour the Green Gables Heritage Place, the restored 19<sup>th</sup>-century farm (and National Historic Site) that was the setting for L.M. Montgomery’s *Anne of Green Gables* novels. We have time to take in the new visitor center with its interpretative exhibits, and to explore the lovely grounds and gardens that served as literary inspiration for Montgomery – to this day, the farm retains its original Victorian look. We end the day with afternoon tea at Dalvay-by-the-Sea, the opulent and beautiful Queen Anne Revival-style hotel visited by Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge in 2011. **B,D**

**Day 8: Charlottetown/Sydney, Cape Breton Island** This morning we board a ferry for the return trip to the mainland then travel to Cape Breton Island, one of Canada’s most beautiful spots. Our first stop here: Baddeck, set on the shores of Bras d’Or Lake, where we tour the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, a museum complex featuring the actual models and documents Bell created while experimenting at his home nearby. Then we continue on to our hotel in Sydney. **B,D**

**Day 9: Sydney/Cabot Trail** It’s a day of outstanding scenery as we drive the world-famous Cabot Trail. Named for Venetian explorer Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot) who landed in Atlantic Canada in 1497, this 185-mile route loops around the northern tip of Cape Breton Island, passing through the rugged and beautiful Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Here, steep cliffs repel the crashing surf, river canyons carve out routes to the sea, and mountainsides covered in deep green pines provide stunning photo opportunities. As we pass through this magnificent landscape, we make ample stops to absorb the grandeur of our surroundings. **B,L,D**

**Day 10: Sydney/Louisbourg** Today we visit the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, the reconstructed fortress that is now a living history museum. We then return to Sydney, Cape Breton’s largest town, where we have free time to explore as we wish followed by dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

**Day 11: Sydney/Halifax, Nova Scotia** On the way back to Halifax today, we stop for lunch at the Masstown Market near Truro, a produce and fish market popular with locals. We have some free time upon our return to Halifax before we gather tonight for a farewell dinner to celebrate our Maritimes adventure. **B,D**

**Day 12: Depart Nova Scotia** We transfer to the Halifax airport today for our flights home. **B**

*Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.*

B = Breakfast included L = Lunch included D = Dinner included

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**welcome single travelers.**

**A:** We absolutely welcome single travelers on our small group tours. On most of our tours you will find a combination of singles traveling alone, singles traveling together, and couples. Our experienced tour directors work to ensure single travelers feel comfortable and part of the group.

**What is the quality of the hotels that you use on your tours?**

**A:** We select hotels that we believe are the best for a particular trip and experience – those that offer guests the best combination of quality, value, and atmosphere for each destination. Our hotels in major cities are usually centrally located so guests can get around easier; our unique lodgings are often out of the way, offering our tour members a local ambiance larger groups never experience. Typically, our hotels include Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class properties.

**Do you offer a roommate matching program?**

**A:** We do not have a roommate matching program as such, but we do enable interested guests to contact one another and determine whether they wish to share a room on tour. Should you have further questions, please don’t hesitate to ask Jeannette