

NOVA SCOTIA



Essential Nova Scotia

October 9 – 12, 2019

In Nova Scotia, cultures combine to form a wonderful tapestry of experiences. That there are three UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the province (a total of five if you count the biospheres) speaks to a vibrant history that's been wonderfully preserved with our founding cultures. This particular routing is one of the most popular for those with just a few days to experience Nova Scotia's cultural and geographical diversity. From the urban streets of downtown Halifax to the province's rich agricultural region of the Annapolis Valley to the rugged shore lines of the Lighthouse Route, this tour showcases Nova Scotia's 'essential' highlights!

Your itinerary has been arranged by Tourism Nova Scotia in cooperation with various industry partners.

The itinerary is subject to change.

Travel Insurance: It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate travel insurance to cover you for all activities you will be participating in during the trip.

Credit Cards & Money: All major credit cards are accepted in Nova Scotia and ATM's are widely available. Currency Exchange Services are available at the airport and most banks throughout the province.

Dress: Nova Scotia has a temperate climate with Fall daytime temperatures in the range of 8-15°C to evening lows of 5-12°C. Please be sure to bring medium-weight, comfortable clothing that can be layered and a good pair of walking shoes; raincoat; sweater / sweatshirt and a light jacket.

Internet and Phone: Complimentary internet access available at your hotels. Local phone calls are complimentary, but you may incur charges for long distance calls.

Accommodations and activities: Upon check-in at your hotel you will be asked to provide a credit card to pay for any incidental charges at your own expense: gratuities, mini-bar, room service, phone calls, movies, spa, etc.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included where indicated. All other expenses are the responsibility of the guest.

Activities: The activities outlined in the itinerary require minimal to moderate physical activity and durability.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

12:00pm	<p>Arrive at Halifax Stanfield International Airport</p> <p>Meet your host at the Nova Scotia Visitor Information desk in the arrivals area with your luggage and proceed to the Alt Hotel Halifax Airport for lunch before continuing on to the downtown core.</p> <p>LUNCH: Alt Hotel Halifax Airport, https://www.althotels.com/en/halifaxairport/ 40 Silver Dart Dr, Enfield, NS B2T 1K2 Phone: (902) 334-0136</p> <p>Welcome to Halifax, a city that deftly blends the past with the present to produce a skyline dotted with elegant 18th and 19th century architecture alongside ultra-modern towers of glass and steel. The heart of Halifax is perfect for exploring on foot, with tree lined streets, international restaurants, galleries, libraries and museums. Inviting sidewalk cafés beckon you to while away a few hours amid park-like, waterfront, and historic settings in the busy downtown, often with a backdrop of the bustling harbour, which entertains ship traffic from every corner of the globe.</p>
2:15pm	<p>Arrive in Halifax and enjoy a city tour of one of the most fascinating destinations in North America. Highlights will include a drive up and around Citadel Hill – A National Historic Site, a stroll through the Victorian Public Gardens, the site of the Halifax Explosion of 1917, and a visit to Fairview Lawn Cemetery to learn about the local connections to the Titanic disaster.</p>
4:30pm	<p>TOUR: Tall Ship Silva Harbour Cruise, https://www.ambassatours.com/tall-ship-yacht-sailing Sackville Landing Phone: (902) 420-1015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience the unforgettable delight of cruising on the Halifax Harbour in classic style and comfort on the Tall Ship Silva, a 130' schooner. Departing from the heart of downtown Halifax, set sail into the beautiful harbour where you will have a mariner's view of Halifax's biggest attractions, including the Macdonald Bridge, Fort George, McNab's Island, Point Pleasant Park and Historic Properties. You will discover Halifax's rich history and some of the stories and tales behind these iconic landmarks.
6:00pm	<p>DINNER: Murphy's Restaurant & Patio, https://www.ambassatours.com/restaurant 1751 Lower Water St, Halifax, NS B3J 1S5 Phone: (902) 420-1015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enjoy a lobster dinner (alternative available) at Murphy's Restaurant & Patio, offering a casual dining experience, and specializing in seafood dishes, local brews & fantastic views. Boasting a large indoor space, as well as a bright & airy covered patio, the restaurant sits on the edge of the longest extending wharf on the Halifax waterfront.
7:45pm	<p>Enjoy a stroll along the boardwalk to your accommodations</p>

8:00pm	<p>Arrive at your accommodations for the night</p> <p><u>OVERNIGHT:</u> Westin Nova Scotian Hotel 1181 Hollis Street, Halifax, NS https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yhzwi-the-westin-nova-scotian/</p>
Thursday, October 10, 2019	
	Breakfast at leisure (service begins at 6:30am)
8:45am	Meet your host in the lobby with your luggage to hop onboard the motorcoach.
9:00am	Depart for the Annapolis Valley, with its dykelands, orchards and vineyards, rolling across to the shores of the Bay of Fundy, inspiring everyone from poets of the past to some of today's finest chefs and vintners.
10:15am	<p>TOUR: Grand Pré National Historic Site, http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/ns/grandpre 2205 Grand Pré Rd, Grand Pré, NS B0P 1M0 Phone: (902) 542-3631</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located within the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a visit to Grand Pré National Historic Site will immerse you in some of Nova Scotia's Acadian history and culture. Here you can also begin to see the impact the world's highest tides from the Bay of Fundy have on the landscape and agriculture in the region.
11:15am	Départ for Domaine de Grand Pré Winery/Le Caveau
11:30am	<p>LUNCH: Le Caveau, http://grandprewines.ns.ca/restaurant/ 11611 Nova Scotia Trunk 1, Grand Pré, NS B0P 1M0 Phone: (902) 542-7177</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the weather is in our favour, we will enjoy a relaxing lunch on the pergola of Le Caveau at Domaine de Grand Pre (don't worry, the inside of the restaurant is just as lovely!). After lunch, tour and taste your way about this winery overlooking the UNESCO Landscape of Grand Pré.
1:45pm	Depart for Wolfville
2:00pm	<p>TOUR: Annapolis Cider Company, https://drinkannapolis.ca/ 388 Main St, Wolfville, NS B4P 1C9 Phone: (902) 697-2707</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium ciders produced from premium ingredients in downtown Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Come for a tour, enjoy a tasting and tap into the valley.
3:00pm	Depart for Hunts Point, Nova Scotia
5:00pm	Arrive White Point Beach Resort

6:00pm	Nova Scotian Food & Beverage Tasting with Executive Chef, Alan Crosby
7:30pm	<p>DINNER: Elliot's Dining Room @ White Point Beach Resort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From our perch overlooking the spectacular Atlantic Ocean, dining at White Point is always an amazing culinary experience. Our menus are bursting with unique and savoury experiences that change with the seasons.
8:30 pm	<p>Enjoy a bonfire featuring a special dessert.</p> <p><u>OVERNIGHT:</u> White Point Beach Resort- 75 White Point Beach Resort Road Hunts Point, NS B0T 1G0 www.whitepoint.com</p>

Friday, October 11, 2019

	Breakfast at leisure (service begins at 7:30am)
8:30 am	Meet your host in the lobby with your luggage to hop onboard the motor coach.
8:45 am	Depart for Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
9:45 am	Arrive in Lunenburg, NS
10:00 am	<p>TOUR: Lunenburg Walking Tour, https://www.lunenburgwalkingtours.com/ 97 Kaulbach St, Lunenburg, NS B0J 2C0 Phone: (902) 521-6867</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Essential Lunenburg Walking Tour is a great way see the spectacular sites around every corner in Old Town Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This hour-long tour is brimming with local history and 18th century and Victorian architecture. Along the way, guides make the sites come alive with cultural tidbits like superstitions, folklore, and local facts, and they weave it all together with lots of unique personal stories and visitor recommendations
11:15am	Depart for Mahone Bay
11:45am	<p>LUNCH: Rebecca's Restaurant, https://www.rebeccas-restaurant.ca/ 249 Edgewater St, Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0 Phone: (902) 531-3313</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located at historic Keddy's Landing, the gateway to beautiful Mahone Bay, is Rebecca's Restaurant. At Rebecca's you will enjoy a uniquely quaint dining experience with a cozy coastal atmosphere, not to mention a great view of the famous three churches.
2:30pm	Depart for Western Shore

2:45pm	Arrive in Western Shore
3:00pm	<p>TOUR: Salty Dog Sea Tours, https://www.saltydogtours.com/ 36 Treasure Dr, Western Shore, NS B0J 3M0 Phone: (902) 300-4108</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come with us on an adventure as we explore by boat the mysteries of Oak Island and the magic of the greater Mahone Bay area. We have guided Sea Tours of Oak Island running daily from Oak Island Resort out and around Oak Island. Take a narrated trip by sea to view the key sites of the island as seen on the History Channel show The Curse of Oak Island!
4:30pm	Arrive at Oak Island Resort & Conference Centre and explore the beautiful property prior to dinner.
7:00 pm	<p>DINNER: La Vista Restaurant @ Oak Island Resort & Conference Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh local ingredients, traditional favorites prepared with passion and pride and friendly, east coast service...that is what you will find at La Vista Restaurant. Whether eating in or dining al fresco on our large outdoor patio, overlooking the ocean, you will enjoy a delectable meal in beautiful surroundings. <p><u>OVERNIGHT:</u> Oak Island Resort & Conference Centre 36 Treasure Dr, Western Shore, NS B0J 3M0 Phone: (902) 627-2600 https://www.oakislandresort.ca/</p>

Saturday October 12, 2018

	Coffee & Muffins available in the Lobby prior to departure.
7:30am	Meet your host in the lobby with your luggage to hop onboard the motor coach.
8:00am	Depart Western Shore for Peggy's Cove
9:00am	<p>BREAKFAST: Sou'wester Restaurant, http://www.peggys-cove.com/ 178 Peggy's Point Rd, Peggy's Cove, NS B3Z 3S2 Phone: (902) 823-2561</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sou'Wester Restaurant and Gift Shop, overlooking one of the most photographed lighthouses in the world, began in 1967 as a small five table tearoom at the side of a house at its present location. It has been expanded over the last four decades to a 180-seat restaurant offering traditional Maritime and seafood dishes, and a two-level gift shop with one of the Maritimes largest selections of giftware.
9:45am	Peggy's Cove has been an artist's and explorer's paradise for over 200 years. Enjoy a walking tour of the cove with your guide or free time to explore on your own. Either way, you will see the weatherworn fishing shacks, colourful buoys and lobster traps still used by local fishermen, and awe-inspiring rock formations that have been carved out by the glaciers of the last Ice Age.

11:00am	Depart for Halifax Stanfield International Airport having experienced why no visit to Nova Scotia is complete without a trip to Peggy's Cove.
12:00pm	Arrive Halifax Stanfield International Airport

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