

## **Authentic Newfoundland – 12 Nights 2017**

There are places on this earth that continue to live on inside of you, long after you've gone. Where the stories, tales, and traditions are filled with old world charm, and coloured by Irish, English, French, and Aboriginal influences and where the legendary culture has a way of seeping in under your skin.

There's no better way to soak it all up than through authentic encounters and hands-on learning experiences – the kind that leads to a true understanding of the living, breathing culture and traditions that exist in every corner of Newfoundland and Labrador.

### Day 1 - St. John's

Arrive St. John's Airport. Welcome to the oldest city in North America! This historic, vibrant city has many attractions with the added bonus of a wide selection of restaurants from fine dining to traditional Newfoundland fayre. St. John's has the highest concentration of pubs per capita on the continent and a visit to the infamous George Street is a must! Overnight St. John's.

#### Day 2 - St. John's

This morning you can explore this delightful city. Sightseeing suggestions include visiting The Rooms, Johnson's GEO Centre, the St. John's Botanical Gardens, the Newman Wine Vaults or maybe taking a gentle stroll along sections of the Grand Concourse, which comprises of 40 km (25 miles) of spectacular trails and walkways within St. John's, Quidi Vidi Lake and Rennies River. Depart St. John's along the Irish Loop to the scenic Avalon Peninsula, home to over 5500 woodland caribou. Continue along the south shore via Ferryland to experience a picnic like no other! The Lighthouse Picnic offers exquisite food at one of the most beautiful locations in the world – Ferryland Head. If time permits visit the fascinating Colony of Avalon Archeological site before driving on to Bay Bulls. Continue on to Bay Bulls where perhaps you can take a cruise around the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve, a protective sanctuary for Kittiwakes, Murres, Puffins and other seabirds. The waters off Bay Bulls are home to the world's largest population of Humpback whales. Overnight Bay Bulls.

# Day 3 - St. John's/Trinity

Depart St. John's and take the scenic coastal loop along Conception Bay to the charming village of Brigus - residence of the world famous northern explorer Captain Bob Bartlett. Be sure to visit Hawthorne Cottage, Ye Olde Stone Barn Museum and The Tunnel while in Brigus. Depart Brigus continuing along the scenic Conception Bay Route via Heart's Content and Heart's Delight. Continue onto Trinity - The cultural architectural capital of



Newfoundland. Places to visit in Trinity include the Ryan Store, Hiscock House and the Blacksmith Museum to name a few! Overnight Trinity.

# Day 4 – Trinity

This morning enjoy a nature cruise of Trinity Bay. The afternoon at leisure to explore this beautiful region further. This area has been used for the filming of the movie "Shipping News" starring Dame Judi Dench & Kevin Spacey and also for the TV miniseries drama "Random Passage". Visit the nearby Cape Random film set constructed in 2000, the site offers visitors the opportunity to step back in time and imagine the life of our forebearers in a typical fishing community in the early 1800's. Continue on and drive the remainder of the Bonavista Peninsula. Take time to visit Cape Bonavista Lighthouse, Historic Ryan Premises, Mockbeggar Plantation and the Matthew Interpretation Centre. This evening enjoy the New Founde Lande Trinity Pageant - a humerous look at Newfoundland & Labrador history. Overnight Trinity.

## Day 5 - Trinity/Twillingate

Depart Trinity and take a leisurely drive to Terra Nova National Park, - a beautiful example of typical Newfoundland landscape. Terra Nova National Park is known as the 'Fingers of the Sea' as it protects remnants of the ancient Appalachian Mountains. Rocky headlands provide shelter from the awesome power of the open ocean. The landscape of the park varies from the rugged cliffs and sheltered inlets of the coastal region to the rolling forested hills, bogs and ponds of the inland. Keep an eye out for ospreys, eagle, lynx and moose. Continue on to Central Newfoundland and explore the "Road to the Isles" or "Road to the Shore" routes to visit the many coves, inlets and fishing villages dotted along the coastline. Continue your drive to the fishing community of Twillingate. Overnight Twillingate.

# Day 6 - Twillingate/Fogo Island

This morning explore Twillingate, Twillingate is a nature lovers paradise. Sightseeing suggestions in this area include visiting the still-active 1876 Long Point Lighthouse, Twillingate Museum, Durrell Museum (The Polar Bear Exhibit), Auk Island Winery (famous for berry flavored wines), Iceberg Interpretation Centre, Prime Berth Fishing Heritage Centre to name a few! In the afternoon depart Twillingate and drive to Farewell where you will take the ferry to Fogo Island (payable locally). Upon arrival you can join in one of many experiences offered by the Fogo Island Inn - a truly Authentic Experience not to be missed! Join the Island Orientation where you will embark on a journey with a local community hosts. You can also enjoy the walking trails, artist studios, historic sites, museums, etc. Overnight Fogo Island.



## Day 7 - Fogo Island

Explore the Island further today. The local Island ambassadors and experts are available throughout your visit with a range of experiences or activities to best deliver on the desires of any individual. You can choose many tours and experiences that are offered from the Inn. Maybe just stay onsite and visit the cinema, library or art gallery or just relax in the rooftop sauna or enjoy a relaxing massage or simply watch the world go by from your Oceanview suite. Overnight Fogo Island.

### Day 8 - Fogo Island/Gros Morne National Park

Today, leave behind the Central Region of Newfoundland, and head west through a vast expanse of lush forest and contrasting scenery towards Deer Lake. Drive north along the Viking Trail to Gros Morne National Park - designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987 for its impressive geological features, the 1805km.sq park offers beauty and adventure that are unsurpassed anywhere else in the world. Continue to the north side of Gros Morne National Park. Overnight Gros Morne National Park.

### **Day 9 – Gros Morne National Park**

Today explore the north side of the park. Highlights include the scenic community of Norris Point and Rocky Harbour – the service hub of the Gros Morne area. Take time to visit Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse and Bonne Bay Marine Station. In the afternoon, perhaps you could join the Western Brook Pond Fjord Boat Tour – the only way, other than by helicopter, to see the spectacular Western Brook Gorge. Overnight Gros Morne National Park.

# Day 10 - Gros Morne National Park/Quirpon Island

Depart Gros Morne National Park driving north along the great Northern Peninsula, enroute take time to visit Port au Choix National Historic Site and view artifacts of the Maritime Archaic people who occupied the region over 3700 years ago. Take the time to visit both L'Anse aux Meadows - the only authenticated Viking settlement site in North America, and Norstead Viking Village - a fascinating re-enactment of how Vikings lived over 1000 years ago. If time permits, visit Burnt Cape Ecological Reserve or Pistolet Bay Provincial Park. Continue on to Quirpon Dock where you will be met at 4 pm to be transferred by small power boat over to Quirpon Island. A unique remote island experience awaits you! You will stay in a refurbished original Light Keeper's residence, which is located on Quirpon Island in Cape Bauld on the northernmost tip of the Northern Peninsula. This is a truly once in a lifetime experience not to be missed! Overnight Quirpon Island. \* (All meals included).



### Day 11 - Quirpon Island

Relax and enjoy your Quirpon Island experience - whale watch from the helipad or enclosed viewing area or roam the rugged landscape. In season Quirpon Island is one of Newfoundland's best locations for iceberg viewing as they drift the Labrador Current on their journey south. The northern tip of the Island is strategically located at the mouth of the Strait of Belle Isle - a conveyor belt of food sources for whales. In season, expect to see Minke and Humpbacks and also other species including the Orca and Right whale. Overnight Quirpon Island. (All meals included).

### Day 12 - Quirpon Island/Gros Morne National Park

Today depart Quirpon Island and visit the Grenfell Historic Properties located in St. Anthony and learn of the impact that Sir Wilfred Grenfell had on the social, medical and economic climate of the early 1900s during his worldwide mission. The historic properties tell the story of the evolution of Northern Newfoundland and Labrador and the people of the region over the last 100 years. Continue back down the Viking Trail and on to explore the south side of Gros Morne National Park. Visit the impressive Discovery Centre and the scenic communities of Woody Point and Trout River. Take time to view the magnificent 'Tablelands' - the reason Gros Morne was given its UNESCO status. Gros Morne is a hiker's paradise catering to all abilities, with over 19 hiking trails to choose from covering over 100kms of the park. Overnight Gros Morne National Park.

# Day 13 – Gros Morne National Park/Deer Lake

Depart Gros Morne National Park and continue to Deer Lake airport ready for your onward journey.

#### Included:

- Document Kit Includes: Travel Wallet, Full Itinerary, Vouchers, Driving Directions, Maps & Supporting Literature
- > 12 Nights Accommodation
- ➤ Intermediate Car Rental for Duration (Unlimited kms, CDW Insurance, Airport Fees, Additional Driver Fee, Drop Fee & Taxes)
- Ferryland Lighthouse Picnic
- Trinity Nature Cruise
- Rising Tide Trinity Pageant (Subject to 2017 Schedule)



# Not included:

- Meals (Unless Stated)
- > National Park entrance fees
- Car Rental Extras (Gas, PAC Top up Insurance, GPS)
- Car Parking Fee
- Gratuities
- Any additional items not stated in "Included"

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