

### **The Maritime Signature Experiences - 20 Nights 2017**

Travellers around the world are wanting to explore and live a life that's less ordinary. That's why we have created Canadian Signature Experiences. A collection of once in a lifetime travel experiences that showcase the unique and authentic attraction and activities found in our region. This 20 night self drive tour takes in the best experiences that the Maritimes has to offer.

# Day 1 - Halifax

Arrive Halifax. Welcome to Nova Scotia's Provincial Capital. This attractive city is a bustling hub of art galleries, shops, museums, restaurants, sidewalk cafes and vibrant nightlife centered around the picturesque waterfront. Officially founded in 1749 the history dates back even further, to times of the Mi'kmaq natives, European fishermen and the early Acadians, who came long before the British. Overnight Halifax.

#### Day 2 – Halifax

This morning enjoy a city tour of Halifax — take in the sights of Halifax Historic Properties, Spring Garden Road, Province House and much more. Later, why not visit Alexander Keith's Brewery as well as the excellent Maritime Museum - See the unique collection of the memorabilia collected after the tragic Titanic disaster. Also be sure to visit the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. Pier 21 is a National Historic Site which was the gateway to Canada for one million immigrants between 1928 and 1971. It also served as the departure point for 500,000 Canadian Military Personnel during the Second World War. Today, Pier 21 hosts the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21—Atlantic Canada's only national museum! This evening you should experience the Grafton Street Dinner Theatre — Entertaining Halifax for more than 22 years, The Grafton Street Dinner Theatre provides audiences with a unique dining experience. Music, comedy and interactive characters set the mood as you dine on the flavors of Nova Scotia. Overnight Halifax.

# Day 3 – Halifax

Today, take the short drive to Shubenacadie, and spend the day "Tidal Bore Rafting". Nova Scotia is home to the highest tides in the world! Twice daily, 50 billion tones of water heave in and out of the Bay of Fundy, creating a rise and fall of up to 46ft/14m. The most exciting effect of this phenomenon is the Tidal Bore! You will ride aboard a powered zodiac on one of the most powerful bodies of water in the world! An experienced guide narrates your trip as you ride the rapids, whirlpools and crosscurrents of the Shubenacadie River. Enjoy a steak BBQ following this tremendous tidal ride of a lifetime! Dry off and return back to Halifax. Overnight Halifax.

### Day 4 - Halifax/Lunenburg



Depart Halifax and drive the south shore along the Lighthouse Route. En route visit Peggy's Cove, a picturesque fishing village surrounded by bare granite and coastal barrens and home to Nova Scotia's most visited lighthouse. Continue on to Mahone Bay, a picture postcard seaside town renowned for its beauty and churches. Further along the route you will arrive in Lunenburg, The region's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, Lunenburg is widely touted as one of the most beautiful towns not just in Nova Scotia, but in all of Canada. Located along a harbor and bordered by dramatic hills, the town is dotted with beguiling pastel-colored buildings, most of which were constructed between the 18th and 19th centuries. These historic houses are characterized by the unique 'Lunenburg Bump', a five-sided dormer window built over the front door. The town's vibrant atmosphere adds to its draw, with its downtown area buzzing with offbeat boutiques, progressive galleries and artisan shops. Overnight Lunenburg.

# **Day 5 - Lunenburg/Annapolis Valley**

Drive north along the Kejimkujik Scenic Drive via the Kejimkujik National Park; a spectacular inland National Park with walking trails to suit all levels and some of the best canoeing in Atlantic Canada. Visit the excellent visitor centre, which houses replicas of the native tools found by archaeologists dating back 4500 years ago. Continue on to Annapolis Royal, nestled in the Annapolis Valley. Sightseeing suggestions in the area include Fort Anne National Historic Site, Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, the O'Dell House Museum, Sinclair Inn National Historic Site, a delightful waterfront boardwalk and much more. Overnight Annapolis Royal.

# Day 6 - Annapolis Valley/St. Andrew's

Depart Annapolis Royal and drive to Digby to board the 3 hour ferry to Saint John, New Brunswick. Saint John is New Brunswick's largest city and is steeped in history with lots to see and do. Places to visit include Carleton Martello Tower National Historic Site, the old city market, Loyalist House, the New Brunswick Museum and probably the most famous — the Reversing Falls. Depart Saint John and travel west along the Fundy Coastal Drive — this dramatically scenic drive introduces you to the Bay of Fundy — 'One of the Marine Wonders of the World'. Arrive St. Andrews, one of Canada's most beautiful seaside resorts. Overnight St. Andrews.

# Day 7 - St. Andrews

Enjoy a Zodiac Nature Cruise departing from St. Andrews, cruise through the narrow island passages of the Deer Island Archipelago en route to the open Bay of Fundy. In season, expect see whales, porpoises, seals, seabirds and bald eagles. Spend the remainder of the day discovering more about the area, visit the Huntsman Marine Science Aquarium, take in a round of golf or for the more adventurous why not try



horseback riding, sea kayaking or scuba diving nearby. While staying at the Rossmount, be sure and participate in "A Taste of the Good Life" - a culinary experience not to be missed! Overnight St. Andrews.

## Day 8 - St. Andrews/Fredericton

Depart St. Andrews and drive west to St. Stephen – the town where the first chocolate bar was invented and the gateway to the Fundy Coastal Drive. Continue north on the River Valley Scenic Drive on to Fredericton, New Brunswick's picturesque capital city noted for its heritage and culture. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring Fredericton and its attractions. Places to visit include City Hall, Christchurch Cathedral, the Historic Military Compound, Old Government House and the Kings Landing Historical Settlement. Overnight Fredericton.

### **Day 9 - Fredericton/ Fundy National Park**

Depart Fredericton and join the spectacular Fundy Coastal Drive via Sussex - a quaint town nestled in the beautiful countryside of New Brunswick, and perhaps visit the excellent Agricultural Museum. Continue eastbound to the Fundy National Park - 206km.sq of steep coastal cliffs, forest clad hills, deep rich valleys and clear, rolling meadows. The park is renowned for its hiking trails, with over 104kms of trails to choose from, ranging from easy ½km loops to a demanding 50km circuit around the park. Overnight Fundy National Park.

# **Day 10 - Fundy National Park**

Day at leisure to explore this magnificent park. The park is renowned for its hiking trails, with over 104kms of trails to choose from, ranging from easy ½km loops to a demanding 50km circuit around the park. The park is a haven for bird watchers, golfers, cyclists, canoeists and naturalists. Be sure to visit Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park - home of Hopewell Rocks. Visit the excellent interpretive centre on site before exploring this natural phenomenon. Twice each day the highest tides in the world — up to 46ft/14m — flood the beach, and twice each day you can explore the floor of the Bay of Fundy at low tide! Created over thousands of years by the Bay of Fundy's awesome tidal forces, the Flowerpot Rocks are a natural wonder not to be missed. If time permits visit Cape Enrage Lighthouse and Mary's Point Bird Sanctuary located nearby. Overnight Fundy National Park.

# Day 11 - Fundy National Park/Shediac

Depart Fundy National Park and continue on along the Acadian Coastal Drive, north to Bouchouche to see "Le Pays de la Sagouine" - this is a eclectic reproduction of an Acadian village inspired by the town's very own distinguished novelist, Antonine Maillet,



and her most celebrated character, La Sagouine. The living village comes alive each summer with theatre, music, comedy, and dance, allowing visitors to discover not only the tales of the Acadian heroine, La Sagouine, but also the unique Acadian culture of the region. Continue on to Shediac. Overnight Shediac.

### **Day 12 - Shediac/Summerside**

Depart Shediac and drive back along the Acadian Coastal Drive onto the Confederation Bridge. Upon entering PEI, visit Gateway Village which is located conveniently at the foot of the dramatic Confederation Bridge. A unique adventure awaits as you experience the legends of the land, sea and people. Continue along the Red Sands Shore north to Summerside. Rich in heritage - the stately homes which grace the downtown residential core, were once home to many a wealthy shipbuilder. Visit Spinnakers Landing, with an attractive waterfront area that has a lively boardwalk, allowing visitors to shop and dine beside the ocean. Overnight Summerside.

#### **Day 13 – Summerside**

This morning, depart Summerside and continue along the North Cape Coastal Drive – This area offers a unique blend of the province's best sightseeing, natural attractions, cultural experiences and engaging people. Suggestions en route include The Bottle Houses in Cap-Egmont, the Giant potato looming proudly beside the PEI Potato Museum. Continue on to West Point Lighthouse and museum - climb the 72 stairs to the top and experience a breathtaking view from the lantern deck. Continue north to visit North Cape, with its towering turbines which turn wind into energy at one of Canada's leading wind test institute. A visit to the interpretive centre will tell you about the cutting-edge research into renewable energy. Further ahead overlooking Malpeque Bay is the community of Lennox Island. Stop by and discover the heritage and traditions of the Island's first inhabitants, the Mi'kmaq, and check out the gift shop with its handcrafts made by local and international First Nation People. Continue back to Summerside. Overnight Summerside.

# Day 14 - Summerside/Charlottetown

Depart Summerside and continue along the Green Gable Shore to visit the many sites that pay tribute to everyone's favourite red-haired heroine and her creator, Lucy Maud Montgomery. Be sure to stop in Kensington and visit the Welcome Centre, Kensington Railyards and maybe the Haunted Mansion. Continue onto Indian River and visit St. Mary's Church, the largest wooden church on the Island. Further along you can visit Anne of Green Gables Museum in Park Corner before driving to Cavendish the home of Anne of Green Gables. Visit Avonlea - the village of Anne of Green Gables and the Green Gables L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site. Make you way to



Charlottetown, the capital of Prince Edward Island. It was here that the founding fathers gathered for the Charlottetown Conference. Discussions here led to the union of all British North America into one country which eventually became Canada. This delightful University City has a rich heritage visible through the magnificent architecture. Overnight Charlottetown.

### Day 15 - Charlottetown

This morning why not drive to Georgetown and join in a full day adventure of "Clam Digging". This unique experience includes digging, cleaning and cooking your catch. Later you can explore the area of Charlottetown - stroll along the streets and retrace the footsteps of the Fathers of Confederation. Be sure to visit Founders' Hall – Canada's Birthplace Pavilion or the National Historic Street called Great George. Just steps away from Province House, is Victoria Row – it is here that "Anne of Green Gables – The Musical" has been delighting audiences for 47 years. Tonight why spend the evening at the races at Charlottetown Race Way – an age old Charlottetown tradition. Overnight Charlottetown.

### Day 16 - Charlottetown/Tatamagouche

Depart Charlottetown and drive southeast through the Points East Coastal Route and visit the Point Prim Lighthouse before continuing on to the Wood Islands ferry terminal. Board the NFL Ferry, a crossing of approximately 75 minutes, which takes you over to Caribou, Nova Scotia (payable locally). Continue on to the village of Tatamagouche which is located on the Sunrise Trail along the shores of the Northumberland Strait, It has a population of 600 and is a thriving tourism community. The Train Station Inn is located on the edge of this quaint village where the old railbed runs along the river's It is ideal for hiking, cycling, walking and bird watching. The village of Tatamagouche is a charming destination for visitors, boasting art galleries, museums, craft and gift shops, restaurants and a lovely marina. Take time to visit the Sunrise Trail Museum, which features displays highlighting the Mi'kmag and Acadian history. Other places to visit include the Fraser Cultural Centre, Sunrise Trail Museum, Cumberland County Museum, Balmoral Grist Mill and the Sutherland Stream Mill. For the more adventurous – Tatamagouche is the water sports capital of Nova Scotia. Enthusiasts will enjoy swimming, boating, sailing, kayaking, and wind surfing on Tatamagouche Bay. Overnight Tatamagouche.

# Day 17 - Tatamagouche/Baddeck

Depart Tatamagouche and follow along the Sunrise Trail to the historic town of Pictou - known as the birthplace of New Scotland, it was here that the province's first Scottish Highlanders landed on the ship 'Hector' in 1773. Pictou boasts an award-winning



waterfront development that includes the Hector Heritage Quay, where a full scale replica of the Hector has been built using traditional ship building techniques. Depart Pictou and continue to Cape Breton via the Canso Causeway and onto Baddeck. This scenic village overlooks the beautiful Bras d'Or Lakes and the most notable resident historically was Alexander Graham Bell - you can visit the National Historic Site named after him. Overnight Baddeck.

### Day 18 - Cabot Trail

Today you will follow the famous Cabot Trail clockwise - one of the most spectacular drives in all of Canada. Follow the route along to the French Acadian community of Cheticamp – which has a distinct Acadian flavour noticeable in the architecture, people, language and music. Continue along the Cabot Trail which winds around the rocky splendour of Cape Breton's northern shore, ascending to the incredible plateaus of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The park has 26 hiking trails ranging from 20-minute short walks to challenging hikes through stunning mountain and coastal landscapes. Continue onto Baddeck. Overnight Baddeck.

### Day 19 - Baddeck/Louisbourg

This morning depart Baddeck and continue to explore Cape Breton Island. Continue on towards Sydney & Glace Bay. Take time to visit the Miners Museum and Marconi National Historic Site. From Glace Bay follow the Marconi Trail to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, the largest historical reconstruction in North America and the town of Louisbourg. Hear the cannons and muskets fire, watch the changing of the guard and meet the villagers at this meticulously preserved and recreated French fortification of over 250 years ago. Overnight Louisbourg.

# **Day 20 - Louisbourg/Liscomb Mills**

Depart Louisbourg and continue onto Canso Causeway. From here you will drive along the Eastern Shore and follow the Marine Drive Route where you will find nature, history and culture, as well as rugged coasts, tranquil bays and beaches, unspoiled forest fauna and crystal clear lakes and streams. Be sure to visit the communities en route including Guysborough - an inviting neighborhood with distinctive architecture overlooking Chedabucto Bay and Sherbrooke Village – a typical Nova Scotian Village from the 1860's where most of the interpreters are dressed in period costume. Continue on to Liscomb Mills where you can relax and enjoy your surroundings. You can choose from many outdoor activities such as sea kayaking, harbour tours, canoeing and much, much more. Overnight Liscomb Mills.



### Day 21 - Liscomb Mills/Halifax

Depart Liscombe Lodge and take a leisurely drive back to Halifax. Enroute visit Musquodoboit Harbour - a haven for nature lovers. If time permits visit Martinique Beach, the longest in the province of Nova Scotia. Continue to Halifax Stanfield International Airport where you will drop off your car rental and proceed to the airport to board your flight home.

#### **Included**

- Document Kit Includes: Travel Wallet, Full Itinerary, Vouchers, Driving Directions, Maps & Supporting Literature
- > 20 Night's Accommodation
- ➤ Intermediate Car Rental for Duration (Unlimited kms, CDW Insurance, Airport Fees, Additional Driver Fee & Taxes)
- Halifax City Tour
- > Full Day Tidal Bore Rafting
- Digby to Saint John Ferry including Vehicle Charge
- St. Andrews Nature Cruise

#### Not included:

- Travel Insurance
- Meals (unless stated)
- National Park Entrance Fees
- Confederation Bridge/Wood Islands to Caribou Ferry (payable locally only)
- Car Rental Extras (Gas, PAC Top up Insurance, GPS and taxes on extras)
- Car Parking Fees
- Gratuities
- Any additional items not stated in "Included"

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