



CANADA

MARITIME ADVENTURE SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 11625)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Halifax

TRAVEL PERIODS

15 May 24 - 30 Sep 24

EXPERIENCE

Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the unspoiled nature, warm hospitality, and coastal charm of Atlantic Canada on this 11-day self-drive journey.

Highlights

- Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg
- Drive along Cape Breton's scenic Cabot Trail
- Encounter picturesque fishing villages & remote lighthouses
- Delight in the sumptuous seafood cuisine on Prince Edward Island

Experience the fresh salty air, unspoiled nature, rich history and warm hospitality of Atlantic Canada on this comprehensive 11-day Canadian Maritimes road trip. Traveling through Lunenburg, Annapolis Royal, Wolfville and Charlottetown, you'll encounter National Parks, National Historic Sites, museums and more, all set to the tune of Canada's eclectic east coast. Enjoy sightseeing, whale watching and learning about Canada's history, ending with time on the Cabot Trail and in Nova Scotia's capital, Halifax.

From Halifax, you will head to the restored Victorian town of Lunenburg (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Stop by Peggy's Cove along the way featuring the renowned Peggy's Point Lighthouse with impressive views over the Atlantic and small houses built directly on wave-washed boulders.

Cross the peninsula stopping at Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site, known for its hiking trails and incredible canoeing on wilderness lakes and rivers. Drive along Digby Neck and enjoy a spectacular whale watching excursion and marvel at the world's highest tides in the Bay of Fundy then take some time to explore the beautiful sea-side community of Annapolis Royal and the impressive Fort Anne.

Head across the 13km long Confederation Bridge to Charlottetown, the site of Canada's birthplace, and the capital of Canada's Prince Edward Island. Take in some fresh ocean breeze on a lobster tour and try your hand at lobstering whilst learning about the world of lobster fishing on Prince Edward Island. Explore sand dunes, beaches and Green Gables, the fictional home of Anne from the novel "Anne of Green Gables".

Take a ferry crossing then drive to Cape Breton Island, a little piece of Scotland in North America. Enjoy scenic hiking trails and explore the

fabulous Cabot Trail around Cape Breton Island for awe-inspiring views of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Discover the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, a “living museum” complete with costumed interpreters who re-enact daily life from the French colonial period. Enjoy a full day’s scenic drive back to Halifax where your journey comes to an end.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Lunenburg at the Blue Nose Lodge
- 2 nights in Annapolis Royal at the Hillsdale House
- 1 night in Wolfville at the Tattingstone Inn
- 3 nights in Charlottetown at The Great George
- 3 nights in Baddeck at the Inverary Resort
- 11 days intermediate size car rental including GPS
- Bay Ferry Tolls between Wood Islands to Caribou
- Meals Included as per Itinerary
- Brier Island Whale Watching (seasonal)
- Admission to historic sites as per itinerary

ITINERARY

Day

1

Halifax Lunenburg

Pick up your rental car and head south to Lunenburg, visiting Peggy’s Cove along the way. Peggy’s Cove (45km) is a small village with houses built right into the granite rock and a lighthouse overlooking the Atlantic. Old Town Lunenburg (98km), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a lovingly restored Victorian town that begs you to wander and explore.

Overnight in Lunenburg at the **Blue Nose Lodge**.



PEGGY'S COVE | CREDIT: TOURISM NOVA SCOTIA / ACORN ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Day **2**

Lunenburg Annapolis Royal

Cross the peninsula and make a stop at Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site, renowned for its hiking trails and incredible canoeing on wilderness lakes and rivers. Park interpretive staff conduct outings on foot to reveal the natural history of the area, including the Mi'kmaq petroglyphs. Continue along Route 8 to Annapolis Royal.

Overnight in Annapolis Royal at the **Hillsdale House**.

Breakfast



KEJIMKUJIK NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: TOURISM NOVA SCOTIA

Day **3**

Whale Watching Fishing Villages Exploring

Today drive along 95 km along the Digby Neck to experience a whale watching excursion in the nutrient rich waters of the Bay of Fundy. You will likely see finback and Minkes, humpbacks or even the rare North Atlantic right whale. Spend the afternoon exploring Annapolis Royal and Fort Anne.

Overnight in Annapolis Royal at the **Hillsdale House**.

Breakfast



Day 4

Annapolis Royal Wolfville

Make time to stop at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site, commemorating the Grand-Pré area as a centre of Acadian settlement from 1682 to 1755 and the Deportation of the Acadians, which began in 1755 and continued until 1762. Also the Domaine de Grand Pré is a fantastic winery in the area well worth a visit.

Overnight in Wolfville at the **Tattingstone Inn**.

Breakfast



Day 5

Wolfville Charlottetown

Enroute to Charlottetown take time to stop and see the Bay of Fundy, a marvel of nature. You will cross the 13km long Confederation Bridge.

Overnight in Charlottetown at **The Great George**.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Charlottetown

Explore Charlottetown, the site of Canada's birthplace - Province House National Historic Site was the scene of meetings that led to the formation of Canada as a country in 1867.

Overnight stay in Charlottetown at **The Great George**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Prince Edward Island National Park

You can explore picturesque Prince Edward Island National Park on the island's north shore - see sand dunes, beaches and Green Gables, fictional home of Anne, the character created by Canadian writer Lucy Maud Montgomery and loved by

millions worldwide.

Overnight stay in Charlottetown at **The Great George**.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Charlottetown Cape Breton Island

Depart Charlottetown taking Route 1 to Wood Islands Ferry crossing to Caribou, Nova Scotia then drive to Cape Breton Island, a little piece of Scotland in North America.

Overnight stay in Baddeck at the **Inverary Resort**.

Breakfast



Day **9**

Cabot Trail

Allow a full day to drive with time to get out and hike or observe views. Visit the park visitor center (5 km). There are 28 beautiful hiking trails in the National Park between Cheticamp and Ingonish. The most recommended one would be the Skyline Trail which is approximately located about 15 minutes drive from park entrance. Explore the fabulous Cabot Trail around Cape Breton Island for awe-inspiring views of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The route winds through Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Along the way visit the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre Route 19 Judique (approx 25 minutes from causeway) or the Glenora Distillery Route 19/Ceilidh Trail, Glenville (between Inverness and Mabou about 30 minutes from Judique). Other stops may include Acadian Cultural Center & Museum (Les Trois Pignons) or St. Ann's Gaelic College of Arts & Crafts.

Overnight stay in Baddeck at **Inverary Resort**.



CABOT TRAIL | CREDIT: TOURISM NOVAScotia / ROB ROMARD

Day 10 **Louisbourg**

This morning head north to discover the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site. This incredible "living museum," largest historical reconstruction in North America, is an impressive restoration of a French garrison town dating from the 1700s, complete with costumed interpreters who re-enact daily life from the French colonial period. You can even sample period food in the restaurant, or take part in a mock battle. Also, don't miss a visit to the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site in the village of Baddeck, a museum dedicated to the life and inventions of this fascinating man - who spent his summers here on the shores of the Bras d'Or - Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site is located on Chebucto Street (Route 205), in a residential area on the east edge of the village of Baddeck. You may also want to visit the Highland Village Museum in Iona.

Overnight stay in Baddeck at **Inverary Resort**.



FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE | CREDIT: TOURISM NOVA SCOTIA

Day

11

Cape Breton Island Halifax

A full day for the return trip to Halifax along the scenic Bras d'Or Lakes Drive to the Canso Causeway to enter mainland Nova Scotia. At the community of Antigonish, travel southwest along Marine Drive to your destination.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hillsdale House Inn

Annapolis Royal

On picturesque 12-acre grounds, this stately 1859 inn is surrounded by quaint gardens and villas on a tree-lined street. It's a 10-minute walk from Fort Anne National Historic Site. Ornate rooms with period styling and country touches are in the main inn or a separate carriage house, and are individually furnished with antiques and paintings.



Tattingstone Inn

Wolfville

On a tree-lined road, this refined guesthouse occupying an 1874 Italianate-style home on landscaped grounds is a 9-minute walk from the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens in the Acadia University campus and 7 minutes' walk from the head of the Wolfville Rail Trail. The elegant rooms in the main house and a carriage house feature Victorian furnishings and include private bathrooms, cable TV and free WiFi.



The Great George

Charlottetown

The Great George is an award-winning, historic, boutique property unlike any other in downtown Charlottetown. Adjacent to St. Dunstan's Basilica on a tree-lined street, this refined hotel spans 17 buildings dating from 1846. It's a 2-minute walk from the Province House National Historic Site and a 5-minute walk from Confederation Landing riverside park.



Inverary Resort

Baddeck

In the heart of Cape Breton on the sparkling shores of the Bras d'Or Lakes, Inverary Resort is at the start and end of the world famous Cabot Trail. With a picturesque location and abundance of amenities, Baddeck and Inverary Resort are your best way to experience Cape Breton Island!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE French & English	LOCAL CURRENCY Canadian Dollars
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Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package