

WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

Sample 12-Night Itinerary | Cross Province—St. John's, Gander, Twillingate, Western Newfoundland & Red Bay Labrador



FLY TO NEWFOUNDLAND

The Newfoundland adventure begins with your arrival at St. John's International Airport. Travel to your hotel (a short 15-minute drive).



EXPLORE ST. JOHN'S, NORTH AMERICA'S OLDEST CITY

Spend two days exploring St. John's, including visits to: Quidi Vidi, a charming village that embodies the spirit of an old fishing outpost; Signal Hill and Cabot Tower, the location of Marconi's first transatlantic wireless message; and, Cape Spear, the most Easterly Point in North America. Enjoy a walking downtown, visiting local shops, and viewing the colourful jellybean row houses lining the streets. On the last night in the capital city, take in the *The Spirit of Newfoundland* dinner show.



GANDER: COME FROM AWAY

Gander Newfoundland, made famous on September 11, 2001 when nearly 40 planes and 6500 people from around the world were diverted there. The hit Broadway show, *Come from Away* is based on this event. With a local guide, visit the airport, the aviation museum and other sites made famous in *Come from Away*.



A DAY IN TWILLINGATE

Twillingate is one of Newfoundland's oldest seaports. Spend the day exploring this charming island community including visits to: the Long Point Lighthouse, Prime Berth Fishing Museum, and the Beothuk Interpretation Centre, which offers insight to this unique, now vanished, culture of the Indigenous peoples of the region. Enjoy another show, *Here to Stay*, inspired by the events of 911 features beautiful ballads, comedic songs, a few Irish favorites and a little step dancing gives you another taste of Newfoundland.



GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodations and then depart for Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tour the state-of-the-art Parks Canada Discovery Centre, including taking the time to watch "Holding Ground", a video that provides an overview of the park's natural history. Lunch at one of Woody Point's or Trout River's seaside cafes. After lunch visit the seaside shops and galleries in Woody Point. Then, "*Walk Upon the Earth's Mantle*." With a Parks Canada Interpreter, stroll the Tablelands; explore the earth's mantle, and hold 400 million year old rocks. Depart for Rocky Harbour for overnight. Enjoy dinner, and then the *Anchor's Aweigh Show*.



BOAT THROUGH GLACIER-CARVED FJORDS

Take a stroll along the trail to Western Brook Pond, over marshland draped in butterworts, great sundew, orchids, dragon's mouth, and the provincial flower, pitcher plants. At the end of your walk, hop aboard a boat taking you through the fjord. You'll also get to sail close enough to feel the spray on your face from some of the highest waterfalls in eastern North America. Overnight in Rocky Harbour.



DEPART FOR L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

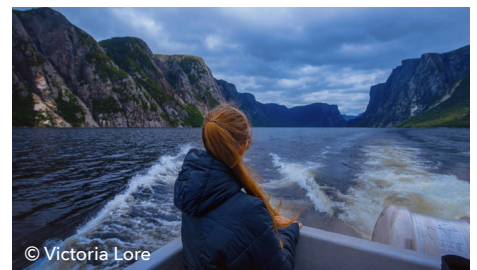
On the way to L'Anse aux Meadows visit *The Arches Provincial Park*, a unique rock formation eroded by years of sea wave action, and/or the *Torrent River Salmon Interpretation Centre*. When you arrive at your destination *Take Your Place Among the Vikings* (a Canadian Signature Experience); two great chapters of the Norse sagas played out at L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Come be part of the story. Horns are optional. For dinner, take in *The Great Viking Feast*, an evening of food, fun and feuds. Overnight in St. Anthony.



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WHALES, ICEBERGS & HISTORY

Enjoy whale and iceberg watching along Iceberg Alley by boat. Tour *Grenfell Historic Properties*, highlighting the life and times of Dr. Wilfred Grenfell. Visit the French Shore Tapestry in Conche, a 66 meter (216 ft) long embroidered tour de force of storytelling inspired by the famous 11th century Bayeux Tapestry. Overnight in St. Barbe.



LABRADOR AND BASQUE WHALERS

Sail across the Strait of Belle Isle to Labrador, and head to Red Bay National Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Established in the mid-16th century by Basque whalers in search of right and bowhead whales that produce oil to light the lamps of Europe. Travel south on Route 510 to L'Anse-Amour where you'll find the oldest known burial monument in North America, dating back 7,500 years. Just down the road, the Point Amour Lighthouse Provincial Historic Site is the tallest lighthouse in Atlantic Canada, standing a whopping 109 feet. Overnight in L'Anse au Clair.



TRAVEL THE VIKING TRAIL

Travel by ferry back to "The Rock" and depart for Port au Choix. Explore 6,000 Years of Human History and Experience the French Bread Oven at French Rooms Cultural Centre. Step inside Broom Point Fishing Premises and imagine the lives of the three Mudge brothers and their families who fished at Broom Point from 1941 to 1975. The wooden buildings, hand built boats, fishing gear and homey cabin recall the inshore fishery in open boats that once sustained Newfoundland's Coastal Communities. Parks Canada guides keep the story alive. Explore rocky point, the garden hidden in the tuckamore, and the cemetery in the nearby cove. Overnight in Cow Head and take in a show at the Gros Morne Theatre Festival.



OVERNIGHT IN DEER LAKE

Depart Cow Head, drive to Rocky Harbour and enjoy a cup of tea at Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse. After lunch, drive to Norris Point for the Bonne Bay Boat Tour. Tour includes lively commentary highlighting the geological wonders, the rich cultural history and the diversity of this fascinating bay, situated in the heart of Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the tour, one has the opportunity to view and photograph eagles, moose, whales, seabirds and much more in this incredible setting. Partake in an age-old tradition known as a "screech in" featuring live traditional music, a cod fish, sou'wester, and a little of the famous Newfoundland Screech and come away with a certificate declaring you an "honorary Newfoundlander". Depart Norris Point, drive to Deer Lake for overnight. Visit the Newfoundland Insectarium. One of only two in Canada. Enjoy an early supper of traditional "Jigg's Dinner" with local music, and prepare for early morning flight.



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