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TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO WHERE VIKINGS ONCE STOOD.

L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the only authenticated Norse site in North America. At the Viking Encampment, your groups can try blacksmithing or weaving, and talk to characters who will bring the Viking history to life. In the evenings, gather around the *skáli* (kitchen) and hear heroic and tragic tales of Thor, Loki, Erik the Red, and more from the Sagas.

DRIVE THE LIGHTHOUSE LOOP

The Southwest Coast is the perfect drive for lighthouse lovers. Rose Blanche Lighthouse, Cape Ray Lighthouse & Lightkeepers House, and Cape Anguille Lighthouse are all registered heritage structures, and tell the lively history of protecting fishers and sailors from the dangers of sea in that region. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the sea at each location too.

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 pitcher plants. At the end of your walk, hop aboard a boat tour 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.

WALK ON THE EARTH'S MANTLE.

Hiking the Tablelands is an experience that cannot be forgotten. Here, where the theory of plate tectonics was confirmed, you can walk over ancient sea floor and preserved ocean avalanches. It's a distinctive red landscape of exposed earth's mantle, thrust up by the collision of tectonic plates millions of years ago.

EXPERIENCE WHALE AND ICEBERG VIEWING AT THE SAME TIME.

Newfoundland and Labrador is one of the most spectacular whale watching places on Earth. The world's largest population of humpback whales return each year to feed on capelin, krill, and squid along the coast. And, when it comes to viewing icebergs, this is one of the best places in the world. On a sunny day, these 10,000-year-old glacial giants are visible from many points along the coast.

PEOPLE & CULTURE

Warm and welcoming, fun loving and funny to the core, the people here are also known for their natural creativity, unique language, and knack for storytelling.

HISTORY & HERITAGE

This province's history is rich with stories and legends, explorers, and inventors. Immerse your group in authentic encounters and hands-on learning experiences.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Your group will find an eclectic mix of festivals and events here, including folk musicians, live theatre performances, and art exhibits full of local flavor.



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stretches 750 kilometres from Channel-Port aux Basques on the southwest corner, to the Viking site of L'Anse aux Meadows at the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula. With ancient mountains, fjords, icebergs, whales, thousands of miles of coastline, two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and the International Appalachian Trail, this wild and rugged region sports abundant breathing room and diverse natural heritage.



Uniquely Western

- **UNESCO Trilogy:** *Gros Morne National Park* and *L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site* are located in Western. A third, *Red Bay National Historic Site* is a short drive from Blanc Sablon, Quebec, which is reached by ferry from St. Barbe, Newfoundland.
- **Unique Indigenous History:** Spanning 6,000 years, *Port aux Choix National Historic Site* explores the crossroads for Indigenous and European cultures.
- **Iceberg Alley:** Longest iceberg viewing season in Newfoundland & Labrador.
- **Important Bird Area (IBA):** Recognized by the *Convention of Wetlands of International Importance* as an IBA, the Grand Codroy Estuary RAMSAR Site, a 925-hectare area, is a stopover for migrating fowl, and a landing place for rare species occasionally blown off course.
- **Moose:** The highest concentration of moose in Newfoundland.
- **Three Canadian Signature Experiences:** *Quirpon Island Lighthouse Inn*; *Western Brook Pond Board Tour*; and, *Take Your Place Among the Vikings*.
- **World Hiking & Walking:** From tip to tip, Western Newfoundland offers kilometres of pristine coastline and unspoiled wilderness. From coastal trails, town and city treks, backcountry hikes, and provincial and national parks, there's something for everyone. Depending on the trail, view seabirds and songbirds, whales, icebergs, or moose . . . maybe all at the same time!

Best Time to Visit

- Whale Watching | May-August
- Iceberg Season | April-August
- Hiking | May-October
- Bird Watching | April-October
- Winter Activities | January-April

Length of Stay

- Sample the entire region | 10-12 days
- Visit a specific area | 3-4 days



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