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DISCOVER NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

JULY 24 – AUGUST 3, 2023

Almost completely surrounded by ocean, the province of Nova Scotia is a place where you can feel your pace fall in sync with the rhythm of the sea, breathe in the clean salt air, immerse yourself in rich history and vibrant culture, take in the sights of breathtaking landscapes and natural beauty & so much more! Prince Edward Island is sure to charm you with its beauty, history, and delectable cuisine. Join us on this exciting trip to the Canadian Maritimes located in eastern Canada for a fun-filled adventure!

Departure/return times and pickup location are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:00 AM	6:30 PM

MONDAY, JULY 24: We will start our journey to the northern Atlantic region making breakfast, lunch and rest stops en route to our overnight accommodations in Portsmouth, New Hampshire at: **HOLIDAY INN PORTSMOUTH** (603)431-8000

300 Woodbury Avenue
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

Dinner will be included at the hotel this evening.

TUESDAY, JULY 25: Following breakfast at the hotel, we will depart to continue our travels north to Bar Harbor, Maine. Take the afternoon **CAT Ferry** from Bar Harbor to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The high-speed ferry provides the shortest route along with nature's finest short cut from one coastal paradise to another on a 3 ½ hour ride across the Gulf of Maine. Discover the rugged shores of the Atlantic while enjoying the onboard amenities. Upon arrival in Nova Scotia, we will clear customs and then be met by our kilted tour guide. Check into our overnight accommodations and get a good night's rest at:

RODD GRAND YARMOUTH (902)742-2446
417 Main Street
Yarmouth, NS B5A 4B2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26: Following breakfast at the hotel, we begin our Maritime journey along the **Evangeline Trail**. We will stop at **St. Mary's Church**, the largest wooden church in North America which was constructed over a two-year period from 1903 to 1905. Then, we will visit **Fort Anne National Historic Site**, situated on 37 acres of land in beautiful Annapolis

Royal, the site at which many battles between the French and English took place in order to gain possession of this land. Later in the day, we will stop at **Grand Pre National Historic Site**, a powerful monument that unites the Acadian people, which was dedicated to the expulsion of the Acadians in 1755 and the inspiration for Longfellow's epic poem, "Evangeline". We will arrive in the Halifax metro area where we will spend the next two nights at:

HALIFAX MARRIOTT HARBOURFRONT HOTEL (902)421-1700
1960 Brunswick Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2G7

Dinner will be included this evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 27: Following breakfast, we will embark on a guided tour of the historic port city of **Halifax**, the capital of Nova Scotia. The tour will feature the important sights from Halifax's early beginnings as a colonial fort to its present role as an international meeting site and the economic center for the Atlantic provinces. Hear stories of Halifax during the war years, including the Halifax Explosion and the city's role in the recovery operations after the Titanic disaster. The tour will include the waterfront, historic downtown, St. Paul's Church, the universities, shopping and residential areas. A visit will be made to the fortress at **Citadel Hill National Historic Site**, which gives visitors the opportunity to explore the history of the fortress and the soldiers who were stationed there, walk within its walls – both inside and out –, and literally touch a piece of Halifax's military history. Also stop at the **Victorian Public Gardens**, formally established in 1867, the year of Canadian Confederation. As one of the finest surviving examples of a Victorian Garden in North America, the gardens are located on 17-acres and enclosed by a wrought-iron fence featuring many floral displays that include exotic and semi-tropical ornamental species, trees, shrubs, statues, and fountains. After an included lunch, we will travel to one of the most picturesque fishing villages along the Eastern seaboard - **Peggy's Cove!** Built in 1915, **Peggy's Point Lighthouse** is one of Nova Scotia's most well-known lighthouses and may be the most photographed in Canada. Have time to explore this working fishing village and browse through the craft and gift stores. We will return to the hotel for a free evening to have dinner and explore Halifax on your own.



FRIDAY, JULY 28: Today's adventure will begin with a stop at **Hope for Wildlife**, a charitable wildlife rehabilitation and education organization located in Seaforth, NS. Every year Hope for Wildlife welcomes thousands of visitors from all over the world to "the farm" for tours of the facilities. Seven seasons of Hope for Wildlife's TV series documents their efforts to rescue, rehabilitate, and return to the wild thousands of injured and orphaned wild animals every year. We will travel past Truro and Antigonish, continuing on to the Canso Causeway where we will cross over to the "Scotland of North America." Our travels continue to Baddeck, the picturesque, vibrant little village right in the heart of Cape Breton Island set on the shores of the great inland sea known as the Bras d'Or Lakes where we will check into our accommodations for the next two nights at:

INVERARY INN (902)295-3500
368 Shore Road
Baddeck, NS B0E 1B0

Baddeck is widely known as 'the beginning and end' of the famous Cabot Trail. Dinner is included this evening.





SATURDAY, JULY 29: Today we will discover first-hand why *Conde Nast* magazine readers rated **Cape Breton** as one of the top ten most beautiful islands in the world! We will start with a visit to the **Alexander Graham Bell National**

Historic Site which commemorates the genius and compassion of this renowned inventor. Discover his legacy through exhibits that show how he and his associates achieved Canada's first powered flight with their airplane *Silver Dart*, produced the world's fastest boat, advanced recording technology, designed giant kites and, of course, invented the telephone. Original artifacts, films, and family photographs highlight his scientific and humanitarian work. We will then travel the 186-mile route which makes up the famous **Cabot Trail**, a magnificent scenic drive along some of the most stunningly beautiful coastline in the world! As you learn about the history of this beautiful island, have your camera ready for the spectacular photo stops! Travel through **Cape Breton Highlands National Park** where a fun picnic lunch will be enjoyed, and visit the French-Acadian community of **Cheticamp**, famous for its crafts and Acadian culture. Dinner is included this evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 30: After breakfast, we depart to re-cross the Canso Causeway to mainland Nova Scotia and travel to Caribou where we will board the **Northumberland Ferry** for a 75-minute crossing of the Northumberland Strait to **Prince Edward Island**. Once on PEI, drive past picture-perfect farms and lush green patchwork fields on our way to **Charlottetown**, the capital of Prince Edward Island, for a guided tour of the area. We will check into the historic property situated in the heart of downtown Charlottetown, an incredibly vibrant seaside city full of historic charm, which will serve as our accommodations for the next two nights at:

THE HOLMAN GRAND (902)367-7777
123 Grafton Street
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7M4

Dinner is included this evening.



MONDAY, JULY 31: Following breakfast, we will set out to explore this beautiful island. First, we will visit the **Anne of Green Gables Museum** at Park Corner, where Lucy Maud Montgomery spent much of her childhood. Built in 1872 by the author's Aunt Annie and Uncle John Campbell and opened as the museum in 1972, you'll find artifacts such as Montgomery's hand-developed photographs which allow you to see the world through her eyes and Anne's Enchanted Bookcase, along with the author's "own little bedroom" she stayed in when she came to visit. Outside, explore the scenic surrounding property and see Anne's famous "Lake of Shining Waters" followed by a boxed lunch onsite. This afternoon, we will head to Cavendish where we will tour **Green Gables Heritage House**, the fabled home of Anne Shirley, heroine of Lucy Maud Montgomery's "Anne" novels which were first published in 1908. Red sandstone cliffs, white beaches, gently sloping sand dunes, and green fields make **Prince Edward Island National Park** especially popular. At **PEI Preserves**, you will have an opportunity to sample some of their delicious jams and sauces that are made on site. A delicious, traditional **Lobster Dinner** will be enjoyed this evening which includes all you can eat mussels, and more!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1: Following breakfast, we will say farewell to Prince Edward Island this morning as we head for New Brunswick, crossing over the **Confederation Bridge**, the world's longest continuous multi-span bridge crossing over ice-covered waters which opened in 1997.





Our tour will continue along the shores of the **Bay of Fundy** to **Hopewell Rocks** where fantastic rock forms have been carved by the action of the world's highest tides which occur twice a day, every day. The Bay of Fundy is one of the 7 wonders of North America containing the highest tides on earth, the rarest whales in the world, semi-precious minerals and dinosaur fossils. Drive through **Fundy National Park** before arriving in **Saint John**, the Loyalist City, where we will have a brief city tour, including a stop at **Reversing Falls Skywalk** for photos. A natural wonder, Reversing Falls Rapids is the world's greatest example of tidal impact upon a river. Dinner is included tonight, and we will check into our lodging at: **DELTA SAINT JOHN** (506)648-1981
39 King Street
Saint John, NB E2L 4W3

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2: After breakfast, we will say farewell to our local guide and begin our journey south, making regular meal and rest stops en route to Massachusetts for our overnight lodging at: **HOLIDAY INN & SUITES** (978)535-4600
1 Newbury Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Dinner will be included at the hotel this evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3: Following breakfast, we are homeward bound today as we take with us fond memories of our spectacular Canadian Maritime tour!

PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE	\$5,700.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, lodging, luggage handling, 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners, tax & gratuities on meals included, admissions, tours, ferry rides, and local step-on guide with gratuity)
DOUBLE	\$4,550.00	
TRIPLE	\$4,250.00	
QUAD	\$4,100.00	

A DEPOSIT OF \$500 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY **JUNE 1, 2023**. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above address. Luggage tags and final itineraries are mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly suggest purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Guard Insurance. For specific questions regarding cancellation insurance, call Travel Guard at (800)826-1300. You will need to refer to Agency #50810 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

All policies will need to be quoted and/or purchased electronically, or by calling the 24-hour service center (paper applications are no longer accepted). Insurance coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Casual clothing is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended as there is considerable walking involved on this tour.

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