## Newfoundland & Labrador

with Iceberg Festival

02 June - 14 JUNE 2025





13 DAYS

\$6,538 pp

LAND TOUR

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE

# Travel Quest

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• INCLUDES: guided touring, accommodations, meals as indicated, tour director & driver gratuities, taxes

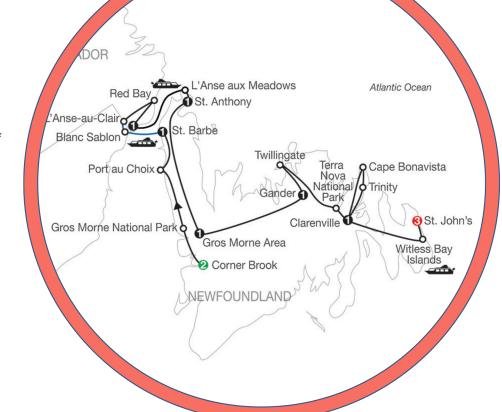


#### Day 1 ARRIVE IN CORNER BROOK

Welcome to Corner Brook! The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the town or relax at your hotel.

#### Day 2 CORNER BROOK

Newfoundland Wonders This morning, meet your travel companions and Tour Director during a welcome breakfast. Then enjoy an orientation tour of Corner Brook. Travel along Humber Arm to the Bay of Islands, excellent photo opportunities on the way to Frenchman's Cove. Enjoy a stop at Lark Harbour. Soak in the great views of Guernsey, Tweed and the Pearl Islands on return to Corner Brook.



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT The garden city of Corner Brook on the western shores of Newfoundland lies at the mouth of the Bay of Islands -a spectacular mix of mountain landscapes and seascapes. Travel along Humber Arm to the Bay of Islands, with excellent photo opportunities on the way to Frenchman's Cove. Enjoy a stop at Lark Harbour. Soak in the great views of Guernsey, Tweed, and the Pearl Islands on the return to Corner Brook.

Breakfast

#### Day 3 CORNER BROOK-GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK-PORT AU CHOIX-ST. BARBE

National Treasures Skirt the shores of Deer Lake and head north to Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its exceptional beauty and unique geological features. At the Lobster Cove Head, visit the lighthouse and the fascinating Marine displays. Next is Broom Point, highlighting the history of Canada's earliest fishing settlements. Depart for St. Barbe, visiting a few important sites along the way. View glacier-carved gorges on the way to Port Au Choix National Historic Site to see fascinating exhibits highlighting archaeological finds of Maritime Archaic and Dorset peoples who settled here before 2000 BC.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHT**

NATURAL WONDERS Mother Nature knows you can't rush a good thing, taking 485 million years to create the wonders of Gros Morne National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site covering over 1110 square miles, the park is a paradise of raw beauty and geological wonders with stunning fjords carved by glaciers amid towering cliffs and roaring waterfalls.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### Day 4 ST. BARBE-RED BAY-L'ANSE-AU-CLAIR

Sea Treasures Across the Strait Board your ferry to cross the Strait of Belle Isle. Then, to Red Bay National Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized as the first major industrial complex of the New World and home to a 16th-century Basque whaling station exhibit. Continue to L'Anse-au- Clair.









#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES Explore remarkable Red Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized as the first major industrial complex of the New World and home to a 16th-century Basque whaling station exhibit. This historic fishing village in Labrador holds one of the most precious underwater archaeological sites in the Americas. Relics from ancient whaling ships lie below the surface, and even pieces of whale bone believed to be from the Basque era can be found on the shores of Red Bay.

Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 5 L'ANSE-AU-CLAIR-L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS-ST. ANTHONY

Norsemen Sites & Nature Sights This morning, take the ferry back to St. Barbe. Visit L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site for a look at Viking settlers here. Return to St. Anthony where your afternoon is free. Perhaps a walk along the Bottom Brook Trail, a waterfowl sanctuary where a variety of birds may be spotted. This evening, enjoy dinner with lively entertainment.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORY & HERITAGE Visit L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site to explore the only known Viking settlement in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A Local Guide shows you the reconstructed sod huts, explains how the Vikings lived, and you will see Norse artifacts dating back to 1000 AD.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### Day 6 ST. ANTHONY

Iceberg Ahead! This morning, take a scenic cruise in search of Icebergs and marine wildlife (whether dependent). The afternoon is free to attend the Iceberg Festival, celebrating the coming of spring in the north and the annual arrival of icebergs. The festival features music, food, entertainment, history, culture, great hospitality, and of course icebergs. End the day with a Great Viking Feast & Theater Experience.

#### LOCAL FAVORITE

HISTORY & HERITAGE Great Viking Feast & Theater Experience. Enjoy an evening of food, fun, and feuds at the Great Viking Feast! Come to Leifsburdir and be part of a Viking court of law while feasting on the food that the Vikings may have enjoyed. Listen to the Vikings and customers make their case to the Lawspeaker and then decide on their fate and punishment. Become an honorary Viking and take away a certificate to prove it.

Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 7 ST. ANTHONY-GROS MORNE AREA

A Bonny Day on Bonne Bay Travel along the Viking Trail, with a stop at Arches Provincial Park to photograph the two large arches carved by the pounding sea. Then, board a boat for a scenic cruise on Bonne Bay. Tonight, enjoy a seasonal seafood dinner.

#### LOCAL FAVORITE

EPIC RIDE A scenic cruise on Bonne Bay reveals a pristine world of two fjords and the deep waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Enjoy live commentary throughout your cruise to learn about Gros Morne Mountain, the geology of the Tablelands, the whales that frequent the deep waters of this fjord. Keep an eye across the water's surface as well as the sky above to spy an array of bird life and bald eagles.

Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 8 GROS MORNE AREA-GANDER

Historic Airships & Honored Friendships After breakfast, depart for Gander, once the international aviation crossroads of the world for a visit to the North Atlantic Aviation Museum to learn the history of North Atlantic aviation from the 1930s to its unexpected role in the days following the 9/11 tragedy. Join the Beyond Words Tour to learn of the role that Gander played days after the tragic event.

#### LOCAL FAVORITE

HISTORIC FIGURES Take a moving Beyond Words Tour in the historic aviation city of Gander, where nearly all its streets are named for legendary fearless flyers such as the Wright brothers, Lindbergh, and Earhart. Here, you'll learn about how, following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Gander and surrounding communities welcomed, housed, and fed nearly 6,700 unexpected guests for up to five days, when all North American airspace was ordered closed. Ten years later, Gander was presented with two pieces of steel recovered from New York's World Trade Center buildings in appreciation of the Town's extraordinary compassion and generosity.

Breakfast

### Day 9 GANDER-TWILLINGATE-TERRA NOVA NATIONAL PARK-CLARENVILLE

Fish Stories & Whale Tails Drive along the Road to the Isles, the local predilection for colorful language comes



across with place names, such as "Too Good Arm," "Virgin Arm," and "Crow Head." On the way to Twillingate, visit the Granville Centre. With luck, you might spot whales along the coast en route to Terra Nova National Park. Continue to Clarenville, situated in beautiful Trinity Bay.

Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 10 CLARENVILLE-CAPE BONAVISTA-TRINITY-ST. JOHN'S

Reliving History on the Harbor Travel to Cape Bonavista to admire the beautiful cliffs and coastlines. In Bonavista, learn how modern North America began when John Cabot made landfall here in 1497. A visit to Ryan Premises National Historic Site commemorates the prosperous fishing industry from the early 1500s to today. Later, continue to historic Trinity, one of the oldest communities in North America, with its scenic harbor. Enjoy a regional lunch at a local restaurant followed by a walking tour with a Local Guide to hear stories that bring this picturesque village alive.

#### LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES Meander down narrow lanes lined with 19th-century merchant homes in one of the best-preserved historic communities in the province. Get a multi-sensory snapshot of Trinity's 300-year history as a mercantile hub of a thriving salt fish trade for 150 years. Discover the life and times of Emma Hiscock at Hiscock House to learn about the widow who raised her family in a genteel life despite family tragedy. Try your hand at netting twine, measuring out goods for sale, and trading your fish for supplies to judge your skills in surviving the next fishing season. Enjoy a regional seafood lunch and try your hand at knitting, rug hooking, or embroidery reminiscent of the old days in Newfoundland.

Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 11 ST. JOHN'S. EXCURSION TO WITLESS BAY & CAPE SPEAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

For the Birds in Witless Bay Today, travel to Witless Bay, where whales and puffins abound. Board your boat for a

narrated cruise around the three islands in the renowned Witless Bay Ecological Reserve. Then, visit Cape Spear National Historic Site, the most easterly point in North America.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

THE WILD PLACES Newfoundland has the largest concentration of humpback whales in the world and is also known as the "Seabird Capital of North America," with the largest Atlantic puffin sanctuary in North America. Discover their stunning habitat on a Witless Bay cruise through the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve – home to over 2 million seabirds, including 500,000 Atlantic Puffins, nesting in one of Newfoundland's best whale-watching sites.

Breakfast

#### Day 12 ST. JOHN'S

Toasts on the Coast Tour the oldest settlement in North America with a Local Guide. Visit Signal Hill National Historic Site, Cabot Tower, the Old Town, and the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. This afternoon is free to explore on your own. You may wish to visit The Rooms, where you can immerse yourself in the local culture through history, heritage, and artistic expression or spend time browsing the many boutiques and galleries of St. John's. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a special farewell dinner that includes a traditional Screech-In ceremony. Wonderful conversation and cuisine make the perfect finale for your tour.

#### LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES & TRADITIONS Even if you have 'come from away', you can become an honorary Newfoundlander with a shot of screech, a short recitation, and the kissing of a cod! Screech is the local rum that, while packing a punch at 40% alcohol, is an important part of the screech-in ceremony – especially when kissing the cod! Yes, b'y! Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 13 ST. JOHN'S

Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast

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