

SPECIALLY PREPARED PROGRAM FOR THE PROBUS CLUB OF MILTON

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

14 DAYS / CORNER BROOK TO ST JOHN'S
AUGUST 10 - 23, 2018



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DAY 1 / AUG 10, 2018 - CORNER BROOK

We fly with Air Canada from Pearson International Airport to Deer Lake, Newfoundland. Upon arrival you will be met by your deluxe touring coach and tour manager and transfer to our hotel in Corner Brook where we spend the next two nights. Corner Brook is a city located on the west coast of the island of Newfoundland in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. Located on the Bay of Islands at the mouth of the Humber River, the city is the largest population centre in the province after St. John's. As such, Corner Brook functions as a service centre for western and northern Newfoundland. It is located on the same latitude as Gaspé, Quebec, a city of similar size and landscape on the other side of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Corner Brook is the most northern city in Atlantic Canada. *Tentative flight schedule: TBA*

DAY 2 / AUG 11, 2018 - CORNER BROOK

Our city tour includes Captain Cook's Lookout for a spectacular view over the city and the Bay of Islands. We then enjoy the scenic drive along the Captain Cook Trail to the charming fishing village of Lark Harbour. James Cook is best known for his three expeditions to the Pacific; but it was in North America during the Seven Years' War, and then in Newfoundland during the 1760s, that he learned his trade both as a cartographer and an explorer. It is interesting that his achievements later saw him honoured by NASA. Cook's HMS Discovery was one of several historical vessels that inspired the name of the third space shuttle, and NASA later named their final shuttle "Endeavour" after the ship he commanded on his first circumnavigation of the globe. When the shuttle Discovery made its final space flight in 2011, its crew carried a special medallion made by the Royal Society in honor of Cook.

This afternoon we visit the Corner Brook Museum with its outstanding display of old maps and memorabilia from this area's logging and fishing heritage.

DAY 3 / AUG 12, 2018 - GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK/ NORTHERN PENINSULA

Today we tour Gros Morne National Park – a World Heritage Site - with its dramatically beautiful scenery. It took 485 million years for Mother Nature to create Gros Morne National Park, a place unlike any other on Earth. Geology here marks a time when the continents of Africa and North America collided, pushing these rocks, originally beneath the ocean, to their present position on land. We will enjoy an entertaining boat crossing on lovely Bonne Bay, stop for the spectacular view at Lobster Cover lighthouse, and see the famous Arches carved by the pounding ocean. We then proceed to our hotel on the Northern Peninsula.

DAY 4 / AUG 13, 2018 - L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS/ST. ANTHONY

This morning we visit L'Anse aux Meadows. Canada's inaugural UNESCO site, the Viking settlement at the tip of Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula, was the first real evidence that these European adventurers had reached the

new world over 1,000 years ago – long before Columbus. The excavated remains of wood-framed, peat-turf buildings are similar to those found in Norse Greenland and Iceland, and are the only authenticated site in North America. You will be able to see how the Vikings lived and enjoy tales of their adventures long ago. Next is the Grenfell Centre, commemorating the life of medical missionary Sir Wilfred Grenfell. We then continue to our hotel in St. Anthony.

DAY 5 / AUG 14, 2018 - LABRADOR

This morning we take the ferry from St. Barbe across to Labrador (one and half hours). Just off the coast, the meeting of the cool Labrador Current and the warm Gulf Stream creates an abundance of marine life that attracts thousands of whales, and provides rich nesting grounds for millions of seabirds. Our sightseeing in Labrador includes Point Amour Lighthouse – the tallest in Atlantic Canada and Red Bay Whaling Station – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Established in the 16th-century by Basque mariners, Red Bay is now an archaeological site that provides the earliest, most complete, and best-preserved testimony of the European whaling tradition. The site, called Gran Baya by those that sailed here every summer, became a major source of the whale oil that lit the homes of Europe. These days it is a stop along the Labrador Coastal Drive, and home to whale bones, a restored chalupa, and an interpretation centre near the beach.

DAY 6 / AUG 15, 2018 - GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

We ferry back to Newfoundland and return to beautiful Gros Morne National Park, this time for a two nights stay.

DAY 7 / AUG 16, 2018 GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

We spend the day in the park and see some of the world's most unique geological features (the park is also designated as an UNESCO World Heritage Site). Included is a cruise inside an ancient fjord on Western Brook Pond (weather permitting). The landlocked fjord is a rare sight, carved by glaciers and home to plenty of waterfalls and wildlife. Tonight we attend the Gros Morne Theatre Festival for some local entertainment.

DAY 8 / AUG 17, 2018 - GANDER

Today's sightseeing includes a visit to the King's Point Whale Pavilion to see the impressive 52-foot humpback whale skeleton on display. We will have time at the popular Pottery Museum and Shop before continuing to Grand Falls for a visit of the Salmonid Interpretation Centre – one of North America's largest fishing projects. We continue to Gander for a 2 night stay.

DAY 9 / AUG 18 , 2018 - TWILLINGATE/GANDER

Our first stop is the Boethuk Interpretation Centre to learn of the aboriginal people of the island. We then travel along the Road to the Isles to the rugged north coast and the fishing villages on Notre Dame Bay. We continue to Twillingate, one of Newfoundland's oldest seaports and still fishing and sealing town. Here we visit the Twillingate Museum with its fine collection of antiques, and St. Peter's – the oldest wooden church in Newfoundland. This evening we enjoy a "jiggs" dinner at a local restaurant.



St. John's Cityscape, Avalon

DAY 10 / AUG 19, 2018 - CLARENVILLE

We travel through Terra Nova Provincial Park. Imagine a place where inlets of the North Atlantic Ocean meet the boreal forest of central Newfoundland and where rocky cliffs provide shelter from a tempestuous sea, only to merge inland into rolling green hills, bogs and ponds. This is Terra Nova National Park, Canada's most easterly national park. Four hundred square kilometres of natural beauty. We continue on to the picturesque historical fishing port of Trinity – first used by fishing ships around the 16th century and recognized for its beautiful heritage buildings. Our overnight is in nearby Clarenville.

DAY 11 / AUG 20, 2018 - ST. JOHN'S

We travel along the island's rugged coastline past scenic Conception Bay. We stop in Heart's Content to visit the Cable Station and then continue on to St. John's, our province's capital. Here is the perfect combination of big-city luxury and small-town charm. As the oldest and most easterly city in North America, this is where heritage lives. Melded with culture, history, and personality, St. John's has survived two World Wars, five centuries, countless hardships and triumphs. It's become a rare, old city full of character, experience and charisma, with a contemporary, sophisticated edge.

DAY 12 / AUG 21, 2018 - ST. JOHN'S

St. John's is one of North America's oldest settlements. Our city tour will trace this history and will include a visit to Signal Hill with its striking view of the city and historic port. The unmistakable, iconic Cabot Tower guards the top of Signal Hill, where military men guarded our shores throughout the 1700s and 1800s. Here, Marconi famously received his first transmission across the Atlantic in 1901. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore this friendly, charming city. You may want to stroll in Old St. John's to shop for local handicrafts. Pass the colourful jellybean row houses wedged together in every space lining the sides of steep hills and hidden alleyways. Once you've meandered down to the working harbour of the waterfront, look towards the Narrows and imagine a time when the waters were brimming full with fishing schooners. For nightlife excitement, head to the famous George Street.



L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, Western

DAY 13 / AUG 22, 2018 - WHALE WATCHING/ST. JOHN'S

We embark on an exhilarating marine wildlife adventure to Witless Bay Reserve – home to thousands of puffins and the best whale watching in North America. On the way back to St. John's, we stop at Cape Spear – the most easterly point of land in North America. This historic site was, in WWII, used as a strategic defense position against Nazi submarines. The urged scenery here is spectacular. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner featuring a traditional "Screech-In".

DAY 14 / AUG 23, 2018 - HOME

We fly home from St. John's.

END OF TOUR



Breaching Whale

PRICING & TERMS

Package Rate based on double occupancy **CAD \$4,397 per person**

Single Supplement **Plus CAD \$990**

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airfare with Air Canada from Toronto to Deer Lake and St. John's to Toronto
- Roundtrip transportation between your home and the airport
- Carefully selected accommodation (best available in most cases) with daily breakfast
- 10 dinners
- Whale Watching Cruise and Gros Morne Cruise
- Theatre show and other local entertainment
- Gratuities for hotels, drivers, and local guides
- Insurance for cancellation
- Services of an experienced Tour manager
- All prices in Canadian, with HST taxes included

EXCLUSIONS

- Airline baggage fees
- Medical Insurance
- Gratuity for Tour Manager

SPECIAL NOTE

- Names provided at time of booking **MUST** match exactly as per your passport.
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date.
- If you wish to purchase optional travel insurance with us, it **MUST** be purchase prior to final payment date. Please contact us for a quotation.
- Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharge.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

At time of booking: \$400 per person
Final payment: remaining balance due May 10, 2018

CANCELLATION TERMS

Between time of booking and Feb 09, 2018 50% of deposit
Between Feb 10, 2018 and May 09, 2018 100% of deposit
Between May 10, 2018 and date of departure 100% of tour cost

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