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Canada's Magical Maritimes & Acadia National Park

***Featuring Prince Edward Island, New
Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Bar Harbor,
Maine!***

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Experience a stunning landscape carved by the forces of nature and the wild Atlantic Ocean. From immense woodlands, rocky beaches and glacier scoured granite peaks, the Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island feature some of the most amazing views of Canada, including the famous Bay of Fundy, with extreme tides that can differ by over 50 feet! We will also visit Prince Edward Island, the setting for the *Anne of Green Gables* series of novels and known for its red sand beaches, rolling countryside and abundant seafood. Just in time for the NPS 100th Anniversary, we tour the most eastern National Park in the United States; Acadia National Park, where the highest point on the United States' East Coast can be found. Come and discover this fascinating region steeped in age-old tradition and populated by some of the friendliest people you could ever meet, in the most scenic landscape imaginable!

Tuesday, August 15 – Beautiful Bar Harbor

Meet your Tour Directors Dea and Declan at the Saint Louis Airport before our flight on Southwest Airlines to Portland, Maine. When we arrive, we board our private motor coach and travel to Bar Harbor, in “Down East” Maine. Once a famous summer colony for the affluent elite, Bar Harbor is a seaside community full of “downeast” character and is known for its famous Maine Lobster!

We next arrive at our charming hotel, the **Bluenose Inn & Resort**, where we will stay for the next two nights. Explore this wonderful four diamond rated property and discover the allure of the rocky Maine coast. Then we gather for a delicious **Welcome Dinner** served at a local seafood lovers' restaurant, where we dine on casual fare with beautiful ocean views. Return to the hotel for live entertainment. **(D)**

Wednesday, August 16 - Acadia National Park

Start the day with a hearty breakfast served at the Inn. Breathe in the fresh salt air and witness the amazing views during a morning stroll. Next we travel a short distance to Acadia National Park, located on Mount Desert Island. We start with a **Carriage Tour** where you will experience the park's world famous carriage roads as designed and built by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. This fully narrated two hour ride takes you on a leisurely step back in time featuring some of the most remarkable bridge work in America. We have the chance to dismount the carriage and explore the **Cobblestone Bridge**, the first of Mr. Rockefeller bridges, built in

1913. We will also stop at the historic **Jordan Pond Gatehouse**. After your ride, relax over a picnic lunch brought from the Inn's restaurant. We are then joined by an official **Acadia National Parks Guide** who will board the coach and lead us on a fascinating tour of the park's highlights.

We then return to Bar Harbor for some free time to explore the charming town. Visit the shops and galleries or sip a refreshing beverage at a shore side café before returning to the Inn to relax and refresh before dinner. This evening is filled with fascinating entertainment and fabulous food. Tie on the lobster bibs and get ready to savor the flavors of a traditional **New England Clambake**. Dine on chowdah', steamers, and fresh steamed Maine lobster! Of course, there will be selections for the landlubbers, and help for those who have never enjoyed eating a whole Maine Lobster before.

After dinner, **meet Captain John Nicolai**, one of Maine's most knowledgeable and entertaining lobster experts. The Captain has made it his mission to help sustain Maine's lobster fishery by promoting its rich history and traditions, as well as the importance of preserving the State's lobster population. Captain John's enthusiasm and sense of humor, as well as his great repertoire of tales from the Maine coast, make his presentations as fun as they are informative. The Captain has been featured many times in the national and international media, including the CBS Morning Show, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, PBS, the Outdoor Channel and the Outdoor Living Network. **(B,L,D)**

Thursday, August 17 - Heading North to Canada!

After breakfast in the hotel, we begin our travels to the beautiful Maritimes. We have one more stop before we enter Canada: the **West Quoddy Head Lighthouse**. The lighthouse is the easternmost point in the contiguous United States and the closest point to Europe from any point in the 50 states. West Quoddy Head overlooks Quoddy Narrows, a strait between Canada and the United States. Since 1808, there has been a lighthouse there to guide ships through the waterway; the current one was built in 1858. Explore the Visitor Center, and listen for frolicking seals in the bay.

We then continue on to **Campobello Island** in the Bay of Fundy. Campobello was the beloved summer retreat for the Roosevelt family, shaping Franklin into a great leader, and encouraging Eleanor to become an independent woman. Today the summer home is the centerpiece of **Roosevelt Campobello International Park**, and is preserved as a memorial and as a symbol of the close friendship between Canada and the United States. Campobello Island features unspoiled nature at its best.

We start with lunch on our own at Family Fishery, beloved by the locals. Save room for dessert, as we have a special **"Tea with Eleanor."** Enjoy tea and cookies served at the Hubbard Cottage and listen to stories of Eleanor's extraordinary life. They even have a book of Eleanor's cookie recipes compiled by her granddaughter! Next tour the Summer Cottage and visit the Campobello Gift House before departing the island late afternoon.

We then travel along the coastline to **Reversing Falls**, a phenomena caused by the tremendous rise and fall of the tides of the Bay of Fundy, which are the highest in the world according to the *Guinness Book of World Records*. We then head to our hotel in St. John, the **Best Western Plus Hotel & Suites**, and enjoy time to relax after a busy day.

Dinner is at a local favorite and features magnificent views of Lily Lake. This restaurant offers ambiance guaranteed to relax your mind and to fare tantalize your taste buds. **(B, Tea, D)**

Friday, August 18 - Moncton and Halifax, Nova Scotia

After breakfast we visit the **Acadian Museum** at the University of Moncton. Discover one of the largest collections in the world of Acadian artifacts, a dynamic and innovative way to present the Acadian history of Atlantic Canada and the history of its material culture. It is divided into two parts: a chronological section beginning in 1604, and a theme based section dealing with domestic life, religion, education, politics, the character of Evangeline, folklore, culture and arts, and the world of business.

Our next stop is Springhill, Nova Scotia for lunch on our own before we arrive at the **Halifax Public Gardens**, established in 1867 and encompassing 16 acres in the middle of downtown. In true Victorian fashion, the Gardens boast ornate fountains, a bandstand, statues, urns and a magnificent wrought iron

entrance as well as over 140 different species of trees, including unusual or rare species plus some centenarians.

We then arrive at the **Atlantica Hotel Halifax**, located in downtown, where you are free to explore the city and enjoy dinner on our own this evening. There are about 15 eateries all within a 15-minute walk from the hotel, such as Relish Gourmet Burger, Athens, Blue Olive, Phil's Seafood and Freemans Little New York. After dinner, you may wish to head to the Waterfront Boardwalk in the Historic District, where you can visit the shops and galleries and watch the boats coming into the harbor. **(B)**

Saturday, August 19 - Peggy's Cove and Halifax

After breakfast in the hotel, we meet our local guide and head out for a day of adventure. Our first destination is **Peggy's Cove**, a seaside fishing village with a collection of famous lighthouses, including the only lighthouse post office in Canada. According to legend, Peggy's Cove was named after a woman named Margaret, the only survivor of a schooner that ran aground and sank in 1800. Local folk called her "Peggy" and her home came to be known as Peggy's Cove.

After lunch on our own, we follow the coastal route back to Halifax, embarking on a **Halifax City Tour** that includes the waterfront, the historic downtown, a drive by St. Paul's Church, the universities, shops and residential areas. We also visit the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site and see the location of the Halifax Explosion and the gravesite of the Titanic victims.

You will have the remainder of the afternoon to visit sites at your leisure or return to the hotel to relax. One option includes the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, the oldest and largest maritime museum in Canada. With a collection of over 30,000 artifacts including 70 small craft and a steamship: the *CSS Acadia*, a 180-foot steam-powered hydrographic survey ship launched in 1913.

Tonight we have dinner in a unique location: an old tugboat repair building! The atmosphere is seconded only by the fabulous, local fare. **(B,D)**

Sunday, August 20 - Alexander Graham Bell Museum and the Bras d'Or Lakes

After breakfast, we travel to Antigonish, where we visit **Saint Ninian's Cathedral**, a beautiful example of 19th century Romanesque architecture. The interior, designed by Parisian educated artist, Ozias LeDuc, contains spectacular frescoes and detailed woodwork. Our visit includes a guided tour where we will learn of the history and observe the amazing craftsmanship.

Enjoy lunch on our own en route as we continue on to Baddeck, where we visit the **Alexander Graham Bell Museum**. Cape Breton's most famous resident, Alexander Graham Bell once said, "I have traveled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the Andes, the Alps and the Highlands of Scotland, but for simple beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all."

This National Historic Site is situated on 25 acres and is the only museum in the world containing the actual artifacts and documents from Bell's years of experimental work in Baddeck. Exhibits show how he and his associates achieved Canada's first powered flight, 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.

This afternoon we arrive at our hotel, the **Lynwood Inn**, overlooking the **Bras d'Or Lakes** and possesses more than 90 acres of natural surroundings. Relax on the observation deck while taking in the beautiful scenery and gorgeous view of the Bras d'Or Lakes or get active and take a hike on the walking trail. You may also enjoy a leisurely stroll through Baddeck where you will find a variety of unique shops and a beautiful boardwalk. A delicious buffet dinner featuring local fare and the freshest seafood imaginable is included and served at our hotel tonight. **(B,D)**

Monday, August 21 - Cape Breton and Whale Watch

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we meet our local guide and head out on a day filled with adventure and amazing scenery. Today you will discover first hand why *Condé Nast Traveler* readers rated Cape Breton one of the top 10 most beautiful islands in the world.

As we travel along the 186 mile coastline known as the **Cabot Trail**, have your cameras ready for the spectacular photo opportunities. We travel through the **Cape Breton Highlands National Park** and visit the intriguing village of **Cheticamp**, famous for its crafts and Acadian Culture.

Then it is off to **Pleasant Bay** for a **whale watching cruise**. We will learn about the whales in the Interpretive Center before climbing aboard the 46-passenger vessel and heading out on a 2.5 hour cruise to witness whales in their natural setting. Pleasant Bay is famous for the high number of whales that frequent its shores, including Pilot, Finback, Minke and Humpback whales. Occasionally seen are Atlantic White-Sided Dolphins, Basking Sharks and shy, Harbor Porpoises. Hear these magnificent creatures sing along with the boat's hydrophone!

After the cruise we head to MacIntosh Brook where we will enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue along the trail to the Skyline area and stop for a short hike. On our way back to the hotel, we stop for dinner at a favorite local restaurant. We then return to our Baddeck hotel for a good night's rest after dinner. **(B,L,D)**

Tuesday, August 22 - Prince Edward Island and Green Gables

Depart Baddeck after breakfast in the hotel. Today's travels take us to **Prince Edward Island**, or PEI as the locals call it. Have lunch on our own in the cafeteria onboard the ferry before we arrive on the island and meet our local guide who will lead us on a city tour. We will stop at the Prince Edward Island Preserve Company where we can sample tea, jams and jellies made right on site.

Next we visit **Cavendish** and arrive at the **Green Gables House**, the setting for the world famous book *Anne of Green Gables*. Witness the video presentations and exhibits on site. Stroll down Lover's Lane or the Haunted Woods, or explore the Green Gables Boutique.

We'll also stop at **Cavendish Beach** for a chance to stroll along the white sandy beaches and dip our toes into the Gulf of the St. Lawrence River before we enter Prince Edward Island National Park. The breathtaking scenery of the coastline is second to none in Atlantic Canada. There will be a photo stop at the bluffs that overlook the red cliffs and pink sand.

We then travel back to **Charlottetown** and check into the **Best Western Downtown** in the heart of the village and in the midst of the shopping district. We then enjoy an included dinner served at a locally owned restaurant near the hotel. Their local and Mediterranean dishes will quickly make you understand why their motto is: "It's all good!" **(B, Samples, D)**

Wednesday, August 23 - Walk on the Ocean Floor at the Bay of Fundy

After breakfast, we depart Prince Edward Island, but not before a stop at **Cavendish Figurines**, the best souvenir/gift shop in Eastern Canada and home to the world's only "**Anne**" statue. Unique gifts from around the world are displayed in themed sections: a large sea shell area with many exotic specimens, a lighthouse and replica ship section, an *Anne of Green Gables* house full of licensed products, a dog and cat section as well as thousands of T-shirts, caps and jackets. And, best of all, you are invited to get in touch with your inner child, put on red braids and become Anne! This store is so much fun that it has changed its name to *Shop and Play*.

We then travel across the **8 mile Confederation Bridge**, the world's longest multi-span bridge over tidal water, to New Brunswick, where we stop at **Hopewell Rocks** in the **Bay of Fundy**. We plan on arriving at low tide, so you will be able to actually walk on the ocean's floor and witness the Rocks as they look like giant flowerpots. Your visit includes admission to the **Interpretive Center and a guided tour**. During your visit, have lunch on our own at the onsite restaurant.

Our next stop is Fredericton, New Brunswick, where, after you have washed off "the salt air," gather for an included "Farewell Dinner" served at The Fredericton Inn, our home for the night. **(B,D)**

Thursday, August 24 - Homeward Bound

After breakfast in the hotel, pack your bags and bid farewell to the Maritimes. With a comfort stop along the way, arrive at Portland International Airport late morning for your afternoon flights home. **(B)**

Price:

\$3,422 pp, dbl \$4,182 pp, sgl \$3,146 pp, tpl \$3,033 pp, quad

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Tour includes:

- Round Trip Airfare via Southwest Airlines *Ask about our special hotel rates at St. Louis airport hotel prior to and/or after the tour. *
- Touring in private charter motorcoach
- Deluxe hotel accommodations throughout the Maritimes and in Bar Harbor, Maine
- 20 Incredible Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, a Tea and 8 Dinners!
- Visit the Acadia National park, home to the highest point on the US East Coast!
- Explore the quaint towns of Bar Harbor and Charlottetown
- See the Anne of Green Gables house on Prince Edward Island
- Walk on the ocean floor at the Bay of Fundy, where the tidal difference is a record 50 ft!
- Visit with Captain John Nicolai, a lobster expert who has been featured on numerous television programs
- Pleasant Bay Whale Watch cruise
- Tour Alexander Graham Bell's home and lab, the Roosevelt summer retreat, Halifax Public Gardens, the Reversing Falls
- Carriage tour of Acadia National Park, followed by a picnic lunch and coach tour
- Local guided tour of Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2 Professional Tour Directors
- All gratuities including drivers and directors

Please note: Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure.

Make your reservation with a \$500 deposit per person. Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please send a check or call with a credit card along with your legal name, address, phone number, and all roommates' names if you are sharing a room and any dietary or walking restrictions.

We encourage all travelers to purchase travel protection with initial deposit. Include Travel Protection payment with deposit, if purchasing. Please remember that certain benefits are Time sensitive. Plans help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances and help protect your trip and your investment.

Please ensure that you have either a valid, unexpired passport or passport card, as we will be traveling into Canada. You will not be allowed to return to the US without the proper documents, and travel protection will not cover any expenses due to not having valid travel documents. If you have a TSA Pre-Check or Global Entry Number, please give that to us at final payment date as Southwest Airlines will have to add it in with our final payment. Remember, they have the right to send you through the normal security line at random. This has never happened to us, but it is a possibility with the program.

Balance on base tour price is due May 15, 2017, and no refunds will be given after that time. If you purchase Travel Protection and need to cancel after May 15, 2017, you must file a claim. If you attempt to book after this date, there may be a substantial increase in price or you may have to arrive on a separate flight.

Have friends or family in another city? We can help to arrange their rendezvous with you on the tour either in St. Louis, Atlanta or in Dublin. Just ask Maggie how and she can arrange all the details. Remember, when you travel with Are We There Yet?, you get to leave the planning with us.