

MARITIMES

Fun Facts



- In 1995, the Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever was named Nova Scotia's official dog
- Alexander Graham Bell, credited with the invention of the telephone, had a summer home in Baddeck
- The Confederation Bridge, Canada's modern engineering feat, connects Prince Edward Island to mainland New Brunswick, is the longest bridge in the world to span frozen waters

Experience a world of endless charm, crisp air, sea life and lively breaking waters in the Maritimes region of Canada. This territory is rich with stories of exploration and intrigue. Visiting the Atlantic-surrounded Canadian provinces provides visitors the chance to touch history – see the Fairview Cemetery, the final resting place for more than 100 people who perished on the ill-fated voyage of the Titanic. Fishing villages and museums glimpse into the past – over a century of history from a time when transportation across the Atlantic could take months and the lighthouse beacons became a symbol of hope and comfort – that amidst the storms, the steadfast glow of the lighthouse could guide sailors safely ashore. The slow-paced life here reflects the kind of patience that was needed to make those journeys across the ocean. Visitors can simply enjoy and take in their surroundings moving about the coastal beauty of the Canadian Maritimes.

From Halifax and Digby to Baddeck, witness the charm of colorful houses and fresh sea air. In the summer and fall, this region experiences abundant sunshine and relief from the strained air of cities. Visit the Cabot Trail, discovered by the explorer, John Cabot, in the late-15th century. Skip across the Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island – the picturesque setting of Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables*. The novel is a source of great pride for Canada as it is a well-loved story about an orphan girl coming to live on Prince Edward Island and the events that made her a strong female character. The novel sold over 50 million copies; it was produced as a film and television series, as well as a Canadian musical that has been performed in Europe, Japan, and the United States. Another journey to look forward to is the crossing of the 8-mile Confederation Bridge to New Brunswick, home of the famous Hopewell Rocks. These formations were carved over time by the Bay of Fundy's dramatic tides that rise more than 50 feet. Along the coast of the Bay of Fundy, take a vacation that spends an evening or two at the majestic Digby Pines Resort – a world of casual elegance in the tradition of grand hotels. Surrounded by breathtaking beauty, guests have an opportunity to enjoy the views, recreation, and internationally renowned cuisine in this Norman-style chateau.

Enjoy the wild seas here with whale watching, seals, and bald eagles. On land, you can catch a glimpse of moose and caribou. And any traveler with an affinity for seafood, will have a hay day in this region – some of the cuisine best known out here is live lobster, scallops, and clams! In addition to off-the-boat seafood, savory maple syrup and extraordinary berries are also famous to this region, and with the slower pace of life out here, the chance to enjoy these foods is expected. Experience life in the Maritimes tradition where vivid images of the beauty here make memories to last a lifetime.



CURRENCY

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Although credit cards are widely accepted in Canada, we recommend our passengers carry some cash (~\$50) to use in circumstances when credit cards are not accepted or in destinations where ATMs are not readily available.



BUDGETING AND SHOPPING

When budgeting for your trip, keep in mind that the cost of goods, including food, drinks, and souvenirs, may differ significantly from what you're used to at home. In general, Canada is more expensive than destinations in the continental United States.

Shopping

You'll find many hand-made items such as hooked rugs, jewelry, soapstone carvings, quilts, baskets, and pewter products. Halifax and other cities of Nova Scotia feature boutiques and galleries where you can find unexpected treasures to remind you of the charm of the Canadian Maritimes for years to come.



TEMPERATURES

Our Maritime destination tours are concentrated in the far northeast of the United States and the area of Canada just across the border. Summer temperatures in this region are significantly cooler than cities found at lower latitude. Also, the close proximity to the ocean may result in a cool ocean breeze. The area is also prone to rain showers. We recommend checking local weather in each of your destinations prior to traveling to ensure you are adequately prepared for the conditions.

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for the Maritimes.

Month	Saint John	Baddeck	Charlottetown	Halifax
January	7/27°F	13/28°F	13/28°F	16/31°F
February	8/27°F	12/27°F	12/27°F	15/30°F
March	18/35°F	20/33°F	20/33°F	23/37°F
April	29/46°F	29/40°F	29/40°F	31/46°F
May	38/57°F	38/51°F	38/51°F	39/55°F
June	47/66°F	49/62°F	49/62°F	48/65°F
July	52/71°F	58/70°F	58/70°F	55/71°F
August	52/71°F	60/71°F	60/72°F	56/71°F
September	45/63°F	53/65°F	53/65°F	50/65°F
October	37/53°F	44/55°F	44/55°F	41/55°F
November	28/42°F	34/46°F	34/46°F	33/46°F
December	14/31°F	22/34°F	22/34°F	21/36°F

To convert to Celsius, subtract 30, then divide by 2. While not exact, this simple formula will give a close estimation.



FOOD SPECIALTIES

Regional specialties include fresh lobster and scallops, blueberries, flipper pie, fiddlehead greens, various fresh seafood specialties including impressively fresh mussels, and of course, Canada's famous maple syrup.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE COUNTRY INFORMATION

Additional country-specific information for US citizens can be found on the US Government's website www.travel.state.gov. Here, you can find the most up-to-date information about destination descriptions, passports/visas, safety and security, transportation, travel local laws, alerts/warnings, vaccinations, and more. For citizens of other nations, we recommend you consult your local consulate for travel information, regulations, and requirements.

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