NEWFOUNDLAND, LABRADOR and THE VIKING TRAIL

Whales, birds, bergs and rich history!

12 DAYS – FLY TO DEER LAKE AND RETURN FROM ST. JOHN’S

Experience a tour that combines the major highlights of Newfoundland and the Viking Trail with the unique southern tip of Labrador.

Travel from the northernmost tip of the island of Newfoundland to the most easterly point in North America through national parks, UNESCO Heritage Sites and the oldest and most interesting fishing communities.

While learning about ancient peoples – the Maritime Archaic, Vikings and Basques, meet the friendly and hospitable people of today. Boat tours provide the opportunity to see whales, thousands of seabirds and depending on the time of year – icebergs! Sample local food and drink to become an honorary “Newfoundlander”!

DAY

1 HOME CITIES to DEER LAKE to CORNER BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND: Your Exciting Holiday begins as you board your jet and fly to Deer Lake on Newfoundland’s West Coast. Upon arrival, a complimentary AIRPORT TRANSFER will be provided to your hotel in Corner Brook, Newfoundland’s second largest city. This evening features an informal WELCOME RECEPTION. Overnight Corner Brook.

2 CORNER BROOK to PLUM POINT: (2 nights) Keep your camera close at hand as you motorcoach along the Viking Trail to beautiful GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK. Travel along some of the most spectacular coastline in North America and visit the NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK at PORT AU CHOIX, which interprets the intriguing history and lifestyle of the Maritime Archaic people who lived here over 3000 years ago. Continue to Plum Point for two nights. Join your travel companions this evening for a WELCOME DINNER. Overnight Plum Point. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch.

3 PLUM POINT: Today’s journey takes you along the coastline to St. Anthony, located on the great northern peninsula where you visit the home of the famous medical missionary, SIR WILFRED GRENFELL. The highlight of your excursion north is a visit to L’ANSE AUX MEADOWS, home of Leif the Lucky and the Viking people who settled this area as early as the year 1000 A.D. Explore this UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE and learn about the Viking lifestyle with special demonstrations and exhibits. Retrace your steps down the Viking Trail to overnight at Plum Point. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch.

4 PLUM POINT to LABRADOR: Ferry across the Strait of Belle Isle to the fishing village where Jacques Cartier first landed at Blanc Sablon, Quebec. Enjoy a picturesque drive as you travel to the community of RED BAY, LABRADOR. Visit the BASQUES WHALING STATION founded in the early 1500’s and learn about the “modern techniques” used by these whalers and the hardships they endured. Later visit the TALLEST LIGHTHOUSE in the province at L’Anse au Clair. Overnight L’Anse au Clair. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch.
5 LABRADOR to ROCKY HARBOUR: (2 nights) Keep a sharp eye out for whales as you board the FERRY to return to Newfoundland. Continue to explore the rugged coastline stopping to view THE ARCHES, a natural wonder carved over many centuries by the sea. Overnight in Rocky Harbour located on the coast surrounded by Gros Morne National Park. This evening features a TRADITIONAL NEWFOUNDLAND DINNER. Overnight Rocky Harbour. Meals Include: Breakfast, Dinner.

6 ROCKY HARBOUR: Start your day with a BOAT TOUR (weather permitting) across beautiful Bonne Bay to Woody Point where you spend time in GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE. Visit the DISCOVERY CENTRE and view the famous TABLELAND MOUNTAINS. It is this area that earned the park its UNESCO World Heritage status and its nickname as the ‘Galapagos of Plate Tectonics’. Overnight Rocky Harbour. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch.

7 ROCKY HARBOUR to GANDER: Today we are eastward bound! A beautiful harbour provides the perfect backdrop for an eventful morning of whale interpretation and pottery exhibits followed by lunch. This afternoon experience stories of the 9/11 tragedy from those who welcomed the world into their homes when we arrive in Gander for overnight. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

8 GANDER to PORT BLANDFORD/CLARENVILLE: (2 nights) We’re off on the “Road to the Isles” before travelling across “Tickles and Runs” to spend time on beautiful TWILLINGATE ISLAND. This is one of Newfoundland’s oldest and most interesting fishing communities. Continue to TERRA NOVA NATIONAL PARK to view the vistas of Newman Sound. Overnight Port Blandford/Clarenville. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch.

INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax •Services of an experienced local Tour Director and Driver •Baggage Handling of one average piece per person •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Airport transfers •Welcome Reception •Gros Morne National Park •Port Au Choix National Historic Park •Welcome Dinner •Sir Wilfred Grenfell Mission •L’Anse Aux Meadows UNESCO World Heritage Site •Red Bay •Basques Whaling Station •Tallest Lighthouse •The Arches •Traditional Newfoundland Dinner •Boat Tour Bonne Bay (weather permitting) •Gros Morne UNESCO World Heritage Site •Discovery Centre •Tableland Mountains •Twilliglate •Terra Nova National Park •Trinity •Bona Vista •Ryan Premises NHS •Bay Bulls •Boat Tour at Witless Bay Ecological Reserve (weather permitting) •Cape Spear National Historic Park •City Tour of St. John’s •Cabinet Tower •Signal Hill •Ferry Crossing to and from Labrador •Meals Include: 11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches; 4 Dinners including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner.

9 PORT BLANDFORD/CLARENVILLE: Travel to the historic village of TRINITY, one of the oldest communities in North America, the gem of the Island. Then it’s out to CAPE BONAVIDA for a chance to walk the cliffs and enjoy the spectacular coastal scenery. Delight in the countless scenic coves and seascapes on your way to BONAVIDA where John Cabot landed in 1497. Visit the RYAN PREMISES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE to view exhibits and displays that commemorate the North Atlantic Fishery and depict the history, landscape and culture of the restored 19th century town. Overnight Port Blandford/Clarenville. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch.

10 PORT BLANDFORD/CLARENVILLE to ST. JOHN’S: (2 nights) Travel to the Avalon Peninsula to the town of BAY BULLS for a BOAT TOUR to WITLESS BAY ECOLOGICAL RESERVE. View thousands of Atlantic Puffins, Murres and other seabirds that nest here in the summer. Witless Bay is also home to many Humpback, Minke and Fin whales in the summer months, so whale sightings are a definite possibility. This afternoon visit CAPE SPEAR NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK, home of the oldest lighthouse in the province and the most easterly point on the continent. From here you are closer to the British Isles than from anywhere else in North America. Arrive in the city of St. John’s, the capital of Newfoundland and Labrador for a two-night stay. Meals Include: Breakfast, Lunch.

11 ST. JOHN’S: This morning a GUIDED CITY TOUR will introduce you to one of the oldest European settlements in North America. The tour includes a visit to CABOT TOWER and SIGNAL HILL, to view the famous “Narrows” and admire the architecture of old St. John’s. The rest of the day is free to shop and sightsee on your own. This evening we invite you to a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER, the perfect finale to a memorable touring adventure. Meals Include: Breakfast, Dinner.

12 ST. JOHN’S to HOME: All good things must come to an end and so we bid a fond farewell to our newest yet oldest Province. As you fly homeward it will be with many delightful memories of an authentic Newfoundland experience that will be recalled for years to come. Arrival time at St. John’s airport is planned for 11:30 a.m. to allow for early afternoon flights. Meals Include: Breakfast.

DEPARTURE DATES 2020
12 Days: ★June 8 ★June 11 ★June 15 ★July 15 ★July 23 ★August 10 ★August 26 ★September 7 ★Guaranteed date
ADDITIONAL DATES AVAILABLE
*Hotels cannot accommodate quads.

COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS FROM DEER LAKE

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Land Portion Only. Airfare and air tax not included. Consult Nagel Tours or your travel agent for best available airfare.

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