

Cape Breton & Cabot Trail

October 13 - 16, 2026 (4 Days)

Tentative Tour Itinerary



Welcome aboard your **Cape Breton & Cabot Trail Tour**. Whether you're revisiting Cape Breton Island in 2026 or exploring it for the first time, this getaway offers a perfect blend of cultural and historical experiences and tickets to the Celtic Colours Performance, all set against the backdrop of breathtaking natural beauty. Below you'll find the detailed itinerary for this exciting journey. Please review this information carefully, and feel free to reach out via phone or email if you have any questions. Be sure to check the **Important Details** section on the final page and contact us right away if anything is unclear. Your tour manager looks forward to meeting you and creating a fun, exciting, and well-managed tour.

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 13: Inverary Resort, Baddeck, NS (Welcome D)

TENTATIVE PICK-UP LOCATIONS & DEPARTURE TIMES:

NEW BRUNSWICK GUESTS:

- Fredericton Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 6:35am
- Saint John, Rte 1 Irving Big Stop – 7:50am
- Moncton, Magnetic Hills McDonalds – 9:15am
- Aulac Irving Big Stop – 10:05am-10:25am
(20-minute rest stop to meet PEI passenger shuttle)

NOVA SCOTIA GUESTS

- Halifax. Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 9:10am
- Hampton Inn, Dartmouth Crossing – 9:40am
- Halifax Airport Hotel (Formerly Quality Inn Hotel) – 10:45am
- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 11:30am-12:30pm 1 hour lunch (meet Main coach)

PEI GUESTS

- Royalty Crossing, near Superstore Entrance – 8:20am

- Meet your tour manager or driver at your ****designated meeting point**
- We will have a one-hour lunch stop along our route today (your expense).
- Enjoy the scenic drive to Baddeck. Located on the shores of Bras d'Or Lake, as we arrive at our hotel this afternoon and our home for the next two nights, The Inverary Resort. Upon arrival, relax as your tour manager handles group check in, distributes room keys and has your baggage delivered to your rooms (1 bag per person-fee included). Our signature group check in service is included during all hotel stays of your tour.
- This evening we will gather in the hotel's dining room for a welcome group dinner. Time to get to know each other a little better and celebrate the start of our Cape Breton experience (**meal with glass of wine or beer included**).
- Following dinner enjoy local Musical Entertainment at the Narrows in the Main Lodge or enjoy the evening at your leisure and your expense.



Day 2 – Wednesday, October 14: Baddeck – Fortress of Louisbourg – Baddeck (B, Group D)

- Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast at the Inverary Resort before we set out to visit to the Fortress of Louisbourg! Today is a step back in time and to see the history and landscape of unique fortification used by the French. You will experience a guided tour of the grounds and barracks while having some free time on your own.
- Following our visit to the Fortress of Louisbourg, we make a stop for lunch for 1 hour (on own).
- Following lunch we will visit the Alexander Graham Bell Museum (Entrance Included). Take some time this afternoon to explore the three main halls, featuring artifacts and exhibits from Dr. Bell's work with the deaf, replicas of the airplane and hydrofoil watercraft he helped develop, as well as family photographs and a detailed timeline of Bell's life, from his birth in Scotland to his arrival in Baddeck in 1885.
- We will return to our accommodations in Baddeck later this afternoon where you can enjoy time on your own at this beautiful resort, perhaps a swim in the indoor pool or walk around the grounds.
- This evening, join your tour manager and fellow group travellers as we gather for another group dinner, included.
- Following dinner enjoy local Musical Entertainment at the Narrows in the Main Lodge of our hotel, or enjoy the evening at your leisure and your expense.



Day 3 – Thursday, October 15: Baddeck – Cabot Trail – Keltic Lodge, Ingonish, NS (B, L, Farewell Group D) Tickets to Celtic Colours Performance

- Enjoy a delightful hot breakfast this morning before our departure for the day.
- Next, get set for the thrilling drive and magical experience of the Cabot Trail! Our journey begins traveling through Margaree Forks to the western coast and then traveling along the northern coast. Keep an eye out for moose, eagles, whales, and more! This is also the best region to see fall colours (weather permitting.)
- Heading north along the Cabot Trail, we cross the southwest branch of Margaree River and continue alongside the main river system up to Belle Cote - a small, picturesque fishing village at the mouth of the Margaree, where it flows into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Belle Cote marks the traditional boundary on the western side of Cape Breton, dividing the Scottish settlements to the south from the Acadian villages in the north.
- A one-hour lunch today will be in the Cheticamp area (**meal included**). Following lunch, we cross into Cape Breton Highlands National Park, known for its spectacular highlands and ocean scenery. This rugged western coastline is dotted with popular tourist towns, such as Pleasant Bay (the halfway point of the trail), and numerous scenic overlooks, including Mackenzie Mountain, with its spectacular view of Fishing Cove, the site of an early Scottish settler's fishing village.
- After passing more scenic overlooks, quaint coves, and beautiful beaches we make our way to the beautifully designed Keltic Lodge with breathtaking views of the Highlands in all directions.
- We will arrive and check-in to the beautiful nostalgic Keltic Lodge located in Ingonish, NS, this afternoon. Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, distributes room keys once again and has your luggage sent to your room.
- Tonight, enjoy your Farewell group dinner with a complimentary glass of wine or beer (**Included**).



- After dinner, join us for the Celtic Colours Performance. This is a special show with tickets included to a sold-out performance during the Celtic Colours Festival of 2025! Performances are by local Cape Breton musicians. This is set to be a truly memorable evening, and Collins Tours is thrilled to take you there.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

Day 4 – Friday, October 16: Keltic Lodge, Ingonish, NS to Home (B)

- Enjoy your complimentary breakfast before we check out and begin our journey home. Multiple rest stops have been scheduled along the way, and a 1-hour lunch stop (your expense) for your comfort.
- Time to bid farewell to the people and places of Cape Breton Island.

APPROXIMATE RETURN TIMES:

Nova Scotia Travelers:

- Truro Heights Big Stop – 1:20pm-2:20pm (1 Hour Lunch Stop)
- Halifax Airport Hotel – 3:00pm
- Hampton Inn, Dartmouth Crossing – 3:30pm
- Halifax. Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 3:55pm

Prince Edward Island Travelers:

- Charlottetown, Royalty Crossing, near Superstore Entrance – 5:10pm

New Brunswick Travelers:

- Aulac NB – 3:25pm (20-minute stop – transfer
PEI passengers)
- Moncton, Magnetic Hill McDonalds – 4:20pm
 - Saint John, Rte 1 Irving Big Stop – 5:50pm
 - Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 7:10pm

Hotel contact information

Inverary Resort, 368 Shore Rd., Baddeck NS

Ph: 902-295-3500

Keltic Lodge, 383 Keltic In Road, Middle Head Peninsula, Ingonish Beach, NS.

Ph: 902-285-2880

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd operations or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, construction, changes to concert or sporting event times, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable, due to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due to any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above.**
- Seat rotation policy is in effect for this group motor coach tour. Front seats are not guaranteed; however, the front rotation of motorcoach can be accommodated with notice from physicians.
- We ask that everyone respects timelines, as determined by your tour manager, as well as keeping scents to a minimum due to some passengers having allergies. This will help ensure **ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.**
- Tour prices do NOT include people's incidental room charges, such as movie rentals, internet, phone calls, etc. Give the front desk your credit card information to cover these fees.
- Collins Tours is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage or personal items. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delay, motor coach delays, ferry delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above yet may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind for these additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate person's travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage. It is highly recommended to purchase trip interruption or cancellation coverage in case of any interruptions once travel has begun. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.
- **REMEMBER:** Your Tour Manager handles hotel check in/checkout procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at events, hotels, ferry terminals, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or their experience to the fullest.
- **Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying "Thank You," for a job well done.
 - **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$7.00 - \$8.50 per person, per day.
 - Bus driver- \$5.00 - \$6.00 per person, per day.
 - Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day

