



Collins Tours is pleased to welcome you along for another great getaway to beautiful, breathtaking Newfoundland! This tour will take you to some of the most natural and historical points in Canada. Explore Signal Hill, Cape Spear National Historic Area, Port Aux Choix Historic Area, L'Anse aux Meadows World Historic Site (Viking settlement), and more! Our tour includes sightseeing cruises in Gros Morne National Park and Bay Bulls where we are treated to a whale & puffin watching excursion, plus an optional boat tour in charming seaside Twillingate. After a review of the following itinerary, I'm confident you will see that Collins Tours has organized another fantastic getaway. Sit back, relax and enjoy the wonders of Canada's very own... Newfoundland!

*Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO*

### Day 1 – Friday, July 2 – Ferry to Argentia, NL – Overnight Ferry

- Meet your tour manager or shuttle driver at your **designated meeting point**. Pick-up/drop-off locations are as follows: **Please arrive at least 15 minutes before** your designated departure time to provide ample time for luggage and travelers to board.

#### **TENTATIVE Pick-up & Departure Times:**

##### **New Brunswick:**

- Fredericton, Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 6:00am
- Saint John, Rte 1 Irving Big Stop – 7:15am
- Moncton Magnetic Hills McDonalds – 8:40am (20-minute rest stop)
- Aulac Irving Big Stop – 9:40am

##### **Nova Scotia:**

- Halifax. Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 9:00am
- Hampton Inn, Dartmouth Crossing – 9:35am
- Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel – 10:00am
- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 10:45am (meet Main coach)

##### **Prince Edward Island Travelers: MAIN COACH**

- Charlottetown Mall (Royalty Crossing – 7:30 am shuttle to Aulac Big Stop to meet main coach)

- All stops for passengers pick-up/drop-off will be brief (5-10 min.) and we ask that you remain on board unless directed by your tour manager or driver.
- We will stop for lunch along our route (**own expense**).
- Upon arrival at the ferry terminal, your tour manager will check in with Marine Atlantic. Please have your **\*valid photo identification – must include full name and date of birth**.
- **Please note:** All passengers should pack an overnight bag for the overnight ferry crossing into Argentia. Large pieces of luggage will remain on the motor coach until we arrive in St. John's N.L. You will also be required to do the same for the overnight ferry from Port Aux Basques back to Nova Scotia.
- Once the coach boards the ferry, your Tour Manager will provide room keys of your overnight cabin (price included in your tour cost). **Please note: Marine Atlantic randomly assigns cabins on day of check-in**

**and will not guarantee cabins with windows.** The crossing from North Sydney to Argentia, N.L. takes approx. 14-16 hrs, depending on the weather. **Your private ferry cabins include ferry ticket, accommodation in a 2-berth cabin, fuel, and security fees).**

- Dinner and all activities on the ferry are at your leisure (**own expense**).

## Day 2 – Saturday, July 3 – Argentia – Delta Hotel St. John’s NL (Welcome Dinner)

- Breakfast (**own expense**) this morning onboard the ferry before we arrive in Argentia, Newfoundland.
- Board the coach to disembark the ferry and make our way through Newfoundland’s Avalon Region, arriving at approximately noon in St. John’s, Newfoundland’s capital city. (*Subject to change depending on ferry crossing time*)
- Relax while your Tour Manager checks you in for your 2-night stay at the 4 Star city centre Delta St John’s Hotel. Room keys will be handed out and luggage will be delivered to rooms (one per person). Early check-in has been requested, but cannot be guaranteed until 3:00 p.m.
- Enjoy lunch (**own expense**) at your leisure in one of the pubs or restaurants near your hotel.
- Get set for a 2.5-hour professionally guided tour of this historic port city, featuring Victorian architecture and brightly coloured buildings, amazing views from Signal Hill National Heritage Site, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Confederation Building, and picturesque Quidi Vidi Village (**tour included - tip at your discretion**).
- Following your guided tour, take time to freshen up before gathering for a delicious, “Welcome to the Rock!” dinner (**included**). Note, our Welcome & Farewell dinners include one glass of wine or a beer per guest.
- Following dinner, you are free to experience more of Newfoundland’s friendly and lively local culture...your way! Perhaps a stroll down George Street; or a night on the town? It is the weekend after all (**own expense**).



## Day 3 – Sunday, July 4 – Delta Hotel, St. John’s, NL (B, L)

- Hot deluxe breakfast is (**included**) in the hotel this morning.
- Meet your group and Tour Manager this morning to depart from the hotel for our drive south to Bay Bulls for our exciting Whale & Puffin sightseeing cruise at Witless Bay Ecological Reserve.
- Immediately following your eco-cruise, enjoy lunch at a restaurant nearby (**included choice of homemade fresh sandwiches and soup with dessert**).
- This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Cape Spear National Historic Site, the most easterly location in North America. Hold onto your hats as you explore this rugged coastal site with its 175-year-old restored lighthouse! (**admission and tour price included**). Please note, the terrain at Cape Spear is rocky. Use caution and avoid going close to the cliff edges.
- Board the coach for our trip back to the hotel, leaving you with time to relax or explore on your own. Enjoy your last night in St. John’s... your way, with dinner at a location of your choice (**own expense**).

## Day 4 – Monday, July 5 – St. John’s – Quality Hotel, Clarenville (B, D)

- Enjoy another hot deluxe breakfast (**included**) this morning before checking out of the hotel. Please be sure to cover any incidental charges (IE: in-room phone charges or movie rentals).
- This morning, we will visit The Rooms (**admission included**). This is Newfoundland and Labrador’s largest public cultural space. The Rooms is a portal to the many stories this province and its people must tell. Here, you'll find collections, exhibits and programs of art, artifacts, archaeology, and architecture.
- Then you will have some leisurely time to explore St. John’s downtown area on your own and have lunch (**own expense**) before our afternoon drive to Clarenville.
- Next stop, the town of Clarenville and the Quality Hotel, our home for the night.
- Again, enjoy our Collins Tours signature hotel check-in service and the friendly folks at our hotel.

- We will have an included group **dinner** this evening. Following dinner, the remainder of the night is at your leisure.

## Day 5 – Tuesday, July 6 – Clarenville – Bonavista – Quality Hotel & Suites, Gander (B, L)

- Enjoy a hot breakfast at your hotel this morning **(included)**.
- Today we will travel the Discovery Trail and explore the beautiful Bonavista Peninsula with a short photo stop at the Cape Bonavista Lighthouse.
- We visit the Matthew Legacy, located at the tip of the Bonavista Peninsula. Learn about this replica of the caravel sailed by John Cabot in 1497 from Bristol, England to what many assume is the exact spot in Newfoundland he arrived.
- We will stop at a family-owned tearoom for a lunch meal in Bonavista **(included)** before boarding the coach and making our way towards Gander, to the Quality Hotel & Suites, our accommodations for the next two nights.
- Relax as your guide checks you into the hotel and has bags sent to your room. Take time to freshen up before our group dinner and another gathering to share stories of time together thus far.
- Dinner is on your own tonight.



## Day 6 – Wednesday, July 7 – Gander – Twillingate - Gander (B, L, D and Traditional Screeched-In Ceremony!)) **OPTIONAL BOAT EXCURSION – Iceberg Quest (Price TBA)**

- Enjoy full American breakfast **(included)** this morning, before our departure to visit Twillingate.
- Upon arrival, take in the scenery and enjoy the town at leisure. **Optional - Join Collins Tours for an exciting Boat Excursion with our friends at Iceberg Quest, Price TBA.** Those who have booked this boat cruise can enjoy a brief break while your guide checks you in for our sailing with Iceberg Quest; a 2-hr narrated sightseeing cruise through the channels and islands of north-central Newfoundland.
- Alternatively, visit the town of Twillingate on your own.
- Following the cruise, we will make our way to the Auk Island Winery where we will enjoy lunch **(included)**, followed by a tour and a wine sampling **(included)**.
- Next, we are off to visit the Prime Berth Fishing Museum **(included)**.
- Enjoy our afternoon drive back to the hotel.
- Stay tuned for the highlight of today, the famous Newfoundland Screech In ceremony following dinner, with local entertainment, prepare to become an honorary Newfoundlander, B'y!
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is your own.

## Day 7 – Thursday, July 8 – Gander – Norris Point - Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head (B, D)

- Enjoy the hotel's breakfast **(included)** before our departure.
- Today's drive includes a 20-minute morning rest stop, followed by a lunch break along our route. **(on own)**
- All aboard for our trip north to the picturesque tiny town of Norris Point surrounded by the beautiful Gros Morne National Park to enjoy our 2-hour interpretive cruise on Bonne Bay **(Included)**. Learn about the geological wonders, rich cultural history, and biological diversity of this fascinating bay, situated in the heart of Gros Morne National Park, a "UNESCO" World Heritage Site.
- After the cruise, our drive takes us to the hotel up the picturesque community of Cow Head at the beautiful Shallow Bay Motel with breathtaking views of the St. Lawrence River. Once again, your Tour Manager will check the group into the Shallow Bay Motel, distribute your room keys, and have bags sent to your rooms.
- Tonight, enjoy another group dinner **(included)** at our hotel.
- Following dinner, you are free to relax and enjoy the evening. Perhaps you would like to take a nice walk

over to the cove for amazing sunset views!

### Day 8 – Friday, July 9 – Cow Head – Hotel North, St. Anthony (B, Highlight Dinner)

- Enjoy another hot breakfast **(included)** at the hotel before we travel north to the end of the Great Northern Peninsula at St. Anthony.
- During our drive today we will stop at the Provincial Arches for a photo opportunity (weather permitting).
- We will visit the Port au Choix National Historic Site and hopefully get a sighting of those Caribou, located on the west side of Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula, you'll find the crossroads of 6,000 years of human history. The sea's bounty drew Maritime Archaic people, the Dorset people, the Groswater people and the recent indigenous people here long before Europeans arrived. **(admission included)**. Enjoy a short educational film and some fascinating artifacts, considered some of the richest archeological finds in North America.
- We will stop for lunch today at a local restaurant. **(own expense)**.
- This afternoon we arrive at the Hotel North in St Anthony where your Tour Manager will check you in to the hotel and have luggage delivered to your room.
- This evening, we will gather for another group dinner with local entertainment **(included)**. Tonight enjoy another fabulous Collins Tours entertaining evening with great music and memories!

### Day 9 – Saturday, July 10 – St. Anthony – Deer Lake Motel, Deer Lake (B, Farewell D)

- Enjoy another hearty Newfoundland breakfast before we start heading south **(included)**.
- This morning, we will make our way to L'Anse Aux Meadows to travel back in time during your visit to a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore remains of an authentic 11th-Century Viking settlement, evidence of the first European presence in North America, predating Columbus by 500 years! **(ticket included)**.
- A lunch **(own expense)** stop has been scheduled for convenience of the group.
- We will check in to our hotel for the evening, once again, your Tour Manager will distribute room keys and have your luggage sent to your room on your behalf.
- Our "Farewell to the Rock" group dinner **(included)** will give you an opportunity to reflect on your time spent in one of Canada's most unique places. Note, our farewell dinner includes a glass of wine or beer per guest.
- **Please remember to pack only an overnight bag for tomorrow's overnight ferry crossing. Large luggage must remain on the coach while sailing to Nova Scotia.**



### Day 10 – Sunday, July 11 – Deer Lake - Corner Brook - Port Aux Basques - Overnight Ferry (B)

- Enjoy breakfast at the Deer Lake Motel **(included)**.
- After checking out of the hotel we make our way to the Newfoundland Insectarium in Deer Lake, complete with interpretive talk and fascinating insight into bees & bee society **(admission and talk included)**.
- Following the visit to the insectarium, we drive toward Corner Brook along the Humber River valley, past Marble Mountain, with photo stops along the way.
- After lunch, **(own expense)** we will have some free time to explore another part of Corner Brook.
- We will make our way south to Port Aux Basques and the Marine Atlantic Ferry Terminal. Prior to checking in, we will stop for last minute snacks and essentials for the overnight ferry crossing.
- We will check in for the crossing (overnight sailing) to North Sydney. **The tour manager will distribute**



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**your cabin key for your cabins (included in tour price). Please remember only your overnight bag is allowed on deck. Large suitcases must remain on the bus (Ticket, tax & surcharges are included in tour price).**

- Relax and enjoy your 6-8 hour crossing to North Sydney, NS.

## **Day 11 – Monday, July 12 – Port Aux Basques Ferry – North Sydney & Home**

- Breakfast this morning will be on board the ferry (**own expense**).
- Once we disembark in North Sydney, it's time to head home. We will have a brief stop along the route followed by the lunch break (one hour, price not included).
- Travellers will be returned to their original pick-up locations. Approximate arrival times listed below.

### **Nova Scotia Travellers:**

- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 12:00pm (1 hour lunch)
- Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel – 1:50pm
- Hampton Inn, Dartmouth Crossing – 2:15pm
- Halifax. Sobeys Lacewood Drive – 2:45pm

### **New Brunswick Travellers:**

- Aulac Irving Big Stop – 2:10pm (PEI pax shuttle to Charlottetown)
- Moncton Magnetic Hills McDonalds – 2:50 (20-minute rest stop)
- Saint John, Rte 1 Irving Big Stop – 4:45pm
- Lincoln Big Stop – 6:00pm

### **Prince Edward Island Travelers:**

- Charlottetown Mall (Royalty Crossing – 4:00 pm shuttle from Aulac Big Stop)

- Thank you for choosing to travel with Collins Tours on this memorable tour of Newfoundland. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

### **Hotel Contact Information**

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| • July 2     | Marine Atlantic Ph: 1-800-341-7981              |
| • July 3 & 4 | Delta Hotel, St. John's Ph: 709-739-6404        |
| • July 5     | Quality Hotel, Clarendville, Ph: (709) 466-1717 |
| • July 6 & 7 | Quality Hotel & Suites, Gander Ph: 709-256-3931 |
| • July 8     | Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head, Ph: (709) 243-2471 |
| • July 9     | Hotel North, St. Anthony, PH: (709) 454-3300    |
| • July 10    | Deer Lake Motel, Deer Lake Ph: 709-635-2108     |
| • July 11    | Marine Atlantic Ph: 1-800-341-7981              |

## **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, 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.
  - Marine Atlantic requires **valid photo ID** for boarding the ferry. Identification **MUST include photos, full name & birth date**. **Be sure to pack for all four seasons during this tour** as Newfoundland can experience all four in one day!
  - Marine Atlantic assigns all cabins randomly. We are **NOT** able to request or guarantee windows for cabins reserved on sailing to or from Newfoundland.
  - Collins Tour 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



Thank you for traveling with Collins Tours!

We look forward to serving you with your future travel plans