

2018

What's Happening Atlantic Canada



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Zodiac the Fundy UNESCO Biosphere Preserve

The Bay of Fundy coastline, east of the village of St. Martins, New Brunswick, boasts the longest stretch of coastal wilderness on the Eastern seaboard. It is so remarkable in its geological formations and marine diversity that UNESCO has designated it the Fundy Biosphere Preserve. Red Rock Adventure's rigid inflatable boat tours are guaranteed to impress your eyes with mossy caves, towering cliffs, enchanted coves and, if you're lucky, the curious faces of porpoises and seals. This is an open boat so participants should dress appropriately for the weather. Red Rock provides warm clothing and jackets if needed. All trips are reserved around high tide. End of May to October. redrockadventure.ca

The Bear Whisperer

Join in the search of one of North America's most common wild animals – the Black bear. There are few safe or easy places to meet these forest giants, but Little, Big Bear Safari takes you deep into their natural habitat. You'll meet the 'Bear Man' – an experienced guide who engages with the bears and helps you interpret the sounds and calls they use to communicate and warn of possible danger. It's a chance to see these intriguing creatures in the wild, all from the safe vantage point of an observation tower 8 m (26') above ground. Offered once-per-day, seven-days-a-week from mid-May until early October. bearsafari.com

Skywalk Saint John - Take a Walk on the Water Side

View the amazing phenomenon of the Reversing Rapids from the newly opened Skywalk; where 110 ft. below, the Bay of Fundy's monstrously high tide reverse the flow of the mighty St. John River, even as it pushes through a gorge formed by the collision of continents millions of years ago. One of only three skywalks in North America, and the only one within a city and over water, this gives a bird's eye view on the waves and whirlpools that result from nature's tug-of-war.

This new attraction is comprised of four exciting features:

Skywalk Saint John, step towards the largest whirlpool of the Reversing Falls Rapids. The structure also incorporates a 55-person theatre, 900 sq. ft. geodesic dome, 2,050 sq. ft. of uncovered rooftop deck and the world's first real-time cylindrical digital tidal display with 51,200 pixels.

The Reversing Falls Rapids Visitor Information Centre, with information provided by Discover Saint John. discoversaintjohn.com

The Reversing Falls Rapids site, first named over 100 years ago, and **The Reversing Falls Restaurant**, replacing the first restaurant that opened on site in 1954. facebook.com/pg/skywalksaintjohn/about/?ref=page_internal



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Winter Getaways at the Edge of the World – Fogo Island Inn Winter Packages

Fogo Island Inn sits on an island, off an island, at one of the four corners of the Earth. Situated along Iceberg Alley, all 29 suites have views onto the wildest and most powerful ocean on the planet. Furnished with handmade luxuries, they serve as a welcome refuge from the numbing uniformity of modern times. 100% of operating surpluses are reinvested into the local community.

Travelers looking for true winter may now visit the edge of the Earth for a choice of several mini getaways at internationally acclaimed Fogo Island Inn. Winter on the Edge Escapes can be booked now, for travel from Feb 1 through to April 1, 2018. fgoislandinn.ca

Hidden Hiking Gems – Hike the Discovery Trail Network in Bonavista

This is a place where unbeaten paths are still waiting to be explored. Where natural landscapes, timeworn fishing villages, and craggy cliffs offer a momentary break from modernity. It's here, far away from the familiar, where you'll find some of the best hiking and walking trails anywhere. In a place called Bonavista, you'll find a network of coastal and inland trails called the Hike Discovery Trail Network. Panoramic views of historic villages and iconic vistas of sea stacks, wildlife and icebergs are waiting – explorers wanted.

One of the best kept secrets of the trail network is the Fox Island Trail. The trail displays the beautiful coastal scenery and finishes with a stroll through the fishing village of Champney's West. hikediscovery.com

New St. John's Accommodations – More Capacity Available to Welcome the World

Alt Hotel – Opening Autumn 2017: Construction is scheduled to end in the Autumn of 2017 on the 148-room Alt hotel on the St. John's waterfront. The building will incorporate elements of the historic Marshall Brothers cellar that stood on the site. It will have 4,000 square feet of meeting space, a 24-hour fitness centre and was designed and constructed to be energy efficient with a geothermal heating and cooling system. althotels.com/en/stjohns/

Holiday Inn Express & Suites St. John's Airport – Opened Spring 2017: The Holiday Inn Express & Suites St. John's International Airport has a total of 120 guest rooms (including suites) over five floors. Each room is equipped with a Smart TV. The hotel also has meeting rooms, an indoor pool and fitness center, a business centre, and a total of 1,800 square feet of event space with capacity for 115 people in the largest room. ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/saint-johns/yytex/hoteldetail

Sandman Hotel, Kenmount Road – Opening 2018: This 200-room hotel will have a business centre, meeting rooms, a banquet room, a swimming pool with hot tub and a fitness centre. It will also feature two on-site restaurants and plenty of on-site parking.

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Nova Scotia

The Skyline Trail Sunset Hike, a Canadian Signature Experience

Visit one of the most famous spots on the Cabot Trail in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Hug the coastline and sway through highlands, where steep cliffs and river canyons carve into a forested plateau. Meet your Park Guide and set off on a breathtaking journey where mountains plunge into sun-drenched sea. The walk leads through thick boreal forest. Bald eagles soar overhead. Spot the large antlers of the 1,000 resident moose, roaming the park and turning the landscape into a savannah-like setting. On the final boardwalk, you'll descend 300 gentle steps to see the ocean surging 400 metres below. Feel the horizon stretch out to infinity, the waves and wind in constant movement. If you're lucky, you'll catch Minke and Pilot whales surfacing below. As darkness descends, feel completely safe as your eyes slowly adjust to the dramatic dark, and your senses heighten. Listen to the sound of frogs and chickadees, the Bull Moose feeding in the distance, take in the starry sky twinkling above. You'll understand why this is Nova Scotia's most famous trail. pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ns/cbreton/activ-randonnee-hiking/skyline

Tidal Bay Wine Tasting Adventure

Experience all facets of the vibrant Nova Scotia wine industry on the Tidal Bay Wine Tasting Adventure! Visit three award-winning wineries, enjoy in-depth tours of the vineyards and cellars, complete with private wine tastings at each winery featuring our signature wine – Tidal Bay! It's the first wine appellation for North America and it carries a name inspired by the influence of the sea on all Nova Scotia wineries. Tidal Bay blended wines are crisp, aromatic white wines, displaying the unique characteristics of our cool climate region and pairing perfectly with the local seafood we're known for. On this exclusive wine tour, guests will be taken on an adventure for the taste buds that not only features our local wines, but also includes food sourced from local ingredients from the very best producers in the Annapolis Valley! wp.winetoursns.com/tidalbayadventure

Stellar Beach Feast at White Point

Amid the glow of candles and the setting sun, you'll indulge in a local feast prepared table side and expertly paired with Nova Scotia wines, before exploring local legends of the night sky. Indulge in a gourmet beach feast by firelight and starlight hosted by a Dark Sky expert, your own chef and a sommelier. As the sun begins to set over the Atlantic Ocean, gather 'round the bonfire – the original social network – to meet your guides and fellow experiencers, over steamed mussels and Nova Scotia wine. Follow the boardwalk to the beach, where your dinner table awaits! After dinner, under the cloak of darkness, you'll be led along the 1 km white sand beach as your Dark Sky Interpreter shares local stories and Mi'kmaq legends about the constellations, moon and shoreline. Your beach walk is topped off with a decadent dessert and night cap. You'll be led to a secret location for a Blind Wine Tasting. One at a time, you'll sip and savour the star-studded selection, being rewarded with a greater awareness and appreciation of the distinct tastes of Nova Scotia. novascotia.com/places-to-stay/accommodations/white-point-beach-resort/20364



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Authentic PEI Experiences

Fun with Falcons: Join falconer Jamie Stride as he trains his falcons and hawks to free fly and return to the lure. This is an incredibly exhilarating experience. You have a chance to put on a handler's glove and have one sit on your hand. Witnessing a bird of prey up close and personal is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that you will never forget.

Looms, Lambs and Lobster: Learn the techniques for making a wool product with a wooden loom from internationally recognized knitter and weaver, Margaret McEachern. Visit the farm where the wool was produced and learn all about the sheep while enjoying some of their dairy products. Top off your day with a delectable lobster dish created by classically trained French chefs at The Yellow House. tourismpei.com/pei-experiences

Festivals

Fall Flavours Festival: This month-long festival runs throughout September and highlights authentic Prince Edward Island tastes and traditions. Enjoy some of the most fabulous food experiences you can imagine, including Signature Events hosted by Food Network celebrity chefs, delightful venues, entertaining hosts and one-of-a-kind experiences. Popular returning events include: Feast and Frolic, Toe Taps and Taters, and the PEI International Shellfish Festival – the Biggest Kitchen Party in Atlantic Canada – boasting good friends, good times, good music and PEI's world-famous shellfish.

Festival of Small Halls: Prince Edward Island's cultural scene is in full swing! Musicians, dancers, actors, storytellers and artisans are all displaying their talents and invite you to join in the celebrations. Follow the Festival of Small Halls into quaint community halls across the Island where big league performers return to the rural stages where they danced their first jig or plucked their first string. Test your dance moves at the 33rd annual Rollo Bay Bluegrass Festival or release your inner artist with over 40 artisans who would love to be your personal hosts in their Open Studio Experiences. With over 60 festivals and events to choose from, it's a culture vulture's paradise. tourismpei.com/pei-signature-events

Luxury Accommodations

The Sydney Boutique Inn: Launched in 2017, The Sydney Boutique Inn has quickly become the hot-spot for those looking for some luxury on their vacation. Located in the historic district of Charlottetown in the former 1857 Notre Dame Academy, this Inn has elegant and timeless suites with modern conveniences that will surpass visitors' expectations. This property has a view of the Charlottetown waterfront and is within walking distance to theatre, shopping and restaurants. sydneyinn.com

The Inn at Bay Fortune: Prince Edward Island's first and only 5-star Country Inn! The winter of 2016 was a period of reimagining, redesigning and renovating guest rooms to reflect first-class comfort and artistic design. In 2017, a new dining room expansion was added along with a new deck, and a complete remodel of The Inn's south tower and north courtyard washrooms. The guest rooms have been tastefully decorated by the proprietor, Chastity Smith, with a blend of local art, treasured antiques and modern amenities – creating a luxurious country-chic environment complete with seaside serenity. tourismpei.com/pei-accommodations