

# 2017

# What's Happening Atlantic Canada



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## New Brunswick

### New high speed dual jet-drive boat offers day trips to Campobello Island

Joanne and Rob Carney have captained the tall ship Jolly Breeze for more than a decade, offering spectacular tours and whale watching adventures from the historic port of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, Canada's oldest seaside resort town. In 2016, they've added a high speed dual jet-drive boat featuring new adventures, including a water taxi to Campobello Island and back. An island belonging to New Brunswick and one of the charming and picturesque Fundy Isles, here you can visit Roosevelt Campobello International Park, where USA President Roosevelt had his summer home, or book a guided van tour to explore the island's lighthouses and beaches, where you may golf, hike, bike or kayak. Previously used as an FBI boat, with speeds up to 50 MPH, the jet boat allows for adventurous excursions on the Bay of Fundy as far as the island of Grand Manan... past sunning seals, lighthouses and beautiful shorelines to the playground of the porpoise and majestic whales! [jollybreeze.com](http://jollybreeze.com)

### The Beaverbrook Art Gallery - \$28 million expansion

The Beaverbrook Art Gallery, located in the capital city of Fredericton, is undergoing a \$28 million expansion project. A new pavilion attached to the existing building will add 14,000 square feet of new gallery space, including a dedicated space for presenting the Gallery's prized Salvador Dalí painting, Santiago el Grande; a theatre, additional vault space, an artist-in-residence studio, a café, and an expanded outdoor sculpture garden/outdoor courtyard with open views of the St. John River.

The Gallery opened in 1959 and was a gift to the people of New Brunswick from Lord Beaverbrook (Sir Max Aitken) a prominent and historic New Brunswicker who was a member of Sir Winston Churchill's cabinet during the Second World War. The permanent collection includes Lord Beaverbrook's valuable British and Canadian works of art. The new expansion began in the autumn of 2015 and on schedule to open in 2017. [beaverbrookartgallery.org](http://beaverbrookartgallery.org)

### New Expansion at Magnetic Hill Winery

Magnetic Hill Winery, in Moncton, has been producing a delicious range of award winning fruit and grape wines. In 1997, farm owners Jeff and Janet Everett decided to use the produce from their berry farm to develop a winery and have been producing wines ever since. Located on a 1867 estate with a spectacular panoramic view of Moncton, Chocolate River and the entrance to the Bay of Fundy, the Mangetic Hill Winery broke ground this year on an 8,000-square-foot building adding to the property as a production and retail facility. When the winery

started, they had three different kinds of wines: strawberry, strawberry rhubarb and a raspberry dessert wine. Since then, they've added several types each year and have more than 15 different options for customers. Zach Everett, co-owner of the family-run business, said that with the new building, he hopes they'll be able to get to 20 or 25 different kinds of wine, most of which will be exclusively available for those who come to visit the winery for tastings or tours. Renovations are scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2017. [magnetichillwinery.com](http://magnetichillwinery.com)

## Newfoundland and Labrador

### "When Life Got Big": Mistaken Point is named Newfoundland and Labrador's 4th UNESCO World Heritage

A guided walk along the coastline at Mistaken validates the story of "first life". Exposed along the shoreline are fossils of the oldest creatures – in fact, the oldest complex life forms – found anywhere on Earth and it's now recognized as one of the most significant fossil sites in the world. Embedded in the rocks, which once posed a hazard to mariners, is evidence of creatures that lived 560 million years ago, when all life was in the sea. Located at the southeastern tip of the Avalon Peninsula, rated Top Coastal Destination in the world by National Geographic Traveller, Newfoundland and Labrador's newest UNESCO World Heritage Site at Mistaken Point finds its place alongside three other sites in the province which include the geologic wonder of Gros Morne, an authenticated Viking settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows and a 16th century industrial whaling complex at Red Bay, Labrador. Guided tours within the Mistaken Point Ecological Reserve are available from late May through early October and can be booked by calling the interpretive Centre in Portugal Cove South. [edgeofavalon.ca](http://edgeofavalon.ca)

### Bonavista Living and Creative: Breathing New Life Into Old Buildings

One of the oldest-settled parts of the island of Newfoundland is enjoying a renaissance of sorts with the establishment of Bonavista Living and Creative. Having acquired more than 30 heritage properties to restore and rejuvenate them to their original glory, Bonavista Living and Creative is injecting new life into once vacant properties through preservation and redevelopment, thus awakening quaint laneways and fishermen's footpaths while offering quintessential and authentic outport space. These properties which have been chosen for their architectural and historical significance, along with their placement within charming historic neighborhoods, now house a variety of new small businesses including artist studios, an artisanal soap maker and a homemade ice cream shop. [bonavistaliving.com](http://bonavistaliving.com)



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## Fogo Island Fresh... Cod That Is

For nearly five hundred years, cod was caught off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador by hand... by hook and line... one at a time. This traditional fishery has all but disappeared in many parts of the world but the modern day fishers of Fogo Island, using proven techniques from centuries past, are leading a revolution in sustainable fishing. The result? Top quality Fogo Island fillet that is in demand at leading restaurants across the country and showcased on the menu at the Fogo Island Inn. It is yet another mouth-watering addition to this province's burgeoning culinary scene. Fresh. Fogo. Fish. [fgoislandinn.ca](http://fgoislandinn.ca)

## Nova Scotia

### Nova Scotia Seafood Trail: Take your Appetite on an Adventure

The tide is hitting the table with the launch of the **Nova Scotia Seafood Trail**, the province's second culinary trail. The Seafood Trail is the first of its kind in Canada and it's a great way to elevate Nova Scotia's reputation as a culinary tourism destination. From tide to table, the Nova Scotia Seafood Trail has 85 participants offering more than 200 unforgettable, seafood-specific culinary tourism experiences across the province. Culinary adventures along the Nova Scotia Seafood Trail include seaside lobster boils, authentic seafood chowders, freshly shucked oysters as well as a collection of restaurant, retail and fisheries experiences highlighting Nova Scotia's incredible seafood products.

An elevation of the successful Chowder Trail, the Nova Scotia Seafood Trail adds more product diversity and experiences for consumers. When paired with the Good Cheer Trail (launched in 2015), these two trails offer an easy way for visitors and locals to taste Nova Scotia. Both trails are annual culinary tourism initiatives that run from June 1 to October 31.

### Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Confederation

In preparation for Canada's 150th celebration, several of **Nova Scotia's Parks Canada sites** have enhanced their products and services throughout 2016, such as Halifax Citadel, Port Royal, Fort Anne, Kejimikujik and Cape Breton Highlands. And remember, all Parks Canada sites will have free admission in 2017!

A few of the programs offered in 2017 include the following:

'Scientourism' at its best - a unique coastal experience, "Gone Crab-bing" helps restore the estuary at Kejimikujik Seaside. Participants will get a glimpse into how scientists work to protect the estuary from the invasive green crab. Visit a rarely seen area, learn how to row your own boat and pull your very own crab trap;

Fortress Rum is ready for you to experience the taste and aroma of one of the most popular drinks of 18th century Louisbourg; or spend the night in the 18th century at Fortress Louisbourg. Enjoy all equipped 18th-century style period camping. Or stay in the heart of the fortified town at Rodrique House, offering a unique and fun experience for everyone.

### Tall Ships return to Nova Scotia!

Tall ships will visit Nova Scotia to honour the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation in 2017. They are scheduled to stop at host ports throughout eastern Canada, giving hundreds of thousands of people the opportunity to admire the majestic beauty of these cathedrals of the seas.

Between late June and mid-August, tall ships will visit 11 ports (roughly one-third of the Canadian ports for the program) around the province, including Lunenburg, Pictou, Sydney, St. Peter's, Louisbourg, Pugwash, Port Hawkesbury, Halifax, Shelburne, Digby and end with an evening sail past in Annapolis Basin, a first for Nova Scotia.

**Rendez-vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta** is a 7,000-nautical mile transatlantic race, visiting six countries. Nova Scotia's sailing ambassador Bluenose II will also take part in the tall ships visit.

## Prince Edward Island

### Canada's 150th Anniversary

What better place to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary than in Charlottetown, the Birthplace of Canadian Confederation.

Every evening throughout the summer projections of music and images of Canada will be presented on the sandstone walls of Confederation Centre, located next to Province House National Historic Site, where the Fathers of Confederation first met in 1864. This interactive multi-media tribute to Canada is a compilation of video, still images, music, and storytelling showcasing the country's most moving sounds and scenes. Each province and territory will be represented by the music and images. The audience will be invited to interact with the show by joining in a sing-along of an iconic Canadian song and sharing their personal stories and photos about what Canada means to them. [tourismpei.com](http://tourismpei.com)

### Authentic PEI Experiences

As a visitor to PEI, you can do more than just witness the Island way of life. You can live it, too. Real experiences. Simple pleasures. Being active and relaxed at the same time. Any island is its own unique world. Stories, music, recipes, and skills are preserved and passed down for generations. But here you're welcome to take part, and take home some of our traditions. Islanders are eager to help. In an ever-growing series of activities, you can work side-by-side with chefs, artisans, fishermen, farmers, musicians, and a host of people who defy categorizing, but who love what they do and want to share it with you. So if you're looking for a holiday with some real life behind it, you'll find it here. Yes, you might get your hands dirty. You might also get your shoes wet. And your knees stained. All temporary. But the memory of your Island experiences will last a lifetime. View a list of all PEI Authentic Experiences at: [tourismpei.com/pei-experiences](http://tourismpei.com/pei-experiences)

### Culinary Itinerary

Eat your way across Canada's Island. Savour scrumptious seafood, delectable desserts, and everything in between on your Prince Edward Island culinary trip. Three meals a day may not be enough!

There are many advantages to a small island, especially this one. The land here is rich, producing a bounty of fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products. Our waters teem with fish, as well as lobster, oysters, and other shellfish. Ask almost anyone in the world where the best mussels come from, and they'll tell you: Prince Edward Island. Our farmers and fishermen provide the ingredients and our award-winning chefs turn those fresh ingredients into culinary masterpieces. And don't forget about our many culinary festivals; Fall Flavours, and the PEI International Shellfish Festival. Learn more at: [tourismpei.com/pei-dining-itinerary](http://tourismpei.com/pei-dining-itinerary)