NOVA SCOTIA
AUGUST 21-29, 2023

Experience our Neighbor to the North

Come travel with our congenial group to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick! We are going to see it all while sampling the cuisine and sights of beautiful places the locals call home. Visit top gardens: Halifax Public Gardens, Tangled Gardens, Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, Kingsbrae Gardens, and the famed Vesey's Seeds. Our small group will travel during prime garden season by deluxe motorcoach & ferry: the hotels are top-notch, and our guide will be wearing a kilt! This is one you cannot miss!

$ 3710 Double

$ 4670 Single

$100 Non-Member Supplement

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

Halifax!

Peggy's Cove
Lunenburg
Mahone Bay

Grand – Pre
Fundy Bay

Wine tasting
Lobster Boat &
Dinner Experience
Hopewell Rocks

Whale Watch
Cabot Trail
Green Gables

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Day by Day Itinerary

Monday August 21 - **Day 1 – Arrive Halifax**

Fly into **Robert L. Stanfield International Airport in Halifax** where you will meet your kilted Atlantic Tours Limited Tour Director and Driver. Transfer by coach to your downtown hotel where we will be in walking distance to shops and restaurants—the Prince George Hotel-2 nights. We will enjoy a Welcome Dinner together.

Tuesday August 22 - **Day 2 – Local Touring - South Shore & Halifax**

This morning travel to the unique fishing village of **Peggy's Cove** for your **full breakfast**. The tiny harbor below the lighthouse is a masterpiece of seasoned fish sheds and colorful fishing boats, making it one of the most photographed places in Canada. Be sure the see the sculpture carved in the granite rock by well-known artist William De Garthe. Continue your travels along the Lighthouse Route to the **UNESCO World Heritage Town of Lunenburg (pictured on cover)**, commonly known as one of the prettiest towns in Canada. Enjoy a Walking Tour of this beautiful town along our South Shore of Nova Scotia. Upon returning to Halifax, receive an overview on the history of the city including a visit to **Fairview Lawn Cemetery** to learn about the local connection to the **Titanic Disaster**. Also enjoy a **Guided Tour** of the oldest Victorian gardens in Canada: The **Halifax Public Gardens**. Breakfast.

Wednesday August 23 - **Day 3 – Annapolis Valley Touring enroute to Digby, NS**

Today's journey will take you to **Grand-Pré** for a visit to The Tangled Gardens; These gardens have been creating magic that starts in the garden and transcends into the kitchen. Be sure to try some of their wonderful jellies and jams! Next you will visit **Grand Pre National Historic Site;** a powerful monument that unites the Acadian people. Visitors to the site will uncover the tale of Le Grand Dérangement: a tragic event in Acadian history that has shaped the vibrant culture of modern-day Acadians across the globe through its quiet but powerful renaissance. Learn about the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** designation of the surrounding landscape. Next situated on one of the cooler climate limits for vines, Nova Scotia's soil and mesoclimates create some of the most distinctive premium-quality grapes in North America.

Have a chance to sample one of **premier wineries** with a visit to **Luckett's Winery**. Here the maritime breezes, legendary ocean tides and brilliant sunshine meet to create an outstanding terroir on a hillside overlooking the magnificent Gaspereau Valley.

Afterwards your journey continues through the beautiful **Annapolis Valley** to Annapolis Royal for a stop at **Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens**. Later travel to **Digby** for your overnight stay with an included dinner. Digby Pines Resort. Breakfast & Dinner

Thursday August 24 - Day 4 – Digby, NS – Saint Andrews, NB

After departing your resort this morning, enjoy a ***two hour and fifteen-minute ferry ride from Digby to Saint John**, New Brunswick where you will enjoy lunch on your own on board. Upon arrival in the **port city of Saint John**, travel to **Saint Andrews by the Sea** where you will enjoy an overview tour of the little town stopping at one of the highlights of the day… **Kingsbrae Gardens.**

Enjoy a **Guided Tour** of the gardens before heading to your resort where you will be staying the night. Algonquin Resort-St. Andrews By-the-Sea. Breakfast.

Friday August 25 - Day 5 – Saint Andrews, NB – Charlottetown, PE

Travel to one of the **Marine Wonders of the World**, an amazing region powered by the highest tides in the world. You'll travel through **Fundy National Park** to **Hopewell Rocks** to see where the tides have gouged four-story flowerpot sculptures from the cliffs. At low tide, you can walk along the ocean floor and walk under arches created by the towering rock formations. Later depart Hopewell Rocks and travel to the Shediac area where you will have a **lobster boat experience**. The lobster boat experience allows you to haul in real lobster traps, learn about the lobster, the fishery, the proper way to cook, observe a cracking demonstration, and finally, savour a freshly cooked mouth-watering lobster dinner on board. Afterwards, cross to Prince Edward Island via **Confederation Bridge**, the world's longest continuous multi-span bridge. Continue to your Charlottetown hotel, your home for the next two nights. Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Breakfast, Lobster Experience

Saturday August 26 - Day 6 – Local Touring

This morning, start your day with a **guided walking city tour of Charlottetown; History** comes alive when you **stroll Charlottetown's historic district** with a member of the Confederation Players, a troupe of costumed guides trained as

living **Fathers and Ladies of Confederation.** During a one-hour walking tour, you will be entertained and enlightened with stories and vignettes from the city's colorful past. Hear of Charlottetown's important role in Canadian history as "The Birthplace of Confederation", where you learn the story of Canada from its inception in 1864 up until modern day. Later travel to York PE for a visit at **Vesey's Seeds;** Since 1939 Vesey's has supplied quality products and gardening expertise. Afterwards travel to the beautiful North Shore of the Island and to the **Cavendish** area and visit the fabled home of **"Anne of Green Gables"**, famous around the world as the inspiration for the setting in Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic tale of fiction, Anne of Green Gables. While in the area travel to New Glasgow PE for a visit at PEI Preserves…. after tasting their wonderful jams and jellies be sure to take a stroll through the 12 – acre **Garden of Hope.** Drive through **Prince Edward Island National Park**, renowned for its white sand beaches, red sandstone cliffs and rolling dunes. Stop at Cavendish Beach where you can dip your toes in the ocean if you wish. Breakfast

Sunday August 27 – Day 7 - Charlottetown, PE – Baddeck, NS

This morning, depart Charlottetown and board the **ferry** for your 75-minute crossing to Nova Scotia. Upon arrival on mainland of Nova Scotia, travel to the Canso Causeway and cross to Cape Breton, the "Scotland of North America". Before checking in to your Baddeck accommodations visit the **Bell Museum**, dedicated to the life, and works of Alexander Graham Bell.

Inverary Resort, 2 nights Breakfast

Monday August 28 - Day 8 – Cabot Trail Touring

Today you will discover why Conde Nast magazine readers rated Cape Breton one of the top ten most beautiful islands in the world! Cape Breton's most famous resident, Alexander Graham Bell, once said, "I have traveled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the Andes, the Alps and the Highlands of Scotland, but for simple beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all." Travel the 186-mile route that makes up the famous **Cabot Trail**.

As you learn about the history of this beautiful island, have your camera ready for the spectacular photo stops. Travel through **Cape Breton Highlands National Park,** where the mountains meet the sea**,** and visit the French Acadian community of **Cheticamp**, famous for its crafts and Acadian culture. Enjoy a fun and practical picnic lunch while in the Park. Travel to Pleasant Bay to experience a whale watch Zodiac boat tour. Return to Baddeck for the evening. Enjoy a picnic lunch while in the Park. Breakfast & Box Lunch

Tuesday August 29 - Day 9: Baddeck, NS – Halifax International Airport

Transfer to the Robert L. Stanfield International Airport where you will say farewell to your Atlantic Tours driver and tour director as you return home with many fond memories of your time in the Maritimes. Breakfast

Flights: Please do not book flights until you have been notified that we have reached our minimum number of travelers. Because our drive on the last day is nearly 4 hours, please do not book any flights prior to 1:30 pm on the return day.

Cost of Tour based on minimum of 25 paying participants

$ 3710 Double

$ 4670 Single

Tour cost is based on 25 guests

INCLUDES

- 8 nights' accommodation
- Atlantic Tours' Tour Director from arrival in Halifax, NS on Day 1 to departure from Halifax on Day 9 including any applicable travel or expenses
- Motorcoach transportation from arrival in Halifax, NS on Day 1 to departure from Halifax, NS on Day 9 including any applicable driver expenses
- All bridge, ferry and road tolls from arrival in Halifax, NS on Day 1 to departure from Halifax, NS on Day 9
- 13 meals (4 Dinners; 1 Boxed Lunch; 8 Breakfasts)
- Fees associated with all sightseeing referenced in itinerary
- Gratuities for Tour director and Driver (Customary gratuity to Tour Director and Driver (Recognized Industry Guideline is $5.00 to $7.00 per person, per day for the Tour Director and a similar amount for the Driver)
- Handling of one suitcase per person
- $100 Donation Per Person to FGCCT

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Costs associated with travel to Halifax, NS on Day 1 and from Halifax, NS on Day 9
- Meals and beverages other than those mentioned in the price includes section above.
- Optional sightseeing admissions
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Credit Card payments require a 3% surcharge

Terms & Conditions

1. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.
2. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein.
3. Registration and payment waive and release the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. and Atlantic Tours, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm , agency, company or individual.
4. Atlantic Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
5. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods, included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

Tour Cost Adjustments

Every effort is made to guarantee that the published cost of your tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to adjust in the following circumstances: If the number of participants falls under 25 but more than 20, the cost of the tour will be adjusted.

Trip Insurance

Everyone is strongly encouraged to obtain trip insurance within 14 days of making a deposit. Since this is an international trip, you will need medical coverage on the trip as your USA medical normally won't cover you out of country. Look at Insuremytrip.com for competing quotes.

Getting to Halifax and Home

Flights are not part of this tour package. Do not book any flights until you have been notified that we have our minimum number to travel. Flights returning home from Halifax must not be booked with a departure earlier than 2 pm as we are traveling to the airport that morning. If you would like assistance with your flights, please call Eileen Travel at 860.665.9080.

Covid Practicalities

It is the responsibility of the travelers to be aware of the current covid 19 situation in the U.S. and Nova Scotia. Atlantic Tours, The Federated Garden Clubs of Ct., Inc, and Kathleen Lindroth are not responsible for any costs due to itinerary changes, cancellations, penalties incurred, Covid 19 testing, extended stay in Nova Scotia due to positive tests or quarantine requirements by local health officials. Atlantic Tours will assist our group if testing is needed prior to return to the USA.

All passengers on this tour must be fully vaccinated (including booster) to participate.

Please bring your refillable water bottle for your personal daily use on or off the coach. No single use plastic bottles will be distributed, although there will be some larger bottles that can be used to refill your bottle if needed. Refill stations are common; we can save the use of hundreds of plastic bottles during this trip alone just by refilling our own bottles.

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