

CLASSIC JOURNEYS

THE WORLD'S FINEST WALKING TOURS



Nova Scotia

Halifax, Bay of Fundy & Lunenburg



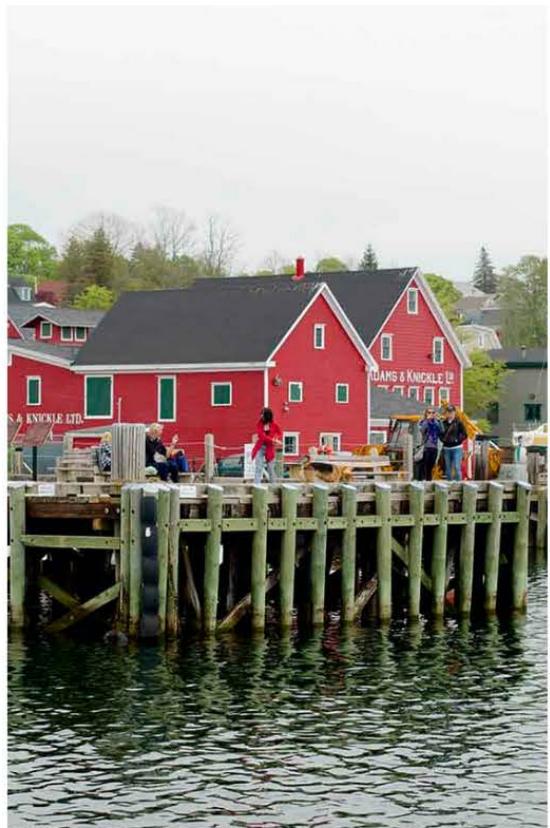
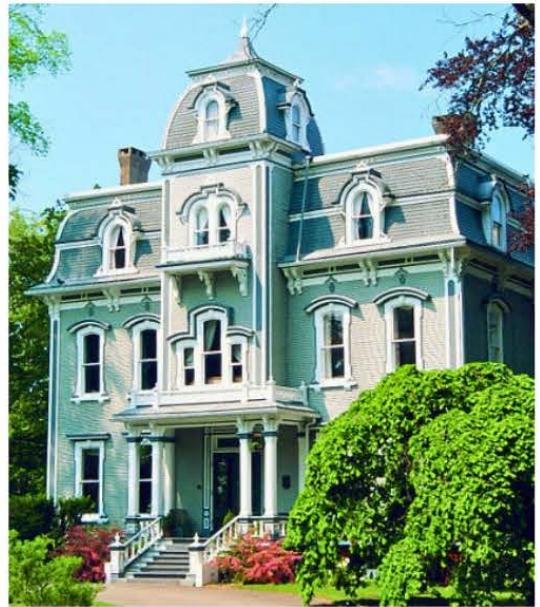
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*Classic Journeys
provides unbeatable
access to experiences
around the globe.”*

TRAVEL + LEISURE

Province of the Unexpected

In Nova Scotia, we keep imagining there's a National Geographic cameraman nearby. Every moment is so beautiful; it's hard to believe that no one is getting it on film. Consider the natural history. This is the place of 45-foot tides in the Bay of Fundy, great gatherings of whales, tumbled coastlines, and successions of migrating birds. Less predictably, this maritime province is a melting pot that never quite melted. The French Acadians you may know about, and the English—but what about the Greeks, the Gaels, and the Germans? The fishing villages are jigsaw puzzle-perfect...and absolutely authentic. Our walks range from candlelit tours of some of the oldest towns in North America to spectacular coastal footpaths and woodland trails where the native Mi'kmaq made their home for thousands of years. Atlantic currents make Nova Scotia milder than you may have realized and its northern latitudes make for perfect extra-long summer days.



DAY 1 »

Halifax, Peggy's Cove, and Lunenburg

- Stroll cobblestone streets in Halifax, uncovering hidden gems and vibrant maritime history with locals.
- Walk along Peggy's Cove's rugged granite coastline, photographing the iconic lighthouse and fishing village charm.

Your Nova Scotia adventure begins in the vibrant port city of Halifax. Here, you meet your expert local guide for an immersive two-hour walk of hidden gems known only to locals. As you stroll along cobblestone streets, you discover the city's rich maritime heritage and colorful past. Your walk culminates with a visit to the iconic Citadel Hill, offering panoramic views of the harbor.

From Halifax, embark on a scenic coastal drive to the picturesque fishing village of Peggy's Cove. A leisurely walk along the rugged coastline leads to the famous lighthouse. Your guide regales you with tales of the lighthouse's history and its crucial role in maritime safety. Your journey continues to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Lunenburg.

MEALS: D

OVERNIGHT: LUNENBURG

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 2 »

Lunenburg and The Ovens

- Join a historian-led walking tour, admiring Lunenburg's colorful architecture and centuries-old seafaring heritage.
- Hike The Ovens' dramatic sea cliffs, marveling at coastal caves and spotting unique local wildlife.

This morning, step back in time as you join a local historian for a captivating walking tour of Lunenburg. You'll wander through narrow streets lined with colorful 18th and 19th-century buildings, learning about the town's seafaring past and unique architecture. Lunenburg's distinct "Bump" dormers and ornate Victorian details tell the story of prosperous fishing and shipbuilding eras. After some free time to explore and enjoy lunch at one of the quaint local eateries, you'll embark on a scenic drive to The Ovens Natural Park.

At The Ovens, you'll experience a breathtaking sea cliff walk, marveling at the rugged coastline and sea caves. Your guide will point out the diverse flora and fauna unique to this coastal ecosystem, from hardy sea grasses to nesting seabirds. As the afternoon sun begins to lower, return to Lunenburg for a truly special experience – a private sail aboard the Eastern Star. Feel the salt spray on your face as you glide across Lunenburg's harbor, taking in views of the town from a perspective few visitors ever see. Your captain will share stories of the area's rich maritime history as you watch for seals and porpoises in the bay.

MEALS: B

OVERNIGHT: LUNENBURG

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 3 »

Mahone Bay to Wolfville

- Participate in a hands-on pewter workshop, learning traditional artisan skills from Mahone Bay locals.
- Tour sun-drenched vineyards with a winemaker, enjoying a wine tasting lunch featuring local cuisine.

Today, you'll journey from Lunenburg to the heart of Nova Scotia's wine country. Your first stop is the charming town of Mahone Bay, where you'll have an exclusive opportunity to interact with local artisans. Join a pewter craftsman in their workshop, trying your hand at this traditional skill that has been part of Nova Scotia's heritage for generations.

As you arrive in the Annapolis Valley, you'll be treated to a unique experience at a local vineyard. Join the winemaker for a private walk through the sun-drenched vineyards, learning about the region's unique terroir. The valley's microclimate, influenced by the Bay of Fundy tides and sheltered by North Mountain, creates ideal conditions for cool-climate varietals. Your visit culminates with a wine tasting lunch featuring perfectly paired local cuisine, followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the winemaking process.

End your day at an elegant historic inn, once a sea captain's home dating back to the 1800s. Dinner tonight showcases the valley's finest ingredients, perhaps featuring Annapolis Valley apple-glazed pork tenderloin or locally caught Digby scallops, paired with the region's award-winning wines.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: WOLFVILLE

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 4 »

Wolfville to Annapolis Royal

- Walk historic Acadian dykelands, discovering innovative farming techniques and Nova Scotia's agricultural bounty.
- Experience the Bay of Fundy's tides at Halls Harbour, walking the ocean floor during dramatic low tide.

Begin your day with an invigorating walk along the historic dykelands, an engineering marvel created by Acadian settlers centuries ago. As you traverse these fertile lands, your guide will share stories of the innovative farming techniques that allow for the cultivation of a wide variety of crops, from traditional apple orchards to new vineyards and even exotic fruits like kiwis.

Next, you'll visit the charming fishing village of Halls Harbour. Here, you'll have the rare opportunity to walk on the ocean floor during low tide, experiencing the world's highest tides in the Bay of Fundy. Your guide will explain the massive tidal fluctuations that expose up to 50 feet of shoreline twice daily. After your tidal walk, enjoy a traditional lobster lunch at a local restaurant. Watch as your fresh-caught lobster is prepared and learn the art of cracking and eating this Nova Scotian delicacy.

After lunch, continue your journey to Annapolis Royal. Stroll through this historic town, known as the "First Capital of Canada," and explore its extraordinary botanical gardens. Enjoy wandering through unique shops and art galleries before dinner on your own.

MEALS: B, L

OVERNIGHT: ANNAPOLEIS ROYAL

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 5 »

Brier Island and the Bay of Fundy

- Embark on a whale-watching cruise, spotting humpback whales, dolphins, and learning about Fundy's ecosystem.
- Hike to Seal Cove on Brier Island, observing harbor seals and exploring Nova Scotia's diverse cultural heritage.

Today promises an unforgettable maritime adventure. Board a custom-built whale watching vessel designed for stability and unobstructed viewing, for an exhilarating excursion in the Bay of Fundy. The ship's experienced crew will help you spot and identify humpback whales, fin whales, and playful dolphins as your expert guide shares insights about the bay's unique ecosystem.

After crossing to Brier Island, you'll enjoy lunch at a cozy local lodge before embarking on a hike to Seal Cove. Here, witness massive harbor seals in their natural habitat – a sight few travelers ever experience. Your island exploration continues with a visit to the Joshua Slocum Monument, honoring the first person to sail single-handedly around the world. On your return journey, stop to see the Digby Scallop fleet and visit a replica of folk artist Maud Lewis's house, gaining insight into Nova Scotia's rich cultural tapestry. From Mi'kmaq artistry to Acadian traditions and Scottish influences, you'll discover the diverse heritage that shapes this unique corner of Canada.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: ANNAPOLEIS ROYAL

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 6 »

Port Royal and Farewell

- Explore Port Royal's reconstructed Habitation, hearing stories of early French settlers and Mi'kmaq relations.
- Reflect on Nova Scotia's scenic landscapes and warm hospitality during your picturesque return drive to Halifax.

DAILY ITINERARY
NOVA SCOTIA | CULTURAL WALKING TOUR

On your final morning, step back to the early days of European settlement in North America with a visit to Port Royal. Explore the meticulously reconstructed Habitation, one of the earliest European settlements in North America. As you walk through the fort and gardens, your guide will bring to life the stories of the early French settlers and their interactions with the Mi'kmaq people.

As you bid farewell to Nova Scotia, you'll carry with you memories of windswept coastlines, rolling vineyards, and the warm hospitality of Canada's ocean playground. Your journey back to Halifax is filled with scenic vistas and one last chance to reflect on the unique experiences and connections you've made in this captivating maritime province.

MEALS: B

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

Tour Hotels



Bluenose Lodge

Nestled in the UNESCO World Heritage designated town of Lunenburg, the Bluenose Lodge is a historic inn with plenty of charm. Proud of celebrating 75 years of exceptional hospitality, this quaint property offers a relaxing and comfortable stay.

NIGHTS: 2 nights



Tattingstone Inn

Located in the scenic Annapolis Valley, the Tattingstone Inn is a boutique hotel blending elegance and history. Enjoy a gourmet breakfast, the manicured gardens, your luxurious room, and friendly Nova Scotian hospitality during your stay.

NIGHTS: 1 nights



Queen Anne Inn

In the heart of Annapolis Royal, this elegant inn was built in 1865 as a wedding gift for a wealthy merchant's son. The grand staircase leads to gracious guestrooms delightfully furnished with antiques, paintings and beautiful bathrooms.

NIGHTS: 2 nights

Curated Walks

CONNECT. ON FOOT. AT EYE LEVEL.

Join us to walk the most cinematic footpaths in a region. With thoughtfully curated walks that are about so much more than just counting miles. Yes, it's likely that your Fitbit or Apple watch will buzz when you hit your step count. But you probably won't notice because your soul will be buzzing from the connections you make with the people and place. Each day, we'll offer you one or two walks. Each walk is generally between an hour or two in duration. And our support vehicles are often nearby and add to your flexibility. Choose one or both to curate the right amount of walking for you each day. It's why Forbes magazine calls our tours their 'Luxury Walking Favorite'.

CURATE YOUR OWN MILEAGE OPTIONS EACH DAY

| | MINIMUM | AVERAGE | MAXIMUM |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Day 1 | 2 | 3 | 3.5 |
| Day 2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| Day 3 | 2.5 | 3 | 4 |
| Day 4 | 3 | 4 | 4.5 |
| Day 5 | 1.5 | 2 | 2 |
| Day 6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2 |

*No scheduled walks

ROUTE NOTES

The terrain on this trip includes a mix of paved and cobblestone streets in Halifax, Lunenburg, Port Royal and other villages; as well as well-maintained coastal, countryside, island and riverside trails of compressed dirt and stone. The footpaths offer a selection of level, rolling and hilly terrain with some elevation gain and loss.

THE ART OF THE UNPLANNED:

CRAFTING UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

We've carefully crafted each day's walking adventures with our expert local guides. Your daily itinerary serves as a well-thought-out plan, and we empower our tour leaders to adapt to unexpected opportunities or challenges. Whether it's an impromptu local invitation or a weather-related change, we're adept at making adjustments. So, while your experience may closely follow the itinerary, it might also include some variations. In essence, we invite you to "expect the unexpected" – knowing that our promise is to provide you the most genuine and authentic walking tours in the world.

Arrival & Departure

→ ARRIVAL DETAILS

LOCATION: Lobby of Prince George Hotel
CITY: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
TIME: 1:00 PM

→ DEPARTURE DETAILS

LOCATION: Lobby of Prince George Hotel
CITY: Halifax, Canada
TIME: 2:00 PM

The Classic Journeys Difference

- ▶ CURATED WALKS THAT LEAD TO 'ONLY WITH CLASSIC JOURNEYS' EXPERIENCES
 - Immerse and connect you across cultures as you explore on foot
- ▶ EXCEPTIONAL LOCAL GUIDES
 - Bring authentic experiences to life
- ▶ ENCHANTING ACCOMMODATIONS
 - Where luxury and local mean you feel at home
- ▶ EAT LIKE (& WITH) THE LOCALS
 - Local flavors and time to savor the moments together
- ▶ SMALL GROUPS, GUARANTEED
 - Mean deeper, richer experiences while making friends along the way
- ▶ REGENERATIVE TRAVEL
 - We take strides to preserve cultures, traditions, and nature

What's Included

- Accommodations for 5 nights
- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- ▶ **PERFECT PAIRINGS DINNERS**
A special dinner prepared by one of our favorite chefs with a procession of wines tailored to each course.
- ▶ **INVISIBLE CHECK-IN**
When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately.
- ▶ **WINE ON US**
In many regions, we uncork wonderful local wines at every dinner on us.
- ▶ **PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS**
One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

Enhancing Your Journey

We're constantly seeking ways to improve your experience. Count on us to update you with any significant changes before departure. Minor adjustments may be communicated by your guides during the trip to ensure you have the best possible journey.