



Cabot Trail Explorer:

Tour Basics:

Cost	\$299* / \$329 regular
Duration	3 days
Departing From	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Operating From	May 18 to October 19, 2009
Jump On/Jump Off	No
Inclusive Tour	Yes

*discount is offered to the following card holders
HI, ISIC, VIP, YHA, ITIC and IYTC

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Highlights

- The Cabot Trail
- Highlands National Park, home to 1000's of moose, bear, coyotes and the endangered black cougar
- The lovely villages of Baddeck, Cheticamp and Ingonish
- Whale watching with over 10 species of whales
- Kayaking with bald eagles
- Sailing on the Bras d'Or Lakes
- Eating fresh lobster and snowcrab for less than \$10
- Canada's best beaches

Tour Includes

- Your own bed in 2-4 person rooms
- Transportation
- Driver-guide with entertaining full commentary
- Guides walks and hikes
- Wildlife encounters
- National and Provincial park access
- Ferry and bridge tolls
- Discounts on all extra optional activities
- All tips and taxes

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Trip Options

- Whale watching on a real lobster boat!
- Kayaking with the eagles of Aspy Bay
- Sailing on the Bras d'Or Lakes

The Scoop

Regarding food, all accommodation providers we work with offer cooking facilities for you to cook for yourself or cook with others. We make grocery store stops each day and the guide will offer a group food kitty option on the first day of the trip. It's your choice if you want to cook by yourself, with the group or eat out where available. It usually works out to \$30-\$35 per person for 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners.

With accommodation, you may upgrade to private rooms based on availability. The difference in price is to be paid directly to each accommodation provider and you can ask about options upon booking your trip.

We've reserved your transportation directly back to Halifax on the evening of the third day as the group remains in Cape Breton and continues to PEI the next morning. If you'd like to upgrade to the Island Hopper trip, please ask our office about availability.

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Day 1

Location: Halifax to Baddeck, Cape Breton Island

We'll depart Halifax, one of the oldest cities in North America. We arrive a couple hours later in Antigonish, home of St. Francis University and the largest Highland Games outside of Scotland. After loading up on food and beverage supplies, we travel to an authentic French Acadian village for a picnic on the beach. Join in on your first ultimate Frisbee game or jump in to enjoy the warmest salt water north of the Carolinas. We arrive onto Cape Breton Island and our home for the night, Bear on the Lake Guesthouse aka HI Cape Breton Island. Grab a hammock or join us for a hike on Salt Mountain. This is a steep but rewarding climb to a jaw dropping view of the Bras d'Or lakes. When the sun falls and the moon rises over the lake, it's time for the bonfire to start and the marshmallows to come out! Look for the Northern Lights!

Day 2

Location: Baddeck via Cabot Trail to Ingonish

Today we introduce you to the World Famous Cabot Trail and Highlands National Park! Our first stop is at Joe's Scarecrows which always makes for a great stretch break and laugh! Next, we pass through Cheticamp, the largest Acadian community in Nova Scotia and at the entrance of Highlands National Park. This 1000 sq km reserve is home to moose, bear, coyotes, eagles and our

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Park. This 1000 sq km reserve is home to moose, bear, coyotes, eagles and our home for the next couple days.

Walk amongst the moose and along the ocean on our first outing of the day. You may choose to enjoy your lunch here or at our next stop, the beautiful village of Pleasant Bay. This is where you'll have the choice to board a real lobster boat and spot whales, sharks, dolphins and seals. For those without sea legs, there's a shorter scenic walk through the woods to a waterfall. The second optional activity offered today is flat water kayaking at South Harbour or you can choose to play on one of Canada's most spectacular beaches, unseen by most tourists! Just down the road is Driftwood Lodge, our home for the night. You'll again be amazed at the views and comfort of this place! Lay on the back lawn and count the stars, hang by the bonfire or dare to dip yourself in the Atlantic.

Day 3

Location: Ingonish via Cabot Trail to Baddeck

Wake up to the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean and gulls flying overhead. This morning we'll get to experience another great hike of Highlands National Park. Watch out for moose, bear and even whales off the coast! The Cabot Trail takes us to the beautiful resort village of Baddeck where you can enjoy lunch by the lake. Choose to sail around the Islands and Alexander Graham Bells' house, learn about this local genius at the Bell Museum or hit the beach and spend a couple hours swimming in fresh and salt water. Later in the day, you'll cruise off into the sunset back to Halifax with a guaranteed smile on your face!

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