



## Island Hopper:

### Tour Basics:

<b>Cost</b>	\$489* / \$539 regular
<b>Duration</b>	5 days
<b>Departing From</b>	Halifax, Nova Scotia
<b>Operating From</b>	May 18 to October 19, 2009
<b>Jump On/Jump Off</b>	Yes

\*discount is offered to the following card holders  
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### Highlights

- The Cabot Trail
- Highlands National Park, home to 1000's of moose, bear, coyotes and the endangered black cougar
- Baddeck, Ingonish and Cheticamp, Cape Breton Island
- 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
- Charlottetown and Cavendish, Prince Edward Island
- Biking through Prince Edward Island National Park
- Anne of Green Gables
- Riding the Confederation Bridge

### 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

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- Ferry and bridge tolls
- Discounts on all extra optional activities
- All tips and taxes

## Trip Options

- Whale watching on a real lobster boat!
- Kayaking with the eagles of Aspy Bay
- Sailing on the Bras d'Or Lakes
- Biking through Prince Edward Island National Park

## 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. The group food kitty 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.

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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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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. We return to Bear on the Lake Guesthouse again and invite everyone to join in for a good ol'

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game of croquet.

### Day 4

#### Location: Baddeck, Cape Breton Island to Charlottetown/Cavendish, Prince Edward Island

Please note: We stay in Charlottetown, PEI during July and August and Cavendish, Prince Edward Island during May, June, September and October. This morning we leave Bear on the Lake and Cape Breton Island to discover all the best highlights of Prince Edward Island. We'll stop at the grocery store to pick up lunch or you may choose to eat on the ferry or once you arrive in Charlottetown. The ferry departs from Pictou, Nova Scotia a quaint little town where the Scottish settlers first landed and delivers us to Canada's smallest province in only 75 minutes. We'll visit one of the many beautiful provincial parks on the island and arrive in Charlottetown, birthplace of Confederation. Enjoy a brew at the local brewery, grab an ice cream at COWS, check out the Art Gallery for free or go for a wander in this picturesque capital. In July and August, your trip will over night at the University of PEI and you'll be able to party the night away with locals and students or check out the Anne of Green Gables Musical.

In May, June, September and October, we choose to overnight in Cavendish at the Shining Waters Resort. We're the closest resort to the beach, National Park and you can spend the evening swimming the pool, lounging on your double bed or walking Cavendish Beach.

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## Day 5

### Location: Charlottetown/Cavendish, PEI to Halifax, Nova Scotia via New Brunswick

The last day of the Island Hopper finishes in style! We start the morning with an optional bike ride through PEI National Park and along its red clay beaches, flowering fields and inviting lakes. The Trail is good for all levels but you can also choose to walk the trail if biking isn't your thing. Next, we visit the Anne of Green Gables house and learn about the local author Lucy Maud Montgomery and walk the trails where she was inspired to write the stories. We'll leave the Cavendish area in the early afternoon to grab some lunch in the town of Kensington and onwards to the Confederation Bridge. This 13 km long bridge is the longest in Canada and a great place to spot all three maritime provinces from one place!. On our way back to Halifax we visit the Masstown Market for fresh local food and the biggest ice cream you've ever seen!

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