2020 EXPERIENCE GUIDE



Francy Trail Cape Breton Highlands National Park



Your Heart Will Never Leave

THE COVID-19 SITUATION on Cape Breton Island

The global tourism industry is based on interactions with other people and this is especially so on Cape Breton Island where a spirit of hospitality is in our DNA. We love to welcome visitors, but public safety is paramount at this time. As a result, we want to provide you with factual and up-to-date information about the situation on Cape Breton Island, please visit

www.cbisland.com/covid-19-coronavirusupdate/.

During this uncertain time, we are releasing this digital copy of our 2020 Experience Guide for visitors to view for future trip planning to the Island when it's safe to do so. Please visit each operator's website for their updates on the 2020 season as we progress through this outbreak.



Welcome to Cape Breton Island

At the northern tip of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island is a magical place of spectacular coastline, exceptional scenery, delicious seafood, and rich culture.

There's so much to see and do on the Island, so it's best if we break it down for you into seven experience categories:



Outdoor Adventure, Coastal Adventure, Living Cultures, Culinary, History, Music & the Arts, and Golf. Inside, you'll find an array of exciting packages and experiences that range from cooking lobster on a beach in Cape Breton Highlands National Park to learning traditional basket weaving with an Indigenous Mi'kmaw artisan.

We recommend spending at least 5-7 days on the Island for a full experience. And you may return home after your vacation, but your heart will never leave.



Easy to Find. Hard to Leave.

Several carriers fly into the JA Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport via Halifax Stanfield International Airport; there are also direct flights from Toronto, Ontario and Montréal, Quebec.

By car, the Trans-Canada Highway in Nova Scotia will lead you to Cape Breton Island. Maritime Bus provides bus service from various locations.

Visitors from the Northeast United States. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island can ferry to Nova Scotia and drive through to Cape Breton. Ferries also sail from Newfoundland to North Sydney.

Getting Around 🗔

If you fly into Sydney, car rentals are available or you may hire a taxi or take a shuttle. If you have a car, driving time on the Trans-Canada 105 will get you from the Canso Causeway, the gateway to the Island, to Sydney in two hours.

Road routes loop around the Island and it's easy to get from one region to another. But don't rush. Pick up a visitors map and savour your journey.



Our trails, hills and mountains provide a wealth of options for the outdoor adventurer. Hike in Cape Breton Highlands National Park to a spectacular view of the Cabot Trail as it winds along the coastline. Rent a bike and explore Celtic Shores Coastal Trail as it takes you through communities along the west coast of the Island. Have your camera ready for up-close encounters with whales or perhaps a moose.



O Celtic Shores Coastal Trail - Canada's Musical Coast





Outdoor Adventure

Blue Bayou Resort



Welcome to Blue Bayou Resort, Cape Breton Highland's Glamping Campground. The comfort of a hotel stav in a billion star environment Breathtaking views are at your doorstep. Situated 200 meters

away from the National Park limits, positioned along the South Harbour. Come to where the mountains meet the sand, where John Cabot made his stand in the Heart of the Highlands.

- Choice of King or Double Oueen suite domes, tipis, or RV sites
- · Kayaks, Canoes, and SUP board rentals onsite
- Discounted Mountain Pine Adventures zipline passes for quests
- Use promo code "dome" to save 10% on 2 or more nights stav in our Domes

Starting at \$200 per night for Domes

www.bluebayouresort.com 1-647-995-1633

Breton Air Ingonish and the Highlands Helicopter Tour



This incredibly scenic helicopter tour will have you viewing the fantastic sights of the Cabot Trail including Cape Smokey, Keltic Lodge, Ingonish and the Cape Breton Highlands. Our high performance helicopters allow for safe operations

in all flight regimes around our rock in the sea. Visit our website for more information on our services. Base locations are out of Sydney Airport. Port of Sydney and Ingonish Landing Marina. Call to book your experience todav!

- Daily tours offered from 8:00 am 6:00 pm
- Must arrive and check in 20 minutes prior to departure
- 3 seat minimum, 5 adults maximum

Starting at \$169.99 per person

www.bretonair.com 1-902-789-2169

Cape Breton Highlands National Park Lake Nights



As the darkness creeps in, listen for the haunting sounds of the night during the "Lantern Walk through *Time*" by Freshwater Lake. Or learn tips and tricks for using your senses to peek under the cover of night during the vibrant nocturnal walk

"Seeing in the Dark" at Warren Lake. Lantern Walk through Time: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays (1.5 hours)

Seeing in the Dark: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (2.5 hours)

- · Pre-registration required at visitor centre or by phone
- Parks Canada has made a number of changes to operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visitors are encouraged to consult parkscanada.gc.ca regularly for up-to-date trip planning information.

\$14.70 per person

www.parkscanada.gc.ca/capebreton 1-902-285-2535

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Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort 2 Night Honeymoon & Hot Tub Package



Pick your place and pick your season for your Honeymoon. Or Honeymoon again, along the Cabot Trail! Visit Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and experience the Cape Breton Highlands and Atlantic Ocean from a Japanese Cedar tub or soft hot tub. Stargaze at night and enjoy a sunset view of the Bird Islands. Activities are in abundance: eniov hiking or snowshoeing (season depending), relax and enjoy morning meditation and Qi Gong. Counsel on Cabot Trail and Cape Breton itineraries also available.

 2 nights accommodations with hot tub in either a vurt. lodge room, or dome (in season) • Dinner for two each night (vegetarian, seafood and meat options)

All you can eat healthy buffet breakfast for two each morning

Starting at \$535 per couple + Tax & Gratuity www.cabotshores.com 1-866-929-2584

Outdoor Adventure

Cabot Trail Biker Guided Tours & Cabot Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Rentals



Rent current model year Harley-Davidsons and enjoy Canada's favourite Motorcycle Road - The Cabot Trail! You may even get a personalized guided trip with Daniel Ross, host of Harley-Davidson's Common Ground Documentary and founder of Cabot Trail Biker (call for availability).

- Tour includes headsets for up to 13 riders. Bike rentals: \$200/day or \$1.200/week. insurance included. unlimited mileage. \$2,500 deposit paid on rental. Riding gear available. Daily tours with Daniel, unlimited group size, \$1,000/day.
- All gear with rentals is available
- Guide includes 'In Helmet' communications with guide



www.cabottrailbiker.com 1-902-870-4630 www.cabotpowersports.com 1-902-539-1730

Cape Breton Highlands National Park Seaside Square Set



Celebrate the cultural heritage of Cape Breton Highlands National Park with this new program. Learn steps and figures, then put your

new-found knowledge to the test as you dance a full set to the rhythm of live fiddle music accompanied by the waves crashing nearby.

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\$14.70 per person (Family rates available) www.parkscanada.gc.ca/capebreton 1-902-285-2535

Chanterelle Country Inn and Cottages The Cape Breton "Sampler"



A sampler of not to be missed experiences in Cape Breton that introduces history, culture and nature. The eco-award-winning Chanterelle Country Inn & Cottages is the perfect place to take in the beauty and bounty of Cape Breton. The 100-acre estate sits high on a brae overlooking the

estuary of North River as it flows into St. Ann's Harbour and the Atlantic Ocean. The 100km Restaurant serves a refined, locally-sourced menu, which changes daily depending on what is fresh. And it's served on the veranda accompanied by flocks of humminabirds.

- Award-winning inn and cottage accommodations
- Travel packages designed to "sample" the culture, history, cuisine and nature of Cape Breton
- Daily menu created by our chef from local ingredients

For two, starting at \$815 plus tax

www.chanterelleinn.com 1-866-277-0577

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Helicopter Tours with Celtic Air Services See Cape Breton Like You've Never Seen it Before



Come and fly with Celtic Air Services and see the world famous Cabot Trail, and Cape Breton Highlands National Park, Our exhilarating tours will fly you over some of Cape Breton's most sought-after locations, showing you breathtaking views of our rugged coastlines like you've never seen them before. Don't miss

out on this unique family friendly experience that's guaranteed to leave you with unforgettable memories and a new-found appreciation of this Island we call home.

Email tours@celticairservices.com to book your next tour!

Visit our website for tour locations and times. Contact us to get your helicopter tour gift certificate today

Starting at \$149 per person

www.celticairservices.com 1-902-625-2206

 ^{1.5} to 2 hours

Outdoor Adventure

Highlands Hostel The Temple of High Adventure & Culture



The famous Highlands Hostel is a Cabot Trail must! This 4-season outdoor adventure base camp is strategically nestled between the Cape Breton Highlands National Park and the soft sandy beaches of the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy any of the 32 hikes, 12 beaches and refreshing rivers all within an hour of the hostel. with the best being right out the back door. Located in the Village

of Cape North, 'The Winter Capital of Nova Scotia', at the very top of the Cabot Trail. Highlands Hostel is action central in Cape Breton's wildest corner! Bring what you need to explore the Highlands, we'll provide the cozy base camp. Large groups of 25 are welcome. Stay two days; you'll wish you did! Check out our Instagram @highlandshostel

- #1 Winter Destination! Large groups welcome!
- Ski at Ski Cape Smokey, Snowshoe at North Highlands Nordic
- Jam Sessions Sandy Beaches Let's get firewood

\$30 per bunk eh!

www.highlandshostel.ca 1-833-381-6553

True North Destinations Wellness Weekends: A Signature Luxury Dome Retreat



Join us for a weekend of art. voga. wine and hiking that offers the perfect combination of island adventure and highland repose in your luxury Geodesic Dome! What's included: welcome wine and hors d'oeuvres, continental breakfast. one light lunch, one dinner, guided

voga classes with Breathing Space CB, guided local hike, local wine and chocolate tasting, east coast art party, oceanside campfires with music, intro to meditation and mimosa closing of the weekend. Each quest will also receive a keepsake tee or tank.

1-833-223-6637

- 2 night weekend stay
- May 22-24, July 17-19 and September 18-20
- \$1298 per couple, \$1796 per quad (4 people)

www.truenorthdestinations.ca Starting at \$449 per person

Starting at \$454 per double occupancy

www.truenorthdestinations.ca 1-833-223-6637

True North Destinations Starlit Night Hike & Stay



Join is for a unique adventure with our Starlit Skyline Night Hike and see one of the most famous hiking trails like never before! Included in your package is a one night stay in our 5-star luxury domes, a Parks

Canada Perfect Picnic for Two (which includes a keepsake blanket & picnic basket), two guided hikes: the Skyline night hike and MacIntosh Brook morning hike. Can't stay the night? Call us to reserve hiking only!

- 3:00 pm check in full schduele of events online
- Bring proper hiking clothing, water bottle, flashlight/headlamp
- Hiking only rates available

North River Falls North River Provincal Pa



Cape Breton Island has some of the most dramatic coastline in the world. A great way to explore it is by kayak, giving you an intimate and engaging experience with your surroundings. Take a relaxing sailing tour on the Bras d'Or Lake, an inland saltwater sea and UNESCO Biosphere, or adventure onto the Atlantic to see whales, seals and seabirds and our incredible coastal vistas.



🔘 Pleasant Bay







😰 Coastal Adventure

Canal Landing at St.Peter's Canal National Historic Site



Come visit us at the Canal Landing, where the ocean meets the inland sea. Located on a National Historic site, The Canal Landing was once the home of Nicolas Denvs' Trading Post, a place where early settlers would trade with the Mi'kmaw. The Canal Landing offers experiences

that are culturally orientated, has recreational equipment rentals and a place to purchase authentic high quality crafts. We offer a range of services that cater to your sense of adventure varying from kayaking to lobster fishing to traditional tours.

- · Canteen services daily. Pre-ordered picnics available.
- Visit our website for a full schedule of excursions
- Rentals available daily (weather depending)

Prices Vary

www.canallanding.ca 1-902-631-5850

Capt. Mark's Whale & Seal Cruise Zodiac Whale Watching



Capt. Mark's is Pleasant Bay's most experienced whale watching company. Operating for 26 years, Capt. Mark and his son Capt. Ben take you along Cape Breton's pristine coastlines in search of whales like Pilot, Minke, Finback and Humpback. You may also see seals, bald eagles and various sea birds. Off in the distance you may even get a glimpse of moose and bears. The scenery on its own is breathtaking. The spectacular rock and cliff formations, mysterious sea caves, waterfalls, abandoned cove settlements and colourful fishermen just make it more so!

- July 1 October 17
- 10:00 am. 1:00 pm. 4:00 pm (2-3 hour duration)
- Dress in layers, preferably water resisitant clothing. We provide life jackets and rent rain suits. Bring sunscreen, camera and water.

\$70/Adult \$65/Senior \$60/Child 6-18 years old www.whaleandsealcruise.com 1-888-754-5112

CB West Paddle Boards Margaree River Run



Guided tours down the lower Margaree River, on a SUP (stand up paddle board) or kayak. Paddle through changing landscapes and salmon pools, while

honing your skills as you learn a little bit about the area and culture. Wear something you're comfortable getting wet in and agua friendly footwear

- 2-3 hour duration
- Daily, June 15 October 1
- Guided tours at 9:00 am are \$69.99. Rentals and transportation starting at 1:00 PM are \$50

\$69.99 per person

www.cbwestsup.com 1-902-224-5770

Cruise and Learn Adventure Sailing School (CLASS) offers Canadian Recreational Yachting Association accredited sailing lessons. Students will live aboard our 37-foot Tavana Cutter-rigged sloop for 3 or 5-day sessions, learning and applying all aspects of handling and sailing the vessel. Registered students

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Cruise and Learn Adventure Sailing School



will receive a copy of the Canadian Recreational Yachting Association sailing manual. Students successfully completing the 5-day course will receive certification as either a Competent Crew or Day Skipper, depending on the level of course taken.

Weekly, June 1 - September 30 · Warm clothing is required, rain gear, and waterproof footwear

\$750 per student (5-day class) \$500 per student (3-day class)

www.cruiseandlearn.org 1-800-717-1432

😰 Coastal Adventure

Dixon's Zodiac Seafari



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Dixon's Zodiac Seafari is located in the tiny fishing village of Neils Harbour, just below the lighthouse Join us and embark on a minimum two-hour adventure in search of different whale species such as Fin, Pilot, Minke, Humpbacks and others.

You will also encounter various seabirds, seals and, in August and September, the impressive Leatherback Turtle, Combine this with the rocky cliff shoreline of northern Cape Breton and it will be an unforgettable experience!

- Daily Tours: 10:00 am, 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm, plus private tours
- · We supply all the gear required on your adventure whether rain or shine
- Ages 3 and under not recommended

Adults \$49 Students \$35 Children 10 & under \$25

www.dixonszodiacseafari.com 1-855-259-4122

Donelda's Puffin Boat Tours Puffins, Eagles, Seals & Memories of a Lifetime



Located just 20 minutes east of the seaside village of Baddeck. on the Cabot Trail. we are a Bird Island boat tour that travels to the nesting grounds of the adorable black and white, and orange beaked Atlantic puffin. Sightings are guaranteed on this 2.5-hour bird watching

experience. You'll also likely see kittiwakes, razorbills and even bald eagles. Watching grey seals basking on the rocks is also a probability. The Bird Islands are an official bird sanctuary located one mile off Cape Dauphin.

- \$52 (Card) \$48 (Cash) CAA/AAA discounts available Adults:
- \$50 (Card) \$46 (Cash) Seniors:
- Youth 7-12 \$22 (Card) \$19 (Cash)
- 6 & Under Free

\$19 to \$52 (Taxes and gratuities extra) www.puffinboattours.com 1-877-2PUFFIN

Live Life In Tents Margaree River Tubing



Take a break from your day to relax on the famous Margaree River. Let the currents carry you downstream as you dip your toes in the clean, crisp water. Keep your eves peeled for salmon, eagles and the occasional otter.

(LLIT HQ) to our launch point on the river. Upon completing your adventure, you will be driven back to your vehicle. Multiple convenience items are available to make your trip seamless.

Pair this adventure with one of our

Ground transportation will take you camping and glamping sites for special discounts.

from Live Life In Tents Headquarters

- 1.5 3 hours
- Bring water shoes or sandals, dry change of clothes and drinking water
- Daily July 1 September 3

\$30 per person discounts for groups larger than 10 www.livelifeintents.com 1-902-452-1600

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North River Kayak & River Nest Wilderness Cabins



Join North River Kayak Tours on the famous Cabot Trail for a 1/2 day guided kayak tour (3 hours) and a comfortable stay on-site at River Nest Wilderness accommodations.

After your tour, you can relax in your private hand-crafted boutique wilderness cabin while gazing out at the North River, reflecting on the days paddle.

• 9:00 am and 1:00 pm daily Bring along a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, water, footwear that can get wet and a spare change of clothes Please be prepared to have fun!

\$287 per couple

www.northriverkayak.com 1-888-865-2925



The Mi'kmaq have lived here since time immemorial and their culture continues to thrive with legends, music and stories that have been passed down over generations. The Acadians came to the Island from the mid to late 1700's, bringing their vibrant French culture and joie de vivre to the Cape Breton story. From the mid 1700's to late 1800's, the Island welcomed Gaelic immigrants from Scotland who brought their language and culture. These three foundational cultures are central to the Island's identity, but industrialization and globalization brought more people from around the globe, creating a diverse multicultural society.



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Eskasoni Cultural Journeys Eskasoni

(6) Living Cultures

Cape Breton Highlands National Park Sharing Stories: Mi'kmaw Culture



Hear the story of Sismognapui Skwe'j-Sweetwater Maiden, a young Mi'kmaw woman who was the first to discover and boil sismognapui (maple sap) in Mi'kma'ki (Eastern North America) or participate in one of the programs offered: campfires,

smudging, storytelling, and games. Programs are delivered 5 days a week by Indigenous author. Parks Canada interpreter and former chief Mary Louise Bernard. Check website for further information.

• 1 - 1.5 hours

 Parks Canada has made a number of changes to operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visitors are encouraged to consult parkscanada.gc.ca regularly for up-to-date trip planning information

Free with park entrance pass www.parkscanada.gc.ca/capebreton 1-902-224-2306

Eskasoni Cultural Journeys



P'jilasi. 'Welcome' in our native tongue. The 2.4km hiking trail will take you along the Bras d'Or Lake and its beautiful scenery. Experience several facets of traditional life as you meet and interact with our heritage interpreters who are

delighted to share their knowledge with you. Learn to dance make axe handles and make traditional four cents bread over an open fire. Your tour will take two hours and will leave you wanting more!

- Group rates available
- Specialty tours upon request
- Reservations required

\$40 per person

www.eskasoniculturaljourneys.ca 1-902-322-2279

Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site Mi'kmaw Interpretation Centre



Discover a part of the rich Mi'kmaw heritage of Unama'ki! During Louisbourg's French occupation, the Mi'kmag played a vital role, supporting the community through knowledge sharing and supporting the French in times of war.

• 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

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www.parkscanada.gc.ca/louisbourg

1-902-733-3552

Free with site entry pass

The Mi'kmaw Interpretation Centre at the Fortress of Louisbourg is a special place to talk about Mi'kmaw history through images, artifacts, songs, traditional drumming and storytelling.

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Kluskap Ridge RV Park and Campground



Kluskap Ridge is a one-of-akind camparound destination in Atlantic Canada. Owned and operated by community members from Membertou, a community of the Mi'kmag Nation, the partners wish to share parts of their culture with their quests.

We offer Indigenous-inspired arts and crafts and on Thursday nights from June to September we have a drumming session around the fire. We also provide customized tipis for accommodations along with glamping tents and traditional RV and tenting sites.

· We partnered with East Coast Glamping of Halifax to help us offer a 5-Star Glamping service. Now boasting a 4.5 star rating on Trip Advisor and 4.4 on Google.ca 7 days a week

9:00 am - 8:00 pm

\$34.50 - \$150 per night

www.kluskapridge.ca 1-902-929-2598

(6) Living Cultures

Membertou Heritage Park



Come visit the Membertou Hertiage Park for our 20 experiences for under \$20! We offer many experiences from making your own moccasins. dream catchers, medicine pouch, or baskets to learning about Mi'kmag drumming and chanting.

All workshops are offered daily pending availability of supplies and instructor. Please call to book your workshop and visit our website for a list of all 20 experiences.

- Open year round
- 9:00 am 4:30 pm daily during peak season (June-October)
- Monday to Friday (*November-May*)

Under \$20 per person

www.membertouheritagepark.com 1-902-567-5333

Baile nan Gàidheal | Highland Village Made of Stories – Experiential Tour



Join our costumed animators as you travel back in time through four distinct eras - eras that chronical the Gaels as they built their new lives in Nova Scotia. Greeted by a thick and unfamiliar forest, following weeks of sailing rough seas, this two-hour storytelling tour puts you at

the heart of their struggles and yearning for a better life. Celebrate the rich history of these hearty Nova Scotia Gaels on this 43-acre living history museum perched on a hill overlooking the picturesque Bras d'Or Lake. Tours take place Friday and Saturday from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

- Guided storytelling tour and milling frolic
- Try a traditional oatcake and cup of tea

\$25 per person \$15 per student www.highlandvillage.ca 1-866-442-3542

Colaisde na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic College Interactive Cultural Demonstrations



Get a first-hand look at the living traditions of Nova Scotia Gaels with these interactive cultural demonstrations. Witness the construction of the original kilt, learn

common Gaelic phrases and a song during a milling frolic, tap your toes to live traditional music. and watch our master weaver create one-of-akind pieces at the loom.

www.gaeliccollege.edu

1-902-295-3411

- Half hour to 4 hours
- Weekdays (June October)
- 10:30 am 2:00 pm

\$10/Adult, \$8/Youth, \$25/Family of Four

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Comunn Féis an Eilein 2020 Summer Gaelic Events



Thigibh dhàn Chéilidh-Come to the Céilidh! We invite you to explore our Island's Gaelic culture. The bilingual Gaelic-English concert series features some of Cape Breton's finest traditional musicians. Gaelic singers, and step-dancers. Complimentary tea and refreshments served. Fichead's

Deich Bliadhna, The 30th Annual Féis an Eilein takes place August 18-22, 2020. The "Féis" is a 5-day Gaelic cultural festival designed to provide a hands-on experience with our language and culture. Enjoy a concert, lecture, traditional milling frolic, and workshops in Gaelic language and song.

Wheelchair accessible • 7:30 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm) 2 hour duration • Weekly, July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11 and August 18 - 22

Adults \$15 children 14 & under \$5

www.feisaneilein.ca 1-902-622-2627



Cape Breton Island is recognized among culinary enthusiasts as a "must-eat" region for its renowned shellfish. The finest lobster and snow crab in the world comes from the cold coastal waters off Cape Breton. From foraging for mushrooms to buying grass-fed Highland beef at a farmers market, the Island celebrates local ingredients, used on the menus of many local restaurants. Pair your meal with a local craft beer, North America's first Single Malt Whisky, or rum aged to perfection at the Fortress of Louisbourg.



🔘 Red Shoe Pub - Mabou





(D) Culinary Experiences

Baddeck Lobster Suppers



Fresh hard-shell lobster and all-vou-can-eat chowder and mussels! Incredible! And while the food is amazing, so too are the stories behind the food. Arriving from Scotland in 1828, John Montgomery and his wife planted their roots along the coast of Cape

Breton Island, where they farmed the land and fished the waters to provide for their family.

The Montgomery men continue to fish these shores today, bringing the finest fresh lobster to Baddeck Lobster Suppers.

- · Locally-fished hard-shell lobster, Atlantic salmon, Cape Breton snow crab or AAA striploin steak
- All-vou-can-eat mussels & chowder
- Locally-sourced wines and spirits

Prices vary

www.baddecklobstersuppers.ca 1-902-295-3307

Big Spruce Brewing Organic Craft Beer and Farm-to-Fork Food Truck



Experience Atlantic Canada's only certified organic on-farm craft brewery and hop yard, with spectacular views of the UNESCO Biosphere Bras d'Or Lake, and in-depth tours of our two breweries. With live music on our cozy patio

4 days a week, a family & dog friendly outdoor bar. and incredible local eats from our own Farm-to-Fork food truck-you'll want to stop by more than once! Certified Organic: Because Natural Means Nothina.

- Brewery open year-round. Food offered mid May to mid October
- Brewery 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, 7 days a week. Food 11:30 am to 7:00 pm Wednesday to Sunday. Open until 8:00 pm daily in July and August.

Pints and flights \$8 to \$10 Food available \$8 and up

www.bigspruce.ca 1-902-295-2537

Breton Brewing Co. Tour and Tasting Experience



Breton Brewing opened its doors in 2015 and has established itself as a must-see destination in Cape Breton. A welcoming taproom and beer garden offer a lighthearted atmosphere where patrons can sit and eniov an array of natural. unfiltered & preservative-free ales and lagers. Experience the magic

of this award-winning brewery by taking a tour of their brewing facility. Walk through the normally off-limits area of the brewerv to get a richer understanding of the brewing process, then sample some product and learn about its connection to the Island.

- Now offering next-day home delivery to the local area (30km from brewery) or pick up in store options
- To order, visit our online store or phone into the brewerv
- Must be over 19 years of age

Prices vary

www.bretonbrewing.ca 1-902-270-4677

35 minutes

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Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg



Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress[™] Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar. Sample an authentic rum punch recipe and learn how sugar cane and its alcoholic offshoot influenced trade, shipping, and slavery in colonial North America. Parks Canada has partnered with Authentic Seacoast Company. who created a signature edition rum maturing in oak barrels at the Fortress of Louisbourg. Fortress™ Rum captures the authentic spirit of New France's rum trade. À la santé and cheers!

Must be 19 years of age or older

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\$10.80 per person

www.parkscanada.gc.ca/louisbourg 1-902-733-3552

(D) Culinary Experiences

Glenora Inn & Distillery Backstage Pass



See our secrets and learn our history on a tour through our inn and distillery. We'll give you a private tour detailing our journey our founder's vision. the whisky's production, and a backstage pass to the Whisky Warehouse where you'll draw a sample directly from the barrel. After experiencing the warehouse, your host will bring you to the pub for a private tutored whisky tasting of various Glenora expressions. Starting at \$125 per person (excluding taxes) By appointment only, and don't forget to bring your camera.

- Participants must be 19 years or over
- Daily by appointment only
- Begins at 3:00 pm. 2 hour duration

\$125 per person

www.glenoradistillery.com 1-800-839-0491

Governors Pub & Eatery Cape Breton Seafood and Celtic Experience



For more than two generations. this local family-owned eatery has been serving up fresh-fromthe-ocean seafood of the highest calibre, choice hand-cut steaks from the best butchers, and has been creating appetizers and mains that are distinctively east coast. This hot spot for locals and showcase for

musicians features music just about every night of the week, with special Cape Breton ceilidhs (pronounced KAY-lees), on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For local craft beer, a Cape Breton-inspired menu and warm, down-home hospitality, you can't beat a visit to Governors Pub & Eaterv.

- All shows before 10:00 pm no charge
- Showtimes daily, updated schedule on Facebook
- Specializes in lobster and local seafood dishes year round

Prices Varv

www.governorseatery.com 1-902-562-7646

Inverary Resort Lakeside Sunset



Enjoy two nights in a king sized quest room or suite, sweet treats in your quest room on arrival, breakfast for two each day, two waterfront red

chairs reserved with blankets and accompanied by artisan cheeses and lightly sparkled Nova Scotian wine

www.inveraryresort.com

1-800-565-5660

2 Day experience

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May 24 to October 17

Starting at \$409 per couple

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The Old Triangle Irish Alehouse Ceilidhs & Lobster



Our Ceilidhs & Lobster event takes place every Friday during the summer months from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Each week, we feature local, talented musicians. Admission is free. You can find us at 424 Charlotte Street in Sydney

Our weekly dinner feature is a fresh, local lobster dinner served with homemade potato salad, corn-onthe-cob, a freshly baked roll and garlic butter for dipping. Our full menu is also available. Reservations are recommended.

Large, seasonal rooftop patio overlooking Sydney Harbour Open daily 11:00 am Lobster & Ceilidh Series - Fridays, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm during the summer

Free to attend - seafood dinner at market price

www.oldtrianglesydneyns.com 1-902-270-8003



With more fiddlers per capita than anywhere else in the world, Cape Breton Island is a hot spot for Celtic music and boasts renowned artists like Natalie MacMaster, the Rankin Family, Rita MacNeil, Ashley MacIssac, and many more. The Island also has a rich theatrical scene, from large-scale musicals to a wealth of fabulous local productions.

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As you travel through our communities, you can meet artisans at work creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces and even try your hand in the process. The Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design has a must-visit Gallery Shop containing the works of over 100 Cape Breton artisans.



🔘 Cape Breton Centre for Art and Design - Sydney





Celtic Colours International Festival Island-wide



Music and the Arts

Acoustic Roots Festival



The Acoustic Roots Festival is held on the 500-acre site of Two Rivers Wildlife Park. The festival features east coast talent representing several genres including folk, country. Celtic. blues and bluegrass. Festival goers get to enjoy full-service camping for trailers and RVs as well as a large tenting area. The Park also has

laundry facilities, showers, food services, walking trails, petting zoo, swimming, wifi services and observatory for visitors. During the festival, music workshops are presented by some of the performers. To book a campsite phone 1-902-727-2483. Please visit our website for musician information.

- September 4: 5:00 pm 10:00 pm, September 5 & 6: 11:00 am 10:00 pm
- Three days
- Shuttle service available

\$12 per day or \$30 for three davs (discount for students and seniors)

www.acousticrootsfestival.com 1-902-727-2483

64th Annual Broad Cove Scottish Concert



The Broad Cove Scottish Concert is deemed as the largest outdoor Scottish concert in Cape Breton. The concert holds great significance to the musical culture of our Scottish heritage. Entertainment includes traditional piping, fiddling, dancing and singing. The 64th Annual Broad Cove Concert is pleased to

announce that there will be a number of local performers from across the province entertaining us with two major headliners to close out the concert! This year's list of performers boasts a strong familial connection to the performers of the past, weaving family, music, and culture together into one big tartan!

- Outdoor concert (rain or shine). Seating available, canteen services, adult beverage tent, parking, security & washroom facilities • Sunday, July 26 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- \$20 per adult (children under 12 are free)

www.broadcoveconcert.ca

Baddeck Gathering Ceilidhs



Baddeck Gathering Ceilidhs are entering their twenty-second season showcasing Cape Breton Traditional Music. A cozy venue that provides a unique interactive experience that emulates a traditional kitchen party.

- June 17 October 15
- Daily from 7:30 pm 9:30 pm
- 2 hour duration

www.baddeckgathering.com \$10 per person

Performers will share the history of the music, tell stories and provide a musical experience that will delight audiences. A variety of local entertainers will create an authentic look into Cape Breton culture.

1-902-295-7663

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Cape Breton Centre for Craft & Design



Craft and art often mirror the heritage, lifestyle and geography of the region where artisans live and work - nowhere is this more eviden than on Cape Breton Island. Cape Breton Centre for Craft & Design, located at 322 Charlotte Street, is a must-see destination in Downtown

Sydney. The Gallery Shop offers Cape Breton craft in a wide variety of media including pottery, jewellery, textiles, visual art, wood, glass and more. A dynamic exhibition space showcases the latest work of local artisans as well as regional, national. and international exhibitions.

 Representing over 100 Cape Breton artisans Share your craft experiences with us using #ilovecbcraft Open year-round

Prices vary

www.capebretoncraft.com 1-902-270-7491



Celtic Colours International Festival



Celtic Colours International Festival is one of Canada's premiere musical events and a cultural highlight of Nova Scotia's tourism season. For nine days each October, this unique celebration of music and culture presents hundreds of artists in

concerts all over Cape Breton Island, an extensive line-up of community events, and a nightly Festival Club at Colaisde na Gàidhlig/the Gaelic College in St. Ann's, all set against the stunning backdrop of Cape Breton's brilliant fall foliage.

- Friday, October 9 Saturday, October 17
- Full schedule available Friday. June 19
- Tickets on sale Tuesday, July 7

Prices vary

www.celtic-colours.com 1-888-355-7744

Customs House Artisan Incubator



At the Customs House Artisan Incubator in the Town of Port Hawkesbury, you can see artists in residence at work in one of the stateof-the-art studios and learn how their products are made. Browse

the Gallery Shop which features locally handmade Cape Breton craft including leather, textiles, jewellery, pottery, visual art and more. Visit the Customs House for all things handmade!

- Share your craft experiences with us using #ilovecbcraft
- Open year round

www.capebretoncraft.com/customs-house Prices varv 1-902-625-1928

Doug Fraser Art Gallery - Experience an Evening of Painting with Doug Fraser Art



Join Doug Fraser for a fun and unique artistic view of Cape Breton Island. Enjoy a brief guided walk through the sculptural garden with a discussion about the pieces and art. Then come into his studio and immerse yourself in Doug's latest works (oil on canvas) as he teaches techniques and perspectives he has gained in over 40 years of artistic creativity.

You will leave with your acrylic on canvas creation. No previous art experience necessary.

About the artist: Born and raised in Cape Breton surrounded by the Celtic traditions, it is painting where Doug found his creativity. His oil on canvas creations can be found in private and corporate collections worldwide

- Starting at 6:30 pm. 2 hour duration
- All art supplies and smocks will be provided
- Be prepared to do a brief outdoor walk

\$85 per person (Plus tax, maximum groups of 6) www.dougfraserart.com 1-902-258-2455



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Festiville Baddeck



A fun highlight to the Cape Breton summer season. this outdoor. evening festival takes over Baddeck's main street, showcasing the amazing talent, cultures, and spirit of the Island and sweet. seaside community.

 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm July 6 & August 3 Free event that is fun for all ages

Free Event

www.festivillebaddeck.com festivillebaddeck@gmail.com

Music and the Arts

FireHouse Iron Works & Iron Mountain Wilderness Cabins - Forge and Forest



Begin this authentic Cape Breton Island experience by hammering some iron at Whycocomagh's modern blacksmith shop, FireHouse Ironworks Ltd. While making a small iron item with our local smith, you will learn more about the heritage craft of blacksmithing using a coal forge.

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Retreat from the forge to the forest for an evening at our eco-friendly Iron Mountain Wilderness Cabins,

resort in the southern Cape Breton Highlands. Let the fresh air, dark skies, and forest revitalize you as you sit around your campfire or sip on a pint or spirit in Nova Scotia's 1st 100% off-grid pub. In the morning, get a mountain hike in, down through the Acadian hardwood forest via The Great Trail, st to a scenic view of the northwestern portion of the Bras d'Or Lake UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

- Monday Wednesday. This experience begins at FireHouse Ironworks Ltd. in the afternoon (time confirmed at booking) and check-out at Iron Mountain Wilderness Cabins at 11am the next morning
- Wear sturdy closed toed shoes

\$435 per person \$575 couple \$650 family of 4

www.ironmountaincabins.ca 1-902-932-7137

Glass Artisans Studio & Gallery Glass Blowing Experience



The experienced glass blower shows you how to make a piece then guides you to make it.

The next day when the glass comes out of the kiln, you get to keep both the demo piece and your creation.

• Daily, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

1 hour duration

\$150 per person

www.glassartisans.ca 1-902-929-2585

It is helpful to arrive well before

the class so you can watch the

glass blowing demo. The demos

are free daily 10:00 am through

5:00 pm. The class must be

booked 24 hours in advance.

Town of Port Hawkesbury 26th Annual Granville Green Concert Series 2020



This year's series will feature six free outdoor concerts held on Sundays from July 5 to August 9 at the Granville Green band shell in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia. From folk to Celtic, established and emerging artists from across Canada will take to the stage this

- Sundays July 5 to August 9
- 7:00 pm
- 90 minutes

Free

summer to present wonderful music for everyone's enjoyment.

On the beautiful Strait of Canso, each concert at the band shell begins at 7:00 pm and concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for comfort.

www.granvillegreen.ca

1-902-625-2591



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Highland Arts Theatre



Highland Arts Theatre, or "The HAT" as it's affectionately called, is downtown Sydney's premiere performance venue for theatre, music, dance, and the performing arts. Formerly the home of historical St. Andrew's Church, the venue officially re-opened in 2014 as a newly renovated, stateof-the-art performance space. In just a few short years, the HAT has become a consistently reliable professional theatrical presence in downtown Sydney, producing quality productions with a special emphasis on Cape Breton songs and stories.

Theatre, music and dance productions for everyone's taste!
Don't miss our 2020 Summer Season - featuring some of Cape Breton's best and brightest with a full season of the HAT's Greatest Hits!

• For full schedule and package offers, check out our website below

Prices Vary

www.highlandartstheatre.com 1-902-565-3637

Music and the Arts

Makin' Waves Presented by Sydney Credit Union



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At home in Wentworth Park's iconic bandshell in the heart of Sydney, Makin' Waves combines a wonderful community atmosphere with the rich musical tradition of the region. Experience free concerts with thousands of new friends each Thursday evening in July,

including Juno Award nominees Neon Dreams, the world renowned Celtic ensemble Còig, and The Barra MacNeils, and see why Makin' Waves has been nominated for Event of the Year at the 2020 East Coast Music Awards.

- Wentworth Park, Sydney
- July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Weekly at 6:00 pm

www.makinwavesfestival.ca 1-902-563-5065 **The Savoy Theatre** The Cape Breton Summertime Revue



The Cape Breton Summertime Revue is a popular music and comedy production which features comical, topical, local content, mixed with a light-hearted Cape Breton perspective and top-notch original and traditional music. Many of Cape Breton Island's most successful musicians and actors have been part of the Cape Breton Summertime Revue – Maynard Morrison, Bette MacDonald, the Rankin Family, Rita MacNeil, and Natalie MacMaster, to name just a few.

Savoy Theatre, Glace Bay

- July 28, 29, 30
- August 11, 12

Tickets: \$54.50

www.savoytheatre.com 1-902-842-1577

Theatre Baddeck 2020 Season



Theatre Baddeck is an awardwinning professional theatre that delights visitors to Baddeck village with high quality entertainment that is hilarious, heartwarming, and has a distinct Cape Breton flavour! Our 2020 Season: Outside Mullingar - a sweet comedy about neighbouring Irish families; He'd Be Your Mother's Father's Cousin - a reprise of our 2019 sell-out hit; Lauchie, Liza and Rory - a Cape Breton comedy that features many characters and only two actors; and Where You Are – a romantic comedy about family, love, loss, and life.

- 7 performances per week from June 25 August 29 and September 18 - October 4
- Tuesday Friday 7:30 pm; Saturday 3:30 pm & 8:00 pm; Sunday 3:30pm
- Full performance calendar: www.theatrebaddeck.com/calendar

Tickets \$18 - \$32 (see website for full price list)

www.theatrebaddeck.com 1-902-412-7122



Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design Sydney

b History

Travel back to the 1700's at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site where world powers once fought for control of a continent. French soldiers march through the streets of the town as ladies and gentlemen dance in formal parlours. Cannon fire shakes the ground as harpsichord tunes mingle with baking bread aromas drifting from the stone bakery.

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Delve into the mind of a genius at the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site to see how the inventor helped shape the modern world, from communication to flight to artificial respiration. Explore one of our many other museums and heritage sites.



O Cape Breton Miners Museum - Glace Bay





Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site Louisbourg



Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site White Glove Tour



Examine Bell's own photos. mementos, gadgets and gizmos while you learn about the personal and professional influences that shaped his career. This experience is part of Destination Canada's Canadian Signature Experiences collection, which shows the world the best that Canada has to offer!

30 minutes

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- Ages 12 and up
- Limited to six people per tour
- Parks Canada has made a number of changes to operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visitors are encouraged to consult parkscanada.gc.ca regularly for up-to-date trip planning information.

\$12.27 per person www.parkscanada.gc.ca/bell 1-902-295-2069

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site Alec & I



Discover the depth of an incredible love story that changed the world. Artifacts, photographs, and stories from more than 45 years spent together, reveal the trials and triumphs of Alexander Graham Bell

and Mabel Hubbard. Deaf since the age of five, Mabel was fluent in three languages and involved in her husband's work from the invention of the telephone to breakthroughs in aviation.

45 minutes

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\$7.30 per person

www.parkscanada.gc.ca/bell 1-902-295-2069

Cape Breton Miners Museum A Day in the Life of a Cape Breton Coal Miner



Journey into the depths of Ocean Deeps Colliery, a coal mine located beneath the Museum building. Meet your tour guide, a former coal miner, at the entrance to the mine and dress in a poncho and hard hat to prepare for the authentic experience ahead. He will entertain you with

rich and lively stories of living and mining in Cape Breton, Above ground, tour our interactive exhibits and the Miners Village to learn more about the coal industry and the men and boys who worked tirelessly underground, and the women who kept the coal fires burning!

- The underground tour lasts 1.25 hours
- · For people with mobility issues we recommend the above ground Virtual Mine Tour, a 10 minute ride through the last century of coal mining in Cape Breton
- Open from May 24 October 18: 10:00 am 6:00 pm

\$18 per person

www.minersmuseum.com 1-902-849-4522



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Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site Cannon Firing | Musket Firing



Add an explosive element to your visit-train to be a Cannoneer and light the fuse of a cannon identical to those that defended 18th-century Louisbourg. An exclusive training of French colonial artillery techniques.

Or sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and get a soldier's basic training (no push-ups required!). You will fire an exact replica of an 18th-century musket.

• 45 minutes (Cannon) • 30 minutes (Musket) Must be 17 years of age or older

• Parks Canada has made a number of changes to operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visitors are encouraged to consult parkscanada.gc.ca regularly for up-to-date trip planning information.

\$55.20 per person (Cannon) \$36.80 per person (Musket)

www.parkscanada.gc.ca/louisbourg 1-902-733-3552



LeNoir Forge Museum Blacksmithing Experience



Visit one of the oldest stone buildings on Cape Breton Island and learn about the traditional art of blacksmithing. Classes are held Thursdays throughout July and August. Participants will produce a forge piece to take home.

Cost includes materials, classes are limited to 4 participants, and preregistration is required.

Register by calling iece 1-902-226-9364 or e-mail: islemadamehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

- Long pants and closed-toed shoes required, all other protective clothing is provided
- 1.5 hour class duration
- Blacksmithing classes: Thursdays, July & August: 1:00 pm 4:00 pm
- Tea in the Museum: Wednesdays, July 8 August 26: 2:00 pm 4:00 pm

\$30 - \$65 (Blacksmithing) \$5 (Tea)

www.imhs.ca 1-902-226-2880





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Golf was invented for places like this. Tee off at our Island's many courses, designed to complement the stunning terrain, surrounded by sweeping cliffs and majestic ocean views.

The game of golf is about places — the challenge, beauty and prestige of the course. There are approximately 35 thousand golf courses in the world, but only a selection of these embrace the true spirit of the game. Cape Breton is one of those places with 3 courses in *Golf Digest's* World 100 Greatest Courses.



O The Lakes Golf Course - Ben Eoin







Keltic Lodge at the Highlands His n' Her Golf & Spa



Looking for a getaway for two? Look no further than Keltic Lodge at the Highlands! The His n' Her package includes one night accommodations at the iconic Keltic Lodge resort. a round of golf with a cart rental for one at the Cape Breton Highlands

Links and a choice of one 30-minute massage, 30-minute facial or a pedicure. The package also includes breakfast for two at the Keltic. This will be a getaway to remember.

• May 15 - June 25 (Starting at \$334 per couple)

• July 2 - September 3 (*Starting at \$413 per couple*)

Starting at \$334 per couple www.kelticlodge.ca 1-800-565-0444

Keltic Lodge at the Highlands Par-Fect for Two



Golf was invented for places like Cape Breton. And that's more than evident when talking about the fabled Stanley Thompson's Cape Breton Highlands Links golf course. Having celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2016, Highlands has been long recognized by publications such as Golf Digest,

GOLF Magazine and SCOREGolf as one of the best tracks in North America. Experience for vourself why it's called Thompson's mountains and oceans masterpiece. To truly enjoy the challenge of the place, Keltic Lodge offers the "par-fect" package for two.

- One night accommodation at Keltic Lodge
- One round of golf per person with cart rental at Cape Breton Highlands Links
- Breakfast for two

Starting at \$452 per couple www.kelticlodge.ca 1-800-565-0444

Keltic Lodge at the Highlands Spring or Fall Stay & Play



Come play golf on Stanley Thompson's Cape Breton Highlands Links golf course in our shoulder seasons, whether in be in the crisp Spring air or while viewing the beautiful Fall foilage. Follow your

round with a great night sleep at the iconic Keltic Lodge resort. Then, wake up the next morning after a night full of authentic Celtic music in our Highland Sitting room, and do it all over again!

- Spring Dates: May 15 June 25
- Fall Dates: September 8 Season Close
- One night accommodation and two rounds of golf per person with cart rental at Cape Breton Highlands Links

Starting at \$174 per person www.kelticlodge.ca 1-800-565-0444

The Lakes at Ben Eoin is a world-class course with stunning vista views of the Bras d'Or Lake. intricately woven around the base Package includes:

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The Lakes at Ben Eoin Golf Club & Resort Golf & Dine on the Lakes



of Ben Eoin Mountain. After your round, indulge in creative, local and irresistible food in our new restaurant.

 18 holes with a shared power cart Dinner for two including bottle of wine Menu options and wine selection will be available on day of play

Starting at \$300 for two people

www.lakesresort.ca 1-902-828-4653

We're saving a seat for you.

There are more important things than planning your next vacation right now. However, this outbreak will pass, and travel will be safe once again.Until then, there's a seat here, waiting for you on our beautiful Island.

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