## One and Two Day Group Tours On The Bonavista Peninsula

The Bonavista Peninsula is a great destination to include in either cross-province or Eastern Newfoundland multi-day group tours. It is perfectly situated between Gander and St. John's, with Clarenville acting as your gateway to the destination. Here's how to include it and what your group can do while visiting







Arrival: You'll want to arrive the night before your Bonavista Peninsula visit. It is about a two hour drive from either Gander, if heading westward, or St. John's if heading eastward. Three hotels have the capacity for larger, motorcoach groups: <u>The Quality Hotel</u>, The <u>Clarenville Inn</u>, and <u>The Wave Hotel</u>. The Quality Hotel and Clarenville Inn have restaurants on-site, while you'll have to dine off site at the nearby restaurants if you choose the Wave.

One Day Tour: Depart Clarenville for Bonavista (1.5 hour drive). Bonavista has plenty of sites suitable for group visits: the iconic Cape Bonavista Lighthouse Provincial Historic Site, Ye Matthew Legacy which features a full sized replica of the 1497 boat sailed by John Cabot in his historic voyage to Bonavista, Mockbeggar Plantation Provincial Historic Site which explores how Newfoundland and Labrador joined Canada, and the Ryan Premises National Historic Site which explores the 500 year history of the east coast fishery. Bonavista Puffin and Whale Tours, departing from behind the Matthew Legacy, is also a great group option. Time is limited so only one or two items listed above will be possible before lunch. Skipper's Restaurant at Harbour Quarters handles group dining regularly. For the afternoon, depart for Trinity. Like Bonavista, Trinity will have multiple options for groups. The town features many historic sites operated by Provincial Historic Sites and the local heritage society including Hiscock House, The Mercantile Premises, Lester-Garland House, Green Family Forge and more. Rising Tide Theatre also offers options. On Wednesday and Saturdays they offer The Trinity Pageant and daily dinner theatres. After your afternoon in Trinity, return to the accommodations in Clarenville for a second night and then depart for the next leg of your journey.

Two Day Tour: A two day tour will look a lot like the one day, except rather than half a day in Bonavista, you'll add more activities as listed above to make a full day. Likewise for Trinity. We would recommend a morning boat tour in Bonavista, followed by Bonavista's historic sites. Then on the second day, Trinity Historic sites in the morning with Rising Tide Theatre in the afternoon/early evening.

A two day tour also allows for the option to add a visit to Elliston and Port Union. <u>Home from the Sea Sealers Interpretation Centre</u> in Elliston and the <u>Factory Interpretation Centre</u> in Port Union make for a great half a day that can be added to either Day 1 or Day 2, or even half the day on the one day tour.

In the two night tour, you'll continue to use your accommodation of choice in Clarenville.



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