

THREE DAYS ON THE BURIN PENINSULA

The Burin Peninsula, or Heritage Run, is one of Eastern Newfoundland's hidden gems. Dotted with tiny fishing communities clinging to the coastline, this driving loop is the perfect place to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life.



Day 1: Begin your Heritage Run journey by turning off the Trans-Canada Highway at Goobies. Take a deep breath and prepare to slow down and enjoy the ride – there are no traffic jams here! The drive towards Marystown along Route 210 will bring you through sweeping coastal barrens; keep your eyes peeled for caribou. Classic car enthusiasts will enjoy a pit stop at Vernon's Antique Car Museum in Swift Current. Arrive in Marystown and settle in for the evening.

Day 2: After breakfast, hit the road for Grand Bank and spend some time exploring the beautiful architecture and charm of this tranquil town. Visit the Provincial Seamen's Museum to learn about our province's proud seafaring heritage. For a breath of fresh air, take a hike along the coast on the Marine Trail. Continue on to Fortune, the gateway to Saint-Pierre et Miquelon - our little piece of France next door. Visit the Fortune Head Geology Centre and book a guided hike to the Fortune Head Ecological Reserve, a coastal fossil site that represents the geological boundary between the Precambrian and Cambrian geological eras. The reserve is also home to the Fortune Head lighthouse, a picture perfect red and white lighthouse overlooking the bay. If the weather is clear, watch the sunset over Fortune Bay and France. Overnight in a local B&B, or head back to Marystown for the night.



Day 3: Travel along the bottom of the peninsula, known as "The Boot," where views open up to panoramic coastlines. From Lamaline, you can clearly see our neighbouring French islands and marvel at just how close France really is. Arriving in St. Lawrence, visit the Miner's Museum to learn about this town's history of struggle and bravery. Hike the Trails of Valour to view the crystal blue waters that were the site of one of the worst American naval disasters in history and learn about the harrowing rescue that took place here in February 1942. Continue along the coast to Burin, where you can stretch your legs on a coastal boardwalk and visit the town's heritage square. Continue towards the Trans-Canada Highway to continue your Newfoundland journey or return to St. John's.

