

# THREE DAYS ON THE BACCALIEU COASTAL DRIVE

The Baccalieu Coastal Drive is only a short distance from Newfoundland and Labrador's largest city, St. John's, but it feels a world away. This scenic driving route meanders through fishing villages, atop cliffs, across barrens, and will wind its way into your heart.



Day 1: Cupids is the perfect place to start a trip on the Baccalieu Coastal Drive, a place familiar with beginnings! It was the first permanent English settlement in all of Canada, dating back to 1610, a history that can be explored at the [Cupids Cove Plantation Provincial Historic Site](#) and [Cupids Legacy Centre](#). Nearby Brigus is one of the prettiest towns in the province, the perfect place for a stroll amongst colourful historic buildings, including [Hawthorne Cottage National Historic Site](#), the home of famed arctic explorer Captain Bob Bartlett. A drive northward will continue to unveil this shore's history at local museum and sites such as [The Road to Yesterday Museum](#) in Bay Roberts, [The Spirit of Harbour Grace and Site of the S.S. Kyle](#) and the [Conception Bay Museum](#) in Harbour Grace, and the [Rorke Stores Museum](#) in Carbonear. A little further north is Ochre Pit Cove, a fantastic place to spend the evening with so many vacation homes and cottages on offer from [Ochre House](#), [Salty Sea Cottages](#), and [Coastal Cottages](#).



Day 2: From Ochre Pit Cove, head west to Heart's Content where you'll find another beginning: [Heart's Content Cable Station Provincial Historic Site](#), where the first transatlantic telegraph cable was landed in 1866 and launched the age of global communication. Just a few minutes' drive north Winterton you'll find a museum of a more traditional technology, but no less important to the province's history: [The Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador](#). At the far end of the Baccalieu Coastal Drive is Grates Cove, a cliff-top community seemingly hanging off the end of the earth. [Grates Cove Studios](#) provides meals, picnics, tours, programs, and overnights accommodations in their vacation homes.



Day 3: The Baccalieu Coastal Drive heads south along Trinity Bay and will provide many chances for stunning photos, including the colourful fishing sheds in Cavendish, the Lighthouse in Heart's Content, Shag Rock in Whiteway, and of course the curiously named village of Dildo. [Dildo Boat Tours](#) offers a great way to explore the surrounding waters, especially an evening tour as the sun sets over Trinity Bay. The area offers many accommodations of excellent quality including [George House Heritage Bed and Breakfast](#) or [Dildo Boat House Inn](#) in Dildo, or [The Doctor's House Inn & Spa](#) in nearby Green's Harbour.