

THREE DAY ITINERARY HIDDEN GEMS OF THE BURIN PENINSULA



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DAY ONE

Start your Burin Peninsula trip at Vernon's Antique Car Museum in Swift Current, home to a collection of rare and eclectic limited production antique cars and memorabilia. Continue south to Boat Harbour and enjoy a lunch at the Tea Rose Restaurant located at The Livyers' Lot Heritage Site. Take some extra time in your schedule to visit and enjoy the peace and quiet of nearby Petite Forte and Parker's Cove.

The afternoon will be spent in the historic town of Marystown. Stop into the Marystown Model Ship Gallery, where you can view a unique collection of model ships valued at over \$1.5 million. Take a short scenic drive from Marystown to Port au Bras, site of a moving memorial to the victims of the 1929 tsunami that hit communities along this coast.

Finish your day in Burin, where you will check into your accommodations: Smugglers Cove Roadhouse and Glamping Pods. Here you can experience the Roadhouse feeling at a restaurant located in a charming recreation of a western frontier town.

DAY TWO

Head out on a morning walk at Cook's Lookout. This site was used by Capt. James Cook as he kept an eye out for smugglers and privateers!

Second stop of the morning is the Heritage Square in Burin as you step back in time through historical displays, buildings and storyboards.

Lunch will be at The Heritage Café in Burin.



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Depart Burin and continue to head south to St. Lawrence, where you will spend the afternoon enjoying a visit with Laurentian Legacy Tours. Learn about the fascinating history of this town which has endured despite numerous life-changing events in its past.

Check into Ocean View Motel in St. Lawrence for your second night's stay. Enjoy supper at the on-site restaurant, Mrs. Rita's Kitchen.

DAY THREE

Breakfast will be at Mrs. Rita's Kitchen before heading out for the day. The first stop is the St. Lawrence Miner's Museum to learn about the history of fluorspar mining in this town - how miners lived, worked, and died tragically due to poor working conditions. The Island Rock Jewellery and Craft Store at the museum features beautiful polished stones of fluorspar extracted locally from the only Fluorspar deposit in Canada. This beautifully coloured stone is set in distinctive jewelry, each gem hand-carved and polished in the on-site workshop. Finish your exploration of this unique town at the Echoes of Valour monument.

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Lunch will be at the Miner's Museum Café before heading towards Lamaline. Visit the Lamaline Heritage Museum, which is housed in a traditional Newfoundland 'biscuit box' home. Noteworthy stops along the way are the lighthouse at Allan's Island and the viewpoint at Point May where you will get a glimpse of the French islands of Saint-Pierre et Miquelon.



In the afternoon, check out the Fortune Head Geology Centre and take a walk through time, when early animals burrowed the earth 4.54 billion years ago! Visit the Fortune Head Ecological Reserve, where trace fossils were discovered, or go on a fossil hunt along the Horsebrook Trail.

Check into Abbie's Garden B&B and continue your trip that evening with a show at the Grand Bank Theatre Festival in their theatre located in a restored building on the waterfront in Grand Bank.

DAY FOUR

Day four starts with breakfast at Abbie's Garden B&B, followed by an invigorating walk on the Marine Hiking Trail which provides a spectacular view of the town of Grand Bank and of Fortune Bay.

Immerse yourself in local history on the Grand Bank waterfront. With properties dating back to the 1850s, the historic waterfront and lighthouse will give you a glimpse of Grand Bank both past and present.

Among the sites you can visit is the George C. Harris House Museum - take a guided tour, visit the craft shop where local goods are sold, or spend time in the interpretation centre. The Mariner's Memorial is the only provincial memorial dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives at sea. It also pays tribute to the strength of those who were left behind. The life-size bronze female figure is set in a garden, defined by trees, landforms and rock terraces.

Finally, explore the "Living the Life - Objects of Identity" exhibit at the Provincial Seaman's Museum. Resourceful and ingenious, the people of Newfoundland and Labrador have made a living from the sea and the land.

Visit The Copper Kettle Pub for your lunch in Grand Bank, then take the afternoon to explore the beautiful Frenchman's Cove and Garnish area. Frenchman's Cove Provincial Park is a real gem with 51 hectares of varying habitat that will fascinate any visitor! The park features not one, but two beautiful semi-salt beaches, thanks to a nearby freshwater Barachois. Frenchman's Cove will certainly keep the bird watcher busy. You can catch a glimpse of Greater Yellow-legs, Red Knots, Dunlins and sandpipers to name a few.



Adjacent to the campground, you'll find the Grande Meadows Golf Course, where you can play a few holes under clear blue skies and enjoy the crisp, fresh air. This lovely nine-hole course is privately operated. For the more active traveller, New Age Rentals and Adventure Tours in Garnish offers a variety of experiences. Take a boat tour and go cod or lobster fishing (while in season). Rent kayaks, handcrafted Grandy dories, canoes, paddle boards or single person pontoon boats.

Head back to Grand Bank for another night at Abbie's Garden B&B.

DAY FIVE

Start your last morning on the peninsula with breakfast at Abbie's Garden B&B before heading back to the Trans Canada highway.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONS

- An overnight stay at the resettled community of Woody Island with Woody Island Resort.
- Visit Saint-Pierre et Miquelon for a unique experience you won't get anywhere else.
- Visit Rencontre East Vacation Home in a small coastal community only accessible via ferry.

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