THREE DAYS ON THE BURIN PENINSULA ... with a side trip to france!

<u>The Burin Peninsula</u> is one of Eastern Newfoundland's hidden gems. Dotted with picturesque communities and home to a proud fishing heritage, it's the perfect place to experience a tatse of authentic rural life. Fortune, at the bottom of the peninsula, is also the gateway to <u>Saint-Pierre et Miquelon</u> - a unique and charming piece of France just 25km off the coast of Newfoundland.







Day 1: Enjoy the scenic drive to Grand Bank and spend the afternoon exploring the beautiful architecture and charm of this tranquil town. Visit the <u>Provincial Seamen's Museum</u> to learn about our province's proud seafaring heritage. For a breath of fresh air, take a hike along the coast on the <u>Marine Trail</u>. Geology buffs can head to Fortune to check out the <u>Fortune Head Geology Centre</u> and <u>Fortune Head Ecological Reserve</u>. Enjoy a sunset over Fortune Bay before settling in to a local B&B for the night.

Day 2: Board the <u>ferry</u> in Fortune for the 90-minute crossing to Saint-Pierre, France! Spend the day exploring the colourful streets and shopping for French and local delicacies like wine, pastries, perfumes, and preserves. Get a breath of fresh air and step back in time on <u>lle aux Marins</u> (Sailor's Island), a once bustling fishing community that is now a tranquil escape from modern life. For lunch, enjoy a meal à la française in one of Saint-Pierre's delectable <u>restaurants</u>. In the afternoon, book a <u>guided walking or van tour</u> to learn more about the history and heritage of this place, or visit one of the local <u>museums</u>. Prefer the outdoors? Book a <u>guided</u> <u>hike</u> and reward yourself with sweeping views of Saint-Pierre and lle aux Marins. Stock up on fresh pastries before boarding the ferry back to Newfoundland 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 <u>Miner's Museum</u> to learn about this town's history of struggle and bravery. Hike the <u>Trails of</u> <u>Valour</u> 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 <u>heritage square</u>. Continue towards the Trans-Canada Highway to continue your Newfoundland journey or return to St. John's.

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