

Newfoundland and Labrador

August 26* - September 7, 2010 (Fly)

(13 days - 12 nights)



Thu, Aug 26

*Overnight in DFW Area

We depart Abilene mid-afternoon and motorcoach to the DFW area to overnight in preparation of tomorrow's morning flight.

Fri, Aug 27

St. John's, Newfoundland

Newfoundland and Labrador's picturesque peninsulas, rugged coastline and dramatic Viking history combine to create an amazing learning experience. Abundant native wildlife, distinct cultural attractions, and warm-hearted people are all part of this coastal delight.

Sat, Aug 28

St. John's

A morning sightseeing tour of St. John's captures stunning views of the city and harbor from Signal Hill. Explore sites like Qidi Vidi and the Basilica, North America's oldest settlement, which illustrates the capital city's place as English-speaking. Take a nature cruise to the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve and while onboard enjoy a visit from a local specialist on the marine life in the region and learn about the thousands of Humpback and Minke whales who make this their home.

Sun, Aug 29

Grand Falls-Windsor

Created to protect 250 square miles of forest, coastline and natural habitat, Terra Nova National Park is where we visit the Marine Atlantic Centre for a touch and feel exhibit that introduces the region's marine life. Later, continue our journey along the Trans-Canada Highway into central Newfoundland to Grand Falls-Windsor, once two towns now united as one. At the Mary March Provincial Museum, explore the extinct Beothuck heritage that this region is known for. This evening get set for fun at a traditional Newfoundland gathering known as a "Mug Up".

Highlights Include:

- St. John's
- Nature Cruise
- Terra Nova National Park
- Mary March Provincial Museum
- Gros Morne National Park
- Lobster Cove Head
- Broom Point Lighthouse
- L'anse aux Meadows Historic Site
- Gander
- Corner Brook
- Cape Spear
- Straits of Belle Isle
- Witless Bay Ecological Reserve
- Twillingate

Mon, Aug 30

Gros Morne

Continue our western travel on the TransCanada Highway to Shallow Bay, set in Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and area of great natural beauty. We will learn about the park's cultural heritage with visits to Lobster Cove Head as well as Broom Point Lighthouse, which both interpret how people have lived along this coast and harvested the sea for more than 4,000 years.



Tue, Aug 31

Gros Morne National Park

Today a Park Ranger demonstrates how natural forces have shaped the park's landscape of dramatic vistas that are among the most spectacular in Atlantic Canada. A visit to Tableland Mountains is followed by further exploration of the park's hidden fjords, stark mountains and highland tundra. From a boat,

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experience the fjords from a new perspective and watch for whales and eagles while listening to traditional Newfoundland music.



Wed, Sept 1
Plum Point

Journey along the Viking Trail to L'Anse aux Meadows and travel back to 1000 AD when Vikings first made

landfall. See how Newfoundlanders have adapted to this forbidding landscape and experience firsthand their unique solutions to living under extreme conditions. Later, a visit to a local Eco-museum reveals the famous local berries and the traditional methods of making them into jams, sauces and vinegars.

Thu, Sept 2 **L'anse-au-Clair, Labrador**

Ferry across the Straits of Belle Isle to Labrador. Pass by colorful fishing villages and learn about the history and importance of whaling to this region. In Red Bay, a visit to Parks Canada Interpretation Center reveals the 16th-century Basques world. At Point Amour Lighthouse visit a 4,200-year-old gravesite; and see the remains of a scuttled British war ship.

Fri, Sept 3 **Corner Brook, Newfoundland**

A morning ferry ride back to Newfoundland is followed by a journey along the route that James Cook took in 1770. Visit a local mineral and stone specialist for a discussion on Labradorite. This evening a trio known as the "Sharecroppers" will delight us with traditional and original songs.

Sat, Sept 4 **Gander**

En route to the Exploits Valley, get your camera ready for Cook's Lookout, a vantage point that Captain Cook used to spot smugglers. This evening enjoy another authentic Newfoundland meal, a "Jigg's dinner" with a "Screech In."

Sun, Sept 5 **Gander**

A visit to the Silent Witness memorial precedes a discussion centered on Gander's unique location and their history in aviation at the Gander Airport. In nearby Twillingate, see its famous lighthouse overlooking "Iceberg Alley." Prime Berth, with its idyllic fishing cove, is a perfect setting to learn about the importance of the fishing industry to this tiny community.

Price Includes:

- Motorcoach transportation from Abilene to DFW
- *Overnight in DFW area on August 26
- Roundtrip air from DFW
- 12 nights hotel accommodations
- Hotel baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 1 continental breakfast, 10 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

Cost:

\$4249 per person (2 people per room)

\$5054 per person (1 person per room)

**\$250 deposit + \$140 insurance (optional)
due upon booking**

Final due June 14, 2010

Travel Protection Insurance is available at a cost of \$140 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. Insurance is optional and may only be purchased with initial deposit. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a **medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.**

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be mailed 2 weeks prior to the tour.

Passport Required



Mon, Sept 6 **St. John's**

Having played a significant role in world aviation history, enjoy breakfast with some of Gander's locals who will share their individual stories with us. Travel to Cape Spear, "the most easterly point in North America" and while on this journey, experience scenic Petty Harbour, one of the oldest fishing communities in North America. Returning to St. John's, we gather with our fellow travelers for a special farewell dinner.

Tue, Sept 7 **Home**

After an exciting tour we transfer to the airport to board our flight to DFW. Our motorcoach will be waiting to return us to Abilene.

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