

GoMedia **Canada 2020**

Prince Edward Island

Cool Small Towns in Canada's Smallest Province

September 5-9, 2020

Theme

Explore some of Prince Edward Island's coolest small towns in Canada's smallest province!

Description

Cool can be found where you least expect it, like in small towns on a small island, where the ideas are anything but.

This four-day itinerary will introduce you to Prince Edward Island's small towns with big time charm. The kind of places you're bursting to get out and discover. Explore picturesque fishing villages, seaside towns, and hidden gems only found between the rolling hills of the Island.

Eat with the locals at their favourite spots, soak in spectacular views, and discover vintage and handmade treasures from Prince Edward Island artisans.

Small is in, and this trip will give you a glimpse of the magic of living big in a small town way.

Considerations

- Transportation will be in fully-equipped minivans
- The tour will be guided/escorted by a representative of Tourism Prince Edward Island
- Participants should advise if they have any dietary restrictions or food allergies. Please note that seafood is prevalent in most of our restaurants and dining options. This tour is not recommended for those with seafood or shellfish allergies.
- Physical restrictions: While this adventure is not overly strenuous, participants must be of "fair" physical fitness and should be able to walk short distances and on some uneven terrain, rain or shine.
- Internet may be limited during the day but is available each night at the hotels
- It is the responsibility of the media guest to ensure they have adequate travel and health insurance to cover participation in the trip.
- All major credit cards are accepted on Prince Edward Island and ATM's are widely available. Currency Exchange Services are available at most banks throughout the province.
- Upon check-in at each hotel, media guests will be required to provide a credit card to cover any incidental expenses (for example, mini-bar, room service, laundry, phone calls, movies, etc.)
- Lunch and dinners will include complimentary alcoholic beverages at the discretion of the representative of Tourism Prince Edward Island. Non-alcoholic beverages are included with every meal.
- The final itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and availability.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Saturday, September 5

Late afternoon Arrive at the Charlottetown Airport. A tourism representative will be there to meet you.

Check in to [The Holman Grand Hotel](#). Situated in the heart of the city, the historic property is in the heart of the city with full service amenities, proximity to local attractions, and elegant guest rooms.

Dinner Welcome dinner as a group at a restaurant in Charlottetown.

Overnight Overnight in Charlottetown.

Day 2 – Sunday, September 6

Morning Breakfast at leisure at the hotel. We've allowed a lazy morning to help with jet lag.

10:30 am Depart hotel and drive to [Victoria by the Sea](#) (Drive time: 45 minutes)

A storybook village if ever there was one. The soul of this historic fishing village has been revitalized by the many artists and other creative people who call it home. Galleries, studios, theatre and perhaps the most tempting, a chocolate factory, line the cozy streets!

11:30 am Kayaking tour of the Northumberland Strait at [By-the-sea-Kayaking](#). (1 hour)

Lunch Lunch at [Lobster Barn Pub & Eatery](#).

Your table is on the wharf with stunning views and delicious seafood and pub favourites to select from. but you should know they're known for one of the best lobster rolls on the Island.

2:00 pm After lunch we'll continue to drive along the [Central Coastal Drive](#) and stop to take photos at the [Confederation Bridge](#) - the longest bridge in the world that crosses water and freezes.

Afternoon This afternoon we'll spend time exploring the [Green Gables Shore](#) along the Central Coastal Drive.

Highlights include: [French River](#) - you'll want to have your camera ready at the look-out; [Cape Tryon Lighthouse](#) - the adventure to the lighthouse is worth it for the breathtaking views and the cliff side of the lighthouse is a Prince Edward Island hidden gem; and [Green Gables Heritage Place](#) where time goes back to the days of Lucy Maud Montgomery when she wrote the world-renowned book, Anne of Green Gables.

We will then spend some time in the North Rustico/Cavendish Section of the [Prince Edward Island National Park](#). If time permits, we will explore the Homestead Trail, walk the beach, and discover the beauty of the rolling dunes and white sand beaches. 5 minute drive from Green Gables Heritage Place.

5:00 pm Check in to the historic and elegant [Dalvay By The Sea](#).

The property is a Canadian National Heritage Site and you'll enjoy timeless beauty in a landmark Victorian home. Be sure to enjoy the grounds and walk along the beach.

7:00 pm Dinner this evening is in [The MacMillan Dining Room](#) at the hotel which features contemporary cuisine that showcases the Island's many fresh and local offerings.

Overnight Overnight in Dalvay.

Day 3 – Monday, September 7

- Morning Breakfast at the hotel at leisure.
- 8:30 am Depart and head east along the north shore to [Greenwich](#) (Drive time: 45 minutes) in the PEI National Park. Experience one of Canada's unique natural treasures. Hike the Greenwich Dunes Trail, which includes a walk over a pond on an extensive floating boardwalk out to one of the Island's most renowned beaches to view the spectacular parabolic dune system rising above white sand beaches. Learn how natural forces and 10,000 years of human settlement have made Greenwich a must see.
- We will continue on along the north shore to [East Point Lighthouse](#) where you can climb to the top of the lighthouse and view the colliding tides of the Northumberland Strait and the Gulf of St Lawrence.
- Lunch Lunch in the town of [Souris](#).
- Situated amidst an absolutely stunning seascape vista which provides visitors with an array of impressive views, Souris serves as the economic hub of Eastern Kings County. Heavily dependent on both land and sea which aids in preserving the rich farming and fishing traditions of the region, Souris residents maintain a very comfortable rural lifestyle that serves to enhance the community's charm.
- 3:00 pm We will continue along the Points East Coastal Drive to [The Rodd Brudenell Resort](#) and check in.
- Free time to relax or explore the Brudenell River.
- 7:00 pm Dinner at [Clam Diggers](#) in Cardigan (Drive time: 15 minutes). Known for its fresh seafood and sunsets, the restaurant and ocean view is a stunning combination. Don't forget your camera!
- Overnight Brudenell River.

Day 4 – Tuesday, September 8

- Morning Breakfast at leisure at the hotel.
- 9:30 am Depart hotel and drive 10 minutes to Georgetown. Hop on board with Captain Perry Gotell at [Tranquility Cove Adventures](#) and get hooked on an Island tradition! We'll motor out to the beautiful harbour's mouth where we traditionally fish for mackerel and barbecue the catch onboard. This is a short but sweet trip which includes hauling a lobster trap, a rock crab pot, a mussel sock, and some seal watching.
- 12:00 noon Explore the quaint small town of Georgetown. Georgetown might be small in size but the friendliness of people and the character of the town is enormous. You can walk around this historic town on a self-guided tour, past brightly painted homes and shops and down to the waterfront to the [Maroon Pig Art Gallery](#) & Sweet Shop for baked goods that will knock your socks off! You will also find an amazing art collection. Across the street, visit local character Peter Llewellyn at his [Shoreline Design studio](#) who'll be making jewelry and telling stories. Stroll through the town gardens, and stop in to the King's Playhouse which has been entertaining audiences with live performances for over 130 years.
- Lunch Lunch at [The Wheelhouse](#), a destination restaurant in Georgetown that features just-picked produce and fresh seafood from local fishermen. The blueberries on the menu are all grown on the chef's (Chef Terry's Nabuurs) farm, and a favourite choice is the Lobster Melt - a delicious twist on the classic lobster roll that you won't want to miss.
- 2:30 pm Continue on to Montague (Drive time: 15 minutes), a picturesque town known as Montague the Beautiful. The cute little town is full of natural beauty and hidden gems and is centred around the river. In the summer, the area bustles with boats coming and going. Although it may appear small, there is an abundance of things to explore. Along the way, we'll stop and relax with a pint at [Bogside Brewery](#), the Island's newest brewery with delicious craft beer made on site.

- 3:30 pm Return to Charlottetown (Drive time: 35 minutes)
Enjoy the afternoon with free time to explore. Charlottetown is a beautiful and very walkable city with charming shops along the tree-lined pedestrian street Victoria Row, Water Street and along the waterfront.
- 7:00 pm Dinner at [Slaymaker and Nichols](#). This is Charlottetown's newest restaurant which opened in December 2019 and offers a menu based around fresh and local products.

Day 5 – Wednesday, September 9

12:10 Depart for Go Media in Victoria, BC. Transfer provided to the airport.

Arrival in Victoria at 19:35

Recommended items to bring

- Suggest bringing clothing that can be layered.
- Comfortable walking footwear.
- Rain gear.
- Camera and video equipment.
- Sunscreen and sunglasses.