

PEI VISITOR'S GUIDE 2024

Prince Edward Island

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Welcome to Prince Edward Island

A vacation starts when you dream about it.

Prince Edward Island is a breathtaking destination in all seasons. An Island vacation is a chance to relax and re-energize. Our welcoming communities, spectacular beaches, rolling hills and first-class trails have more than enough room for everyone to spread out, unwind and breathe in fresh ocean air. Consider this your official invitation to come and experience our history, culture, creativity and world-class local culinary.

Let your stress and responsibilities fade away. We hope to see you soon on our beautiful Island!

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Sally's Beach



Authentic Islander

As a two-time Canadian Oyster Shucking Champion with 26 years of experience, **Jason Woodside** has developed a sea to table understanding of Prince Edward Island's oyster industry. Jason loves sharing his passion with visitors. He is the mastermind behind the Banjo Oyster Knife, a tool that makes shucking safer and easier for beginners. "Shucking oysters brings people together. My mission is to make it a basic skill." For a shucking good time, check out the Authentic PEI Experience at the Cascumpec Bay Oyster School. Jason will teach you how to shuck oysters with skill and serve them with flair and confidence.

Islandness & Authentic Experiences

Islandness - Some say it's a state of mind; a sense of being removed from the hustle and bustle of the 'mainland'. You may recognize the feeling the moment you arrive. Perhaps it is the smell of salt air, the sight of red cliffs and white sand beaches, the taste of new PEI potatoes or the genuineness of people who welcome you into their hearts - or all of the above. The feeling you get here on the Island is unique; you'll feel relaxed yet excited, stress free and alive - some would say you'll feel lighter here. For a unique perspective on our Island way of life, cuisine and culture, explore our Authentic PEI Experiences. We have more than 60 incredible adventures and activities.



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Lennox Island

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Authentic Islander

When not teaching at the Culinary Institute of Canada, Chef **Ilona Daniel** may be found sharing food stories on the radio, chatting with a fisher dockside or writing about a new favourite find at a local eatery. She's also been spotted on shows like Breakfast Television and Untamed Gourmet. Wherever she may be, her passion for PEI food and drink is evident. "You can buy some of the best oysters or lobsters just steps from the boat and you'll find bakeries down back country roads with croissants that will make you worship butter in ways you never imagined." Her motto is keeping it fresh, fearless, and fabulous in all realms.

Canada's Food Island

Food is a way of life here on Prince Edward Island. With fresh, local ingredients from the land and sea, our talented chefs, fishers and farmers will take your culinary experience to new levels. PEI is particularly renowned for shellfish, including succulent lobster, delectable mussels and tasty oysters. Potatoes and beef are also central to our culinary identity and featured prominently in traditional menus and upscale cuisine. "Where's the best place to eat?" is such a popular question that we've created a five-day Canada's Food Island itinerary for visitors from spring to fall. In winter, PEI oysters and mussels are at their very best with plumper meat and more flavour.

Food is appreciated here all year, but in fall, we celebrate the harvest with the PEI International Shellfish Festival in September and the acclaimed Fall Flavours Food & Drink Festival and Farm Day in the City in October. Want to try first-hand? Join us on our boats and shores or in kitchens and fields for an Authentic PEI Experience. **Come savour the unique flavours and culinary traditions of our Island.**



Fall Flavours Food & Drink Festival

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Coastal Drives & Lighthouses

Discover the coast! Prince Edward Island has three coastal drives adorned with 61 lighthouses to guide your journey to fishing villages, small towns, vibrant downtowns and breathtaking pastoral views. For maritime history and panoramic coastal views, visit the eight lighthouses that serve as community museums along the way. Explore Canada's Oyster Coast along the **North Cape Coastal Drive**. Experience the rich Indigenous and Acadian culture. The **Central Coastal Drive** spans from the Confederation Bridge across to the PEI National Park along the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Visit charming Victoria-by-the-Sea for epic lobster rolls and

the Cavendish area for tee time or playtime. The **Points East Coastal Drive** is blessed with more than 50 phenomenal beaches, just minutes apart and the unique parabolic dunes at Greenwich, PEI National Park. Spend a day at a Nordic spa with a view of beautiful St. Peters Bay or listen to the singing sands at Basin Head Provincial Park. **Slow down. Breathe in the ocean air. Feel lighter!**



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St. Peters Harbour

Beaches & Parks

Where the sea meets the shore. One of the best parts of being on an island is being surrounded by beaches; ours are world class. It can be hard to choose which beach to visit first. With 1,100 kilometres of shoreline, the options are many. Choose the south side of the Island for warm water and red sand or the north side for its rolling surf and pristine white sand. Relax in the sunshine, take a dip, make a sandcastle, walk along the red cliffs and watch the sunset over the ocean. There is nothing quite like the beach in any season. Coincidentally, or not, our provincial and national parks are nestled by sandy beaches and gently flowing rivers. Name your outdoor delight: cycling, bird watching, paddling, star gazing, hiking, simple or full-service camping or collecting sea shells by the sea shore. *These wide open spaces are sure to satisfy.*



Greenwich



Sea View

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Rocky Point

Seasons

New discoveries every season. Spring brings a bounty of fresh blooms and an amazing colour palette with more shades of green than you can imagine; the seasonal shops open and the waters warm as fishers begin to haul lobster once again. In June, lupins make their appearance and the festival season kicks off. In summer, enjoy endless beach days, parades, exhibitions and warm salt-air breezes. Go for a round of golf and savour delicious seafood. In fall, Charlottetown is transformed with hundreds of scarecrows, haunted tours and stilt walkers. Hiking or cycling trails on red dirt roads is delightful under arches of orange, yellow, and red. In September and October,

the PEI International Shellfish Festival and the Fall Flavours Food & Drink Festival take center stage, celebrating our culinary community. In winter, there isn't a prettier sight than the Island dusted with snow. You'll stop for photos of brightly painted fish shacks and hibernating fishing boats, frozen red cliffs and other iconic landmarks. [Here, you'll find a sanctuary to slow the pace, dine on exceptional food or gear up with outdoor adventure in any season.](#)



South Lake

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Outdoor Adventures



New London



Brudenell



Red Point

Spring & Summer

As temperatures start to heat up, there are countless ways to make a splash – swim, kayak, paddleboard, snorkel, fly fish, kiteboard or even flyboard. Prince Edward Island has stunning harbours, breathtaking coastlines and knowledgeable outfitters. Jump in and enjoy the warmest waters north of the Carolinas.

Cycle rolling hills, lupin-lined byways and top mountain bike trails. Go horseback riding, deep-sea fishing or play a round at one of our world-ranked golf courses - great disc golf too! **Whether by pedal, paddle, or your own two feet, big outdoor adventure awaits.**

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Outdoor Adventures



Mooney's Pond



Bonshaw



Brookvale

Fall & Winter

Adventure has no seasonal limits. When the air cools and the leaves change colour, it's time to discover canopied trails and scenic heritage roads. Pack your plaid to explore coastal drives in search of the biggest apple or the perfect pumpkin at a local farm stand.

Once the snow covers the countryside, winter lovers enjoy skiing, fat biking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and winter trails. The Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale offers the finest Nordic skiing east of Quebec. For a leisurely experience, go for a horse and sleigh ride or skate under twinkling lights. **Embrace the magic of winter on PEI.**

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Cavendish



Tignish



Authentic Islander

Bryson Guptill moved to PEI with plans to stay for two years. Almost 30 years later, he's still here. A long-distance walking enthusiast having completed the Camino de Santiago and Rota Vicentina, he was inspired to create a 700 km route called the Island Walk that circumnavigates the province. "There's something about the experience - the contemplation, serenity and spiritual attachment to the outdoors. It's good for our heads and our hearts." Guptill has just published the 2nd edition of the Island Walk Guidebook.



First-class Trails

Let your journey begin. Prince Edward Island is often described as an outdoor enthusiast's dream with scenery worth slowing down for and trails that will make your heart race. Discover countless, uncrowded trail systems that wind through the Acadian forest, down red dirt roads and crisscross the Island from one end to the other. Take a short hike to learn the legend of the Devil's Punchbowl, ski groomed trails at locations across the province, cycle the Gulf Shore Parkway in the PEI National Park or go the distance, section by section, with the Island Walk. The Confederation Trail runs tip-to-tip and is explored by snowmobile in winter and on foot or bicycle in other seasons. Built on the decommissioned railway line, the main trail is 273 kilometres from Tignish in the west to Elmira in the east. [How many trails will you explore?](#)



Souris

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Crowbush



Belvedere Golf Club



Authentic Islander

Many NHL hockey players love to play golf! Ottawa Senators forward **Zack MacEwen** agrees that golf is the perfect off-season sport to keep the mind and body fresh, while staying competitive. "When I return home to PEI every summer, I look forward to playing golf. This island has so many great courses." MacEwen's favourite holes are #6 at Belvedere and #18 at Dunderave which he describes as "beautiful and challenging courses". MacEwen and his family host an annual golf tournament in July in memory of his late father Craig for their My Biggest Fan Foundation.



New Glasgow

Golf

A golfer's paradise. PEI's size is such an advantage when it comes to golf, making it possible to play more than one of our world-class courses in a day! With more than 400 fairways just a short ride away, our courses can accommodate beginners to professionals. Many golf courses overlook the ocean or run alongside rivers and trails that offer spectacular views. The Links at Crowbush Cove is generally regarded as PEI's best course and also the toughest for those looking for a challenge. The ocean provides the wow factor and every hole provides a scenic view. Fox Meadow is another championship course that provides beautiful city harbor views and challenge for all levels of play. When your destination is golf, PEI offers affordable rounds and packages to fit all needs - personal, group and corporate travel. Why play a course, when you can play an entire Island? [Book your tee times online at GolfPEI.ca](http://GolfPEI.ca)



Mill River

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Orwell Corner Historic Village



Victoria Row



Authentic Islander

A self-confessed extroverted explorer, **Stephanie McQuaid**, aka @theRedheadRoamer, wears many hats as a registered nurse, photographer, world traveler and social media content creator. Her curiosity fuels her love of adventure to meet new people and experience new places and cultures. "This little Island is bursting with lots of gems to see and do in all seasons. Be spontaneous while exploring our little red piece of paradise; stop at a cute little shop or venture down a dirt road even if you don't know where it leads." Her favourite place to wander with her camera is around PEI.



Charlottetown

Attractions & Sightseeing

Let's just play. Whether you are planning a day trip, weekend getaway or extended vacation, our family-approved adventures and experiences are ranked high for excitement, energy and adventure. Challenge an opponent to mini-golf, join a ghost tour (if you dare) or snowshoe with goats. Embrace your adventurous side with a horseback trail ride, deep-sea fishing excursion or try something completely new – cycling on water. Discover life in the past lane at one of many provincial and

community museums, drive along a scenic heritage road under a canopy of hardwoods or experience the Island tradition and action of harness racing. After the sun goes down, enjoy the drive-in theatre or try one of our amazing restaurants, breweries, wineries, cideries or distilleries. **Many communities and venues host events throughout the year; be sure to check our events calendar.**



Cavendish

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Green Gables Heritage Place

Anne of Green Gables

L.M. Montgomery published *Anne of Green Gables* in 1908. Since then, it has sold over 50 million copies and has been translated into at least 36 languages. Although the beloved, red-headed Anne Shirley is a fictional character, her feisty spirit is alive in every corner of this Island. Be transported to the enchanting settings and experiences of the Island. Our Anne of Green Gables Itinerary invites you to visit the places where Montgomery was born, worshipped, married, taught and wrote. And, a musical is a must! At the Confederation Centre of the Arts, the world-renowned musical, *Anne of Green Gables—The Musical™*, tells the story of Anne as a

child, coming to the Island and winning the hearts of the people of Avonlea. Down the street at the Florence Simmons Performance Hall, *Anne & Gilbert, The Musical* depicts Anne as a young woman teaching in a one-room schoolhouse while navigating the comedies and complexities of romance. In 2024, Prince Edward Island will play host to a once-in-a-lifetime literary celebration to mark Montgomery's 150th birthday. [Come celebrate and feel the magic for yourself.](#)



Cavendish

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Zion Presbyterian Church



Patricia Richard, Jimmy Buffett & Lennie Gallant

Authentic Islander

Lennie Gallant is one of Canada's best singer-songwriters. Born in the Acadian community of Rustico, he has recorded 15 albums (11 English and 4 French) and has toured the world. His song Peter's Dream has been inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, and he was a co-writer and featured performer on the late Jimmy Buffett's new album for their song, Portugal or PEI. Lennie first met Jimmy at a party in Toronto that featured shucked PEI oysters! When asked about PEI's music scene, Lennie said 'I'm constantly amazed by the quality and quantity of world-class music that is created and produced on this small Island. It's truly remarkable!'



Summerside

Music & the Arts

Islanders may be humble, but our pride shines like the sun when it comes to sharing our music and artistic talents. Songwriters, musicians and poets like Lennie Gallant, Catherine MacLellan, Julie Pellissier-Lush, Tim Chaisson, Richard Wood and other shining stars contribute to a vibrant art and music scene. Whatever your pleasure - country, folk, hip hop, jazz, Celtic, community theatre or acclaimed musicals, there's always something on at our intimate venues, outdoor spaces and renowned performance halls. Wander our cities, small towns and communities to meet the makers who infuse heart and soul into artworks and one-of-a-kind products. See it from an artist's perspective at a gallery. Hear it in the strum of a fiddle at a ceilidh. Feel it in the beat of a drum at a powwow. This is the pulse of Prince Edward Island. [Experience what's on stage, on exhibit and on the playlist this year in Prince Edward Island.](#)



Confederation Centre Amphitheatre

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Cape Tryon

History & Culture

The Island's culture is rich and increasingly diverse. The Mi'kmaq called this place Epekwitk, which translates to "it is lying on the water". Over time, this island has been known by many names. Prince Edward Island's story is like a rope made of intertwined strands with each traced back to its roots: Indigenous, Acadian, Irish, Scottish, Black, Lebanese and other origins. Today, our collective history remains vibrant – and we want to share it with you. Start a journey of discovery with a hands-on workshop at the Lennox Island Mi'kmaq Culture Centre. Join us for a celebration of our Celtic roots with the modern and fast-paced Highland Storm at the College of



Summerside

Piping in Summerside. Celebrate lively Acadian culture at the Village Musical Acadien in Abram-Village. In our capital city of Charlottetown, take a historic walking tour to learn why PEI is considered Canada's birthplace. Experience the life of French pioneers at the Doucet House in South Rustico and Roma at Three Rivers. **Our history and culture remain rich and diverse, and just like the tides, the Island's story is ever-changing.**



Roma at Three Rivers

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An Authentic View

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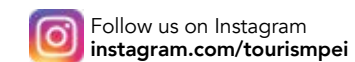


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West Point

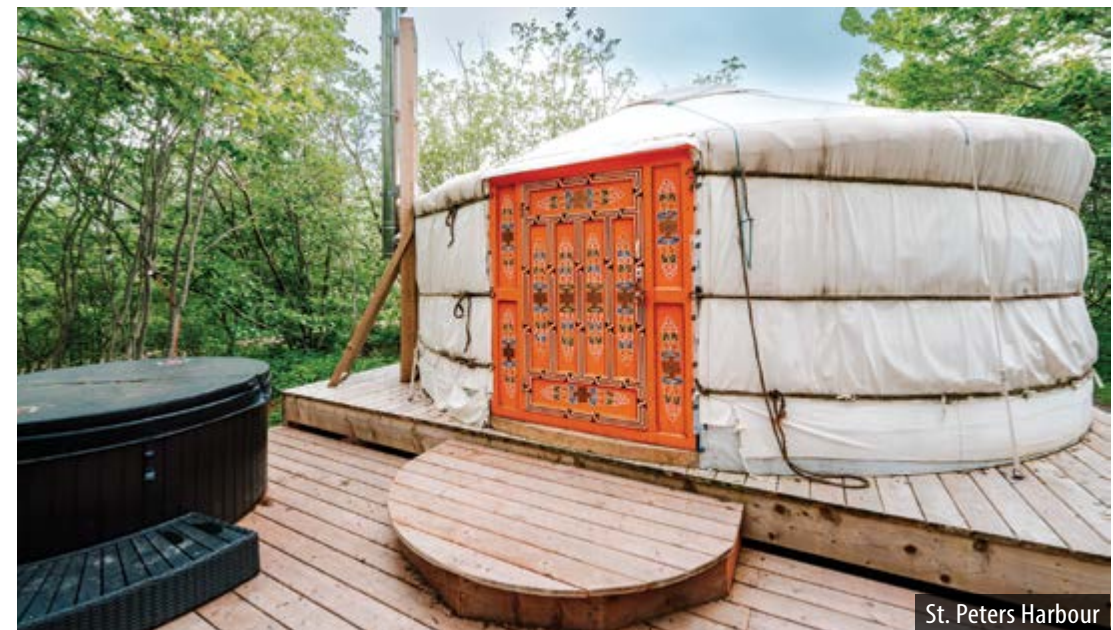
Where to Stay

Do you prefer the great outdoors, the buzz of a downtown vibe or is glamping more your style? Whatever your taste, choose from a selection of licensed accommodations to fit your needs. Canada's smallest province packs a punch when it comes to unique places to stay. Here, you'll discover floating wine barrels, converted churches, chuckwagons, yurts, boutique inns, elegant homes with panoramic ocean views and cottages, just steps to the beach. Of course, our resorts, hotels, motels and B&Bs also offer all of the comforts that you'd expect. Connect with our hospitable hosts and innkeepers before and during your visit to ask questions or



Murray Harbour

to get recommendations on what to do on a rainy day or where to find a big pot to cook the fresh PEI mussels you scored at the market. Whether you need a solo retreat or some dedicated time with family or friends, our operators offer getaway packages available in every season. [Find a place to stay and come find your Island.](#)



St. Peters Harbour

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Charlottetown



Confederation Centre of the Arts

Authentic Islander

Julie Pellissier-Lush is a storyteller, author and PEI's first Mi'kmaq poet laureate. One of her many contributions to her Island home is Mi'kmaq Heritage Actors that she co-wrote with her son. Their cast of Indigenous young people have been proudly sharing Mi'kmaq stories, music and dance since 2010 with audiences across the Island. When asked to suggest a can't-miss PEI event, she's quick to shine a light on the many that showcase Mi'kmaq history and culture. "PEI has so much to offer. Be it a powwow, ceilidh or comedy show, visitors are always surprised by the number and calibre of events taking place."

Festivals & Events

Prince Edward Island loves a good party. It's been said that it was the generous hospitality, dining and dancing at the 1864 Charlottetown Conference that led to the birth of Canada. Undeniably, we've been playing host ever since. Experience the Island at one of our many festivals and events showcasing culinary, culture, music and more! Tap your toes at the PEI Festival of Small Halls or tiptoe through the tulips in spring. Come summer, the choices are endless. Oysters on the half shell at the Tyne Valley Oyster Festival and the PEI International Shellfish Festival. Hats and harness racing at the Summerside Lobster Carnival and Old Home Week. Not to mention, performances, plays, pageants, PRIDE and potato blossoms - just a few more reasons to celebrate. In fall, run the PEI Marathon or feast at the Fall Flavours Food & Drink Festival. **Bring your appetite and sense of adventure for sporting events and family festivals in winter.**



Coleman



Cavendish

Sampling of other can't-miss events:

- PEI Setting Day Festival (May)
- East Coast Music Awards (May)
- Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival (July)
- Cavendish Beach Music Festival (July)
- Festival Route 11 (July)
- PEI Bluegrass Festival (July)
- Art in the Open (August)
- Crapaud Tractor Pulls (August)
- Sommo Festival (September)
- Goolaholla Festival (September)
- Fibre Festival (October)
- Grand Slam of Curling (October)
- Christmas Festivals (November & December)
- Winterval (January)
- Winter Warmth Festival (February)

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Getting Here

Choose one of several convenient ways to get to Prince Edward Island. Whether you cross the Confederation Bridge, take a ferry or fly, you'll find the Island easy to navigate once you've arrived.

By Ferry* Try the tradition of taking the ferry by crossing from Caribou, Nova Scotia to Wood Islands, PEI aboard Northumberland Ferries. Visiting from les Îles de la Madeleine? Hop aboard the CTMA Ferry for its crossing from Cap-aux-Meules to Souris, PEI.

By Bridge* A 13-kilometre marvel, the Confederation Bridge is a convenient and fascinating way to arrive to PEI from New Brunswick.

By Air Prince Edward Island is accessible by air via the YYG Charlottetown Airport, a full-service domestic airport located within minutes of downtown Charlottetown.

By Bus Maritime Bus has connections to central and western Canada.

By Boat & Cruise Marinas are located at harbours around the province. Cruise ships dock at Port Charlottetown.

* Toll paid upon departure from PEI.

For easy touring, the Island is divided into 5 distinct regions, each with its own gems to explore.

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Prince Edward Island is divided into distinct touring regions. The maps in this guide do not contain all places names and roads. For detailed information, see the official PEI Highway Map.

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Touring Regions

The Island's touring regions feature fishing villages, small towns, farming communities and coastal cities. Each has its own vibe with stunning views at every turn.

NORTH CAPE COASTAL DRIVE



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Cape Egmont

SUMMERSIDE



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Spinnakers' Landing

GREEN GABLES SHORE



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Canoe Cove

RED SANDS SHORE

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Charlottetown Harbour

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St. Peters

POINTS EAST COASTAL DRIVE



North Cape Coastal Drive



Black Marsh Nature Trail



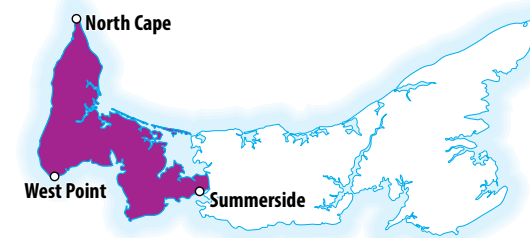
The North Cape Coastal Drive offers a medley of beautiful and naturally sifted white and red sand beaches, **towering red sandstone capes**, iconic lighthouses and communities steeped in Mi'kmaq, Acadian and Celtic heritage and culture. Here you'll find **houses built from glass bottles**, fudge made from potatoes, **goats that love to play on the beach** and a museum dedicated to Stompin' Tom, a man described as "more Canadian than the Maple Leaf."

This is **Canada's Oyster Coast** where the world-renowned Malpeque oyster is harvested, savoured and celebrated. Explore the charming village of Tyne Valley in summer for the Canadian Oyster Shucking Championship and the not-to-be-missed colourful community parade.

Embrace the coast! Hike below **windmills** and out onto North America's longest rock reef at North Cape, sleep in a lighthouse at West Point and **hit the greens** at Mill River Resort, one of our best golf courses! Spin a yarn at Green Gables Alpacas, shop for traditional virgin wool blankets at MacAusland's Woolen Mills

or learn about **Mi'kmaq culture** and traditions with an Authentic PEI Experience on Lennox Island.

If you're looking to experience rural, rustic and a wee bit rambunctious, you'll love **"up west"**. In tight-knit communities, families farm potatoes, oysters, mussels and wind. In any season you'll find warm hospitality with endless time to slurp an oyster, share a story or **sing a song**.



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Summerside



EXPLORE
Summerside
The City by the Sea

Summerside Waterfront



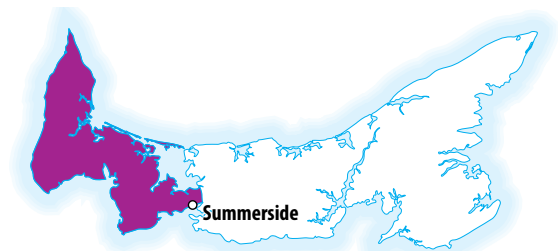
This City by the Sea is steeped in history and a seaside lifestyle that offers all the amenities of an urban centre with a community feel. With a vibrant cultural scene, Summerside features historic buildings and museums, live theatre, harness racing, concert venues and an annual summer lobster festival. Take in a show at the **Scott MacAulay Performing Arts Centre** at the College of Piping or in our local community **Harbourfront Theatre**. Stretch your imagination and your limits with paddle boarding, kayaking and fat biking.

The Confederation Trail runs through the heart of the city, while the beautiful forested 5 km trail system at the **Rotary Friendship Park** is just minutes from downtown. At 6.5 km, the downtown **Baywalk Boardwalk** follows the shoreline to our city beach, and an Acadian Forest filled with wildlife, lookouts and streams.

In the colder months, enjoy cozy culinary creations, great live music and performances as well as the seasonal events with the **Winter Warmth Festival**, RIDE IT Winter Biking Festival and our sweet **Summerside Yuletide Village**.

Nourish your appetite and your soul anytime with local produce, baked goods, crafts and decor at the Saturday Farmers' Market, Kool Breeze Farm and Compton's Farm Market. Restaurants and take-outs offer a growing diversity of menu options. A visit to Holman's Ice Cream Parlour is a must any time of year.

Enjoy a seaside escape filled with outdoor adventure, antique hunting or just watching the sunrise and sunset from a Muskoka chair at the water's edge.



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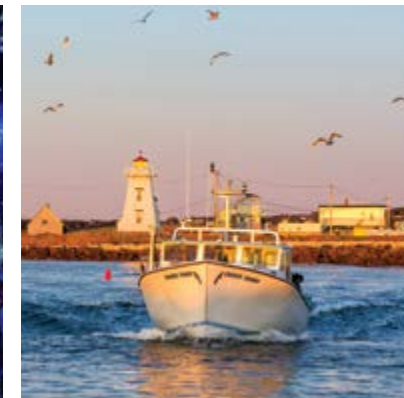
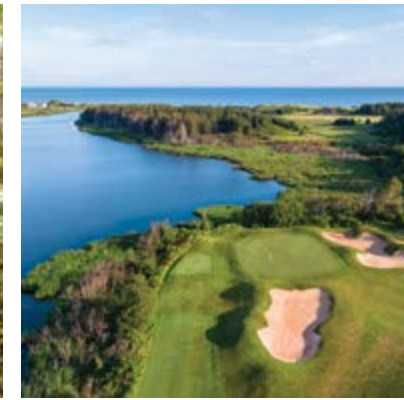
Green Gables Shore



everything to love about
CENTRAL COASTAL
Prince Edward Island



Cavendish, PEI National Park



For **Anne of Green Gables** lovers, this aptly named region is a dream come true. Wide-open spaces and stunning vistas make this place special for Anne aficionados, golfers, beach lovers and families alike. Breathe in the freshness of **salt air**, explore **endless parks and beaches**, listen to perfect natural acoustics at the Under the Spire Music Festival - feel lighter here.

On the north shore, arts, culture, adventure and relaxation mingle in perfect harmony. Enjoy the toe-tapping tunes of a ceilidh, a lively concert at Harmony House, the artistry and sense of community of The River Clyde Pageant and the excitement of **outdoor concerts** under clear, blue sky.

In season, Rustico is the **deep-sea fishing** capital of Canada with several family-owned charters. You're also in the heart of Canada's Food Island where you can enjoy a **traditional lobster supper** at Fisherman's Wharf or New Glasgow Lobster Suppers, try seafood chowder poutine at the Blue Mussel Cafe, stroll the gardens at the Dunes Café or Prince Edward Island Preserve Co., dine trailside at the Island Stone Pub, eat fish 'n chips

at Fin Folk Food and savour an epic lobster roll from Richard's Fresh Seafood.

Whether it's a morning run, a splashing good-time or a winter walk, enjoy our many **white sand beaches**. Visit Cavendish, Brackley, North Rustico and Stanhope in the PEI National Park, Cabot Beach Provincial Park and Cousin's Shore, to name a few. No matter your style, pace or preferred season, you'll find unique places to stay, **fun attractions**, **top-notch golf**, first-class trails and the backdrop needed to create cherished memories.



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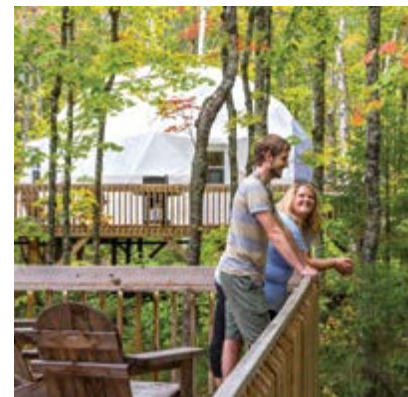
Red Sands Shore



everything to love about
CENTRAL COASTAL
Prince Edward Island



Canoe Cove

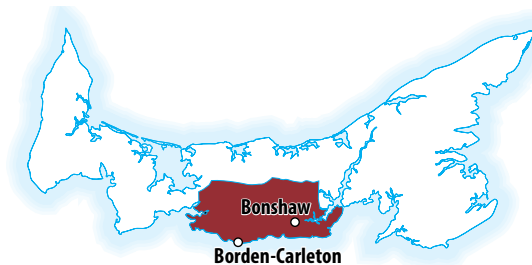


Red Sands Shore is home to breathtaking landscapes with rolling hills and valleys, **small fishing harbours**, farming communities, meandering rivers, parks for all seasons and the gateway to PEI via the **Confederation Bridge**. There's plenty to discover from craft breweries, cideries and wineries to artisan studios and shops, live music and unique places to stay. The ocean will certainly beckon you to the shore. At low tide, walk a distance on **red sand flats**, dig for clams and watch for frolicking seals and seabirds. When the tide is up, go fishing, kayaking or swimming in the warm waters of the **Northumberland Strait**.

Get a taste of country living and culture: Talk with horses at Venture Stables, milk a goat at Island Hill Farm, dig up spuds with the Tators, Tales and Tractors experience or paint the Island in watercolours - just a few of the many Authentic PEI Experience options. Would you prefer hiking or history? No need to choose at the Skmaqñ-Port-la-Joye-Fort Amherst National Historic Site with **beautiful trails** and an outdoor exhibit highlighting its connections with Indigenous, French, Acadian and British heritage along with **amazing views**

of the Charlottetown Harbour. In season, walk around the charming village of Victoria before dinner and **catch a show** at the Victoria Playhouse.

Try out local disc golf courses including Hillcrest Farm in Bonshaw, one of the world's best! Remember to pack your gear for **mountain biking** or Nordic and Alpine skiing at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park. In all seasons, hikers flock to the nature trails of Breadalbane, Bonshaw, Strathgartney and the Dunk River. Enjoy the tranquility of Red Sands Shore!



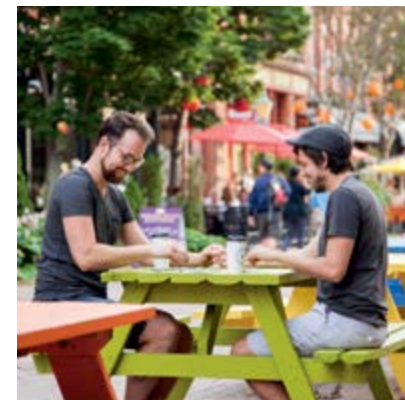
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Charlottetown



Victoria Row



This **coastal city** offers a welcome escape at any time of the year with incredible dining, world-class theatre and performances, sporting events, stunning water vistas and a **historic downtown core** that is alive with live music, public art and a nightlife that spills into the streets. Built for exploring on foot, it's filled with a colourful mix of restored heritage buildings, independent shops, bustling restaurants and pristine green spaces that make sightseeing a treat for all of the senses. A visit to **Victoria Row** is a must for the perfect summer patio experience and there's always something happening harbourside at Founders' Food Hall & Market.

In Charlottetown, you'll find outdoor adventure, luxurious spa treatments, wellness activities and **authentic experiences** for every taste and preference. Try lobster fishing or go seal watching on the harbour, groove through the streets at a Silent Disco, enjoy a horse and carriage ride or embrace the tradition of harness racing at Red Shores Racetrack & Casino. As **Prince Edward Island's capital**, we are always hosting a party. Join us to celebrate PEI Setting Day,

Old Home Week, DiverseCity, PEI Pride Festival, Art in the Open, **Farm Day in the City**, Street Feast, and the Charlottetown Scarecrow Festival with hundreds of scarecrow installations, psychic fairs and ghost walks. The holiday season is magical with a **Victorian Christmas Market** and a fireworks finale on New Year's Eve.

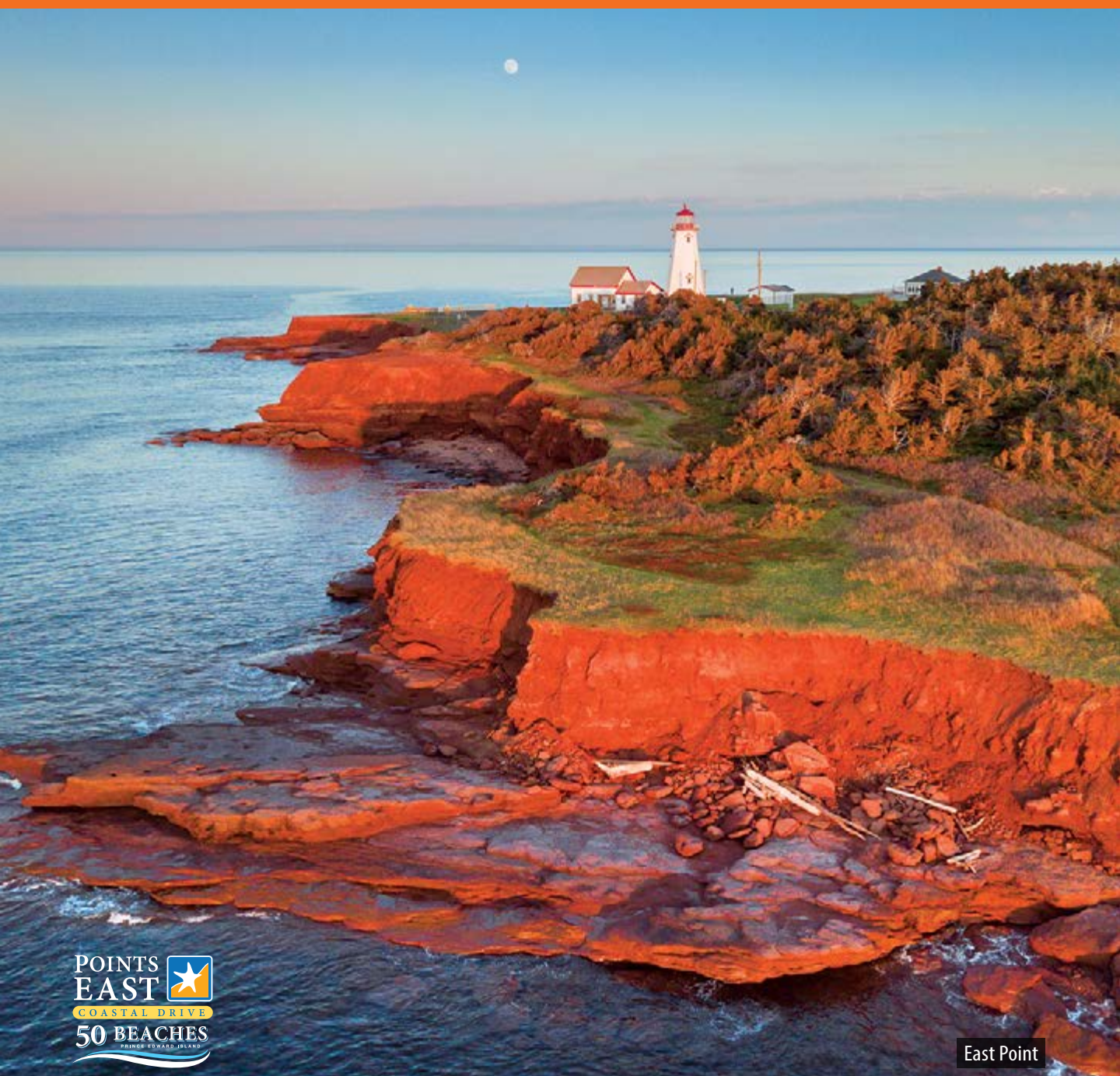
Charlottetown is the perfect balance of **small-town charm and big city energy**. Start planning your dream getaway today!



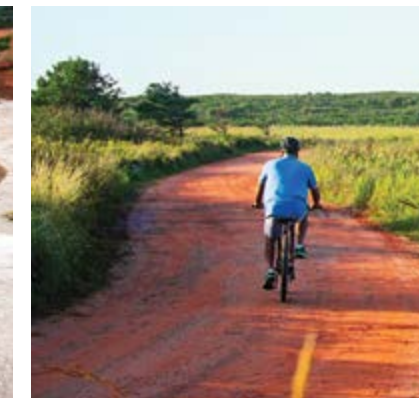
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Points East Coastal Drive



East Point



With **over 50 incredible beaches**, outdoor adventure, historic sites, dining destinations and some of PEI's best golf, Points East has plenty to discover. This coastal drive is dotted with fishing harbours, family farms, scenic heritage roads and welcoming communities that reflect the area's deeply-rooted history and culture. **Lighthouse lovers** will want to visit the six beautiful red and white beacons that serve as community museums.

Here, food enthusiasts and **adventure seekers** will discover that every meal is a celebration and every bite tells a story. Taste and delight in farm forward dining at the Fireworks Feast. Book an authentic **hands-on outing** with Tranquility Cove Adventures. Enjoy local craft drinks and talent at Bogside or Copper Bottom in Montague. Fish for giant Bluefin at North Lake, the tuna capital of the world.

Change the pace with a trail ride at Brudenell Riding Stables. Relax at the Mysa Nordic Spa. Square dance at Orwell Corner Historic Village. Catch the Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival. **Golf at the Links at Crowbush Cove**. See the **parabolic dunes** from the boardwalk at Greenwich,

PEI National Park. Rent e-bikes at Nellie's Landing to explore the Confederation Trail. Tour the shops, studios and cafes to find made-in-PEI keepsakes.

Eastern PEI offers a collection of unique places to stay, including waterside campgrounds, charming B&Bs and elegant inns. Coupled with the **peacefulness** of the area, time spent here will transform your vacation into an extraordinary one. Charming, friendly and simply beautiful, welcome to Points East Coastal Drive.



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First Timer

Visiting Prince Edward Island for the first time?

Depending on the month and your length of stay, it's best to make accommodation plans first. Seaside cottages are booked well in advance and unique places to stay are always in high demand. Now, what to do? This short list of recommendations is designed to give you a sample of our popular attractions and a few hidden gems.



Experience the iconic **Anne of Green Gables**: No trip to PEI is complete without learning about author **L.M. Montgomery** and her most famous character, Anne, a spunky, red-headed orphan who has been captivating hearts worldwide for more than a century. Visit **Green Gables Heritage Place** in Cavendish, just one stop along the Inspiring World of L.M. Montgomery Literary Tour.



When on **Canada's Food Island**, you must eat lobster, oysters, mussels, beef and world-famous PEI potatoes followed by a delectable frozen treat at **COWS, Holman's Ice Cream Parlour** or at a dairy bar.



Bike or hike the **Confederation Trail** between beautiful St. Peter's Bay and Morell in eastern PEI. This stretch will take you along marshlands, fields of wildflowers and over three little bridges. Wildlife and seabird sightings guaranteed.

The Gulf Shore Parkway in the **Prince Edward Island National Park** is also a good choice. Gulf Shore Way West, between Cavendish and North Rustico, takes you past iconic cliffs with stunning coastal views, while Gulf Shore Way East takes you between Brackley and Dalvay and offers impressive dunescapes and wetlands, perfect for birdwatching.



Visit the beach. On a hot sunny day, swimming at **Basin Head Provincial Park** is the best.

A beach walk along the sand flats at low tide at **Canoe Cove** is a close second. Others love to watch the tides collide at **North Cape** at the western tip of the Island, or a sunset at the PEI National Park in any season.



Catch live music any time of year at **Evermoore Brewing Company, Lone Oak Brewing Co., the Olde Dublin Pub, Bogside Brewing** and more. On a warm evening, dine outdoors on historic **Victoria Row** and listen to music from the bandstand.



Experience world-class theatre at the **Confederation Centre of the Arts**, an evening of Celtic music and dance at a **Highland Storm** performance in Summerside and high-energy docu-concerts at **Harmony House**, an intimate rural venue in central PEI.



Often, first-time visitors ask how many days are needed to experience the Island. At a minimum, three or four days will provide you with time to visit some attractions from **tip to tip**. A leisurely visit designed for relaxing at the beach or hundreds of kilometres of hiking along woodland and coastal trails will require at least one week, maybe more.

There's a lot to love about the Island, its natural beauty, **authentic way of life**, charming characters and an endless list of things to do for all - whether you consider yourself a thrill seeker, happy wanderer, foodie or family ready to unplug. Remember, sometimes the best memories come at the cost of getting a little lost.

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Info at a glance

WEATHER & CLIMATE

Part of Prince Edward Island's appeal is its four distinct seasons, each with unique delights.

Spring is comfortable and alive with fresh colours and temperatures ranging from 8 to 22°C (46 to 71°F).

Summer is hot with typical daytime temperatures in the 20s (70s) with highs of 32°C (90°F). The ocean breeze is always refreshing.

In **Autumn**, early season afternoons can be quite warm with cooler evenings. Temperatures usually range from 8 to 22°C (46 to 71°F).

Winter is crisp with temperatures from -3 to -11°C

(12 to 26°F). On the coldest days, temperatures can feel like -25°C (-13°F). Snow usually arrives by late December and remains until March.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Beach Safety

Here, you are never far from a spectacular beach. Swimming is comfortable due to the presence of the Gulf Stream and the very shallow shelf, which allows the water to heat up. Water temperatures can reach 20°C (70°F) in July and August. Pay close attention to surf conditions; rip currents can occur at some beaches. Be aware that swimming in the ocean is very different from swimming in a pool or lake.

Emergencies

For emergency service, dial 911 anywhere on PEI 24/7. An emergency response system can link you with translators for one of 140 languages. It is important to be able to identify your location when calling 911. Look for civic address signs in public places.

Health Insurance

Non-Canadian citizens should have private health insurance coverage when visiting PEI.

DRINKING / SMOKING

The legal age to drink alcohol and purchase or possess cannabis is 19 years old and you must be 21 years old to purchase tobacco. Both smoking and cannabis use are prohibited in public places.

TAXES

The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) of 15% is charged on certain goods and services.

GREEN ISLAND

Our white-sand beaches are as fragile as they are beautiful. Do not play or walk on dunes. Always stay on designated paths and stairways at the beach to protect fragile dune systems; natural habitats for rare plants, wildlife and shore birds. Leave your firewood



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home as out-of-province logs could destroy a forest. Buy local instead.

Retailers do not provide plastic checkout bags. Shoppers may bring reusable bags or purchase paper ones onsite.

DIG YOUR MEAL

Many of PEI's shores are rich with natural stocks of bar clams, soft-shell clams, razor clams and quahogs. A recreational licence is not required to dig clams, but you must respect season dates and limits. Look for posted signage to indicate when an area is closed to

harvesting. Be mindful that our shellfish resource is also a vibrant commercial fishery; conservation is important. Contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 902-566-7814.

GO BEYOND THE GUIDE

For more information, you can call us at 1-800-463-4PEI or visit tourismpei.com and search these keywords to find even more great content packed with inspiring trip ideas.

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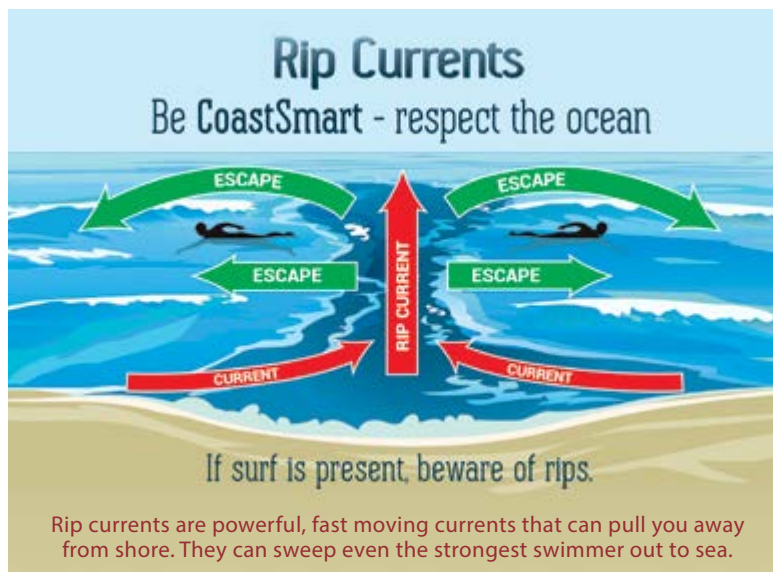
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Pets love to visit PEI too! Dogs on leash are “pawsitively” welcome at provincial parks. In the PEI National Park, leashed dogs are permitted on walking trails and areas other than the beach, from April 1 to October 15. Please pick up after your pet in any public space. For more, see our ‘ruff’ guide online. **Tag your PEI photos with #ExplorePEI**



Ask an Islander

Your Prince Edward Island Questions. A Local Perspective.



Get a local's advice

We've introduced you to some of Prince Edward Island's charms: inviting beaches, delicious food, activities galore... but there's so much more to our Island than what you see in this guide. **So ask us anything!**

How it works

We have a host of Islanders from different parts of Island life, including musicians, crafters, foodies and outdoor enthusiasts. They would be delighted to answer your questions and share their expertise and passion for PEI.

Just ask

Visit tourismpei.com/askanislander and submit your question in advance of your PEI vacation. You can also browse other questions and answers.

Joanne of Michigan asks:

I love to knit and wish to see spinning mills and yarn shops. Where should I go?

Hello from PEI! MacAuslands Woollen Mills in Bloomfield is a six-generation family-owned mill. On weekdays, take a tour and shop onsite for blankets and yarn. Nearby, visit Green Gable Alpacas for lovely alpaca yarn. In central PEI, drop by Trailside Yarn Shop, Kensington; Knit Pickers PEI, Mayfield and Ewe & Dye Weavery, Victoria by the Sea. East of Charlottetown, visit Pastimes PEI Rughooking & Wool Shop and Fleece & Harmony with yarn from locally-sourced wool. Don't miss the PEI Fibre Festival in October with workshops in knitting, crochet, spinning, etc. I hope you find lovely yarn and unforgettable experiences.



Charlene Belsher
Arts & Culture

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The year of Maud

2024 marks the 150th birthday of renowned author, L.M. Montgomery. Prince Edward Island is inviting fans from around the world to immerse themselves in a once-in-a-lifetime literary celebration on PEI, the enchanting setting that inspired the timeless classic, **Anne of Green Gables**.

Experience the magic of the L.M. Montgomery Literary Tour, guiding you through the picturesque locales she vividly brought to life in her novels. Catch *Anne of Green Gables—The Musical™* and *Anne & Gilbert, The Musical* on stage in Charlottetown. Paint her Island in watercolours of ruby, emerald and sapphire with an Island artist. Sit at a desk in the very school where Montgomery taught, visit Montgomery Park and nearby, her place of worship and rest.

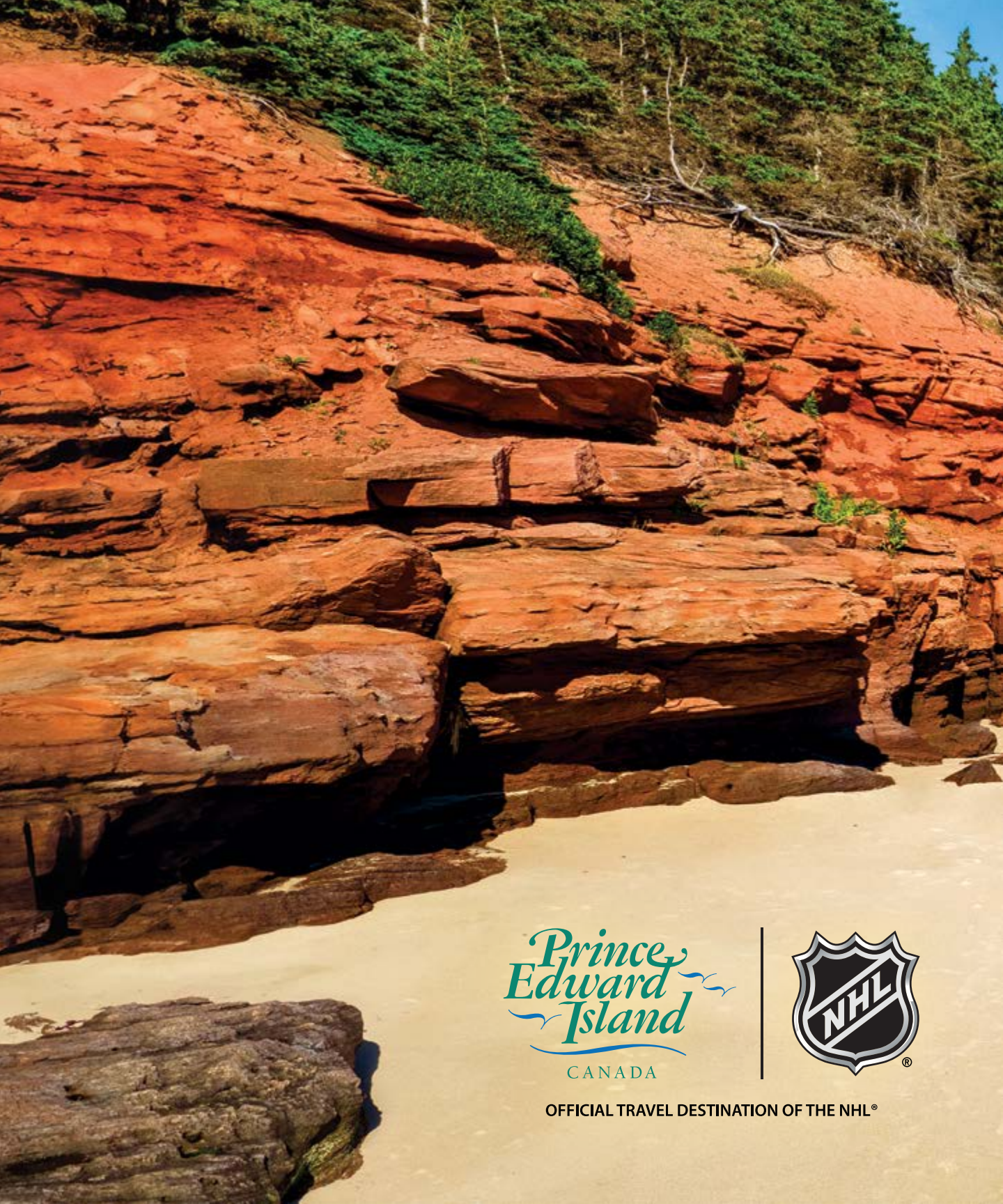
Be part of this extraordinary tribute to a literary icon and the enchanting world she created.



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