

PEI VISITOR'S GUIDE

Prince Edward Island

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Welcome to Prince Edward Island

Step into a place where every moment feels like a postcard.

Prince Edward Island is a charming destination in all seasons. 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, world-class local culinary and warm hospitality. Discover what makes Prince Edward Island unforgettable. We hope to see you soon!



Canada's 
FOOD ISLAND

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Islandness & Authentic Experiences

Islandness – 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's the smell of salty air, the sight of red cliffs and white sand beaches, the taste of new PEI potatoes or the genuineness of the people who welcome you into their hearts – or all of the above. That feeling you'll 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 first-hand perspective on our Island way of life, cuisine and culture, explore our Authentic PEI Experiences. [We have more than 60 incredible adventures and activities for you to discover.](#)



Red Point Provincial Park



Rustico



Authentic Islander

Although she grew up in a fishing community, **Julie Ann Gauthier** never thought she'd be a lobster fisher. With an MBA in hand, she chose to work in downtown Calgary and climb the corporate ranks. That is, until the salt air called her home. Once back, she became a commercial lobster fisher and purchased her father Joey's deep sea fishing business, which will offer the Lobster Fish and Feast Authentic PEI Experience beginning in July. "I love creating meaningful experiences for people, sharing the beauty of Prince Edward Island while continuing the work my family has carried on for generations."



Brudenell River

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Canada's Food Island

Prince Edward Island is a culinary paradise where every ingredient tells a story of the Island's rich soil, clean waters and passionate producers. Here, food is more than nourishment – it's a way of life. Talented chefs, fishers and farmers take pride in delighting your palette with the freshest and tastiest flavours. PEI is renowned for its shellfish: succulent lobster, delectable mussels and tasty oysters. Potatoes, beef and dairy 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 the Canada's Food Island Itinerary. Pair local cuisine

with stunning coastlines and vistas and you'll find every bite as unforgettable as the scenery. Local food producers are valued 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. **Come savour the unique flavours and culinary traditions of our Island.**



Authentic Islander

Local food stylist and dietitian **Shannon McQuaid**, aka @savourbyshannon, shares the story of PEI's food culture from two places – her family kitchen and the local communities that she takes joy in exploring. A self-described home cook and baking queen, she has a reputation for creating incredible recipes with local ingredients. **"Having the ability to showcase some of the best seafood, dairy, and produce in the world is a definite advantage."** One of her favourite creations is dill pickle grilled cheese with COWS smoked cheddar. Shannon's advice: Discover where the locals eat and drink – and follow their lead.



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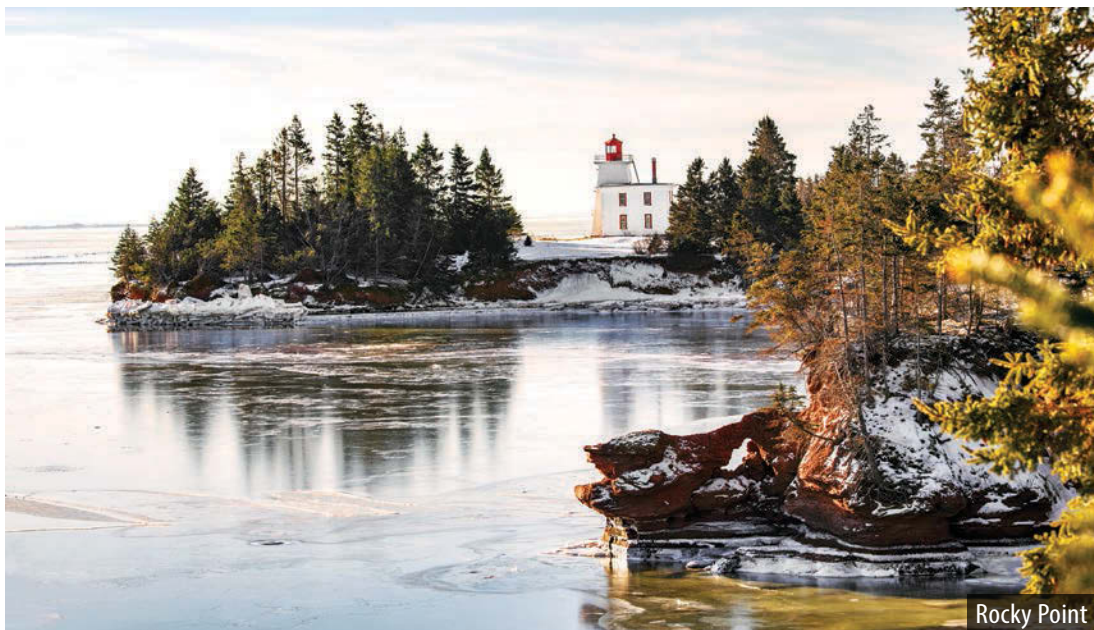
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Coastal Drives & Lighthouses

Discover the coast! Prince Edward Island has three coastal drives adorned with 61 lighthouses to guide you to fishing villages, small towns, vibrant downtowns and breathtaking pastoral views. For maritime history and panoramic views, visit the nine lighthouses that serve as community museums along the way. [North Cape Coastal Drive](#) is Canada's Oyster Coast, where rich Indigenous culture and Acadian heritage blend seamlessly with the area's natural beauty. [Central Coastal Drive](#) spans from the Confederation Bridge to the PEI National Park along the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Visit charming Victoria-by-the-Sea for epic lobster rolls and Green Gables Shore for tee time or playtime. The [Points East Coastal Drive](#) is blessed with more than 50 phenomenal beaches, just minutes apart. Spend a day at a Nordic spa with a view of St. Peters Bay or watch fishers haul in the daily catch from Shipwreck Point Beach at Naufrage Harbour. [Slow down. Breathe in the ocean air. Feel lighter!](#)



Rustico



Rocky Point





Cedar Dunes Provincial Park

Beaches & Parks

The Island is a haven for beach and nature lovers with over 1,100 km of shoreline and endless public beaches. From the iconic red cliffs of Cavendish Beach to the parabolic dune system at Greenwich – PEI National Park, each has its own charm. Stroll along the beach at Basin Head, known for its “singing sands,” or dip into the warm waters of the Northumberland Strait at Chelton Beach with a view of the Confederation Bridge. Choose the south side 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 and watch the sunset over the ocean. There is nothing quite like the beach in any season. Name your outdoor delight: cycling, bird watching, paddling, star gazing, hiking, simple or full-service camping or collecting sea shells by the sea shore. **With a park for every season, our wide-open spaces are sure to satisfy.**



St . Peters Harbour



Borden-Carleton

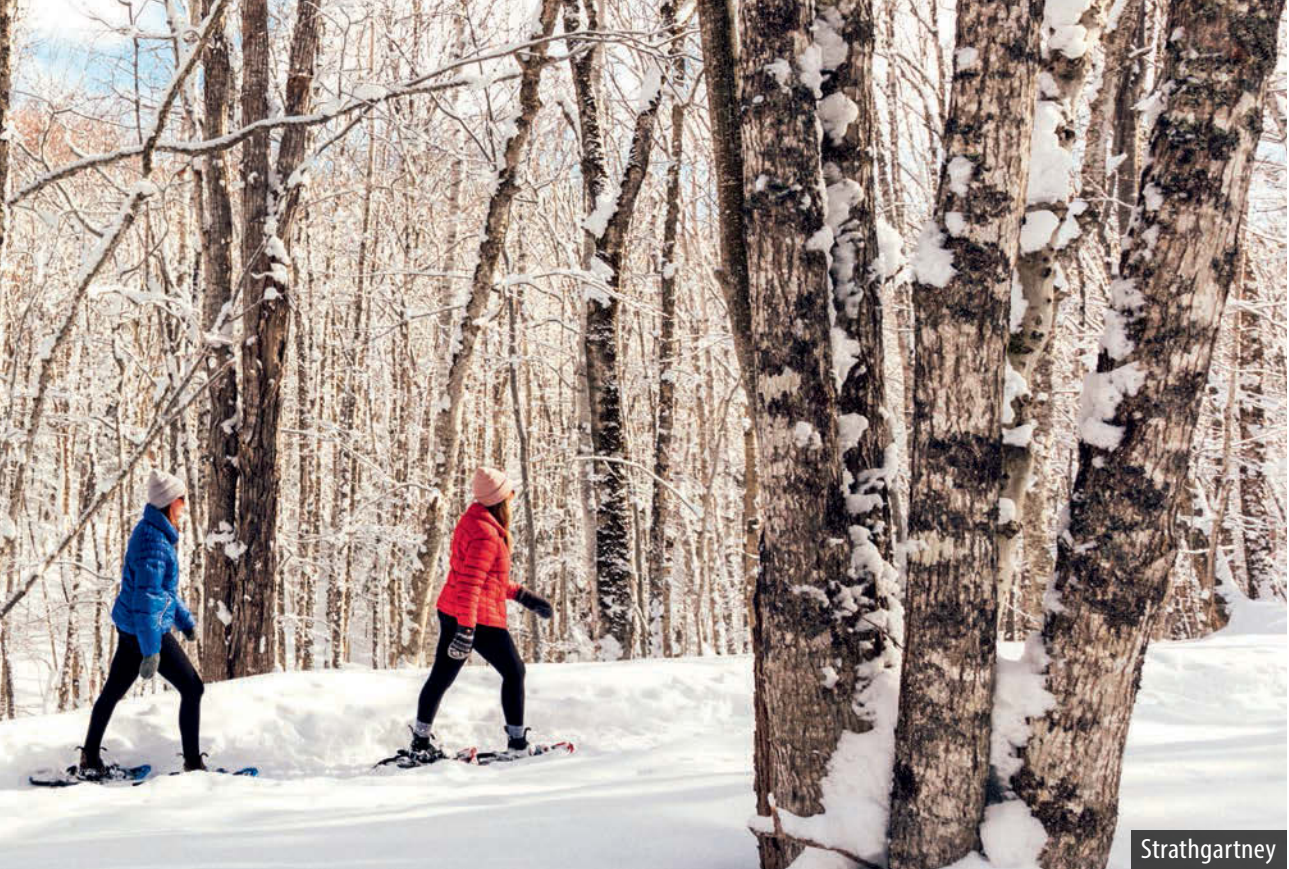




Seasons

Our Island offers new experiences in every season. **Spring** brings fresh blossoms 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 appear and the festival season kicks off. **Summer** days are golden with refreshing salt-water breezes and endless festivals, fairs and fun celebrating the Island's music, food, and culture. **Fall** is a feast for the senses. The landscape is in fiery hues of red, orange, and gold; an ideal backdrop for golf, hiking and local dining. In September, experience Sommo – a two-day celebration of music, food, and drink. Autumn also brings

many Island-wide events focused on 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, frost-covered red cliffs and other iconic landmarks. **Immerse yourself in nature on first-class trails, savour fresh oysters and mussels, find tranquility with wellness and spa experiences and soothe your soul with live music and performances in our intimate show halls.**



Outdoor Adventures...



Covehead, PEI National Park



Victoria



Stanhope

Spring & Summer

As temperatures start to heat up, there are countless ways to make a splash – swim, kayak, paddleboard, snorkel, 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-notch mountain biking trails. Go horseback riding, star gaze under starry night skies or play a round at one of our world-ranked golf courses - great disc golf too! Try your hand at fly fishing or book a deep-sea fishing or guided harbour tour to experience the ocean from a whole new perspective, with chances to spot seals, seabirds, and other marine life. **Whether on land or sea, by pedal, paddle, or your own two feet, plenty of outdoor adventures await!**



...all year

Bonshaw Hills Provincial Park

Fall & Winter

For magnificent views of fall colour, discover canopied trails along the scenic heritage roads of Prince Edward Island. Pack your plaid to explore coastal drives in search of the biggest apple or the perfect pumpkin at a local farm stand. To fully experience the very best that winter has to offer, head to Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale for skiing, fat biking, snowshoeing, tubing and the finest Nordic skiing east of Quebec. Thrill seekers love to ride PEI's extensive groomed snowmobile and ATV trails, where adventure meets the Island's natural charm. For a more leisurely experience, go for a horse and sleigh ride or skate under twinkling lights. **Embrace the magic of fall and winter on PEI.**

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Brookvale



Mill River



Long River

First-class Trails

Wander where trails lead. Prince Edward Island is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, where stunning landscapes invite you to pause and trails beckon you to explore. Uncrowded trail systems wind through the timeless Wabanaki-Acadian Forest, stretch along dirt roads and crisscross the Island from tip to tip. At Glenaladale, interact with nature and the artwork of the Sculpture Forest, ski groomed cross-country trails or pedal along the picturesque Gulf Shore Parkway of the PEI National Park. For those with an adventurous spirit, tackle the Island Walk – a 700-kilometre journey that circumnavigates the Island. In winter, the Confederation Trail transforms into a frosty playground for snowmobilers, while in warmer seasons, hikers and cyclists enjoy its beauty. Built on the historic rail line, this 273-kilometre trail is PEI's section of the Trans Canada Trail that extends from Tignish in the west to Elmira in the east. *Every trail has a story; where will you begin?*



Black Marsh Nature Trail



Kensington



Authentic Islander

For **Nora Wotton** of Charlottetown, walking isn't just a pastime – it's a passion. A long-distance hiker and ambassador for the Island Walk, she thrives on the physical and mental challenges, the connections with fellow walkers and the beauty of the landscapes she explores. "I've travelled the world, and the Island Walk allows me to see how pretty my own corner of Earth is." Each day on the trail can bring new sights: lobster boats hauling in the catch, blueberry fields ablaze with autumn hues and majestic bald eagles soaring overhead. For Wotton, every step is a lesson, not just about hiking, but about life. Sometimes the greatest discoveries are in your own backyard.



Confederation Trail, Murray Harbour

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Golf

A golfer's dream destination. Prince Edward Island is a golfer's paradise where spectacular views meet world-class courses – all within a short drive. With over 400 fairways, you can play multiple rounds in a day. Tee off with ocean vistas at The Links at Crowbush Cove, PEI's premier and most challenging course, or plan your vacation around Mill River Golf Course, where pros like Lorie Kane, LPGA tour winner, love to play. Many courses are nestled along rivers or the coast, blending natural beauty with unforgettable play, whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro. When your destination is golf, PEI offers affordable rounds and packages to fit all needs – personal, group and corporate travel. Why play one course when you can play an entire Island?

Book your tee times at GolfPEI.ca.



Brudenell



Crowbush



Andersons Creek



Authentic Islander

Summerside native **Gerard "Turk" Gallant** grew up near the rink. His passion for hockey started young and he often swept the stands in exchange for extra ice time. With dedication and skill, he propelled through the hockey ranks to become an NHL star with the Detroit Red Wings. When his playing career ended, he turned to coaching. Back home, Turk devotes time to the Boys & Girls Club of Summerside Celebrity Golf Tournament. **"When home on PEI, I love to spend time golfing. My favourite course is Andersons Creek Golf Club in Stanley Bridge and hole #8, a short par 3, is a standout for me because I've had a couple close calls for a hole in one."**



Mill River

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Attractions & Sightseeing

Let's just play. Whether you are planning a day trip, weekend getaway or extended vacation, our attractions offer a blend of excitement, learning and fun. Challenge an opponent to go-kart racing, explore local shops and roadside wonders or uncover spooky sights and local legends. For a thrill, saddle up for a horseback ride, reel in a big one on a deep-sea fishing excursion or kickback at a classic pinball arcade. Discover life in the past lane at one of many provincial and community museums, explore our three coastal drives or experience the PEI tradition of harness racing. Want to learn, play, and laugh – all in the same day? Consider a tour with one of our knowledgeable guides. As the sun sets, catch a movie at the drive-in 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.**



Summerside



West Point



Authentic Islander

PEI-born **Devon Bernard** has an innate sense of adventure. Growing up, his backyard was a beach on the shores of western PEI, where he played year-round, no matter the weather. Now a photographer, Devon continues to explore and capture the province's sights, with a particular appreciation for the winter beauty. He describes his "Island home" as "the place where locals greet you with a smile, the food is mouthwatering, the attractions are endless and views so breathtaking that visitors want to pack up and move here."



Cavendish

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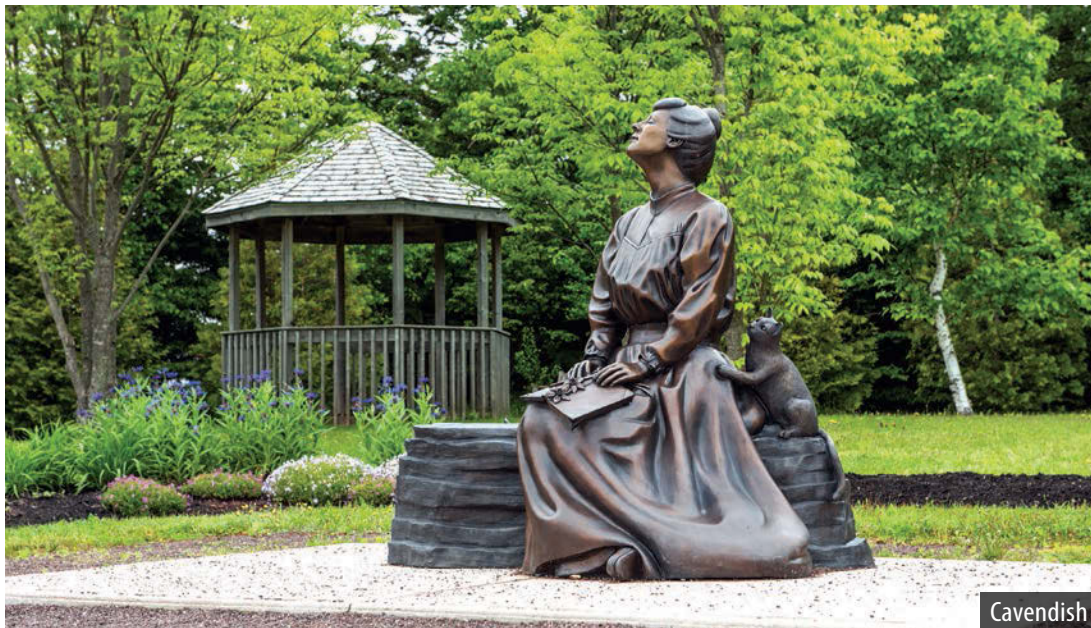


Anne of Green Gables

Anne of Green Gables is more than just a story by L.M. Montgomery, published in 1908 and having sold over 50 million copies; it is an iconic part of Prince Edward Island. Though the beloved, red-headed Anne Shirley is a fictional character, her feisty spirit lives on in every corner of this Island. Fans of all ages will find magic in the most enchanting places and experiences that bring Montgomery's story to life. Our Anne of Green Gables itinerary invites you to visit the places where Montgomery was born, worshipped, married, taught and wrote. And be sure to see Anne & Gilbert, The Musical, at the Florence Simmons Performance Hall. [Experience Anne's Island](#) – where imagination runs wild and the scenery takes your breath away.



Anne's Room



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Music & the Arts

Islanders may be humble, but our pride shines brightly when it comes to sharing our music and artistic talents. Songwriters, musicians and poets like Lennie Gallant, Catherine MacLellan, Tanya Davis, Ben Chase, Richard Wood and others contribute to a thriving arts and music scene. Whatever your preference – country, folk, jazz, Celtic, community theatre or acclaimed musicals, there's always something on at our intimate venues, renowned performance halls, local pubs and outdoor stages. Wander our cities, small towns and villages to meet the makers who pour heart and soul into their artworks and one-of-a-kind products. Experience the pulse of Prince Edward Island through the eyes of an artist 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. [Enjoy what's on stage, on exhibit and on the playlist this year in Prince Edward Island.](#)





Charlottetown



Authentic Islander

A multi award-winning fiddler, **Richard WOOD** has been dedicated to bringing joy to the world with his energetic brand of Celtic music since he was 11 years-old. Always the proud Island ambassador, Richard has performed for audiences around the globe from the North Pole to Bosnia. When asked about PEI's music scene, he said, "It is such an honour and a privilege to live in such a beautiful part of the world where traditional music continues to thrive and is woven into the fabric of so many diverse genres."



Victoria

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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 in the celebration of Gaelic and Celtic roots as the PEI Benevolent Irish Society celebrates 200 years this summer.

Take part in lively Acadian culture and cuisine at the Village Musical Acadien in Abram-Village. In our capital city of Charlottetown, take a walking tour to learn about PEI as Canada's birthplace as well as the Bog, the historical Black community. 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.**



Rustico



Authentic Islander

Jamie Thomas is passionate about celebrating and reclaiming Mi'kmaq culture. Through Authentic PEI Experiences like Quill Work on Birch Bark or Bannock and Clams and unique offerings at the Indigenous PEI Store, Jamie's community is proud to share their traditions, rooted in resilience and healing. "We invite people to Epekwitk and to have meaningful conversations and experience Mi'kmaq culture, history and art."



Lennox Island

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An Authentic View

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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

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.](#)



Dalvay



Mount Tryon

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Festivals & Events

Prince Edward Island loves a good party. In fact, legend has it that it was the generous hospitality, dining and dancing at the 1864 Charlottetown Conference that sparked the birth of Canada. Undeniably, we've been playing host ever since. You too can feel the Island's warmth at one of our many festivals and events celebrating everything from culinary, culture, music and more! Tap your toes at the PEI Festival of Small Halls or snap endless selfies among the tulips in spring. In 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. Other PEI festivals showcase performances, plays, pageants, PRIDE and potato blossoms. In fall, run the PEI Marathon, and feast at the Fall Flavours Food & Drink Festival. Scarecrows and spooky vibes are the prequel to craft fairs galore and holiday cheer. [In winter, bring your appetite and sense of adventure for sporting events and family festivals.](#)



Brookvale



Cavendish



Authentic Islander

Tim Chaisson is a celebrated Islander known for his musical talents. Raised in a family of fiddlers and storytellers, he brings this rich legacy to life on stages around the world as a member of The East Pointers. At home, he's a familiar face at festivals like the Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival and the PEI Festival of Small Halls, embodying the spirit of PEI – welcoming, talented, and deeply rooted in tradition. **"Among the many events on PEI, my favourite is a boutique arts and music festival called Goolaholla. Created by my band, the festival was born out of a desire to bring the festival magic we've experienced worldwide to eastern PEI in September."**



Charlottetown

Sampling of other can't-miss events:

Spring Atlantic Maker Market (April)
 Street Feast (May)
 Island Tides Yoga & Wellness Festival (June)
 Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival (July)
 Cavendish Beach Music Festival (July)
 Festival Route 11 (July)
 PEI Bluegrass Festival (July)
 Crapaud Tractor Pulls (August)
 Sommo Festival (September)
 Goolaholla Festival (September)
 Christmas Festivals (November & December)
 Winterval (January)
 Winter Warmth Festival (February)
 Jack Frost Winterfest (February)

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Rice Point

Wellness

This Island is the perfect place to step away from your daily routine and focus on your well-being. With fresh air, countless saltwater beaches and serene forest surroundings, combined with a variety of authentic experiences and wellness offerings at tranquil studios, relaxation is guaranteed. There are endless ways to connect with nature. Hike the Island Walk, pack your binoculars for birdwatching, or book a guided river kayak tour. Try snow yoga, forage for mushrooms or experience the thrill of bass fishing in tidal waters. Unwind at a Nordic spa or nourish your body and mind at a wellness retreat. In June, the Island Tides Yoga & Wellness Festival brings people together in a celebration that blends yoga, health and a bit of whimsy in Charlottetown. **You'll return home feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.**



Charlottetown



St. Peters Bay

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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* Experience a ferry crossing from Caribou, Nova Scotia to Wood Islands, PEI aboard Northumberland Ferries or hop aboard the CTMA Ferry for its crossing from Cap-aux-Meules, QC 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.



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.



Touring Regions

Prince Edward Island is small in size, but you'll be surprised by the abundance of adventure and activity that awaits at every bend in the road. To help you explore, we've divided the Island into seven touring regions featuring fishing villages, small towns, farming communities and coastal cities. Each has its own vibe with stunning views at every turn. Visit scenic lookouts along the way to learn more about our community landmarks, history and culture.

NORTH CAPE COASTAL DRIVE

Along the North Cape, sunsets are unforgettable, some houses are made from bottles and Acadian and Mi'kmaq cultures thrive. Take a selfie with a giant 14-foot potato, sleep in a lighthouse, paddle board with goats or watch the tides collide. Come discover Canada's Oyster Coast.



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Cape Egmont

SUMMERSIDE

Explore the historic City by the Sea! Summerside is our second-largest city filled with culinary, cultural and coastal experiences. Discover the energy of Island Celtic roots, stroll the city streets or watch the horses dash to the finish line. Awaken your soul and explore Summerside.



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Summerside Waterfront

GREEN GABLES SHORE

Smell the sea-salt air as you explore trails and beaches in every season. Discover historic sites and charming fishing harbours. Tee off at top-rated golf courses and savour the culinary offerings, including our world-famous lobster suppers.



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Springbrook



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This is a special place for Anne of Green Gables fans and families alike. With wide open spaces, stunning vistas and white-sand beaches, every corner of Cavendish draws you in. The memories of outdoor music festivals, amusement parks and adventure will keep you coming back.

CAVENDISH

Orby Head



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The Red Sands Shore region is rich with artisans, galleries and architecture. Indulge in culinary and culture as you explore. Stop at a wharf or roadside stand for dinner essentials, play a round of disc golf or in winter, hit the slopes in Brookvale at one of the Island's highest points.

RED SANDS SHORE

Chelton



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Our capital city is bursting with big energy, hospitality and charm. This seaside city is a historical hub of culture, artisan shops, trendsetting and traditional restaurants, world-class festivals and events and much more. It's time to discover Charlottetown.

CHARLOTTETOWN

Downtown Charlottetown



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Points East Coastal Drive gives you an insider's view of Island life – the charm of small communities, friendly locals and natural beauty. Discover adventures in all seasons, relax at one of 50 beaches, play a round of golf and visit fishing harbours. Slow down, breathe in the ocean air and enjoy the view.

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COASTAL DRIVE

Point Prim

North Cape Coastal Drive



NORTH CAPE
COASTAL DRIVE

West Point Lighthouse



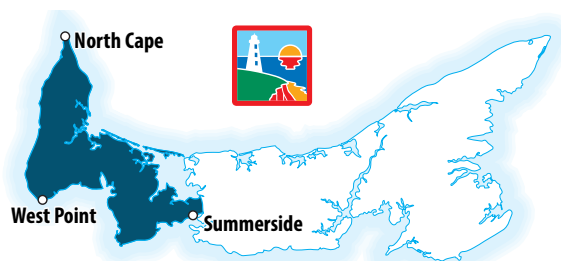
The North Cape Coastal Drive offers a medley of beautiful and naturally sifted white and red sand beaches, towering red sandstone capes, iconic lighthouses and communities steeped in Mi'kmaq, Acadian and Celtic heritage and culture. Here you'll find houses built from glass bottles, fudge made from potatoes, [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 Alpacos, 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



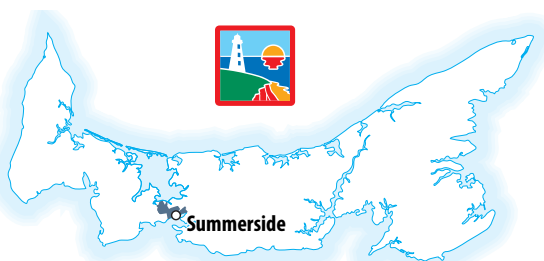
This City by the Sea is steeped in history and a seaside lifestyle that offers all the amenities of an urban centre with a community feel. With a [vibrant cultural scene](#), Summerside features historic buildings and museums, live theatre, harness racing, concert venues and an annual summer lobster 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 seasonal events with the Winter Warmth 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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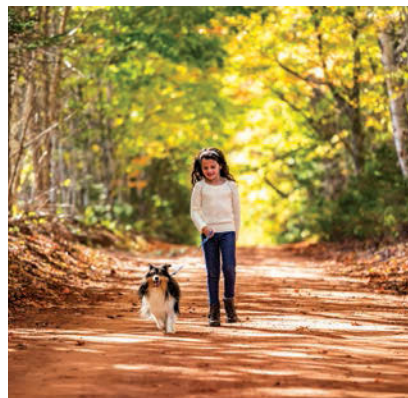


Green Gables Shore



Explore everything to *love* about
CENTRAL COASTAL
Prince Edward Island

Cabot Beach Provincial 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 in Kensington.

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 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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Cavendish





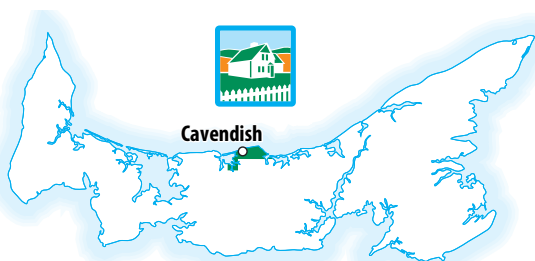
Cavendish Beach is Atlantic Canada's **#1 beach destination**, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty, outdoor recreation, and family fun attractions and activities. Known for its striking transitions from **red sandstone cliffs** to golden sandy shores and crystal-clear waters, the beach is a treat for the senses. Kick back and unwind or explore, you choose.

Beyond the beach, Cavendish is home to several popular attractions, including the stunning Prince Edward Island National Park, **Green Gables Heritage Place** and the site of L.M. Montgomery's Home. Take in the sunset from the **ferris wheel** at Sandspit or explore the many scenic trails perfect for hiking and biking. Enjoy charming local shops and restaurants as you stroll through Avonlea Village. Cavendish also boasts the widest variety of accommodation options, making it a convenient and welcoming destination for families or groups of all compositions.

Cavendish is not only known for its natural beauty, but also for its **golf**, shellfish and vibrant events and concerts.

One of the event highlights is the Sommo Festival, an immersive food, culture and music festival, which brings top-notch artists to the Island for a weekend of live music and food demo performances, dancing, and celebration.

This is a special place. And there's something here for everyone. The joy of family. **The beauty of the coastline.** The call to adventure. You'll find it all here.



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Red Sands Shore



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Prince Edward Island

Chelton Beach Provincial Park



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



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Peake's Quay Marina



This charming capital city has it all: amazing food, cool shows, **stunning waterfront views**, and a super walkable downtown. Explore art, catch live music, and meet the friendly locals. Be sure to check out one of Charlottetown's many vibrant farmers' markets to really get a feel for Island life.

Originally designed for exploring on foot, this coastal city is filled with a colourful mix of restored **heritage buildings**, independent shops, bustling restaurants and lush green spaces that encourage you to slow down and linger a bit longer. Hit up **Victoria Row** – a gorgeous pedestrian street with an amazing mix of restaurants – for the perfect patio experience. And don't miss the Entertainment District on Kent St. with its eclectic mix of bars, venues, music hall and brand new trendy cinema!

Looking for adventure? We've got you covered! Go for a bike ride, explore the gorgeous boardwalk, try lobster fishing, feel the thrill of a Zodiac tour with Adventures Marine, experience the excitement of waterskiing, wakeboarding, or flyboarding with Explore More Watersports or take part in the time-honoured tradition of harness racing at Red Shores Racetrack and Casino.

We love a good party! Experience awesome festivals year-round, like **Street Feast** (May), Island Tides Yoga & Wellness Festival (June), DiverseCity and PEI Pride Festival (July), Old Home Week (Aug), The International Shellfish Festival (Sep), Farm Day in the City, the Charlottetown Scarecrow Festival (Oct), and the **Charlottetown Christmas Festival** (Nov/Dec). Don't forget an epic fireworks finale at Capital New Year's at Founders' Food Hall & Market.

Experience city life, Island style. The laid back vibes, food scene and all around charm will capture your heart too.



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Points East Coastal Drive





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,



Black Marsh Nature Trail

mussels, beef and world-famous PEI potatoes followed by a delectable frozen treat at **COWS**, **Holman's Ice Cream Parlour** or one of our many other dairy bars.

Bike or hike the **Confederation Trail** between beautiful St. Peters Bay and Morell in eastern PEI. This stretch will take you along marshlands, through 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 Co.**, **Lone Oak Brewing Co.**, the **Olde Dublin Pub**, **Bogside Brewing** and others. On a warm evening, dine outdoors on historic

Victoria Row or at **Peake's Quay** 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 hiking hundreds of kilometres 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.

Travelling Paws



Pets love 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.

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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.



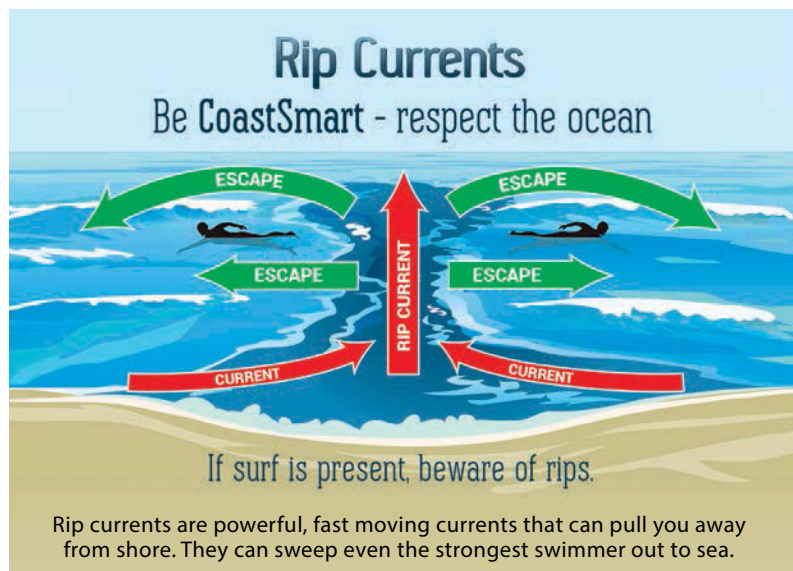
Brackley Beach

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 purchase tobacco is 21 years old and you must be 19 years old to drink alcohol and purchase or possess cannabis. Both smoking and cannabis use is 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 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.

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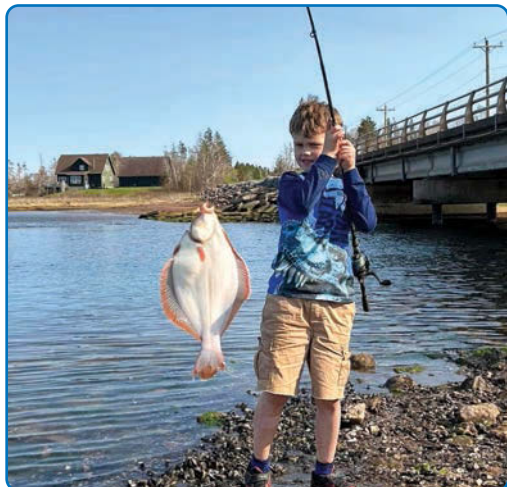
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Your Prince Edward Island
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Get a local's advice

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

Lexi of Ontario asks:

I want to fish for flounder while in PEI in July. Where should I go?

Thank you for reaching out. You can fish for winter flounder from many locations across PEI. A great location is Corran Ban Bridge, where we've had great success fishing with our grandkids. High tide to falling tide is the best time. The old breakwater wharf in North Rustico is also a popular spot. At the Northport Harbour near Alberton, you can fish right off the wharf. The bag limit is five flounder per person in July and no license is required for flounder. Use worms as bait, available at Richards Bait and Tackle in Alberton or Going Fishing in Charlottetown. Have a great vacation in PEI and good luck!



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