

# Notable offerings

## TALES OF OUR ISLAND – ADA CULINARY STUDIO

Tales of Our Island is a new weekly interactive dining series at Ada Culinary Studio in Charlottetown, where each dish becomes a doorway into the stories of the farmers and fishers who shaped it. Rooted in the spirit of Prince Edward Island, the experience blends food, memory, and local heritage into one intimate, narrative-driven meal.

## BLACKBUSH RESORT

Hotel Acadia at Blackbush Beach Resort is a 30-room retreat in Grand Tracadie, blending modern comfort with the character of its 19th-century namesake. Overlooking the dunes, it offers curated experiences such as yoga, beach walks, and locally inspired cuisine. **New in 2026: The Fluke**, brings a relaxed dining experience named for the whale's tail cresting the sea. Chef Greg's dishes celebrate connection to food, to the Island, and to each other - drawing on his Francophone heritage and the renewed spirit of Hotel Acadia.

## PEI INTERNATIONAL SHELLFISH FESTIVAL

2026 marks a milestone worth celebrating—30 years of the **PEI International Shellfish Festival!** This iconic September event showcases the finest shellfish the Island has to offer, and this year, it's bigger and better than ever. Join us for the 30th Shellabration and be part of a delicious legacy that's been three decades in the making.

## THE 2026 CHARLOTTETOWN FESTIVAL

A promising blockbuster season awaits at the Confederation Centre of the Arts, headlined by two iconic Canadian musicals: *Anne of Green Gables—The Musical™* and *Come From Away*. The festival will feature *Anne* at the Sobe Family Theatre from June 25 to August 29, continuing its legacy as the longest-running annual musical in Canada. Joining it is *Come From Away*, the internationally acclaimed story of compassion and community in Gander, Newfoundland during 9/11, which runs from July 2 to September 26.

## PINK CROW

Opened in July 2025, Charlottetown's Newest Restaurant *Pink Crow* has quickly become a favourite among locals and visitors alike. The restaurant blends old-world cooking techniques with modern flair, offering a unique dining experience.

## BLUE MUSSEL CAFÉ

The café has a new home—but the same unforgettable flavour! After 12 amazing years on the North Rustico Harbour, the beloved seasonal, family-run restaurant has relocated to a larger space at the southern end of the village. While the address has changed to South Rustico, the commitment to fresh Island seafood and warm hospitality remains exactly the same. Come enjoy delicious dishes in a stunning new waterfront setting and make fresh memories in a place that feels just as special.

## EARTH AND EMBER EXPERIENCE

Embrace a slower pace and venture beyond your routine in this wellness experience inspired by adventure and authenticity. Step away from the noise, and immerse yourself in a mindful journey that reconnects you with nature, community, and your inner self.

## ISLAND LAVENDER DISTILLERY

Island Lavender Distillery in Bonshaw is a peaceful, family-run farm offering nature-inspired experiences like lavender harvesting, wellness workshops, and creative activities such as perfume-making and painting. Visitors can also shop handcrafted products made from on-site distilled lavender, all set against the backdrop of vibrant summer fields.

## PINTS EAST

Located in the St. Peter's Visitor Centre, this lively hub showcases PEI's local culture with craft beverages, seasonal tastings, and pop-up events. It's a one-stop spot to sample, shop, and connect with Island makers and their stories.



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## AUTHENTIC PEI EXPERIENCES

Take part in Island life and bring home some of our traditions. With over 70 Island experiences to choose from, you're sure to feel like an Islander before you leave! Learn to haul a lobster trap, dig for potatoes, learn Mi'kmaq traditions and so much more. Here are just a few of the Authentic PEI Experiences waiting for you:

### Taters, Tractors & Tales

Prince Edward Island is known for its tasty spuds! This experience will take you in direct contact with an Island generational family potato farm. You'll get your hands dirty all while learning the ins and outs of the potato industry on PEI.

### Bannock and Clams - Lennox Island Mi'kmaq First Nation

Using Mi'kmaq traditional methods, prep your bannock and cook it under the sand. Gather clams on the beach and cook them on an open fire. As the bannock cooks, listen to stories of what life used to be like growing up on Lennox Island.

### Top Notch Charters

Experience the essence of Prince Edward Island aboard [Top Notch](#), a 45-foot fishing boat. Feel the salt air on your skin and the gentle breeze in your hair as you immerse yourself in the thrill of lobster fishing. Learn hands-on as you catch a buoy, haul a trap, and band a claw, guided by Captain Mark and his fourth-generation lobster fishing expertise. Take the helm, discover modern lobster fishing technology, making every moment aboard Top Notch an unforgettable maritime adventure.

## CANADA'S FOOD ISLAND

PEI, affectionately known as Canada's Food Island, is a culinary paradise celebrated for its rich agricultural heritage and abundant seafood. With its fertile farmland and pristine waters, PEI produces some of Canada's finest ingredients, from world-renowned potatoes to succulent lobster and oysters. The Island's vibrant food scene features farm-to-table dining experiences, where local chefs craft dishes that showcase the freshest seasonal produce and seafood. Visitors can explore bustling farmers' markets, enjoy gourmet food festivals, and even partake in culinary tours that highlight the Island's unique flavours and traditions. As a hub for sustainable practices and innovative cuisine, PEI invites food lovers to savour its diverse offerings, making it a must-visit destination for anyone seeking an authentic taste of Atlantic Canada.

## EXPERIENCES:

### Infusion Experience at Deep Roots Distillery

This new 1-1.5 hour experience immerses you into the craft of distilling at Deep Roots, a small-batch distillery. Go behind the scenes to explore their equipment and learn how they create award-winning spirits. Then, personalize your own bottle of gin or vodka using over 20 fresh, local ingredients—and take it home to share with friends and family.

### Lobster Lover's Experience

While many travel from afar to enjoy a Prince Edward Island Lobster Supper, This version is truly unique, designed for those with an adventurous spirit, a quest for

the extraordinary, and a curiosity about the origins of their food. Join Captain JJ Chaisson and set sail from the scenic Souris Harbour aboard Chaisson a Dream.

### Shuck & Sea

Set out on the scenic waters of Prince Edward Island and discover an authentic, working oyster farm. Watch as oysters are harvested straight from the ocean floor, then taste them at their freshest while learning about the journey from seed to shell. You'll get hands-on as you learn to shuck like a pro and sample oysters, tasting unique flavours right from where they're grown!

### The Table

For adventurous food lovers, indulge in this 7-course tasting menu that showcases meticulously crafted dishes inspired by the seasonal bounty. Executive Chef and now owner, Hunter Guindon creates this menu each week, with the preparation taking place in an open-concept kitchen. Your dining experience includes an introduction to each dish, insights into the farmers, fishers, and producers behind the ingredients, and personal visits from the Chef at your table to share culinary inspirations.



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## FESTIVALS ON PEI

Come explore Prince Edward Island through its beloved festivals. From the iconic Charlottetown Festival showcasing local theatre and musical talent to the culinary delights of the PEI International Shellfish Festival, each event reflects the Island's rich heritage and communal spirit. Discover the connection between residents and visitors capturing the essence of music, food, and tradition that make PEI a unique destination.

## BEYOND THE 9-5

As the sun sets over Prince Edward Island, the Island transforms into a vibrant hub of evening activities that go beyond the typical 9-5 routine. Visitors can enjoy a leisurely stroll along stunning beaches, soaking in the picturesque twilight views, or head to local eateries for a taste of fresh seafood and regional delicacies. The incredible arts scene comes alive with evening performances at theaters showcasing everything from music to theater, while local pubs often feature live music, inviting guests to unwind with a drink and dance the night away. For those seeking adventure, guided night tours offer unique opportunities to explore the island's natural beauty, including star-gazing events and evening kayak excursions. Whether you're looking to relax or revel in local culture, PEI offers a rich tapestry of experiences that come alive after dark.

## CRUISE ON PEI

Charlottetown emerges as the crown jewel in any Canada-New England cruise itinerary, seamlessly blending historical significance and natural beauty. As a pivotal port on this route, Charlottetown encapsulates the essence of maritime Canada, serving as a gateway to the region's captivating stories and breathtaking landscapes.

## WELLNESS

The Island serves as a wellness retreat, offering experiences that splendidly blend natural beauty with holistic practices, encouraging visitors to embark on a journey of self-discovery and relaxation. From spa resorts that embrace the therapeutic essence of the surroundings to mindfulness retreats set against picturesque vistas, PEI provides an idyllic escape where the soothing rhythm of the ocean and vibrant sunsets create the perfect backdrop for wellness pursuits throughout the year. Known as Canada's Food Island, PEI also boasts a commitment to wholesome, locally sourced cuisine, along with a diverse array of cultural and outdoor activities waiting to be explored.

## LITERARY TOURISM

Prince Edward Island is a literary tourism treasure, known for its ties to L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables and featured in Carley Fortune's *This Summer Will Be Different*. Visitors can explore iconic sites like Green Gables Heritage Place and Montgomery's birthplace, while newer experiences like the Cavendish Literary Festival offer workshops and readings that celebrate storytelling in all its forms. Whether inspired by classic or contemporary fiction, PEI invites you to step into the heart of your favorite stories.



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## ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Each year, Anne of Green Gables attracts more fans, especially with the Audible adaptation and the Netflix series bringing visitors to the Island. The latest interpretation, created by a talented all-female team, is sure to delight Anne herself.

Imagine dreaming of the Lake of Shining Waters, running down a red clay road, or wandering through the Haunted Wood and Lover's Lane. While fictional, Anne's world is very much alive in the hearts of Islanders and her admirers. Attractions across the Island pay tribute to our beloved Anne and her creator, Lucy Maud Montgomery.

In Charlottetown, enjoy Anne & Gilbert: The Musical at The Guild. In Cavendish, visit Green Gables Heritage Place, explore the Anne of Green Gables Museum in Park Corner, and swing by Lower

Bedeque to see the school where Anne taught. You can almost picture her playfully hitting Gilbert with a chalkboard! Discover the profound influence this Island had on Lucy Maud Montgomery, and you'll understand why Anne was so enchanted by life here. Braid your pigtails and come explore Anne's land!

To delve into the rich history behind Anne's phenomenon, start with Lucy Maud Montgomery herself. Born in 1874 on the north shore of Prince Edward Island and raised in Cavendish by her grandparents, she wrote her most famous novel amid this beautiful landscape. Visit her birthplace, the sites of her marriage, and the school where she taught to see how her surroundings inspired Anne of Green Gables.

In 2019, Parks Canada completed a comprehensive rehabilitation of the Green Gables site, featuring a

new visitor center with an exhibit hall, gift shop, and café, along with updated interpretive elements.



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# Outdoors



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*Prince Edward Island has endless possibilities for adventure. It's no secret that the people here are passionate about outdoor adventure. With 1,600 km of coastline and the warmest waters north of the Carolinas, going out to sea for adventure is a wonderful place to start. Kayak through scenic Rustico Harbour, test your balance and try stand-up paddle boarding in Malpeque Bay's International Migratory Site, get your adrenaline pumping by kiteboarding, swim at our beautiful beaches, or climb aboard a boat to explore our marine life. Aquatic adventure isn't all that you will find on this Island though. There are many hiking, cycling, and mountain bike trails to get that adrenaline rush!*

**The Island Walk** - Launched in Fall 2021, The Island Walk is a 700 km walking trail that loops around PEI. It takes approximately 32 days to complete (20-25 kilometres per day) and was inspired by the Camino de Santiago in Spain. There are many opportunities to complete the Island Walk in sections and spend more time exploring certain areas that appeal to you. The trail will take you along the ocean, much of the Confederation Trail, red dirt roads, beaches and through quiet secondary roads the outer perimeter of the Island, with a mix of inland and coastal sections. The trail intertwines through PEI's two major cities, Charlottetown and Summerside, and also through many small communities throughout the Island – a wide circle which allows walkers to end the walk where they started.

**Scenic Coastal Drives** - Touring Prince Edward Island's three scenic coastal drives is a perfect way to explore the Island. With over 45 harbours scattered throughout the jagged coastline, colorful fishing villages, lighthouses, antique shops, and restaurants serving up the freshest of our delicious Island cuisine, there will always be reasons to stop and explore. Check out the storybook villages of Victoria-by-the-Sea, Cavendish, Georgetown, Souris, or Tignish.

**Harness Racing** - Did you know there are more horses per capita in PEI than anywhere else in North America? Often known as the Kentucky of Canada, visitors come from around the world to experience this authentic Island tradition. The history of harness racing runs deep in the roots of Islanders dating back to 1886. You'll find small training facilities and racetracks as you drive across the Island, but the real action takes place at Red Shores at the Charlottetown Driving Park and in Summerside.



# Unique Accommodations

*Prince Edward Island has a large selection of accommodations from camping to luxury inns, but we also have several truly unique places to stay and relax.*

## **West Point Lighthouse** -

Featuring 13 contemporary rooms and the rare opportunity to stay in a lighthouse. Each room has a breathtaking view of the Northumberland Strait from the shore of West Point, Prince Edward Island. Eleven rooms also feature walkout decks, while The Keeper's Quarters and The Tower Room are located in a private guests-only section of the historic West Point Lighthouse Museum.

**The Inn at Fortune Bridge** - The Inn at Bay Fortune's sister property opened in 2019. Owned and operated by Food Network Celebrity Chef Michael Smith and Chastity Smith, this 6 room boutique inn has been created from the community's general store. The property has gone through extensive renovations and has become one of Prince Edward Island's leading country inns! A 1957 Bentley will pick guests up at the Inn At Fortune Bridge and take them to the Fireworks Feast around the corner at the Inn at Bay Fortune for one of the most authentic and immersive food experiences in the world.

**Dalvey by the Sea** - Step back in time at this Victorian historic landmark, offering 25 guest rooms where the dining room is open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Guests can enjoy a range of activities, including croquet, scenic nature trails, beach walks, and bike rentals. Paddle a kayak or canoe across picturesque Dalvey Lake—the site of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's dragon boat race on July 4, 2011. All just steps away from one of Prince Edward Island's pristine National Park beaches.

**The Sydney Boutique Inn** - one of Charlottetown's most luxurious destinations. While traditions of the former 1857 Notre Dame Academy remain, 18 distinctive, elegant and timeless suites have been created to surpass the clients' expectations. All modern conveniences and amenities have been incorporated into the design. The property is located in the historic district of the city close to theatre, shopping, the waterfront and boardwalk. A 5-star inn with downtown convenience.

**Nature Space Resort** - Nature Space Resort, which opened in 2020, offers a range of on-the-water tours and yoga retreats. In 2021, the resort expanded to include new yurt accommodations. This inviting destination allows guests to explore local flavors, engage in unique experiences, and discover beautiful landscapes, all while fostering a deeper connection to themselves, others, and the natural world.

**Floating Wine Barrel** - These floating wine barrels offer one-of-a-kind accommodations in small town, Murray Harbour. A floating red cedar panoramic 'wine barrel' cabin will showcase stunning views overlooking the water. Kick back at your own floating tiki bar and enjoy a beverage from a nearby local winery, cidery or brewery. Rent an e-bike and explore one of the three curated tours that include the Confederation Trail, visits to a cidery and winery or take in the stunning scenic views down a Scenic Heritage Road.



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# Winter on PEI

*Winter on Prince Edward Island is a captivating blend of tranquility and adventure, inviting travelers to embrace the Island's serene beauty amidst snow-covered landscapes.*

*Enchanted by idyllic coastal villages and exquisite winter cuisine, visitors experience heartwarming hospitality in cozy inns and cottages. Winter sports enthusiasts revel in activities like snowshoeing and ice skating against PEI's breathtaking backdrop. The Island's vibrant cultural scene comes alive with events and exhibitions, capturing the essence of winter. From relaxing at our Nordic spa to embarking on exciting adventures, PEI offers an unforgettable escape!*

**Hot Chocolate Trail** - Indulge your senses on our Hot Chocolate Trail, a decadent journey through the Central Coastal region. Enjoy rich, velvety hot chocolate crafted by local artisans, each sip a blend of exquisite flavors. From cozy village cafes to seaside retreats, experience diverse interpretations of this classic beverage. It's not just a drink; it's an immersive celebration of winter's warmth and flavor. Come, savor the season one cocoa-filled cup at a time.

**Mill River Resort** - Mill River Resorts offers an unforgettable winter retreat for everyone with its blend of indoor and outdoor activities! Experience outdoor adventures such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and ice skating, or take your adventures inside with an indoor swimming pool, spa facility and golf simulator. The on-site dining room makes this resort a one-stop winter destination along the North Cape Coastal Drive.

**Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale** - Nestled in the heart of Prince Edward Island, the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale offers a perfect blend of excitement and serenity for winter sports enthusiasts of all levels. Named in honor of PEI's Paralympic gold medalist, Mark Arendz, this winter paradise features well-groomed slopes, thrilling terrain, and activities like tubing and skiing under the starlit sky. Surrounded by the Island's natural beauty, it's not just a destination; it's an experience where the joy of winter sports meets the charm of Prince Edward Island.

**Disc Golfing** - Winter disc golfing on the Island offers a thrilling experience amidst snow-covered landscapes and crisp winter air. Challenging courses framed by snow-laden trees demand strategic skill adaptations, catering to both beginners and seasoned players. PEI's picturesque winter scenery and well-designed courses make it a must-try activity.

**Ice Fishing for Oysters** - Renowned for our delectable oysters, this unique winter experience promises both excitement and flavour! Embark on an exhilarating 2-hour winter quest armed with oyster tongs. You'll dig beneath the ice to uncover delectable treasures all while learning the art of tonging, from separation to shucking. It's a fun, flavourful experience on PEI!



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# Interesting Facts about *Prince Edward Island*

**PEI is the smallest province in Canada** with a population of just over 170,000. Although small, we host 1.5 million visitors yearly.

The Island boasts over **90 beaches**, each with its own special feature – white-sand beaches and dunes on the north side and red-sand and cliffs on the south side of the Island. It is common to have an entire beach to yourself.

The **Confederation Bridge** is an 8-mile engineering marvel that connects the Island to the mainland. It's the longest bridge in the world crossing ice-covered water.

There are **425 beef farms** on Prince Edward Island.

There are **61 lighthouses** on the Island; one for each week of the year and 35 that are still operational. Eight are open to the public and one even operates as an inn!

The Island is home to the world's most beloved red-haired orphan, **Anne of Green Gables**. The novel has sold more than 50 million copies and is translated into 18 languages. Listed on Indigo Books & Music Inc. Booklovers' Top Ten "Life-changing Books" of the past decade.

**Canada's #1 golf destination** with over 25 golf courses and the only Canadian province to host the Golf Channel's popular Big Break series.

The flavour of **oysters** reflects the water quality, minerals, salinity, and the type of nutrients available in the water. Prince Edward Island has a variety of different bays and coves that provide numerous distinct tastes and are distributed under a variety of brands, the most famous being Malpeque. Harvesting methods include the use of rakes and tongs.



Beside Oysters, PEI accounts for **80 percent of Canadian mussel** production, with more than 39.6 million pounds of mussels.

The **Island's soil is red** due to the iron oxide which rusts on exposure to air – and great for producing potatoes! There are 85,300 acres of **potatoes** grown annually representing \$276 million in farm gate sales.

**Epekwitk is the Mi'kmaq word for Prince Edward Island** and is often interpreted as "**it is lying on the water.**" Other monikers include Garden of the Gulf, Canada's Food Island, The Island, and "the fairest land 'tis possible to see" (according to Jacques Cartier in 1534).



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