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Grand Canadian Maritimes Road Trip

2026

Atlantic Canada Road Trip

14 Days / 13 Nights Halifax to Halifax
Not yet on sale

INTRODUCTION

Embark on a captivating 14-day self-drive journey through Eastern Canada's Maritimes. Starting and ending in Halifax, this itinerary guides you through the historic charm of Lunenburg, the rich heritage of Annapolis Royal, and the lively spirit of Charlottetown. Enjoy coastal beauty in Cavendish and the scenic landscapes of Cape Breton Island. Drive the famed Cabot Trail, savoring panoramic ocean views, lush forests, and unique local culture. Visit Baddeck, a gateway to Cape Breton's stunning nature. This self-paced adventure offers a blend of historic sites, vibrant towns, and spectacular landscapes, making for an unforgettable Maritimes experience.

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1	Halifax to Lunenburg 145 km/90 mi
DAY 2	Lunenburg to Annapolis Royal 133 km/83 mi
DAY 3	Annapolis Royal to St. Andrews 214 km/132 mi + Ferry
DAY 4	St. Andrews Exploring
DAY 5	St. Andrews to Saint John 107 km/66 mi
DAY 6	Saint John to Moncton 212 km/131 mi
DAY 7	Moncton to Charlottetown 164 km/101 mi
DAY 8	Charlottetown Exploring

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DAY 9	Tour PEI - The Land of Anne 100 km/63 mi
DAY 10	Charlottetown to Baddeck 274 km/170 mi + Ferry
DAY 11	Louisbourg Sightseeing 220 km/137 mi
DAY 12	Baddeck via Cabot Trail to Ingonish 204 km/126 mi
DAY 13	Ingonish to Liscomb Mills 381 km/236 mi
DAY 14	Liscomb Mills to Halifax 170 km/105 mi



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Halifax to Lunenburg | 145 km/90 mi

Head south to Lunenburg, visiting Peggy's Cove along the way. Peggy's Cove (45km) is a small village with houses built right into the granite rock and a lighthouse overlooking the Atlantic. Old Town Lunenburg (98km), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a lovingly restored Victorian era town that begs you to wander and explore.

Day 2 Lunenburg to Annapolis Royal | 133 km/83 mi

Cross the peninsula and make a stop at Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site, renowned for its hiking trails, wilderness lakes and rivers. Park interpretive staff conduct outings on foot to reveal the natural history of the area, including the Mi'kmaq petroglyphs. Continue along Route 8 to Annapolis Royal. (Breakfast included)

Day 3 Annapolis Royal to St. Andrews | 214 km/132 mi + Ferry

Depart Annapolis Royal and drive to Digby to board the ferry to Saint John, then continue west along the Fundy Coastal Drive. This dramatically scenic drive introduces you to the Bay of Fundy, one of the Marine Wonders of the World. Arrive in St. Andrews, one of Canada's most beautiful seaside resorts. (Breakfast included)

Day 4 St. Andrews | Exploring

This resort combines historic sites with charming studios and galleries, fine-dining restaurants, and simple cafes, making it a wonderful spot for two days of relaxation. In addition to many attractions, including Kingsbrae Gardens and the Blockhouse National Site, St. Andrews is a popular spot for whale watching, sea kayaking or sailing trips out into the Bay of Fundy.

Day 5 St. Andrews to Saint John | 107 km/66 mi

Drive east to City of Saint John, world-famous for its Reversing Falls Rapids—the colossal, tidal tug-of-war between the Bay of Fundy and the St. John River. Twice daily at high tide, the powerful Fundy waters roar into the Saint John River. The titanic clash of natural forces causes the river to reverse direction.

Day 6 Saint John to Moncton | 212 km/131 mi

The highlight today is the scenic drive along the Bay of Fundy. Witness the power of the world's highest tides at the Hopewell Rocks. Visit the informative Hopewell Rocks Interpretive Center and learn everything you need to know about the tidal phenomenon. Take a drive through Fundy National Park before reaching Moncton.

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Day 7 Moncton to Charlottetown | 164 km/101 mi

Before leaving Moncton we suggest a stop at the Magnetic Hill where you can put the car in neutral to experience the illusion of being pulled up hill by a 'magnetic force.' Continue to Shediac, known as The Lobster Capital of the World for its lobster fishing, processing plants, live-lobster tanks and the famous Lobster Festival. Enjoy a lobster fishing cruise & dine on fresh lobster. Then follow the Confederation Bridge, the longest bridge in Canada, to Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Day 8 Charlottetown | Exploring

Explore Charlottetown, the birthplace of Canada's confederation. Province House National Historic Site was the scene of meetings that led to the formation of Canada as a country in 1867. (Breakfast included)

Day 9 Tour PEI - The Land of Anne | 100 km/63 mi

Spend the morning exploring Prince Edward Island National Park where the sandstone cliffs, beaches and reddish sand dunes take your breath away. Then take in the beautiful landscapes made famous by novelist Lucy Maud Montgomery in the popular "Anne of Green Gables" series. (Breakfast included)

Day 10 Charlottetown to Baddeck | 274 km/170 mi + Ferry

Depart Charlottetown taking Route 1 to Wood Islands Ferry crossing to Caribou, Nova Scotia. Drive the short distance to Pictou & visit Hector Heritage Quay, where a full scale replica of the Hector has been built using traditional ship building techniques. Depart Pictou and continue to Cape Breton via the Canso Causeway and onto Baddeck. This scenic village overlooks the beautiful Bras d'Or Lakes. (Breakfast included)

Day 11 Louisbourg Sightseeing | 220 km/137 mi

This morning head north to discover the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site - an incredible "living museum." As the largest historical reconstruction in North America, it's an impressive restoration of a French garrison town dating from the 1700s. Don't miss a visit to the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site in the village of Baddeck, a museum dedicated to the life and inventions of this fascinating man, who spent his summers on the shores of the Bras d'Or.

Day 12 Baddeck via Cabot Trail to Ingonish | 204 km/126 mi

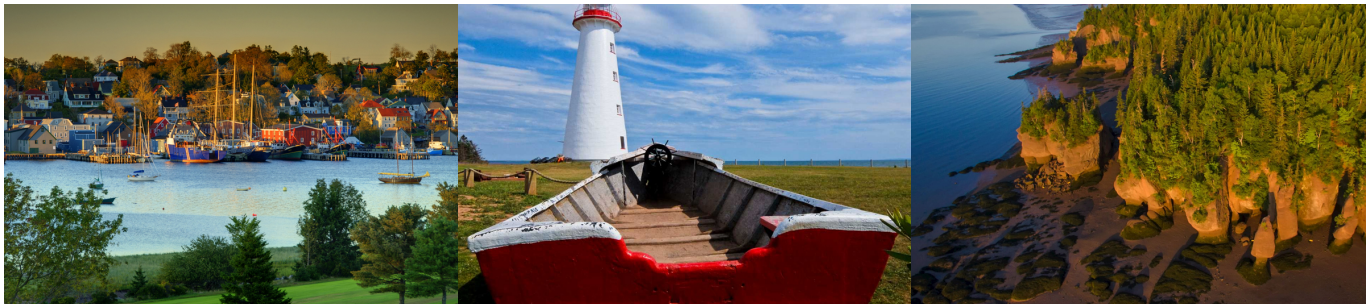
Today you will follow the famous Cabot Trail clockwise - one of the most spectacular drives in all of Canada. Follow the route along to the French Acadian community of Cheticamp, which has a distinct Acadian flavour noticeable in the architecture, people, language and music. Continue along the Cabot Trail which winds around the rocky splendor of Cape Breton's northern shore, ascending to the incredible plateaus of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The park has 26 hiking trails ranging from 15-minute short walks to challenging hikes through stunning mountain and coastal landscapes.

Day 13 Ingonish to Liscomb Mills | 381 km/236 mi

Depart Ingonish heading south towards Sydney and continue onto Canso Causeway. From here you will drive along the Eastern Shore and follow the Marine Drive Route where you will find nature, history and culture, as well as rugged coasts, tranquil bays and beaches, unspoiled forest fauna and crystal clear lakes and streams. Be sure to visit the communities en route including Guysborough - an inviting neighbourhood with distinctive architecture overlooking Chedabucto Bay and Sherbrooke, a typical Nova Scotian Village from the 1860s where most of the interpreters are dressed in period costume. Continue on to Liscomb Mills where you can relax and enjoy your surroundings.

Day 14 Liscomb Mills to Halifax | 170 km/105 mi

Take a leisurely drive back to Halifax, along the way visit Musquodoboit Harbour & Valley a haven for nature lovers, and Martinique Beach the longest beach in the province. (Breakfast included)



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INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- Hotel accommodation including provincial taxes for 13 nights
- Bay Ferry Tolls - Digby to Saint John
- Bay Ferry Tolls - Wood Islands to Caribou
- Historic Sites admission to the following:
 - Nova Scotia
 - Alexander Graham Bell
 - Fort Anne
 - Fortress of Louisbourg
 - Halifax Citadel
 - Kejimikujik (Day Use only)
 - Port-Royal
 - Prince Edward Island
 - Green Gables House
 - Prince Edward Island National Park
 - New Brunswick
 - Carleton Martello Tower
 - Fort Beauséjour
 - Monument Lefebvre
 - St. Andrews Blockhouse

Hotel Information | Moderate Grade

- Halifax - Hotel Halifax or Barrington Hotel | Standard Room
- Annapolis Royal - Hillsdale House | Standard Room | Breakfast Included
- Saint Andrews - The Algonquin Resort | Algonquin Room
- Saint John - Homeport Historic B&B | Standard Room
- Moncton - Rod Moncton | Standard Room
- Charlottetown - The Great George | Classic Room | Continental Breakfast Included
- Baddeck - Inverary Resort | Traditional Room
- Ingonish Beach - Keltic Lodge | Main Lodge Room
- Liscomb Mills - Liscombe Lodge | Standard Room | Breakfast Included

Not included:

- Rental Car
- Road Tolls

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