

SEVEN DAYS - 6 UNESCO SITES

For a small province, Nova Scotia packs a big punch when it comes to world-class destinations, boasting six UNESCO-

UNESCO SITES TOUR OVERVIEW

Arrive Halifax:

Spend a night in historic Halifax before beginning your tour of Nova Scotia's six UNESCO sites

Day 1: Old Town Lunenburg World Heritage Site



Day 2: Southwest Nova Scotia Biosphere Reserve

Day 3: Grand Pré National Historic Site

Day 4: Cliffs of Fundy Global Geopark

Day 5: Joggins Fossil Cliffs World Heritage Site

Day 6: Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve

Contact any of our Inns for more information when planning

designated sites. The most recent addition to

this list of cultural and natural wonders is the magnificent **Cliffs of Fundy Global Geopark**. Steeped in Mikmaq legend, this section of coastline is also the site of the highest tides in the world and has a geology that showcases how the super continent Pangea was formed and broke apart. Visit all six destinations on a jam-packed week-long adventure.

Inns of Nova Scotia has designed this self guided tour of Nova Scotia's six UNESCO sites. Our tour begins in Halifax, but you can easily start from Amherst, Digby, Yarmouth or Sydney.

While in Nova Scotia enjoy our diverse dining options that range from fresh Atlantic seafood to ethnic food from around the world. Nova Scotia features many craft breweries, wineries, cideries and distilleries, so be sure to stop in to sample local beverages.

HALIFAX

Arrive Halifax, Nova Scotia's capital and the largest city in Atlantic Canada. Halifax has a rich history of early European settlement. Explore the vibrant Halifax Waterfront, walk the waterfront boardwalk past wharves, sailing ships and eateries. Visit the Halifax Citadel, the British fortress overlooking the harbour.

In the evening enjoy one of the many vibrant restaurants for great seafood or cuisine from around the world. Later mingle with locals at a pub for or wine bar to sample some of Nova Scotia's craft beverages.

Overnight at your choice of two distinctive Inns, The Halliburton or The Pebble.

[The Halliburton](#) (5184 Morris Street, Halifax)



This historic hotel in downtown Halifax is a collection of early nineteenth century townhouses. All rooms are unique in layout and size and there is an evident effort to incorporate contemporary comforts with the historic ambiance. Enjoy casual fine dining at 'Stories', a Halifax favourite, recommended annually in “Where to eat in Canada”, this off-the-lobby restaurant offers signature seafood and game in intimate rooms.

[The Pebble](#) (1839 Armview Terrace, Halifax)



A stay at the Pebble offers you a uniquely memorable experience of understated luxury combined with the warm charm of an engaging hostess. As the owner of The Pebble, Elizabeth O'Carroll learned much about hospitality from her family's business while growing up in Ireland and brought much of that Irish hospitality with her to Nova Scotia. Enjoy a view of the sailboats on the Northwest Arm from the terrace. Delicious full breakfast features free range and local food products when possible.

DAY 1: OLD TOWN LUNENBERG

Your first UNESCO world heritage site is picture perfect Old Town Lunenburg, with its colourful colonial buildings and equally colourful history. From Halifax, follow the Lighthouse Trail along the coast. Early morning is a perfect time to explore Peggy's Cove, where the famous lighthouse stands as an iconic beacon to those at sea. Continuing on you will pass through the small sea side towns of Chester and Mahone Bay.

In Lunenburg, sign on at Lunenburg Walking Tours (lunenburgwalkingtours.com) for the inside scoop on the town's seafaring and rum-running past, then spend the afternoon at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, which brings the area's fishing heritage to life. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the iconic Bluenose sailing ship immortalized.

[Alicion Inn](#) (66 McDonald Street, Lunenburg)



Overnight at Alicion Inn, just a 10-minute walk from the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage waterfront. This revival style mansion was built in 1911 as the family home of successful Lunenburg businessman and federal politician, Senator William Duff. Bright, spacious, and well-appointed rooms offer contemporary comfort with a nod to the mansion's 100-year legacy. Enjoy king bed comfort with spa tubs, soft bathrobes, in-room tea and coffee and smart TVs with cable.

DAY 2: SOUTHWEST NOVA BIOSPHERE RESERVE

This morning, continue along the Lighthouse Trail to Liverpool and then head north on Hwy 8 towards Kejimikujik National Park and the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve of southwestern Nova Scotia - a 2 to 3 hour drive. You can get a taste of all that nature by tackling a few of the 16 day-hiking trails in Kejimikujik National Park, many of which lead through old stand Acadian forest. Don't miss the Hemlocks and Hardwoods Trail for a close-up look at the park's stately 300-year-old hemlocks.

Travel north to overnight in Digby, known as "the scallop capital of the world". The Town offers visitors a wide variety of interesting activities, dramatic natural attractions, and is close to the best whale watching in North America. Drive along the Digby Neck towards Long Island and Brier Island, a narrow strip of land that stretches out into the rich waters of the world-famous Bay of Fundy.



[Harbourview Inn](#) (25 Harbourview Road, Smith's Cove)

Harbourview Inn, a beautiful century-old B&B inn situated in the tranquil country setting of Smith's Cove. This Inn features 11 guest rooms and suites with private four-piece bath, and a delicious full breakfast. There also are three cottages available. Guests are welcome to take a refreshing dip in the outdoor swimming pool, enjoy a game of tennis or stroll along the beach, which is just a short walk down a country lane from the Inn.

[Summer's Country Inn](#) (16 Warwick Street, Digby)



Conveniently located in the heart of Digby, Summer's Country Inn is a restored 19th-century inn with beautifully decorated rooms, just a short walk to the waterfront boardwalk and an array of shops, cafés, and restaurants. Plus the Inn is only a short drive to the Digby/Saint John ferry terminal. Accommodations include 9 air-conditioned guest rooms with double or queen-sized beds, private baths, and a full complimentary breakfast. Two 1-bedroom housekeeping units near the waterfront, are also available.

DAY 3: GRAND PRÉ NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Take a morning stroll around Digby Harbour before hopping into the car for the 90-minute drive to your third UNESCO site, Grand Pré National Historic Site (parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre). Grand Pré once stood at the centre of Acadian culture, its landscape a patchwork quilt of fields, dikes, orchards and vineyards. Stop in Wolfville to stretch your legs, enjoy lunch before visiting Grand Pré National Historic Site for a self-guided tour exploring the devastating Acadian deportations between 1755 and 1763.

After your tour of Grand Pré refresh with a glass of locally produced wine, craft beer or cider in the Wolfville/Windsor area, and then dinner at your choice of restaurants.

Overnight in the area at the Tattingstone Inn, Wolfville or Clockmakers Inn, Windsor.

[Tattingstone Inn](#) (620 Main Street, Wolfville)



Offering casual elegance in an historic setting, the Tattingstone Inn features 12 beautifully appointed rooms along with 2 luxury suites surrounded by beautifully landscaped grounds. The Inn is a short stroll from shops and excellent dining establishments. Accommodations include air-conditioned rooms with either king, queen, 2 double beds or 2 queen beds, a private 4-piece bath

(some with a Jacuzzi and/or electric fireplace),

Clockmakers Inn (1399 King Street, Windsor)



The Clockmakers Inn is located in Windsor, a 20-minute drive from Wolfville. This restored Victorian inn (circa 1894) combines romantic historic accommodations with modern amenities. Offering 4 rooms and 4 suites ensuite bath, A/C plus fireplaces and kitchens in the suites. The Clockmakers Inn features antique furnishings and period décor, a guest library, parlour sunroom, large porch and lush gardens.

DAY 4: CLIFFS of FUNDY UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

In the morning you will have 2 hour drive along the Bay of Fundy's Minas Basin coast, home of the world's highest tides, to Truro where you can visit the Cliffs of Fundy Welcome Centre and tidal bore viewing platform. After picking up interpretive information, continue along the north shore of the Minas Basin stopping at Geopark sites for close views of the geological formations, red cliffs with basalt outcroppings and rock spires and arches that make up the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark. Stop for lunch at a cafe along the route.

End your day in Parrsboro where you can visit the Fundy Geological Museum where you can learn more about the fascinating geological history of the area that was once the centre of the super continent Pangia. Enjoy a pint at Two Islands Brewing and dinner at one of several Parrsboro restaurants.

Overnight at one of three 4 star inns - Fox Point Inn, Gillespie House Inn or the Maple Inn.

Fox Point Inn (490 Fox Point Road, Parrsboro)



Fox Point Inn integrates seamlessly into the Bay of Fundy's landscape as a perfect refuge for anyone contemplating an escape from city life. This boutique inn offers 4 unique suites. The two master suites on the upper level east and west wing have access to the common deck offering views of the Fundy tides. The main level dining room offers "made to order" breakfast, while the main floor garden deck offers panoramic views of the property.

Gillespie House Inn (358 Main Street, Parrsboro)



Gillespie House Inn, circa 1890, is set amid lawns and colourful gardens in the vibrant arts community of Parrsboro. The Inn is located within walking distance to the town centre and the Fundy shore where you can discover miles of hiking trails, beaches and spectacular scenery. Accommodations include 7 guest rooms (one accessible ground-floor) with ensuite baths. Enjoy a wholesome breakfast with farm fresh eggs and fair-trade coffee. The Inn is pet-friendly, you will be greeted by Abby and Piper, the “official” greeters when you arrive.

The Maple Inn (2358 Western Avenue, Parrsboro)



This elegant Victorian mansion built in 1893, once served as a regional hospital from 1947-1975, and is now an eight room boutique inn. Operated as The Maple Inn since the 1980s, the inn has been meticulously renovated, maintaining the building's historic integrity while updating to meet the needs of today's traveller. All guest rooms include ensuite bathroom, flat-screen television & wireless Internet access. A full breakfast, cooked to order, is included.

DAY 5: JOGGINS FOSSIL CLIFFS

Begin your day travelling west towards Advocate Harbour following the scenic shoreline with striking views across the Bay, exploring Geopark sites along the way. A not to be missed highlight is Cape D'or with its soaring cliffs, swirling rip tides and the iconic lighthouse. Then comes the picturesque village of Advocate Harbour with an active fishing fleet and the renowned Driftwood Beach. Continue on Hwy 242 towards Joggins Fossil Cliffs passing by Cape Chignecto Provincial Park, home to world class hiking trails and the Three Sisters rock formation.

Explore the Joggins Fossil Cliffs (jogginsfossilcliffs.net), where fossils on the beach and in the coastal cliffs reveal details of life as it was 300 million years ago when the region was covered in lush forests. Stop at the Joggins Fossil Centre Museum, where you can take a short guided tour of the cliffs, check out the museum's fantastic interactive displays and browse the gift shop.

From Joggins drive through the Town of Amherst and follow the Sunrise Trail (Hwy 6) to Tatamagouche to overnight at the Train Station Inn.

Train Station Inn (21 Station Road, Tatamagouche)



The Train Station Inn, circa 1887, offers a unique country inn experience with its spacious cabooses and furnishings reflecting its railway past. Restored in the 1980s, each of the cabooses have been renovated into deluxe accommodations with railway memorabilia. Accommodations include nine suites with queen beds in private air-conditioned railway cars, with 3-piece baths. The railway dining car offers take-out breakfast and lunch with ample seating on the railway platform for al fresco dining. The Train Station sits along the old railway bed which is now the

Trans Canada Trail, perfect for cycling, walking, exploring & hiking.

DAY 6: BRAS D'OR LAKE BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Today begins with a 3hr drive to the centre of beautiful Cape Breton island and the final destination on your Nova Scotia UNESCO site adventure. The Bras d'Or Lake UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is the heart of Cape Breton Island, offering a unique blend of both fresh and salt water. The Bras d'Or Lake is a great location to view everything from the majestic bald eagle to curious grey seals.

The diversity of the area doesn't stop at the waters' edge. The extensive watershed is home to Mi'kmaw First Nations and descendants from early French, Scottish, and English settlers. The people of the Biosphere maintain close ties to the culture of their ancestors.

In 2011, the Bras d'Or Lake and its watershed area were designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, recognizing that the locals live in harmony with nature and work to promote a healthy environment, economy and culture. Whether you charter a sailboat in St. Peter's or Baddeck, paddle the inlets of Baddeck Bay, hike to Uisge Ban Falls, take part in a Mi'kmaw cultural journey in Eskasoni, or join a ceilidh or milling frolic at the Highland Village, embrace the beauty and living culture of this tranquil area.

If you have the time, explore the Cabot Trail and the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The [Cabot Trail](#) winds around the rocky splendour of Cape Breton's northern shore, ascending to the incredible plateaus of [Cape Breton Highlands National Park](#). This magnificent highway is carved into the sides of mountains that rise high above the shimmering waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where eagles soar above you, seals splash below you and moose wander alongside.

Or visit the historic Fortress Louisberg. Founded by the French in 1713, it fell under siege twice

to the British before being demolished in the 1760s. The Fortress has been restored by Parks Canada with streets, houses, shops, restaurants and barracks “inhabited” from July to September by authentically-clad animators living a typical day in the 1700s. Everything from soldiers’ drills, music and dance, children’s games, kitchen gardens and meal recipes dates back 300 years

Overnight at Chanterelle Country Inn, North River or Clairestone Inn, Arichat.

Chanterelle Country Inn & Cottages (North River, Cape Breton Island)



Celebrating the beauty and the bounty of Cape Breton Island, it sits high on a brae overlooking the estuary of the North River as it flows into St. Ann's Harbour. Accommodations include nine rooms and three one-bedroom housekeeping cottages all with 4-piece baths. Buffet breakfast features organic, locally sourced food and is included for Inn guests (available to cottage guests for an extra charge) with the licensed dining room serving a fresh Cape Breton menu each evening (reservations required).

The Clairestone Inn (2375 Highway 206, Arichat)



While exploring Cape Breton's South Coast, you will find the intimate service and modern amenities of a 17-room boutique hotel in a relaxing atmosphere. Their spacious and bright guest rooms are equipped with ensuite baths. Take in ocean views from the covered front veranda or cozy up by the outdoor fire table. Located in the historic community of Arichat, a short walk takes you to the local cafe, pharmacy, restaurant, and convenience store. Optional hot breakfast available daily in the

newly renovated dining room.

DAY 7: RETURN to HALIFAX

The direct drive to Halifax from Cape Breton takes 4 to 5 hours (depending upon your starting point), so if you have the full day why not make a stop or two along the way. You could stop for lunch in Pictou and visit the Hector Heritage Quay. If you are feeling like a walk, Victoria Park in Truro has some easy walking trails for stretching your legs.

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Alternatively, if you have another day, why not take a detour to the Eastern Shore where you could visit the historic Town of Guysborough, enjoy the coastal scenery of Canso and spend a night in Charlos Cove at Seawind Landing. Then the next day take the coastal route to Halifax along the wild Atlantic coast with rocky outcroppings, sandy beaches and lighthouses. Stop at the recreated Sherbrooke Village for a tour and lunch at McDaniels Tea Room and Restaurant.

SeaWind Landing Country Inn (Charlos Cove)



Located on 25 spectacular oceanfront acres, SeaWind Landing Country Inn is your destination for a perfect sea-side getaway. The property is bordered on three sides by water and beachcombers will find plenty to see and do along the 1.6 km of shoreline surrounding the inn. Each of the 12 guest rooms feature private 4-piece bathrooms, flat screen televisions and free WiFi. Some second-floor rooms have balconies with panoramic ocean views. A large deck off the main inn overlooks

the ocean and is the perfect place to relax before dinner or all afternoon just gazing out to sea. The sea-side dining room serves breakfast and dinner daily.