

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

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NEWFOUNDLAND ADVENTURE

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We have decided to team up with Wildland Tours for this very special adventure. Experience the world's largest gathering of humpback whales and a fabulous diversity of marine wildlife. Most years Wildland see the largest numbers and varieties of whales between late June and early August. See murrelets, puffins, razorbills, gannets, eagles, moose, caribou, and many other species of wildlife. Guests also get to enjoy eastern Newfoundland's museums, lighthouses, trails, wildflowers, songbirds, flavors, and local folks. The genuine Newfoundlanders and Labradorians we introduce to you are an especially memorable vacation highlight.



Day 1: Welcome and Orientation

Pick up at airport and short orientation excursion around St. John's. An evening slideshow or photo exhibit will introduce you to the highlights of the upcoming holiday. Relax and get ready for the adventure. Overnight Location: St. John's.



Day 3: Ports and Wilderness

Whales, members of the world's most southerly caribou herd, a small puffin colony, a tern colony, and seals are usually seen as we circle the Avalon Wilderness Area — a 1,000 square kilometer park. Sometimes the whales are lunge feeding on a local beach — and when this is happening we make that marvelous spectacle and the small caribou herd

Day 2: Puffins and Whales

Today begins with a boat voyage featuring whale watching, North America's largest puffin colony, and tens of thousands of other seabirds. We like to start your holiday with a thrill as we usually see members of the world's largest summertime gathering of acrobatic humpback whales; and often we enjoy the company of other whale species. The islands we visit are one of the planet's largest seabird reserves — expect an amazing and joyful morning. Next we savor a lunch featuring local flavors before visiting one of the New World's earliest fishing villages. Overnight Location: St. John's.





the highlights of the day. We often get to enjoy lots of other wildlife including seabirds visiting from south of the equator. You will be enchanted by the gorgeous fishing villages and woodland wonders along the way as we travel to St. Brides for the night. Should southerly winds bring fog to this route, we will enjoy an alternative itinerary with coastal communities and wildlife watching as we travel to scenic St. Brides. Overnight Location: St. Brides

Day 4: Sea Stacks and Lighthouses

The morning starts with a visit to the continent's third largest gannet colony. This site is also a breeding ground for thousands of other seabirds including the world's most southerly thick-billed murres. We get great views of gannets, kittiwakes, and murres with their eggs and/or chicks. In season — usually mid-July — we enjoy some of the world's finest land-based whale watching as the high sea cliffs allow us to watch the whales cavort around their northern coastal feeding grounds. After lunch we explore Placentia, the first outpost of New France. We also show off our secret orchid patch and look for moose. The evening's destination is the Trinity/Bonavista/Port Union area. Our route to the coast features a moose and black bear hunt (with cameras only).



Some years we enjoy a 90 per cent or higher success rate at finding moose over the week, but bears are much more elusive. These hunts are always fun! Overnight Location: Trinity/Bonavista

Day 5: Towns, Trails, and Tails

This morning we go to sea again to enjoy more of the ocean's wonders as we look for bald eagles and watch for whales. In 2007, our company's naturalists established that sperm whales are consistently found during the summer in a portion of Trinity Bay and we will look out for them and other whale spe-

cies. Our afternoon will feature more of what makes this area so special — trails, moose, osprey, songbirds, dramatic vistas, orchids, shore-birds, and numerous small museums and interpretation centers. In some ways this is an afternoon where we can cater to your interests. Bird watching, icebergs, lighthouses, flower walks, beachcombing, sea kayaking, land-based whale watching, photographing the local architecture, and hands-on marine biology programs are all possibilities. Many guests simply enjoy exploring the beautiful and historic community of Trinity. Overnight Location: Trinity/Bonavista





Day 6: The Oldest City

Explore more of the historic Bonavista/Trinity region. Icebergs, giant chunks of 15,000 year old Greenland glaciers, and more whales usually add to the day's photographic wonders. Call in at nearby coastal settlements to learn more about Newfoundland's unique cultures and flavors before returning to St. John's for the evening. Enjoy Friday and Saturday night out on the town in North America's first city. Our leader will provide lots of suggestions about local theatre, entertainment, fine dining, and culture. Enjoy! Overnight Location: St. John's

Day 7: The Eastern Edge

Travel to North America's most easterly point, and further explore the trails, museums, and attractions of historic St. John's. We also try to fit in another dramatic wildlife watching boat trip and look for more puffins and whales.

Overnight Location: St. John's

Day 8: Farewell to Sea and Sky

Free in St. John's until we bring you to the airport



Cost: \$3,100 per person (not including flight to St John's). Price does not include evening meals.

Book your space on these trips or get news about future trips by contacting Iain at 603-968-7194 x 23 or iain.macleod@nhnature.org

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