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## New Brunswick: Bay of Fundy & Campobello Island - Flight + Tour Combo

### Travel Style - Guided Walking Tour

This small-group Guided Walking Adventure offers an authentic travel experience, one that takes you away from the crowds and deep into the fabric of local life. On it, you'll enjoy 24/7 expert guides, premium accommodations, delicious meals, effortless transportation, and local wine or beer with dinner. Rest assured that every trip detail has been anticipated so you're free to enjoy an adventure that exceeds your expectations.



Sculpted over millennia by the largest tidal surge in the world, the Bay of Fundy presents remarkable seascapes of gouged caves, soaring cliffs, sea stacks, and expansive tidal flats. Here, walking along trails through spruce-fir forest, vast marshes, and quaint seaside villages, you'll discover the essence of New Brunswick's unique charm: a delightful mix of Acadian roots, maritime culture, natural beauty, and vibrant Scottish traditions. On Campobello Island—the summer home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt—encounter a secret chapter of world history as you stay in 19th-century cottages within the Roosevelt Campobello International Park, enjoying a private talk with a local expert. Search for minke or finback whales breaching the cold Atlantic waters during a private whale watch. Of course, a visit to this magnificent corner of Canada wouldn't be complete without farm-fresh cuisine, just-caught Atlantic lobster, and traditional maritime music.

## Flight + Tour Combo Itinerary - 2019

### Flight

#### Flight & Arrival

Fly from USA to Saint John, New Brunswick. Please refer to your air itinerary for your specific flight details.

Arrive in Saint John, New Brunswick. Upon arrival at Saint John's Airport (YSJ) a representative holding a Country Walkers sign will meet you as you exit the baggage-claim area. Please note that there may be up to a 45-minute wait if there are other guests arriving within the same time frame. A complimentary small-group transfer will be provided to the Hilton Saint John, approximately 30 minutes away. The remainder of the day is at your leisure (no meals included).



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### **Accommodation: Hilton Saint John**

Located on St. John's scenic harbor and just steps from Market Square, this contemporary hotel is the perfect place to begin your exploration of New Brunswick. With an indoor swimming pool, sauna, health club, free WiFi, and on-site restaurant, it boasts ample amenities for its guests.

### **Day 1**

#### **Irving Nature Park & Bay of Fundy Sea Caves**

Enjoy an included breakfast at your hotel before meeting your group.

Breakfast is included at your hotel.

Your guide(s) will meet you at 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Singular Santiago. Your guides will be wearing a Country Walkers shirt. Please be dressed for walking.

You arrive in Saint John, New Brunswick, known as "Fundy City" for its location on the famous bay. The highest tides on earth creep up these shores, causing a surge in the Saint John River that reverses its flow for several hours each day. If you arrive early, you can warm up your legs along the Harbour Passage trail, a scenic walking trail that starts in front of your hotel and continues along the river or explore the indoor Saint John City Market. After a brief orientation, you get underway with a short drive to Irving Nature Park; hugging the Bay of Fundy, these 600 acres comprise sylvan Acadian forest, tranquil tidal pools, salt marsh estuary, and a barrier beach. Following a series of boardwalks and coastal trails, you keep your eyes open for cormorants, loons, great blue herons, geese, just some of the many birds that make their home here. Pausing for a picnic lunch at a scenic spot gives you time to soak in the views.

Mid-afternoon, you transfer approximately one hour to your first inn in St. Martins. Built on the shipbuilding industry of the 1800s, St. Martins was once one of eastern Canada's most affluent towns and today retains a fishing village charm. Here, you walk the ocean floor and explore caves carved by the lashing seas over millennia. The tides will determine the route: at low tide, you explore the caves' interiors. If the tide is high, you ascend to a lookout point to view them from above. Later, you arrive at your home for the next two nights, a former ship captain's home, and relax before a welcome dinner in the inn's charming dining room.

### **Accommodation: St. Martins Country Inn, St. Martins**

A Victorian gem, the St. Martins Country Inn in the heart of the fishing village of St. Martins was constructed by shipbuilders in 1857 and retains the beautiful details of the day. Individually decorated rooms feature period furnishing and modern conveniences. Often called the "Prince of Tides," it's known for its warm hospitality and the fine cuisine of Vaughn's Restaurant, named for the house's builder.

### **Day 2**



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### Fundy Trail

*4-6 miles, easy to moderate*

You begin the day with a transfer to the Fundy Trail, a 6-mile multi-use pathway dotted with secluded beaches and scenic overlooks. Today's route connects you to one of the last Atlantic shore wilderness areas on the east coast of North America, traversing serene seaside forests and hugging cliff tops overlooking the world's highest tides. Your guides share local legends, fascinating insights, and personal experiences, bringing this magnificent area to vivid life. After a picnic lunch on Melvin's Beach, you continue to the Visitors Center to learn more about the history of the area's most prominent industry, logging. Later, you have the opportunity to cross the 275-foot suspension bridge spanning the scenic Big Salmon River. After a transfer back to the inn, you enjoy free time relaxing on the hotel's manicured grounds or exploring St. Martins' small museum, general store, or local beach.

For a special dinner this evening, weather permitting, your hosts take you to a beautiful beach near the sea caves, where you savor a memorable maritime barbecue and enjoy local craft beer, freshly grilled salmon or steak, and an upbeat musical performance by a local musician.

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### Day 3

#### Campobello Island & Fox Farm Loop

*3-4 miles, easy to moderate*

This morning you transfer to the small port village of L'Etete, where your private boat awaits your arrival. The destination is Campobello Island, the beloved summer home of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and home to the 2,800-acre Roosevelt Campobello International Park, a historic symbol of the close ties between Canada and the United States as it is jointly administered and funded by both countries. Upon arrival, you tour the 34-room Roosevelt Cottage Museum, preserved as it was in the summer of 1920, though Roosevelt visited regularly until 1939. Local docents provide interesting insight and share stories of the famous first family.

After a picnic lunch, you head to the picturesque Mulholland Lighthouse to begin today's walk through the former Fox Farm. As you explore, it's not hard to see why the Roosevelts loved this place! Tracing hills and gullies through a young forest recovering from logging in the 1960s, you follow shoreline paths with sweeping ocean views to Cranberry Point, and crossing through spruce-fir forest, open estuary, and serene marshland. Later, with the day trippers gone, you settle in to tonight's exclusive accommodations at Campobello Island: the turn-of-the-century cottages that evoke the ambiance of



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Roosevelt's day. Before dinner, you gather in a relaxed sitting room for pre-dinner drinks, then proceed to the adjacent dining room for a memorable dinner.

### **Accommodation: Prince and Hubbard Cottages, Campobello Island**

Built in the late 19th century, these two elegant cottages within the Roosevelt Campobello International Park evoke the informal ease and gracious living of the Roosevelts' days on Campobello Island. Throughout your stay, you enjoy the same beautiful surroundings that so enchanted the first family and their guests, whether during social calls or policy meetings with FDR. Guest rooms are distributed among both cottages.

## Day 4

### **Eagle Hill Bog, Raccoon Beach to Liberty Point. Free afternoon**

*4-6 miles, easy to moderate*

After a copious breakfast, you ease into the day's walking with a scenic stroll along boardwalks through Eagle Hill Bog, a haven for birdlife. Interpretive plaques inform you about the ecosystem along the way. After lingering at the observation deck, with a splendid view of Eagle Hill, you continue to Raccoon Beach. This stunning beachside trail ascends and descends in and out of the forest, opening up to splendid panoramas of soaring cliffs, secluded coves, and the open water culminating at Liberty Point. After lunch at a local restaurant, a free afternoon provides options for both relaxation, additional walking, and discovery. Visit the Roosevelt Cottage and perhaps join "Tea with Eleanor" (at your own expense). After, you may extend your walking today with a pleasant idyll along a flat pathway to the observation deck atop Friar's Head, before tracing the coast directly back to your cottage from there. This evening, celebrate your time in the Roosevelts' grand sanctuary with a traditional boiled lobster dinner with all the fixings. Enjoy your meal while relaxing on the deck of Adams Lodge while watching the sunset over the Bay of Fundy.

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## Day 5

### **Whale Watch & St. Andrews by-the-Sea**

*2 miles, easy. Chamcook Mountain; 1.5 miles, moderate, 450-ft. elevation gain and loss*

You depart Campobello Island this morning by private boat for St. Andrews by-the-Sea, a remarkably preserved seaport town and one of Canada's National Historic Districts. This boat trip is also a private



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whale watching excursion, during which you may see minke and finback whales, playful porpoises, harbor and grey seals, and bald eagles. Later, you arrive in Saint. Andrews, founded in 1783, a breathtaking variety of stunning architecture, gorgeous scenery, and rich marine life. You disembark and enjoy a walk through the town which concludes at Kingsbrae Garden, recognized as one of Canadas top public gardens, where you pause for a delicious lunch before joining your guides for a walk among the numerous sculptures and more than 50,000 species of flowers, trees, and other plants.

Upon arrival at your home for the next two nights, a short, but rewarding walk takes you to the summit of Chamcook Mountain. From the top, you enjoy sweeping views of St. Andrews and Ministers Island, where you walk tomorrow. Tonight, you have a chance to explore the town on your own, although your guides are available for recommendations and shuttles to and from the town center. There are ample choices for dinner after you spend time browsing the shops on Water Street or perhaps learning about marine life at the Fundy Discovery Aquarium.

### **Accommodation: Rossmount Inn, St. Andrews by-the-Sea**

Intimate in size and gracious in scope, the Rossmount Inn rests upon 87 acres nestled between forest and sea. The property, with a colorful history dating to 1889, includes Chamcook Mountain, the highest point in the Passamaquoddy Bay area. Enjoy leisurely strolls through the inn's meadows or among the organic kitchen garden of herbs and vegetables, or sip fine whiskies in the old English-style lounge. Rooms of the three-story manor house feature period furnishings and views of the surrounding forest, fields, and island-dotted bay.

## Day 6

### **New River Beach Provincial Park & Minister's Island Loop**

*3-4 miles, easy with moderate option. Minister's Island Loop; 3 miles, easy to moderate*

Today you enjoy morning and afternoon walking options that highlight more of New Brunswick's breathtaking seaside beauty and charm. At New River Beach Provincial Park, you follow an easy boardwalk trail that traverses fertile bogs and forest to the rocky shore of Barnaby Head. If you choose a more moderate option, you navigate a scenic narrow trail with spectacular ocean views around every bend. Later, you make your way to Minister's Island, accessible by a causeway road during low tide. This tidal island was home to Sir William Van Horne, the second president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and its 12 miles of carriage roads and sea vistas are pure pleasure to explore by foot. After a picnic lunch in this superb setting you follow routes along shell-strewn beaches and through meadows, passing Van Horne's mansion, barn, bath house, and minister's house, watching for ospreys as you walk. The timing of the walk depends on the tides as the return to the mainland must be before the access road is submerged by the incoming tide. Back at the inn, there is time to relax before a special farewell dinner, thoughtfully prepared by the Swiss-trained chef (and inn owner!) Chris Aerni with ingredients from his kitchen garden.



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### **Flight**

#### **Departure from Saint John**

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