

Canada's East Coast Adventure

INCLUDING SABLE ISLAND AND ST-PIERRE AND MIQUELON

September 28 – October 9, 2025 | 12 Days



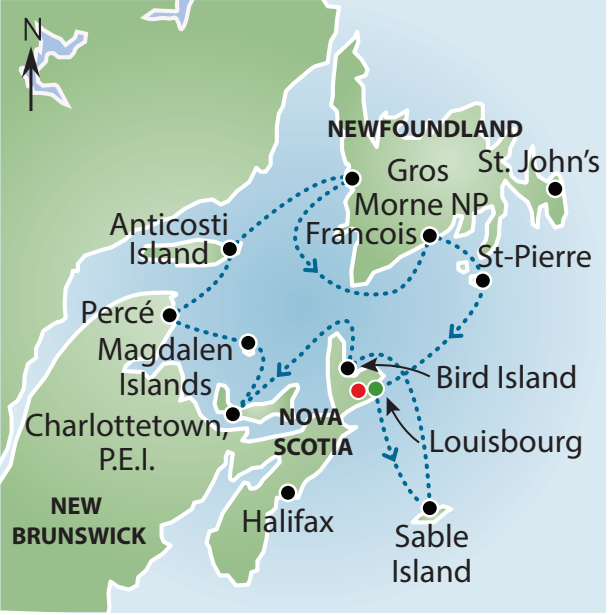
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Observe the famous Sable Island Ponies



Sight the Gaspé Peninsula's Rocher Percé



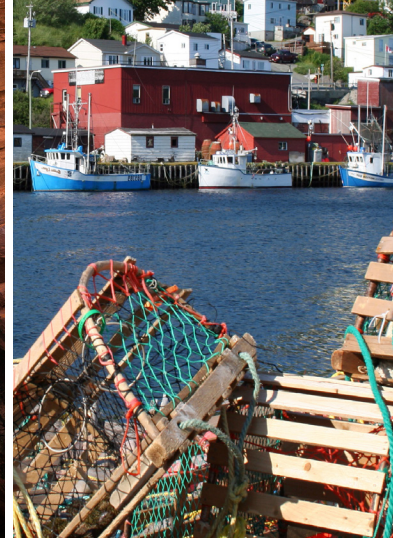
Hike the Tablelands at Gros Morne National Park



Savour a taste of France at St-Pierre and Miquelon



Marvel at the spectacular fjord of Francois



Exclusively chartered vessel for Canadian University alumni and friends

This tour is presented by the alumni associations of the University of British Columbia, the University of Alberta, the University of Saskatchewan, Western University, and McGill University. All are welcome!

Join us for a special voyage of discovery travelling from Cape Breton to Canadian East Coast island destinations, some only accessible by sea. This intimate yachting experience is designed to bring you comfort and adventure travel without the crowds.

We'll visit many of the East Coast's most scenic points of interests to discover wildlife, fascinating landforms, and vibrant living cultures. From the iconic sand dunes of Sable Island where the famed ponies roam freely to the large bird colonies at Bird Island and the Bald Eagles and resident deer at Anticosti Island, we'll marvel at the variety of marine and land wildlife as we explore on foot and by Zodiac.

We'll delve into many cultural highlights. On Prince Edward Island, we contemplate the history of Confederation. On the rugged Magdalen Islands archipelago, we'll explore Acadian culture. And at St-Pierre and Miquelon, we consider the vestiges of France's once formidable North American territory.

The landscapes and seascapes include some of Eastern Canada's most iconic places; Gaspé's Percé Rock, Newfoundland's famed Gros Morne National Park, and Francois's spectacular fjord. Our autumn visit coincides with the spectacular fall colours of the Martimes.

Our expedition vessel is the beautiful *S/V Klara*, a three-mast schooner, purposefully designed and built for expedition cruising. Reminiscent of iconic fishing vessels like Bluenose (a symbol of Nova Scotia), she is a true sailing ship that combines vintage charm with modern amenities. Welcoming a maximum of 36 guests aboard, this recently refurbished vessel provides comfort and a feeling of warmth during our journey.

Join us on our circle-tour of this distinctive region in the heart of Canada's Atlantic Coast!

Tour Leader

To be announced!

Detailed Itinerary

Sunday, September 28: Meet in Sydney

We rendez-vous in Sydney, Nova Scotia this evening, Cape Breton's historical capital. Meet our expert team and guests over dinner this evening. Take a stroll on the waterfront to see the world's largest fiddle in recognition of Cape Breton's musical talent!

Overnight: Sydney

Meals: Dinner

Monday, September 29: Louisbourg, Embark the Klara

Surrounded by Cape Breton's rocky shoreline, Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site brings you back to French colonial life between 1713 and 1758. We'll travel the short drive to Louisbourg to explore the looming fortifications, kitchen gardens, and elegant houses of the reconstruction, then wander original 18th-century ruins for a full experience of the past come to life. Return to Sydney this afternoon to board our expedition vessel, the *S/V Klara*, sailing out of the harbour and into the North Atlantic, heading southward toward the Grand Banks, one of the richest fishing grounds in the world.

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Tuesday, September 30: Sable Island

Located on the edge of the Grand Banks, hundreds of kilometres from the coast, Sable Island has a storied history as a graveyard of ships, with more than 350 ships falling victim to the treacherous currents and sandbars. Sporadically inhabited by sealers, shipwreck survivors and salvagers,

Louisbourg Lighthouse



© Dennis Jarvis



the island is now home to fewer than six year-round inhabitants and a herd of Sable Island ponies. Sable Island is now one of Canada's newest national parks.

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wednesday, October 1: Bird Island

Today we sail to the north central coast of Cape Breton to Bird Island, home to a number of important species, including the Great Cormorant, Atlantic Puffin, Atlantic Razorbill, Black-legged Kittiwake, and an important feeding area for Cape Breton's population of Bald Eagles. While the breeding activities on land may have ended by now, we expect to see these species out and about as we explore this area by Zodiac. There are opportunities to launch sea kayaks or enjoy a stand-up paddleboard excursion in the placid waters. On shore, hiking and gentle cycle touring are other activities to enjoy.

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Thursday, October 2: Greenwich, Prince Edward Island

This morning, we are anchored off Greenwich on the southeast coast of Prince Edward Island. We have various options. One of them is to enjoy a walking tour of the town, where we can sample the local mussels and friendly atmosphere. History buffs may like to visit the provincial capital of Charlottetown where, in September 1864, representatives from the British Colonies in North America met to discuss Confederation. For others, a visit to Greenwich National Park will be too tempting to resist; its protected, parabolic dunes are a rare phenomenon in North America, and are home to a variety of birds and woodland plants.

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Friday, October 3: The Magdalen Islands (Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine)

Sculpted out of sandstone, the remote islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence are home to unique fishing communities with beautifully maintained waterfront houses and boats, flowing grassy plains, and sculpted sandstone shorelines. Europeans first discovered the islands in the mid-15th century, though it is thought that the indigenous Mi'kmaq had been visiting for centuries to hunt Walrus. In addition to the traditional fishing and sealing culture, we will see a wide diversity of bird life along the beaches and lagoons. The island's gentle terrain is also a cyclist's paradise, while the sea kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding through sea arches and into sandstone sea caves are superb. Otherwise, you might enjoy a whale-watching cruise in the Zodiacs or head to the beach to soak up some sun or build sand castles!

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Saturday, October 4: Bonaventure Island and the Gaspé Peninsula

At Bonaventure Island, we drop anchor near the town of Percé and visit the island by Zodiac. One of the largest Northern Gannet colonies in the world, Bonaventure Island is protected under provincial park status in Quebec. We visit the colony, indulging in close-up views of these majestic seabirds! An afternoon visit to the community of Percé will provide a window into the rich fishing culture of French Canada. Zodiac cruising, sea kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding are all activities that can be undertaken here, weather permitting.

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sunday, October 5: Anticosti Island

At the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, where the river water mixes with Arctic waters from the Strait of Belle Isle and the more temperate Atlantic waters, Anticosti Island ("island before the coast") is rich in marine wildlife. We will plan to wander the beaches near the eastern end of the island, followed by a Zodiac cruise along the cliffs at East

Sea Kayaking at Bonaventure Island



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Point. We will be keeping our eyes open for shorebirds and seabirds, as well as whales and seals, as we enjoy this region. Bald Eagles may soar along the shoreline, while we may see some of the prolific White-tailed Deer that were introduced to the island. Whales are also a common sight!

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Monday, October 6: Gros Morne National Park

Sailing into majestic Bonne Bay, in the heart of Gros Morne National Park, the cliffs soar up out of the water and are covered in a green blanket of tuckamore – windswept spruce sculpted by the ocean breeze. At Woody Point we are welcomed ashore by a delegation from the community before hiking up to the excellent interpretation centre. From there, various guided walks take us into the World Heritage-listed Tablelands and to the lookout for a view over much of the park – a spectacular experience! As options, the twisting mountain road to Trout River makes for a challenging bike ride with our guides, or you can choose to paddle along the shores of Bonne Bay.

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tuesday, October 7: Francois

Francois (from "François" but pronounced Frans-way per 17th century French pronunciation) is a small, isolated community steeped in the traditions of the sea and perched on the edge of a beautiful fjord on the south coast of Newfoundland. Known as an 'out port' owing to its isolation by land (only accessible by sea or by helicopter), Francois has a deep harbour navigable year-round. When entering the harbour, we will be greeted by one of the few remaining manned lighthouses on the Newfoundland coast. Once past the lighthouse the narrow opening leading into the steep-walled fjord will amaze us! This is a spectacular location and for many, a highlight of the expedition!

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Wednesday October 8: St-Pierre and Miquelon

The island of St-Pierre is a European enclave representing the last vestiges of French colonial rule in Eastern Canada. Walking down the streets feels like taking a stroll through a provincial French town. When we depart, you'll be in no doubt you left Canada briefly, and experienced a unique historical phenomenon. There is also an Atlantic puffin colony here, and if the weather permits, we'll take the zodiacs to see these unmistakably maritime birds. Tonight, we enjoy a special dinner, attended by the Captain, to mark the end of our maritime adventure.

Overnight: On board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Please note:

We put safety first and that means weather, wildlife, or other conditions may require us to modify the itinerary as we go. Specific sites visited will depend on sea and weather conditions experienced and the itinerary will be updated throughout the voyage in order to take advantage of favourable conditions.

Thursday, October 9: Disembark in Sydney

We sail back to Cape Breton across the mouth of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, heading again for Sydney. We will disembark in the morning and while some of us will hustle to the airport, many will add a few extra days in Cape Breton to enjoy one of the gems of Canada's East Coast.

Meals: Breakfast



Gros Morne National Park



Fresh Lobster dish



Grey Seals



Prince Edward Island

Tour Details

Tour Cost (per person) according to cabin type aboard the *S/V Klara*

Main Deck Classic: C\$9175

Main Deck Deluxe: C\$10,395

Upper Deck Classic: C\$10,675

Upper Deck Deluxe: C\$12,675

Note: This is an international voyage visiting St-Pierre and Miquelon; as such GST/HST is not applicable.

Single Supplement:

Single accommodations are limited. If you wish guaranteed single accommodation, the single supplement for this trip is the cost of the tour plus an additional 50% for any cabin category. If you are travelling alone and willing to share, we will try our best to match you with an appropriate roommate. If we can't, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 130 days prior to departure.

Group Size:

Exclusive charter of the 36-passenger *S/V Klara*.

What's Included:

- Twin share accommodations aboard the *S/V Klara* as indicated
- Meals as specified
- House-brand wine, beer, and spirits served with meals and at our pre-dinner 'Happy Hour'
- All excursions
- Services of local guides
- All entrance fees to monuments, park fees and local taxes

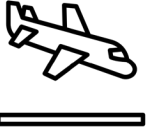
Not Included:

- Roundtrip international or domestic flights
- Gratuities for services aboard the *S/V Klara*
- Airport and departure taxes
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature: laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Alcoholic beverages (with exception of those stocked in Superior Cabins)
- Excess baggage charges
- Fuel surcharges, if applicable
- Travel insurance
- Additional arrangements required due to any emergency or other situation

Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit of 20% per person is required to reserve a space on this tour. A second payment of C\$3500 is due 180 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

What to Expect



Joining Instructions

Arrival: Sunday, September 28, 2025

Guests make independent arrangements to meet at our Sydney hotel. Please ensure you are in Sydney by 4:00PM to join our welcome dinner.

Departure: Thursday, October 9, 2025

The tour concludes with disembarkation in Sydney or to the Sydney airport. **Please contact us to verify timing of this transfer prior to making any flight arrangements onwards.**



Weather

Depending on where we are, average daytime highs could be in the range of 5° - 15°C and night-time lows of 0° - 10°C. The weather is also relatively dry with very little rainfall expected. The surface of the ocean typically holds steady at about 10°C, however, and weather may change unexpectedly too, so it's important to dress with warmth and wind protection in mind. Foul weather gear is provided aboard the *S/V Klara*.



Level of Activity: Easy to Moderate

We have had a very wide range of participants on our expedition voyages ranging from people in their twenties to most in their mid-eighties. All have had a normal level of fitness that permits them to get in and out of zodiacs, with assistance from expedition staff and sailors, and the ability to walk on pebble beaches and uneven ground. Shore landings usually last for up to three hours at a time, but zodiacs will be available to transport back to the ship at any time. Should you have any questions about your ability to take part in this tour, please give us a call.



Travel Documents

You will require a passport for your trip as we will be visiting St-Pierre and Miquelon. Please make sure it is valid for six months after the date of your return home.



Accommodation

We'll be aboard the newly refurbished *S/V Klara* (see below for more information).



#SafeTravels

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Our Vessel *S/V Klara*

S/V Klara is a three-mast schooner, specially designed and outfitted for expedition cruising and accommodating 12 crew and up to 36 passengers across 18 cabins on its two decks. She is 62 metres (208 feet) long, travels at a speed of up to 10 knots (18.5 kilometres per hour) and has 220-watt European electrical outlets.

Delicious food is on offer at the restaurant on the Main Deck. An open-air lounge and jacuzzi, as well as ample deck space, are found on the Sun Deck.

The Classic and Deluxe cabins each have the following amenities:

- Functioning windows (Upper Deck) or portholes (Main Deck)
- Black-out curtains
- Double bed or twin beds
- Writing desk and chair
- Air-conditioning and private ensuite facilities (with a shower)
- Flatscreen TV
- High speed Wi-Fi and sound dock
- Coffee maker
- 100%-cotton bathrobes
- Quality washroom amenities (soap, shampoo, conditioner)
- Hair dryer
- Stainless-steel water bottle
- Waterproof backpack
- Complimentary use of weather gear
- Complimentary use of binoculars
- Complimentary use of Wellington boots (where needed)
- Daily turnaround service
- Sound dock (Upper Deck cabins only)

Upper Deck cabins all include a fully stocked mini-bar and snacks. Main Deck Deluxe includes soft drinks in the mini-bar.

Upper Deck Deluxe cabins have an espresso machine and a tablet.



Sun Deck Lounge



Dining



Sun Deck



Open-air bar

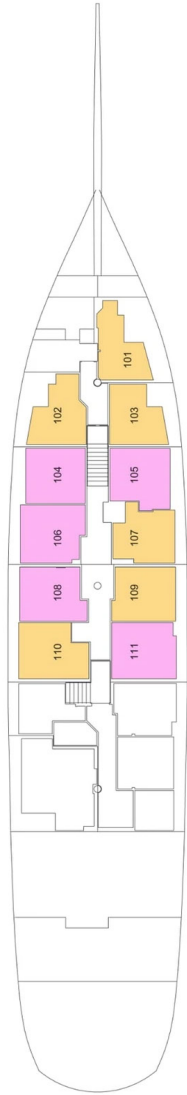


Dining on Shaded Deck

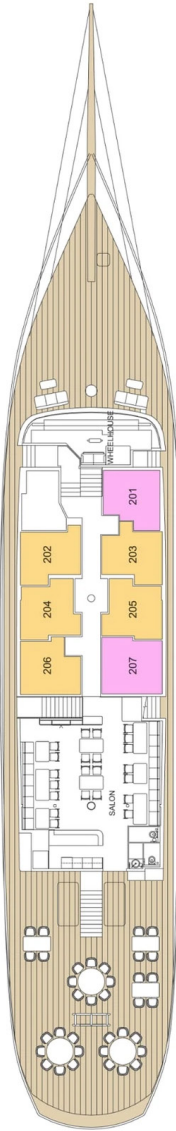


Jacuzzi

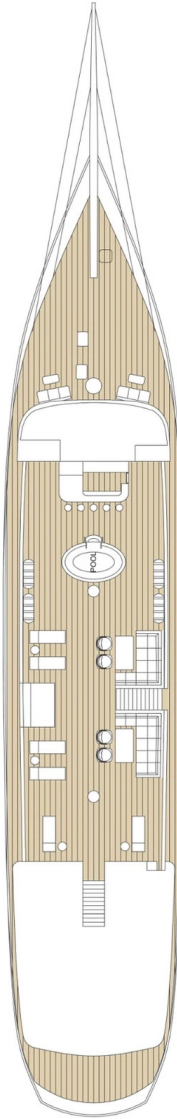
Deck Plan



Main Deck



Upper Deck



Sun Deck



Main Deck Deluxe Cabin



Upper Deck Deluxe Cabin

Additional Info

Terms and Conditions

For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure, or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario - License # 2667946). See full details [here](#).

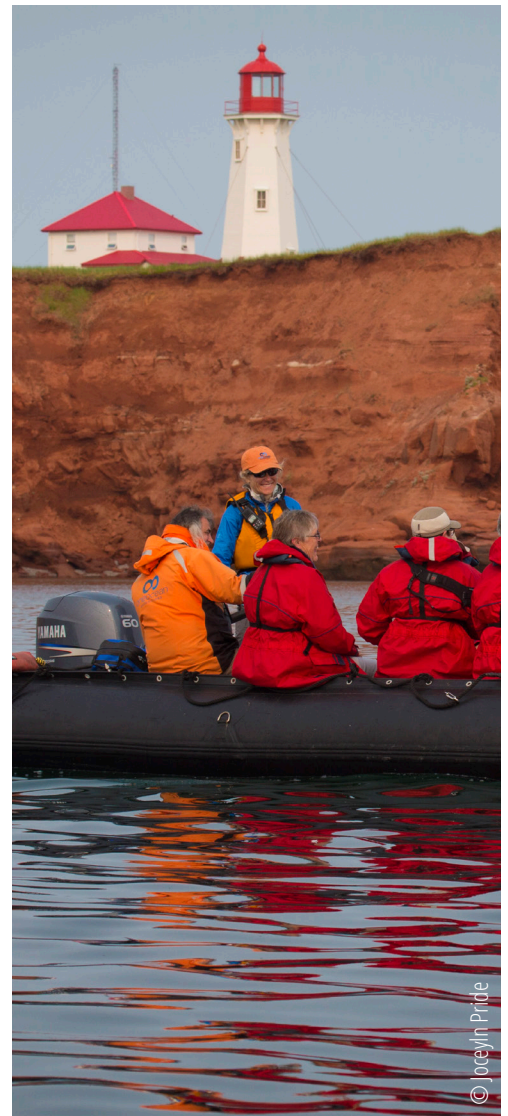
Cancellation Policy

All payments are non-refundable; however, you may transfer your initial deposit for any land tour to another tour 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Initial deposits for cruises are non-refundable and non-transferable. Your second payment and your final payment are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing. See full details [here](#).

Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance, including emergency medical evacuation coverage, is mandatory on all our tours.

On a zodiac at Gaspé Peninsula



How to Book

Please contact the Worldwide Quest office for more information and to secure your booking.

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