

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



Calm beaches, red cliffs, rolling green hills...
Welcoming fishing villages, fresh seafood, Celtic music...
Prince Edward Island is all that and more!

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WHAT TO DO

CHARLOTTETOWN ★

With just 80,000 inhabitants, Charlottetown is the smallest provincial capital in Canada. It was here that discussions were held in 1864 that led to the founding of Canada. Learn more about this historic chapter of Canadian history at **Province House** ★, a national Historic Site. Take a walk down **Victoria Row** ★★, one of the gems of Charlottetown. This pedestrian street is lined with charming red brick buildings housing an eclectic array of shops and restaurants, whose patios are the perfect place to grab a bite to eat and listen to local musicians. Finally, take a stroll along **Peake's Warf**, the heart of the waterfront, to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Charlottetown.



VICTORIA ROW, CHARLOTTETOWN

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CAVENDISH BEACH

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PRINCE EDWARD NATIONAL PARK ★

Prince Edward Island National Park is home to sand dunes, stunning red sandstone cliffs and endless sandy beaches. Favourite activities include walking the **Homestead Trail** ★ (6.7 km), which showcases the natural beauty of the park, or spending some time on **Cavendish Beach** ★★, the most beautiful beach in the area. The park also protects a section of the **Green Gables Shore** ★, a spectacular scenic route along the Gulf of St. Lawrence. While there, you can discover many sites that pay tribute to Canada's most beloved fictional character, Anne of Green Gables.

HOMESTEAD TRAIL

Distance (round-trip): 6.7 or 8.8 km (depending if you choose the short or long loop)

Time (round-trip): 2-3 hours

Level: Intermediate

The trailhead is at the entrance to Cavendish campground.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NATIONAL PARK ★

Season : Open daily from mid-May to mid-October, with full services available in July and August.

Visitor Centres :

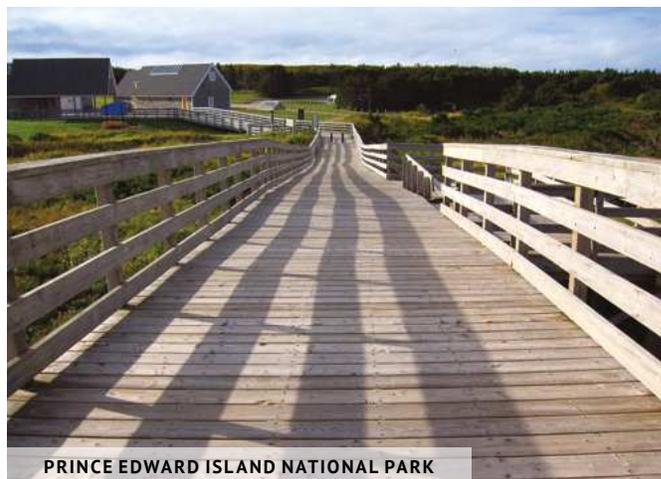
- **Greenwich Interpretation Centre** (59 Wild Rose Road, Saint Peters Bay).
- **Cavendish Destination Centre** (7591 Route 13, Cavendish).

www.pc.gc.ca/fr/pn-np/pe/pei-ipe

SITE PATRIMONIAL GREEN GABLES ★★

Cavendish, the gateway to Prince Edward Island National Park, is also home to the farmstead that inspired Lucy Maud Montgomery's famous novel "Anne of Green Gables", written in 1908. The presence of the red-haired, freckle-faced orphan can be felt throughout the Island.

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AVONLEA VILLAGE

Avonlea is the fictitious name that Lucy Maud Montgomery gave Cavendish in her famous novel, **Anne of Green Gables**. Avonlea Village is a re-creation of the fictional 19th century town and features replicas of houses and shops from the time in addition to some heritage buildings, including the original schoolhouse Montgomery taught in! The buildings house **restaurants, boutiques and art galleries** showcasing delicious food, quaint shopping and local crafts. It's a great place to take a stroll, have a bite to eat and pick up some souvenirs.

avonlea.ca

THUNDER COVE BEACH ★

Thunder Cove Beach is a **hidden gem**. While most of PEI's north shore is known for rolling dunes and wide beaches of fine sand, Thunder Cove is much different. Here the shoreline has been carved by water and wind into the **red sandstone columns and cave formations** that make this spot so unique. Be careful: as sandstone is fragile and crumbles easily, **do not attempt to climb the cliffs**. Follow the existing paths to reach the beach, and if you want to see the fabulous sandstone formations, walk to your left when facing the water. There are no signs or directions, but they are easy to find. You can park right on Thunder Cove Road near the beach, if it's available. If you are travelling by RV is better to park a little further back, on Thunder Cove Road but before the right turn at the end of the road.

welcomepei.com/beaches/thunder-cove-beach

NORTH RUSTICO HARBOUR ★

This **picturesque little fishing village** is well worth the detour. To get there, drive to North Rustico and continue straight on Harbourview Drive until you reach **North Rustico Harbor** ★. Here, the word "vacation" takes on its full meaning, as you sit on the patio of the **On The Dock Eatery**, drink in hand, with an unbeatable view of the harbour and a plate of oysters or a tasty lobster roll in front of you! You can enjoy a bite at the

Blue Mussel Cafe next door, buy some souvenirs at **Seagull's Nest Gift Shop**, try deep sea fishing with **Bob's Deep Sea Fishing**, rent a kayak or bicycle or book an excursion with **Outside Expeditions**. You could also enjoy a walk along nearby **North Rustico Beach**, part of **Prince Edward Island National Park**. And if you feel like it, you can park your car in North Rustico and walk along the **North Rustico Sea Walk**, a kilometre-long boardwalk along Rustico Bay, leading to North Rustico Harbour.



NORTH RUSTICO HARBOUR



RED SANDSTONE COLUMNS ON THUNDER COVE BEACH



THUNDER COVE BEACH

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CONFEDERATION BRIDGE

To reach Prince Edward Island from New Brunswick, you must cross the Confederation Bridge, the **longest bridge in the world that spans ice-covered water**. The **12.9-kilometre** span was officially **inaugurated on May 31, 1997**. Tolls are collected only when you leave the island, at the Borden-Carleton toll booth. It is said that one of the most beautiful views of the bridge is to be had from the **Cape Jourimain Nature Centre**, in New Brunswick.

capejourimain.ca

A FAN OF LIGHTHOUSES?

Canada's smallest province boasts 63 lighthouses, only a few of which are open to the public. Here is a short list of our favourites:

- **Souris East:** This **red and white wooden lighthouse** was built in **1880**. You can climb the **45 steps to the top** to admire the view and watch the ferries arriving in the harbour.
shai.ca/harbour-authority/historic-lighthouse
- **Panmure Head:** This **octagonal lighthouse** was the **first wooden lighthouse** built on the island in **1853**. It is possible to tour the lighthouse and climb to the top.
panmureislandlighthouse.ca
- **Cape Bear:** Built in **1881**, it was here that the first **distress signal from the Titanic was heard on April 14, 1912**, at the Marconi Wireless Station next to the lighthouse.
capebearlighthouse.com
- **Point Prim:** Built in **1845**, this is PEI's **oldest lighthouse** and a superb example of **cylindrical brick construction**, covered with wooden shingles.
pointprimlighthouse.com
- **West Point:** The **tallest lighthouse** on the island! Built in **1875**, it is distinctive because of its **black and white stripes** and square shape. It also houses a **small inn and museum**, which is open to the public.
westpointlighthouse.ca



SOURIS EAST LIGHTHOUSE

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HAVING OUTSIDE OF « ON THE DOCK EATERY »

WHERE TO EAT

1 THE CHIP SHACK (\$)

Nobody should visit Prince Edward Island without eating some legendary PEI potatoes. Located close to the harbour, The Chip Shack serves tasty hand-cut fries, great for eating alone or in Fish & Chips. Good fast food, prepared with love!

2 BLUE MUSSEL CAFÉ (\$\$)

This seasonal seafood restaurant in North Rustico Harbour, just 30 minutes from Charlottetown, will be an experience that you won't quickly forget! The Blue Mussel Cafe is committed to offering an authentic PEI dining experience, with seafood that is as fresh and local as possible. The menu features a large variety of delicious wholesome meals with no deep-fried food, including classics such as seafood chowder, mussels, oysters, lobster and fresh fish.

As an added bonus, the view of the harbour is sublime!

BLUEMUSSELCAFE.COM

3 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESERVE COMPANY (\$\$)

A wonderful place for a cup of tea, a bite to eat or a fabulous dessert, with a breathtaking view of the picturesque River Clyde. The dining room is open for country breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers attractive dishes prepared using the freshest ingredients. Be sure to try the Potato Pie with maple bacon cream, the Raspberry Cream Cheese Pie, or their homemade ice cream. Pay a visit to the boutique which offers a wide array of handmade preserves and gourmet food items prepared on-site.

PRESERVECOMPANY.COM

4 ON THE DOCK EATERY (\$\$)

Seated on the patio of the On the Dock Eatery, facing the superb North Rustico Bay, you'll really feel like you're on

vacation, I promise! The menu offers simple, fresh fare with a "From the Sea" section including the famous Lobster Roll (one of the best in the area!), lobster plate, fish tacos and fish cakes, and a "Land" section featuring burgers and quesadillas. If you're a fan, don't miss the locally harvested Raspberry Point oysters or Prince Edward Island mussels.

5 NIMROD'S (\$\$)

This small eatery is located on a floating dock at the Charlottetown marina and offers outdoor seating at tables on the dock. The place is extremely popular despite the short menu, and specializes in wood-fired pizza.

NIMRODS.CA

6 GAHAN HOUSE (\$\$-\$\$\$)

The Gahan House Pub offers a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, delicious pub-style food, handcrafted ales, and great

service. The name comes from John Gahan, a prominent merchant whose place of business was exactly where the restaurant is located today.

CHARLOTTETOWN.GAHAN.CA

7 CLADDAGH OYSTER HOUSE (\$\$\$)

Claddagh Oyster House has been a local favourite since 1983. In addition to the best oysters from Canada and around the world, the Claddagh offers a constantly changing menu that features the freshest mussels and lobster, premium Island beef, chicken, pasta and more.

CLADDAGHOYSTERHOUSE.COM

8 PAPA JOE'S (\$\$-\$\$\$)

Come and discover with friends, family or as a couple, fresh and local dishes created by Chef Irwin Mackinnon, one of Prince Edward Island's best-known chefs. From seafood to burgers, there is something for everyone!

PAPAJOESPEI.CA

