



## Sable Island

Sable Island's wild horses are world-famous, but there's so much more to this remote sand island off the coast of Nova Scotia.



YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS

## 9 Days/8 Nights

### ITINERARY

The world's largest colony of grey seals breeds here, as does the rare roseate tern and the endemic Ipswich sparrow, among many birds of note. Amid the island's forty-two kilometres of beaches, dunes, and bogs you'll find a plethora of plants: from iris, to sundew, to wild berries in abundance. Whales and sharks ply the nearby waters.

Sable Island's history includes shipwrecks and salvage; sealing and walrus hunting; rescue and research. Still, the horses remain the island's most charismatic residents. Free to roam, they represent one of the world's last wild equine populations. Now protected as Canada's forty-third national park, Sable Island offers an adventure unlike any other.

### Day 1 - St. John's, NL

We meet in St. John's—Newfoundland's historic, vibrant capital. Picturesque and welcoming, with a world-famous harbour, St. John's has been continually fished since 1498, allowing it to boast the designation of North America's oldest European settlement.

We will offer an afternoon city tour to those interested. Afterwards, we will rendezvous at the docks and board the Ocean Endeavour to begin the adventure proper. Passengers will meet the staff and crew, and prepare to leave the harbour. Sailing out of St. John's has to be experienced to be believed; Signal Hill keeps watch over the world-famous Narrows as we head for open water, passing Cape Spear, the easternmost point in North America.

### Day 2 - At Sea

Our presentation series will kick into full swing today as our expert resource staff delves into the fascinating history and ecology of Sable Island. While out on deck, keep your eyes peeled for marine mammals and seabirds in the rich northwest Atlantic.

### Day 3-6 - Sable Island

Sable Island is the legendary location of hundreds of shipwrecks. The island is home to a population of feral horses, the rare Ipswich sparrow, seals, and seabirds in abundance. We'll have a chance to meet some of the island's handful of human inhabitants and learn about this unique habitat first-hand.

In the four days we will spend exploring Sable Island, expect to be dazzled by a natural habitat unlike any you have ever seen. The herd of wild horses for which the island is famous is a true highlight: we will observe them at their wildest as they race among the dunes. The sandy shores afford unmatched opportunities for Zodiac cruising, and you may expect to delight in observing the curious local seal population as we do so.

The historic sites of Sable Island—the old shipwrecks and abandoned settlements—are of particular interest, as the



island's shifting sands hide and reveal different landscapes each day. This ecosystem is in true flux: the vegetation and habitats, as well as the human relics, are at the whim of the ever-changing dunes and we will spend our days exploring before the winds rise and hide all evidence of our passage.

#### **Day 7 – At Sea: The Gully Marine Protected Area**

At sea today, we will be crossing The Gully, a Marine Protected Area approximately two hundred kilometres off the coast of Nova Scotia and to the east of Sable Island. Here, the sea floor suddenly drops a dizzying two and a half kilometres into a submarine valley. The Gully is one of the most prominent undersea features in eastern Canada and its unique ecology has attracted the interest of many agencies, such as Parks Canada and Environment Canada. This is due to its significant coral communities, its diversity of both shallow and deep-water fish and its many whales and dolphins.

As on our other days at sea, our resource staff will be on hand to deliver contextualizing presentations. Out on deck they will assist passengers in spotting the myriad seabirds and marine mammals for which this area is famous.

#### **Day 8 – Saint-Pierre, France**

Explore Saint-Pierre, a last bastion of France's colonial territories in North America. The island's 6,500 residents are of varied descent including French, Basque, Breton, and Norman.

Saint-Pierre's architecture reflects its history: an eclectic collection of colours and style aligned on picturesque cobblestone streets and alleys. We will have time for a tour of the city and independent exploration in the surrounding area. Take advantage of this day in France to enjoy some wine and cheese, and unwind in a tiny slice of old Europe nestled into the North American coast.

#### **Day 9 – St. John's, NL**

After sailing through the Narrows, we will say our farewells and begin the process of departure. Staff will be on hand to assist you with luggage and transportation arrangements.

### **DEPARTURES & PRICING**

#### **2017 Dates:**

July: 05

#### **2018 Dates:**

Sable Island is not being offered in 2018.

#### **2017 Pricing:**

Category 1: Quad – US\$2,595

Category 2: Triple – US\$3,395

Category 3: Interior Twin – US\$4,195

Category 4: Exterior Twin – US\$5,195

Category 5: Main Twin – US\$6,195

Category 6: Comfort Twin or Double – US\$7,295

Category 7: Select Twin or Double – US\$8,295

Category 8: Superior Twin – US\$9,295

Category 9: Junior Suite – US\$10,295

Category 10: Suite – US\$11,295

Discovery Fund fee: US\$250

Prices are shown in US\$ per person based on four people sharing a quad cabin, three people sharing a triple cabin and two people sharing a twin cabin. Single use cabins are available in categories 3-7 at the per person twin price, subject to availability. There are a limited number of single cabins on the ship.

### **INCLUDED**

- Nine day voyage in the cabin category of your choice
- All entry & park fees
- Team of resource specialists
- Educational program and pre-departure materials
- All shipboard meals
- All Zodiac excursions
- Service charges and port fees

### **NOT INCLUDED**



- Commercial flights to/from St. John's, NL
- Mandatory medical / evacuation insurance
- Personal expenses
- Additional expenses in the event of delays or Itinerary changes
- Discretionary gratuities to ship's crew (approximately US\$10 - 14 per passenger per day)
- Visas, or inoculations, if required
- Possible fuel surcharges
- \$250 Discovery Fund Fee

## TOUR NOTES

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## SPECIALS

**Singles:** Free single supplement! Singles get their own cabin in categories 3-7 aboard the Ocean Endeavour at no additional cost—subject to availability.

**Multiple expedition savings:** Book multiple expeditions with Adventure Canada in a single calendar year aboard the Ocean Endeavour and receive 10% off the total berth cost of Arctic itineraries and 20% off the total berth cost of East Coast itineraries!

**30 Under 30:** Save 30% on the berth cost of travellers under thirty aboard Ocean Endeavour expeditions!

**Children & Infants:** Children under two travel for free, and children between two and four pay for charter flights only!

**Price Guarantee:** If the price of the cruise portion of an expedition drops 120 days or more prior to departure previously booked clients may claim the lower rate.

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