



## Atlantic Canada Explorer

Join our special onboard guest on this expedition cruise, author [Margaret Atwood](#). Visit three provinces and the French island of Saint-Pierre. Immerse yourself in the diverse history of Atlantic Canada. See the legendary wild horses of Sable Island and soak in all the natural wonders of the East Coast, on land and by sea.



12 days/11 nights

### ITINERARY

**Explore with Margaret Atwood**

**Special Guest, Author Margaret Atwood**

Since her childhood spent in the woods of Northern Ontario and Quebec, Margaret has been a passionate conservationist and a tireless advocate for birds. A deep believer in the power of getting people out into nature, Margaret has been travelling as a staff member with Adventure Canada for twenty years. Join her on this voyage of discovery.

#### **Day 1: The Adventure Begins, St. John's, NL**

Welcome to St. John's—the vibrant capital of Newfoundland and Labrador. Sailing out of the historic port on the Ocean Endeavour, Signal Hill keeps watch as we exit the world-famous narrows. The charming houses of the Battery are always a hit with shutterbugs. Watch for [icebergs](#), whales, and seabirds as we sail!

#### **Day 2: Onboard Learning at Sea**

We'll be in full-on learning mode as our expedition team shares the fascinating history and ecology of Sable Island. Get your binoculars ready out on deck, where we'll be watching for marine mammals and seabirds in the rich waters of the northwest Atlantic.

#### **Day 3 & 4: World Famous Wild Horses of Sable Island**

A sandbar as long as Manhattan—but only about a kilometre wide—Sable Island is home to many varieties of birds, including the Ispwich Sparrow; the largest grey seal colony in the world; and the world-famous Sable Island horses.

Unique weather conditions prevail at Sable Island. We'll maximize opportunities to walk the dunes, Zodiac cruise the shores, and view the wildlife. We'll also learn first-hand about Sable Island's fascinating human history.

#### **Day 5: Whale Watching, Gully Marine Protected Area**

The Gully is a Marine Protected Area where the sea floor plunges two and a half kilometres into a submarine valley. The Gully is one of the most prominent undersea features in eastern Canada. Significant coral communities make for a diversity of both shallow and deep-water fish, which draw whales and dolphins.

Join our on board researchers to appreciate the abundance of marine life!

#### **Day 6: Re-enacting Colonial Military History at Fortress of Louisbourg**

Built by the French in 1720, the fortifications at Louisbourg were captured by the British in 1745, later returned to the French, captured again in 1758, and then destroyed.

Reconstructed in the 1960s and 1970s, the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site offers a telling glimpse into military colonial Canada.

#### **Day 7: Bird Watching and Cape Breton**

Conditions permitting, we'll enjoy a Zodiac cruise at the Bird Islands, just off Cape Breton's coast near Cape Dauphin.



This critical seabird nesting and breeding area includes the largest colony of great cormorants in Canada. We'll also be looking for black-legged kittiwakes, razorbills, Atlantic puffins, black guillemots, and perhaps Leach's storm-petrels.

Cape Breton Island is a bastion of Gaelic music and culture, "more Scottish than the Scots." Its rugged highlands and wind-swept coasts are home to the world-famous Cabot Trail and Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

**Day 8: Acadian Culture and Hiking, Chéticamp**

Today we call in at the fishing village of Chéticamp, on the western shore of Cape Breton Island. A busy fishing harbour, rug-hooking museum, shops, and restaurants offer a taste of Acadian heritage.

Nearby Cape Breton Highlands National Park is world-renowned for scenery and wildlife. If weather permits, we'll hike the spectacular Skyline Trail.

**Day 9: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island**

Historic Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island is known as the Birthplace of Confederation. A charming town and the capital of Canada's smallest province, Charlottetown offers access to all of P.E.I. within a relatively short drive.

Optional excursions will include a visit to Green Gables—fictional home of the famous Anne— and Lennox Island Mi'kmaq First Nation.

**Day 10: Scenic Coastlines of Southern Newfoundland**

The wild and windswept coast of southern Newfoundland is home to a few remaining outport communities. Visits here are often a highlight of our trips.

There are many choices of unique bays and coves to explore via Zodiac or land excursions. Along the coast, the geology is outstanding and the plant life is gorgeous. We'll be on the watch for wildlife, too. We'll make the most of every chance to explore this beautiful and remote coast.

**Day 11: European Shops and Cafes, Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, France**

Just off the shores of Newfoundland lie the islands of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon—an official territory of France.

The colourful town of Saint-Pierre makes a charming finale to our trip. Winding streets with shops, houses, and cafes bring a taste of Europe to the east coast of North America.

**Day 12: St. John's, NL**

On the final day of our expedition, we sail back through the picturesque Narrows and into St. John's harbour. Make sure to be on deck as we sail through the Narrows.

We will disembark the Ocean Endeavour and say our farewells. We would recommend you add in a few days here after your cruise to explore the city and surrounding area.

St. John's, Newfoundland's historic, vibrant capital has been an active fishing community since 1498, making it North America's oldest European settlement. Architecture, shopping, night life and cultural attractions make St. John's a sightseer's delight.

## Details

**Trip Code:**

004223-W20

## INCLUDED

- 11 nights of accommodation on ship
- Applicable taxes and credit card fees
- All shipboard meals including on-deck BBQ's and afternoon tea, 24 hour coffee, tea and snacks
- Port fees
- Complimentary Expedition jacket
- Special access permits, entry and park fees
- Experienced expedition staff and crew
- Onboard educational programming
- Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during evening recaps
- Services of experienced, knowledgeable guides
- Zodiac excursions
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment



- Attractions as outlined in itinerary above, unless specified as optional
- Pre-travel documents package
- Nikon camera trial program
- Discovery Fund Fee

### NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from St. John's, NL
- Additional nights of accommodation in St. John's, pre or post cruise
- Meals not specified
- Optional Tours
- Gratuities to staff and crew, suggest US\$15/person/day
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature

### TOUR NOTES

**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! Great option for family multi-generational travel!

**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 berth portion of your program decreases more than 120 days prior to departure, previously booked clients may claim the lower rate. So, no need to wait for sales to get the best price!

**League of Adventurers Loyalty Program:** Return travellers are eligible for savings and added benefits when booking on an Ocean Endeavour expedition voyage. Ask us for details.

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