



Newfoundland & Labrador

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Why Go?

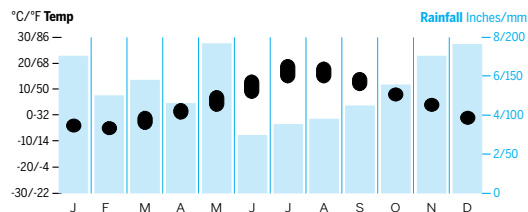
Canada's easternmost province floats in a world of its own. Blue icebergs drift by. Puffins flap along the coast. Whales spout close to shore. The island even ticks in its own offbeat time zone (a half-hour ahead of the mainland) and speaks its own dialect (the *Dictionary of Newfoundland English* provides translation, me old cock).

Outside of the good-time capital St John's, it's mostly wee fishing villages that freckle the coast, some so isolated they're reached only by boat. They offer plenty of hiking and kayaking escapes where it will just be you, the local family who's putting you up for the night and the lonely howl of the wind.

If you're looking to get off the beaten path – to see Viking vestiges, eat meals of cod tongue and partridgeberry pie, and share fish tales over shots of rum – set a course for this remote hunk of rock.

When to Go

St John's



Jun Icebergs glisten offshore, though the weather can be wet and foggy.

Jul & Aug Whales swim by, festivals rock most weekends, and the province is at its sunniest.

Dec & Jan Skiers hit the slopes as Marble Mountain receives most of its 5m of snow.



Newfoundland & Labrador Highlights

1 See live music, a ghost tour and history in North America's oldest city, **St John's** (p172).

2 Watch whales and puffins at **Witless Bay Ecological Reserve** (p184).

3 Explore a 1000-year-old Viking pad at the sublime

L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site (p205).

4 Hike the mountains and kayak the lakes at **Gros Morne National Park** (p200).

5 Try out the modern outport life in **Fogo** (p198).

6 Hike, ogle icebergs and sip

Moose Jooze in **Twillingate** (p196).

7 Get your French fix with wine, chocolate éclairs and baguettes in **St-Pierre** (p192).

8 Learn Basque whaling history then walk past ancient whale bones at **Red Bay** (p218).