



Newfoundland & Labrador

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Why Go?

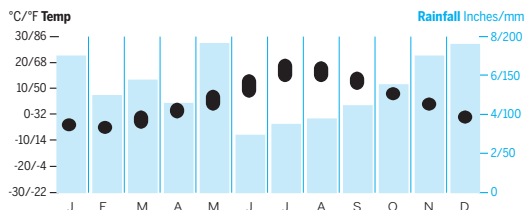
Canada's easternmost province floats in a world of its own. Blue icebergs drift by. Puffins flap along the coast. Whales spout close to shore. The island even ticks in its own off-beat time zone (a half-hour ahead of the mainland) and speaks its own dialect (the *Dictionary of Newfoundland English* provides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

Outside 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



Best Places to Eat

- » Lighthouse Picnics (p179)
- » Norseman Restaurant (p201)
- » Nicole's Cafe (p193)
- » Bacalao (p173)

Best Places to Stay

- » Tuckamore Lodge (p203)
- » Artisan Inn (p183)
- » Tickle Inn (p200)
- » The Cliffhouse (p182)

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

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

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



Highlights

- 1 Share the waves with whales and puffins at **Witless Bay Ecological Reserve** (p178)
- 2 Hoist a drink, hear live music, take a ghost tour and soak up the history of North America's oldest city, **St John's** (p166)
- 3 Explore Leif Eriksson's 1000-year-old Viking pad at the sublime **L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site** (p199)
- 4 Hike the mountains and kayak the fjordlike lakes at **Gros Morne National Park** (p195)
- 5 Try out the outpost life in **Fogo** (p192)
- 6 Learn Basque whaling history then walk alongside ancient whale bones at **Red Bay** (p213)
- 7 Get your French fix – wine, chocolate éclairs and baguettes – in **St-Pierre** (p187)
- 8 Snap a photo with the captain in **Dildo** (p181)