



Prince Edward Island

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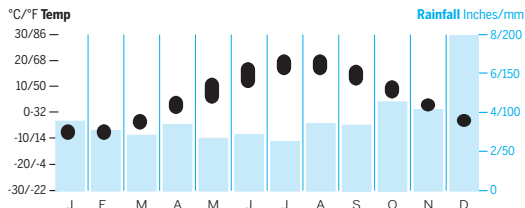
Why Go?

Move over Mounties, Canada's got a spunky, red-headed feminine side. In Prince Edward Island (PEI) little Anne Shirley, Lucy Maud Montgomery's immortal heroine of the *Anne of Green Gables* series, is larger than her fictional bristles. Ironically, the island itself is a red-head – from tip to tip sienna-colored soil peeks out from under potato plants, and the shores are lined with rose and golden sand. Meanwhile the Green Gables-esque landscape is a pastoral green patchwork of rolling fields, tidy gabled farmhouses and seaside villages.

Yet despite the pervasive splendor of the province, the first thing most visitors notice, and fall in love with, is PEI's charm and relaxed atmosphere. The 'Gentle Island' really lives up to its nickname and the least authentic things you'll find here are the orange nylon braids of little girls in tourist spots dressed up as 'Anne.'

When to Go

Charlottetown



June Enjoy the spring calm before the crowds hit; the rolling hillsides are in bloom with wildflowers.

July & August The entire island is in festival mode with live music and lobster suppers nightly.

September Traditional music and food market Charlottetown's PEI International Shellfish Festival.



Highlights

- 1** Wiggle your feet and hear a squeak at the 'singing sands' of **Basin Head Provincial Park** (boxed text, p146)
- 2** Eat your fill of fresh island lobster with all the fixings in **New Glasgow** (p152) or **St Ann** (p153)
- 3** Be taken away into the pages of *Anne of Green Gables* while visiting the House of Green Gables in **Cavendish** (p154)