



Newfoundland & Labrador

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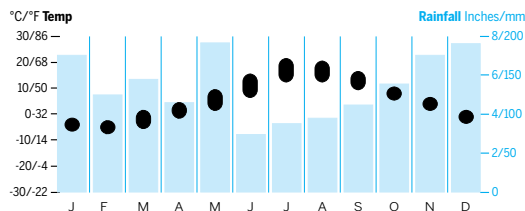
Why Go?

With rocky crags, drifting icebergs and puffins flapping by, Canada's easternmost province – and historically its most rebellious – floats in a stunning world of its own. The island that has long moved to its own beat maintains its own time zone (a half-hour ahead of the mainland) and lilting old-world dialect (the *Dictionary of Newfoundland English* provides translation).

St John's, with its buoyant music, modern dining scene and steep, foggy streets, abounds with entertainment. Outside of the good-time capital, wee fishing villages freckle the coast and isolated outer isles. Here the natural world is your oyster. Set off for woodland hikes, berry picking and sea kayaking with glittering views. Don't miss the Viking vestiges, plates of cod tongue and partridgeberry pie, or the rum-soaked tales that color this remote hunk of northern rock.

When to Go

St John's



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

Jul & Aug Whales cavort, festivals rock the 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 St John's (p172)

Hoisting a drink, taking a ghost tour and soaking up the history of North America's oldest city.

2 Witless Bay Ecological Reserve (p185)

Sharing the waves with whales and puffins.

3 L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site (p206)

Exploring Leif

Eriksson's sublime 1000-year-old Viking pad.

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Hiking the ridges and kayaking the fjord-like lakes.

5 Fogo (p200) Trying out the modern outpost life.

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Ogling icebergs, hiking and sipping Moose Joose.

7 St-Pierre (p194)

Getting your French fix – wine, éclairs and baguettes.

8 Red Bay (p219) Learning Basque whaling history then walking alongside ancient whale bones.