



WORLD DISCOVERY
— HISTORY CULTURE WILDLIFE —

Newfoundland Adventure



Gannets at Cape St Mary's

DAY 1 - Arrive St. John's.

On arrival at St. John's Airport you will be met by a representative of World Discovery who will take you to your hotel.

DAY 2 - St. John's: whales and seabirds.

This World Discovery holiday is in conjunction with a Newfoundland-based company who specialise in organising small group itineraries led by expert naturalists. Today begins with a boat voyage that features some whalewatching, a view of North America's largest puffin colony, and sightings of tens of thousands of other seabirds. The plan is to "start your holiday with a thrill as we usually see members of the world's largest summertime gathering of acrobatic humpback whales; and often we enjoy the company of other whale species. The islands we visit are one of the planet's largest seabird reserves — expect an amazing and joyful morning". Lunch is included, followed by a visit to one of the New World's earliest fishing villages.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 3 - Across Avalon Wilderness Area to St. Bride's.

Whales, members of the world's most southerly caribou herd, a small puffin colony, a tern colony, and seals are usually seen today as you circle the Avalon Wilderness Area - a 1,000 square kilometre park. Sometimes the whales are lunge-feeding on a local beach - a marvellous spectacle. There should be lots of other wildlife including pelagic seabirds visiting from south of the equator.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 4 - Continue to the Trinity Bay area.

The morning starts with a visit to the continent's third largest gannet colony (pictured left). This site is also a breeding ground for thousands of other seabirds including the world's most southerly thick-billed murres. We get great views of gannets, kittiwakes, and murres with their eggs and/or chicks. In season — usually mid-July — we enjoy some of the world's finest land-based whale watching as the high sea cliffs allow us to watch the whales cavort around their northern coastal feeding grounds. After lunch explore Placentia, the first outpost of New France. You will also be shown a secret orchid patch and look for moose. The evening's destination is the Trinity Bay/Port Union area. The route to the coast features a moose and black bear hunt (with cameras only!). Some years we enjoy a 90 per cent or higher success rate at finding moose over the week, but bears are much more elusive.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 5 – Trinity Bay.

This morning we go to sea again to enjoy more of the ocean's wonders as we look for bald eagles and watch for whales. In 2007, our company's naturalists established that sperm whales are consistently found during the summer in a portion of Trinity Bay and we will look out for them and other whale species. Our afternoon will feature more of what makes this area so special — trails, moose, osprey, songbirds, dramatic vistas, orchids, shore-birds, and numerous small museums and interpretation centres. In some ways this is an afternoon where we can cater to your interests. Bird watching, icebergs, lighthouses, flower walks, beachcombing, sea kayaking, land-based whale watching, photographing the local architecture, and hands-on marine biology programs are all possibilities. Many guests simply enjoy exploring the beautiful and historic community of Trinity. Wander through town on your own or walk with our knowledgeable guide.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 6 - Return to St. John's.

Explore more of the historic Bonavista/Trinity region. Icebergs, giant chunks of 15,000 year old Greenland glaciers, and more whales usually add to the day's photographic wonders. Call in at nearby coastal settlements to learn more about Newfoundland's unique cultures and flavours before returning to St. John's for the evening. Enjoy Friday and Saturday night out on the town in North America's first city. Our leader will provide lots of suggestions about local theatre, entertainment, fine dining, and culture.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 7 - St. John's.

There will usually be another ocean cruise in search of whales and wildlife before travelling to North America's most easterly point. You will further explore the trails, museums, and attractions of historic St. John's.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 8 - Depart for home.

Free in St. John's until your transfer to the airport for the flight home

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 9 - Arrive home.

Arrive London Heathrow in the morning.