

## Ports & Excursions



### Sydney, Nova Scotia

Cape Breton is fabled as a magical travel destination and the Port of Sydney is the gateway. Known for its beauty and unique Celtic music and culture, Sydney puts some of the Island's greatest sights and attractions at your fingertips when you disembark into the Joan Harriss Cruise Pavilion.

The dockside pavilion offers an array of Shopping Boutiques, a Craft Market and the World's Largest Fiddle. You will also find wireless Internet services, a Visitor Information Centre, and the Cape Breton Island Exhibition Centre featuring artifacts, images and an overview of the rich culture and heritage of this historic Island. Or you can simply sit and savour our local seafood cuisine at the Range Light Cafe, or enjoy a glass of wine on our second level balcony.

The city of Sydney has a deep history and was originally founded in 1785 by British Loyalists fleeing the perils of the American Revolution. The rich natural resources led these new settlers to establish prosperous coal and steel industries, which attracted immigrants from a myriad of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. To this day, Sydney remains a haven of multiculturalism.

The Joan Harriss Cruise Pavilion is just a short drive from the community of Baddeck and the breathtaking Bras d'Or Lake where Alexander Graham Bell lived, worked and studied. On the east coast of Cape Breton lies the largest historic reconstruction in North America, the Fortress of Louisbourg. The Fortress is a Parks Canada National Historic Site and is described as a Williamsburg-style attraction that is not to be missed.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

Located in Baddeck, the museum's three exhibit halls contain the largest collection of Bell's inventions including replicas of the first telephone. From the complex's rooftop gardens you can see Bell's 132-room estate Beinn Breagh.

#### 2 Bras d'Or Lake

Named by the French meaning "arm of gold," this sparkling lake is known for its gentle, fog-free waters, hundreds of coves and islands, and surrounded almost entirely by high hills and low mountains.

#### 3 Baddeck

In the heart of Cape Breton on the beautiful Bras d'Or Lake, this charming coastal town is home to Alexander Graham Bell's summer mansion, which sits majestically watching over Baddeck Bay.

#### 4 Celtic Heritage

Cape Breton is the only place in North America where Gaelic is still spoken, and its music, dancing and storytelling have remained a legacy of those who emigrated from the Scottish highlands 200 years ago.

#### 5 Cape Breton Highlands National Park

This 366 square-mile park features stunning mountains, verdant valleys and forests, crystal clear waterfalls, rocky coastlines and the tundra-like plateau known as the Cape Breton Highlands.

#### 6 Highland Village & Museum

A 43-acre living history museum that celebrates the Gaelic experience in Nova Scotia during the mid-18th century. Period buildings, rare farm animals, exhibits and costumed guides provide a fun and enjoyable journey through history.

#### 7 Cabot Trail

This scenic roadway loops around the Cape Breton Highlands and follows the rugged coastline before passing along picturesque Bras d'Or Lake.

#### 8 Fortress of Louisbourg

The largest reconstructed 18th-century French fortified town in North America and a National Historic Site of Canada. Costumed guides, historic buildings and demonstrations create an exciting and entertaining lesson in history.

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



#### Big Pink Bus Sydney Highlights and Coastal Drive YQY-100 | Sydney, Nova Scotia

You will visit:

4



3 hours

from \$59.95

Journey through historic Sydney past rows of beautifully restored colonial homes and the city's noted industrial community. Visit Whitney Pier Historical Museum for refreshments and learn about the area's unique history. Then it's a short drive to Miners Memorial Park commemorating the many men who died in the mines.



#### Most Popular The Bell Museum, Baddeck & Bras d'Or Lake YQY-205 | Sydney, Nova Scotia

You will visit:

1 3

You will see:

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4 hours

from \$79.95

Visit the charming village of Baddeck on the shores of picturesque Bras d'Or Lakes in the heart of Cape Breton Island. En route to the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, you'll pass Boularderie Island and its landmark Seal Island Bridge, and Kelly's Mountain on St. Ann's Bay.



#### Highland Village and Museum & Gaelic Experience YQY-305 | Sydney, Nova Scotia

You will visit:

6

You will see:

2



3.5 hours

from \$69.00

Take a picture-perfect drive through the heart of the Bras d'Or Lakes region of Cape Breton, then step back in time with a visit to the Highland Village, the only living history museum for Gaelic language and heritage in North America.



**Off the Beaten Path**

**Discover Bras d'Or Lake, Highland Village & Baddeck**  
**YQY-310 | Sydney, Nova Scotia**

You will visit: **3 6**

You will see: **1 2**



**6.5**  
hours

from **\$169.95**

Spend the day exploring the breathtaking Bras d'Or Lakes region with an escorted tour of Highland Village, which celebrates Nova Scotia's Gaelic heritage. Stop for a complimentary lunch at the Inverary Resort in Baddeck, home of Alexander Graham Bell. Later enjoy free time shopping or taking in Baddeck's panoramic views.



**Road Trip Along the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton**  
**YQY-325 | Sydney, Nova Scotia**

You will visit: **7**

You will see: **5**



**7.5**  
hours

from **\$149.95**

Venture along the east coast of the awe-inspiring Cabot Trail, renowned as one of the world's most scenic drives. Admire the rugged headlands, sandy beaches and lush green valleys en route to Ingonish Beach, the gateway to the spectacular Cape Breton Highlands National Park.



**Off the Beaten Path**

**Sailing on the Bras D'or Lake, Baddeck & Lunch**  
**YQY-610 | Sydney, Nova Scotia**

You will visit: **2 3**

You will see: **1**



**6**  
hours

from **\$159.95**

Set sail on an adventure aboard the "Amoeba" schooner and cruise the sparkling waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes. Watch bald eagles in their natural habitat, view Alexander Graham Bell's stately mansion high on the hill overlooking the lake. Later enjoy a buffet style lunch at the Inverary Resort in Baddeck.

**Special Interests**



**Celtic Heritage: Sounds of Cape Breton**  
**YQY-200 | Sydney, Nova Scotia**

You will visit: **4**



**1.5**  
hours

from **\$49.00**

Cape Breton is world renowned for the revival of Celtic music and the unique style of playing the fiddle. This presentation is in recognition of that musical heritage.



**Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site**  
**YQY-300 | Sydney, Nova Scotia**

You will visit: **8**



**3.5**  
hours

from **\$79.95**

Take a scenic ride through Cape Breton's verdant highlands and past the Mira River to the Fortress of Louisbourg, the largest reconstructed 18th century French fortified town in North America. Explore the site which until modern times lay untouched, when archaeologists began to reconstruct the fortress.



**Cape Breton Island Coal Mine Experience & Museum**  
**YQY-315 | Sydney, Nova Scotia**

You will see: **5**



**4**  
hours

from **\$89.95**

Experience the hard life of a coal mine worker on a guided tour to Cape Breton Miner's Museum. Then, go below the surface into an actual mine. Later, learn how the Sydney area was built by the men who manned the local coal mines at Glace Bay Heritage Museum.



**Sydney Old Town Walking Tour & Celtic Experience**  
**YQY-380 | Sydney, Nova Scotia**

You will visit: **4**



**1.5**  
hours

from **\$35.95**

Enjoy a leisurely guided walking tour of historic Sydney. Visit St. Patrick's Church Museum and the 225-year-old Jost House, once the home of a prominent merchant, and the Cossit House, Sydney's oldest home. You'll continue on to Cape Breton Center for Heritage and Science for tea and oatcakes before your stroll back to the ship.