

Fall Foliage Tour: The Canadian Maritimes

September 1 - September 9, 2024 for the Base Trip

3-Day Optional Extension to Newfoundland: September 1 - 12, 2024



Travel with OLLI - a lifetime of learning and exploring!
Moderate Activity Level 2

Amazing Places to be Experienced

Visit Three Canadian Maritimes Provinces:

Nova Scotia (N.S.)

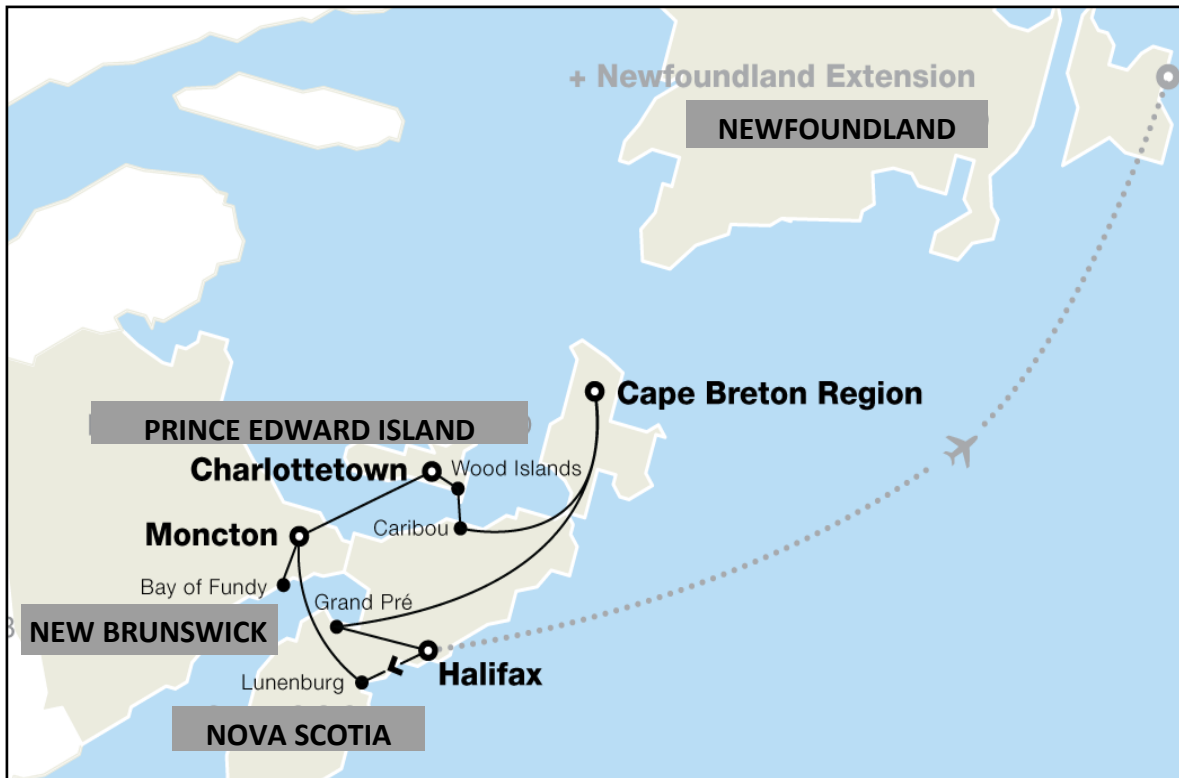
New Brunswick (N.B.)

Prince Edwards Island (P.E.I.)

Add the Newfoundland Extension
on to your trip!



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



Canadian Maritime Tour Director

Our guide for this trip is Patrick Twomey, an international tour guide, tour operator, published author and adventurer. Patrick has led two previous trips with OLLI including Canadian Rockies and Northern Ireland. Patrick has been roaming the world for several decades with a passion for exploring. With Patrick, every tour becomes a journey of discovery.

General Information:

Travel Providers

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Go Ahead Tours. GAT was the travel provider for our Tuscany, Canadian Rockies, Ireland trips plus many more.

Registrations:

Please fill out the registration form and bring it to the OLLI office on the day of registration. Trip reservations are on first-come-first served basis. A passport and Covid vaccination card is required at time of registration and the passport must be valid through six months following the end date of the tour.

Tour Activity Level:

2

This tour requires moderate physical activity. You should be in good health, able to stand for long periods of time, climb stairs and hills; and walk reasonable distances, walking up to three hours per day, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets. Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour. You should feel comfortable managing your own baggage at all times. If you have any mobility concerns or physical restrictions, please contact our OLLI office for additional information.

Travel Requirements:

We currently require proof of vaccination, & masks may be required for multiple day travel with SVSU-OLLI. We will provide any known updates closer to departure dates. Please call the OLLI office with any questions (989)964-4475.

Lodging

We will stay in accommodations handpicked to ensure quality and comfort. Specific hotel details will be given at the pre-trip dinner.

Travel Protection:*

Go Ahead's trip protection will be included in the price of this trip and must be paid at the time of deposit upon registration. The "Trip protection" package has pre-existing condition coverage. Details about the travel protection package terms and conditions may be found on their website at: goaheadtours.com/about/travel-protection. Please note that insurance fees are not refundable. It is the traveler's responsibility to review insurance coverage to make sure it meets your needs prior to purchase.

* If you choose not to take travel protection for your trip - your registration/situation will be reviewed.

Air Details:

Our package includes round-trip air from Detroit, air taxes and fees/surcharges. Specific flight information will be provided at a later date. If our flight is scheduled early, we may stay the night prior to departure in Detroit. If this is the case, there will be an added cost per person and these details will be forwarded to you closer to departure.

Waitlist & Roommates Needed:

If you are looking for a roommate please contact our office and we can share names of others looking for roommates. Our office will also maintain a wait-list if this trip fills to capacity of (35) travelers.

Cancellation:

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office and are subject to a cancellation fee of \$50. Go Ahead's cancellation policies will prevail.

Glossary

B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner
N.S. - Nova Scotia
P.E.I. - Prince Edwards Island
N.B. - New Brunswick
N.L. - Newfoundland and Labrador

Included in Your 9 - Day Package

8 nights in handpicked hotels
8 breakfasts
1 lunch
4 dinners with beer or wine
4 sight seeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 ferry transfer

Included highlights

1 food tasting
Maritimes' fall foliage
Halifax Public Gardens
Maple Sugar Shack visit

Bay of Fundy
Confederation Bridge
Anne of Green Gables Museum
Cape Breton Highlands National Park

Included in 3-Day Extension:

Flight to St. John's Newfoundland
3 additional nights in hand picked hotels
3 additional breakfasts
1 additional dinner
2 sightseeing tours of Newfoundland



Day 1: Tuesday, September 1

Depart SVSU via motorcoach for our flight from Detroit to Halifax, Nova Scotia. **Welcome to Canada!** Transfer to your hotel and get settled in.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 2 (Halifax, N.S.)

Sightseeing Tour of Halifax

Join a kilted local guide and head out on a sightseeing tour of Halifax, a global city serving as Nova Scotia's capital. We will set off on foot to explore the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, where many Titanic victims are buried. Next stop is at the Victorian-era Halifax Public Gardens. Enjoy a guided visit to the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, which pays homage to the many immigrants who have shaped Canada's history. After the Canadian Museum, we will have time to stroll along the city's large natural harbor. We will gather with our Tour Director for a welcome lunch as a group. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore. (B,L)

Day 3: Thursday, September 3 (Moncton, N.B.)

Moncton via Peggy's Cove & Lunenburg

Following breakfast, we will travel to Moncton, for one night stay. Moncton is a significant crossroads center of the Maritime provinces, making stops en route. Enjoy time to admire stunning coastal scenery at Peggy's Cove, a rural coastal region in Nova Scotia. Next will be a visit to the UNESCO-listed port town of Lunenburg. The evening is yours to do as you wish. Take advantage of your free time to explore the charming port town. (B)

Day 4: Friday, September 4 (Charlottetown, P.E.I.)

Charlottetown via Hopewell Rocks

The day will begin with travel to Charlottetown, P.E.I., where we will spend the next two nights. Planned is a guided tour of the intriguing rock formations, Hopewell Rocks, located in the Bay of Fundy. Enjoy time to marvel at the power of tidal erosion as you explore Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park. We will have marvelous views of beaches and covered bridges during a photo stop at Mary's Point, a sanctuary for shorebird species and home to internationally recognized wetlands. Take advantage of the free time to explore the Bay of Fundy, a natural wonder that boasts the most significant tidal change in the world, and walk on the ocean floor during low tide. Later, we will cross the Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island. Marvel at this feat of engineering, which crosses the Abegweit Passage and is the longest bridge to span ice-covered water. Then we will make our way to Charlottetown, the capital of Prince Edward Island and home to various historic buildings. This evening we will attend an authentic Acadian cultural show and listen to traditional music as you enjoy an included dinner during the interactive experience. (B, D)

Day 5: Saturday, September 5 (Charlottetown, P.E.I.)

Kensington & Cavendish Beach

Today we will get to know some of Prince Edward Island's charming sights on a guided tour. The day will begin with a short trip to Kensington, the Heart of P.E.I. The first stop will be visiting the Anne of Green Gables Museum, located on Campbell Farm. We will have time to explore the property, which inspired L.M. Montgomery's famous novel. Next will be a transfer to Cavendish Beach, which runs almost five miles along the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. Take time to marvel at the red dunes and have a chance to breathe fresh sea air as we stroll along the boardwalks. Dinner will be on your own this evening. (B)

Day 6: Sunday, September 6 (Cape Breton Region, N.S.)

Transfer to Cape Breton Island

Begin by heading back to Nova Scotia, to Cape Breton Island. En route, we will briefly visit the Wood Islands, a fishing area on P.E.I. Then, board a ferry to Pictou County, N.S. Disembark from the ferry in Caribou, a rural area on the Northumberland Strait. We will stop in the coastal town of Pictou, which was the first place Scottish immigrants landed in the late 1700s. Next will be the transfer to the village of Baddeck, located along the shore of the Bras d'Or Lake on Cape Breton Island and noted as the starting and ending point of the Cabot Trail. Here we will visit the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, which pays homage to the life and work of the famous inventor. An included dinner in Baddeck for this evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Monday, September 7 (Cape Breton Region, N.S.)

Sightseeing tour of Cape Breton Highlands National Park

The day begins with a sightseeing tour of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. We will start by driving to Cheticamp, a fishing town on the Cabot Trail, and enjoy an included lunch. Take in the breathtaking views of oceans and mountains as you journey north along the Cabot Trail through Cape Breton Highlands National Park. As we drive through the park, we will make scenic photo stops at Neil's Harbour and Ingonish Beach. (B,L)

Day 8: Tuesday, September 8 (Halifax Region, N.S.)

Halifax Region via the Grand-Pré National Historic Site

After breakfast we'll begin our drive back to mainland Nova Scotia, making several stops along the way including a visit to the Sugar Moon Farm and learn about producing maple products, and enjoy a tasting of the iconic Canadian treat, sugar-on-snow. We'll also enter the UNESCO-listed Grand-Pré National Historic Site to learn about Acadian history. Enjoy the beautiful coastal scenery as you continue to the Halifax region. We will celebrate the trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. (B,D)



Day 9: Wednesday, September 9

Departure

Today, we will transfer to the airport for your flight home. Breakfast will be included unless we have an early morning flight. (B)

OR continue on your adventure with an extension to St. John's Newfoundland. St. John's is one of the oldest cities in North America, but this scenic port city still boasts a decidedly modern vibe. After a short flight, set out on a sightseeing tour to discover this delightfully distinct Canadian capital.

Optional 3 - Day Extension: St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Day 9: Wednesday, September 9 *(St. John's, N.L.)*

Flight to St. John's

Today we will board a plane as fly to St. John's, Newfoundland, which is the capital of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, September 10 *(St. John's, N.L.)*

Sightseeing Tour of St. John's

We start the day on a panoramic bus tour of St. John's, passing through the Government House and the mid-19th-century Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Take in the stunning views of the city during a photo stop at Signal Hill, which is surrounded by 17th-century fortifications and is the site of the Cabot Tour. Then we will transfer to Cape Spear, the most easterly point in North America, and walk along a stunning cliffside trail to the Cape Spear Lighthouse. Stroll the streets of the charming Quidi Vidi Village, a historic fishing town along Newfoundland and Labrador's northeastern coast. Pay a visit to the Plantation Craft Studios, where you can watch local artisans create various handmade items, from pottery to woodcut prints, and take some trinkets home for yourself. Continue to The Rooms museum and enjoy free time to explore the exhibits that highlight the region's history, culture, artwork, and wildlife. Then, sit down at a local restaurant for an included dinner served with beer or wine. (B,D)

Day 11: Friday, September 11 *(St. John's, N.L.)*

Free Day in St. John's

Today the day is yours to explore St. John's. This evening, we will gather as a group and enjoy a farewell drink as we celebrate the trip and extension that we went on together. (B)

Day 12: Saturday, September 12

Departure

Today, we will transfer to the airport for your flight home. Breakfast will be included unless we have an early morning flight. (B)

Travel Preview & Registration Information

Monday, September 11, 2023

- **8:30 a.m.** - Registration begins. Registration is done on a first come, first served basis. Bring a completed registration form, your passport, Covid vaccination card, and form of payment. Registration will take place in the OLLI Office.
- **9:30 a.m.** - Preview begins - what to expect when traveling with OLLI. Learn about travel enhancements when traveling with OLLI, including classes, motorcoach transfers to and from airport. The preview will take place in Curtiss Hall Seminar D, located next to the OLLI Office.
- **10 a.m.** - Travel Preview with our provider, Go Ahead Tours. This is a great time to ask questions about the trip itinerary or any other questions you may have for the trip.

Please register for the Travel Preview by calling the OLLI office (989) 964-4475 or visiting the OLLI website.

Enjoy rural scenery and rugged coastal landscapes as you journey off the beaten path to discover one of Canada's most storied regions. Uncover immigrant history, fascinating Acadian culture, and the tranquil lifestyles of quaint fishing villages as you get to know Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Picturesque sea views, small-town charm, and a colorful past collide on this breathtaking trip.

Travel with OLLI

A lifetime of learning and exploring!

Travel with other SVSU OLLI members!

Make new friends that often lead to lifelong friendships

Leave the details to someone else!

Less-stress travel. Most details are taken care of for you, including the best itinerary that the destination has to offer.

Try new things!

When you don't have to worry about things like logistics and safety, you can focus on just relaxing and enjoying the ride, and often new experiences.

"It was an amazing vacation! I met lots of wonderful people and had some very memorable adventures! Thank you to all the people who were instrumental in organizing and planning this trip!!"

Traveler Testimonial – Nordic Coast Trip, June 2023
Paula Pahssen Cornell

Please ensure that your name matches what appears on your passport.

First: _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Optional nickname for trip nametag _____ Male/Female: _____ D.O.B. ____ / ____ / _____

Have you traveled with SVSU-OLLI prior to this trip ___ Yes ___ No Have you traveled with EF Tours before ___ Yes ___ No

Email: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Tel: (____) _____ Email: _____

Accommodations:

- 2 Twin 1 Double Bed (sleeps 2) *(Please note: Roommates need to be confirmed at time of registration)*
- Single room \$790 Limited** - there is an additional charge of \$370 for the single room if you add the extension
(Single room -Private accommodations)

Trip Extension: *Please initial next to your choice below*

___ No, I am not adding the trip extension to Newfoundland ___ Yes, I am adding the trip extension to Newfoundland

Travel Protection:

() Yes, I understand trip protection is included in my trip cost \$449 () No, I decline the trip protection offered for this trip

Signature: _____
Details about the travel protection package terms & conditions can be found on their website at: goaheadtours.com/about/travel-protection

Roommate Name: _____ Roommate Phone: _____
(Please note: Roommates needs to be confirmed at time of registration)

Trip Cost:

Category	Base w/Air	Insurance	3-Day Extension Newfoundland	OLLI Membership	Single Supplement	Total Cost
OLLI Member - Double Occupancy	\$4,529	\$449				\$4,978
OLLI Member - Double Occupancy w/ Extension	\$4,529	\$449	\$1,188			\$6,166
Non Member - Double Occupancy	\$4,529	\$449		\$70		\$5,048
Non Member - Double Occupancy w/Extension	\$4,529	\$449	\$1,188	\$70		\$6,236
OLLI Member - Single	\$4,529	\$449			\$790	\$5,768
OLLI Member -Single w/Extension	\$4,529	\$449	\$1,188		\$1,160	\$7,326
Non Member - Single	\$4,529	\$449		\$70	\$790	\$5,838
Non Member - Single w/Extension	\$4,529	\$449	\$1,188	\$70	\$1,160	\$7,396

Payments:

Payment Method:

Check (payable to Go Ahead) Check Number: _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Credit Card - MasterCard Visa

Amount to Be Charged: _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Cardholder's Name _____

NEW!

Monthly Payment Plan

Deposits:

\$899 per person OLLI members
(double occupancy, includes travel insurance) _____

\$1,689 per person OLLI members
(single occupancy, includes travel insurance and single supplement) _____

\$2,059 per person OLLI members
(single occupancy, includes travel insurance single supplement and deposit for extension) _____

\$99 to register for the Monthly Payment Plan _____

OLLI Membership payable to SVSU \$70 _____

*** The final balance is due by April 10, 2024.**
You will receive your final balance details approximately one month prior to due date. After registration date cost is subject to price increases.