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## Expedition Details

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Trace the footsteps of Vikings, European explorers, and inventors on a special voyage aboard our flagship, the *National Geographic Explorer*. Explore Cape Breton Island, the remote isles of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the rugged and spectacular coast of Newfoundland.

## Trip Highlights

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Our first landfall is Saint-Pierre Island, France's oldest remaining overseas territory. Explore this picturesque French fishing enclave and stop at a scenic whale watching lookout.

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### Day 3 — Louisbourg and Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Visit the reconstructed 18th-century Fortress of Louisbourg before docking in the village of Baddeck, where Alexander Graham Bell, a founding member of the National Geographic Society, built his summer home and conducted much of his research. Enjoy an optional "white glove" tour of the Bell Museum with the opportunity to hold historic artifacts. Today we also visit the reconstructed Fortress of Louisbourg, an 18th-century fort where the British and the French fought.

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#### Day 4 — Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec

A cluster of wispy islands isolated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Îles de la Madeleine are home to dunes that stretch for many miles, grassy hills, and dazzling red sandstone cliffs. The caves, sea arches, and rocky nooks along the coast are perfect for exploring by Zodiac and kayak. Learn about Acadian culture, which dates back some 250 years on the archipelago and still lingers today. Weather permitting, set off into the green hills on a hike, or explore the islands by bicycle.

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#### Day 5 — Gros Morne National Park

Graced by cliffs and fjords, glacial valleys and a sweeping alpine plateau, Gros Morne National Park has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its unique and spectacular geology. Take a walk with our geologist to learn about the forces that shaped this land and the ancient serpentine rock and other formations that illustrate the phenomenon of plate tectonics.

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#### Day 6 — L'Anse aux Meadows

In 1960, the remains of a Viking village established in the 11th century were discovered at L'Anse aux Meadows, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk among the Norse ruins and reconstructed sod huts, and learn the saga of the Vikings in North America—nearly 500 years before Columbus arrived.

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#### Day 7 — Exploring Eastern Newfoundland

Wild, rugged, and often accessible only by sea, Newfoundland's eastern coast is dotted with tiny fishing villages tucked into coves. Explore these stunning shores by Zodiac and kayak today. Back on board, gain insights from our experts into the civilizations and the wildlife that have made this island home.

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#### Day 8 — St. John's

Glide through the natural gateway called The Narrows and arrive in St. John's, perched at the most easterly point of North America. Visit the colorful waterfront and historic Signal Hill or visit the Rooms Museum before you transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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