



NEWFOUNDLAND CLOSE UP

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Listen to the explosive spout of a humpback whale as it breaks the ocean's surface to empty its lungs. See the comical flight of a full-bellied puffin attempting to get airborne. Taste the delights of Newfoundland home-cooking and bask in the warmth of her people. Smell the landwash where the Atlantic breaks on North America's eastern-most shore. Here is where first-light really is first. Let Newfoundland be your Muse.

Come and develop your photo skills through this multi-dimensional tour and workshop that immerses you in nature and culture. It mixes inspiring destinations with group instruction, experiential learning and one-on-one coaching. The presentations are interactive, inspiring and informative; the hikes are filled with vistas and natural beauty that invite hours of photographic contemplation; the home-cooked meals and accommodations celebrate the best of Newfoundland hospitality. We start in the historic town of Cupids with a couple of days of instruction and ambling hikes to hone our skills. Then we move further afield to visit the jewels of eastern Newfoundland: Cape St. Mary's the world-renowned gannet colony; the humpback whales of Bay Bulls; the historic towns of Trinity and Brigus, and many small, seldom seen treasures in between.

Cost: \$2,995 CDN + GST based on double occupancy

Maximum: 12 adventurers

Tour cost includes:

- All accommodations & meals
- Ground transportation
- Your instructor/guide(s)
- All park fees

Tour cost does not include:

- Flights to / from St. John's
- Airport transfers
- Items of a personal nature
- Alcoholic beverages
- Travel/medical insurance

Fitness Level: Easy to Moderate



YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: St. John's

We meet in St. John's, Newfoundland's historic, vibrant capital. After an introduction over breakfast we board our bus for the one-hour drive to Cupids – our home base for the first part of our adventure. Picturesque and welcoming, it was first settled in 1610, making it Canada's oldest official English colony. Here we are hosted by charming B&B's brimming with true Newfoundland hospitality. The rest of our day is filled with an introduction to nature photography and an excursion on the nearby Burnt Head Trail.

Day 2: Greenland Trail

We start the day early to capture the "sweet light". Hiking the Greenland Trail through meadows and blueberry fields, the ocean by our side, we pass the former settlement site of Deep Gulch, and take in a cliff view of "The Arch", a natural rock formation along the way. We will be making frequent stops to learn about 'active seeing' as well as some tips and tricks on camera stabilization in the field.

After lunch and an indoor session covering topics like focus, depth of field, composition and landscapes, we head to idyllic Brigus. Filled with



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YOUR GUIDES

charming heritage homes, and beautifully kept gardens, it is crisscrossed by a set of unusual stone-lined canals. Here we take time to wander among the laneways, watch the boats in the harbour, and stop for a visit at Hawthorne Cottage, former home of Arctic explorer Captain Bob Bartlett.

Day 3: Baccalieu Trail

Today we spend the day exploring the famed Baccalieu Trail. We hike the Bay Roberts Shoreline Heritage Walk, one of Newfoundland's most scenic hikes. Our path takes us through meadows passing ancient stone walls, root cellars and other evidence of early settlements. Tiny pebble beaches rise to towering cliffs that afford us an expansive view of Bell Island and Conception Bay beyond. We will have ample opportunity to apply what we have learned so far, as well as go further into capturing light and landscape, getting the right exposure, protecting your camera gear in the field, close-up photography and tips on shooting birds in flight. After lunch at the Mad Rocks café we head on to Hearts Delight and Hearts Content on our way to the Winterton Boat Building Museum.

Day 4: Cape St. Mary's

Our destination is Cape St. Mary's: truly one of the most spectacular wildlife experiences in the world. "The Cape" is North America's second largest gannet colony; nowhere else are you able to get as close. We sit atop cliffs as thousands of these magnificent birds sail above and below us, and the air is filled with the drone of their chatter.

Day 5: Trinity

We are off to Trinity. This stately and vibrant community is steeped in history and has the sense of grandeur due its fish merchant history. A photographic delight awaits around every corner and we have ample time to explore its charms before an afternoon cruise and dinner at the remote abandoned community of Ireland's Eye.



Dennis Minty & Antje Springmann

Dennis has a five year history with Adventure Canada as naturalist and photographer. He is an award winning environmental educator, wildlife biologist, park manager and author of several books. Antje Springmann has called Newfoundland home since coming there from Germany when she was twelve. She guided her first cultural tours of St. John's 20 years ago. She has a varied background in educational design, arts and culture, tourism, marketing, event organization and partnership development. A budding photographer in her own right, she recently joined her husband, Dennis Minty, in developing workshops that bring people closer to the natural world.

Day 6: Bonavista

We spend the morning watching puffins near Elliston, visiting Bonavista's charming homes and iconic lighthouse near where John Cabot first set foot on Newfoundland. After lunch we hike to Kearley's Harbour before we take a step back in time through the film set of "Random Passage" to the life of Newfoundland's first European settlers.

Day 7: Bay Bulls to St. John's

From Trinity we head to Bay Bulls on the Southern Shore. Here we board the boat that takes us for a close-up view of the protected Witless Bay Seabird Sanctuary. Around us hundreds of thousands of puffins, kittiwakes and murres head out to sea and back as they tend their young. After lunch we head out by Zodiac on our final adventure – visiting the giants of the sea: minke and humpback. We get close enough to smell their pungent breath and see water pearl off their flukes: a fantastic opportunity to capture them on film as they feed and play. After our day on the ocean we head back to St. John's for a final dinner together before we say good-bye.