



Some of the best places to make family memories are found in the usual and not-so-usual spots!

Nova Scotia is proud of its exciting and engaging history. And its unique and authentic present! Nova Scotia attractions are eclectic and exciting – from the urban attractions of the Halifax Citadel and Pier 21, to the rural provincial parks and sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Take a walk on the wild side of nature or meet a ghost by candlelight. Sail the Bras d'Or Lakes, visit the puffins on Bird Islands or run through the corn maze in the Annapolis Valley. Visit a Nova Scotia Museum – some highlight the province's awe-inspiring pre-historic remnants, while others tell the story of the province's amazing immigrant heritage. There's a lot to celebrate in Nova Scotia – and many attractions to help you!

Unearth 300-million-year-old dinosaur secrets and a treasure chest of natural heritage at Halifax's Museum of Natural History, where you'll also find the world's finest collection of Mi'kmaq quillwork. See impressive beadwork and learn of Nova Scotia's First People at the Glooscap Interpretive Centre in Truro. Bend your ear to the sounds of the pioneers at the reconstruction of Samuel de Champlain's 1605 fort at Port Royal, the oldest European settlement north of Florida. Feel the beat of the drum as the 78th Highland Regiment strikes up the band at the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site. Nova Scotia's museums set history a-sizzle, ignite the imagination and stir up the senses!

- Take a guided ghost story and marine folklore tour with an interpreter from the **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**.
- Go far beneath the surface of the Earth in a coal car with a retired coal miner guiding you through the deeps at the **Cape Breton Miners Museum**.
- Touch our sealife in the touch-tanks of the **Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic**
- Spend a couple of days living in the 1860s through **Sherbrooke Village's** "Hands to History" program.
- Go on a Triassic-Jurassic Field Trip with the dinosaur-loving crowd from the award-winning **Fundy Geological Museum**



As Nova Scotia's premiere fun destination, **Upper Clements Park** delivers thrilling rides, amazing wildlife and delightful family entertainment all in an enjoyable outdoor atmosphere. Nestled in a beautiful Annapolis Valley forest in Nova Scotia, you can soar through the tree-tops on our exciting wooden rollercoaster or create your own big splash by plunging down our own big flume-ride. Crash and bump in our bumper boats or whirl down a huge water-slide. It's all here! The Parks also includes a Theme Park, a Wildlife & Picnic Park.

At **Ross Farm Museum** you will learn about what life was like on a Nova Scotian farm between 100 and 175 years ago, Ross Farm is typical of the many small farms that existed throughout Nova Scotia when the province was still being settled. See heritage animals up-close such as Canadian horses, oxen and Berkshire pigs. Or take part in workshops including nature walks, woodworking, blacksmithing and candle making.

Marvel at the Bay of Fundy and witness the highest tides of the world - on top of them by **Tidal Bore Rafting**. From on top of 200metre high cliffs watch the tide rise over 16 metres. Discover the rare phenomenon created when competing currents collide It's a one-of-a-kind adventure vacation experience to ride a tidal bore. The cresting waves become your personal roller coaster.

Check out the **Whale Watching Interpretative Centre** in Pleasant Bay ... then hop on board one of several whale watching operators in the area and check out the whales in the bay up close and personal!

Run wild with the wildlife at the **Oaklawn Farm Zoo**. A fun adventure for all ages, Oaklawn Farm Zoo boasts the largest display of Big Cats and Primates in Eastern Canada, and much more. Home and birthplace of Rutledge, the Worlds Largest Lion, Oaklawns 50-acre zoo offers a relaxing atmosphere in a country like setting. Oaklawn Farm Zoo features a large variety of endangered and threatened species of exotic, native and domestic breeds of animals.



Tag a lobster on an educational, research-based experience with **Lobsterman Tours**. Discover first hand, the salty history of charming Lunenburg, Nova Scotia (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) by experiencing the life of a Lobster Fisherman! This is an entertaining and educational experience and an absolute must if you are visiting Nova Scotia! Your tour takes you to the fishing grounds for the hauling of the lobster traps! Along the way you'll learn about lobsters and lobster fishing from the professional crew. The tour is a 'hands-on educational science' with an onboard marine biologist and a touch tank featuring lobsters, crabs, and other marine creatures.

From cultural fetes to music festivals, Nova Scotia vacations with a festive edge abound. Tour our maritime province, taking in authentic Nova Scotia cuisine, dancing to Celtic folk music, exploring your Nova Scotia genealogy or delighting in a parade check out the highlights below of Nova Scotia Signature Events you won't want to miss!



- October is **Pumpkin Fest** in the Annapolis Valley - a month of food, fun and family events to celebrate our harvest season. Join us for Pumpkin fun, Pumpkin food, Pumpkin art and fresh Valley Pumpkins! Visit our website for to discover the many events and tastes along the Pumpkin path. Drive to the Valley and become part of the Giant Fun!

- Bring your sand bucket and imagination to the **Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle & Sculpture Contest**.
- **Dino Daze** - Celebrate this 'Dino' namic Day in Parrsboro by making dino goo, dino pins and rock crafts and by looking at real dinosaur bones and dino droppings! Join us for a lunch of t-rex fingers, dinocake and swamp water!
- The **Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition** features something for everyone. Professional music artists, motorsports, harness racing and local entertainers are featured along with traditional agricultural displays and competitions. We also host the largest midway in Nova Scotia. Bring your family and friends for a full day of agricultural education, great food and lots of family entertainment.
- In Jeddore Oyster Pond, the **Pirate Festival** begins September 19th with an "International Talk Like A Pirate Day" dinner and continues all day Saturday with "Pirates on Parade" street parade, Pirate boat sail-by, musket and cannon fire competitions, pirate sea and land battles and games for young and old buccaneers.