

Travel Outlook



GRACIOUS LIVING: New Brunswick is widely and favourably known for its accommodations, and the qualities that attract their guests are those they share: direct, personal attention to food preparation, service and appropriate decor. Because of their popularity and to avoid disappointment reservations are recommended for those wishing to stay at an inn or small hotel. Here we see the charm and beauty of the Steamers Stop Inn, Gagetown.

New Brunswick Vacation Packages

By Anne Doon

When planning a vacation, many people expect to find their vacation package in Europe or the Caribbean, they don't realize that New Brunswick has a vast selection of vacation packages.

Packages to satisfy either a small group or large group of family and friends are found in the province. From adventurous to getaway, fun and learn to business world, packages provide a complete and fulfilling vacation without involving great distances and high costs.

The province varies greatly in culture and scenery and packages have been designed to reflect the variety.

White sandy beaches and warm inviting waters are in abundance on the east coast of New Brunswick. In Shediac, indulge yourselves and relax anywhere on the endless stretch of bleached sand and listen to the waves break on the shore.

There are a variety of water-sport packages available for novice or experts; sailboarding, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing or kayaking. All activities are supervised by qualified instructors and safety equipment is supplied.

If quiet streams and rivers are preferred, New Brunswick has ample. Some of the finest flat water is found on the Tobique River in northwestern New Brunswick. Wilderness outfitter packages in the area arrange trips on the local rivers with guides and certified instructors. Accommodations, meals and canoes are

provided. There's plenty of fresh air, beautiful surroundings and miles of calm water.

Enjoy the water, but not canoeing? The Houseboat vacation package may be the answer. Forget the trouble of the world and drift down the Saint John River, or one of its tributaries. Stop for a swim, fish, or drop anchor and explore the shore. Sit back and let the current chart you a course.

For an adventurous vacation, try tubing down a river, or come discover the murderer at a mystery Murder Dinner. There are also exciting whale-watching excursions in one of our runys where one may spot the rare right whale, or finback and minke whales. These excursions are available from Deer Island, Grand Manan, Campobello and St. Andrews.

For golfing enthusiasts, New Brunswick has no less than 36 golf courses, so take a swing at one on the coast or go inland. There are packages which offer unlimited golf with beautiful scenic views.

Cultural explorers will find packages which take them to a Miqmaq Indian reserve to partake in cultural events, or to Deer Island to observe seals, marine birds, whales to the deepsea fish. The only republic in North America is the Republic of Madawaska - experience first hand the vast history of the area.

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New Brunswick Country Inns

by Anne Doon

Country inns are fast becoming popular places to stay when touring the Maritimes. Many travellers have tired of the standard motel room and have opted for the hospitality of homey country inns.

New Brunswick can provide the traveller with many small inns that may vary in style but not in service. They all share the qualities that attract visitors year after year. From elegantly decorated rooms to fireside chats, country inns in New Brunswick accommodate guests with a personal touch.

Much of the cuisine offered is unique to each of the inns but seafood on the menu is universal. Many inns on the northern shore of New Brunswick prepare Acadian dishes such as sugar pie at Hotel Paulin. Others prepare special regional dishes or desserts, for instance the foxberry ice cream at the Marshlands Inn in Sackville.

Many of the country inns are Victorian-style houses built in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The

rooms are spacious and often contain antiques dating back to Victorian times. It's very rare to find two rooms in an inn decorated the same way. Each room has its own ambience and character.

Some, like the Rossmount Inn near St. Andrews, are part of a property from long ago. The Rossmount offers the traveller a 90-acre estate, complete with a mountain to hike to the top of. Also on the grounds are many walking trails and a view of Passamaquoddy Bay and the outer islands of Deer and Campobello.

On Campobello Island is the historic Owen House, Home of the island's original settlers. Distinctive quilts cover the beds and the inn boasts nine fireplaces. It is surrounded on three sides by water and a sunporch overlooks Friars Bay.

Other inns, like the Steamers Stop in Gagetown, allow the visitor to come by land or by sea (river in this case). The Steamers

Stop is located on the Saint John River and has a tie-up wharf and moorings available for guests. Favorites on the menu include My Mothers Chicken and Dumplings and of course Cream of Fiddlehead Soup, a New Brunswick speciality.

Also reached by boat are several inns on the island of Grand Manan.

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