

Travel

# Plan a visit now to Newfoundland

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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — Newfoundland is the place that most 'mainlanders' say they would really like to visit someday, but the years drift by and someday never comes. It's too far away, they say, and too expensive. Well, Newfoundland is as close as Florida, where thousands of Torontonians go each year and, with the premium on the US dollar, it's probably cheaper.

There are several ways to get there. You can fly to Montreal and connect with an Eastern Provincial Airways flight to Stephenville, Deer Lake, Gander or St. John's. Air Canada has daily scheduled flights to St. John's and Gander.

CN Marine operates passenger and car ferry services between North Sydney and Port-aux-Basques twice daily, three times daily at peak periods. The crossing takes six hours and costs \$18 each way for a car, \$6 for an adult. If you choose the night crossing, it costs \$32 for a four-berth cabin.

Port-aux-Basques got its name from the Basques fishermen who fished off the coast here in the early 1700s. If you have time to make a few side trips, the trip down the south coast about 40 miles to Rose Blanche will show you what a Newfoundland outpost looks like. You'll pass Isle aux Morts, so called because of a shipwreck there; Margaree, with its huge fish plant (ask for manager Gabe Billard and he'll cut you some fish steaks from a fish only hours out of the ocean and, if your nose can stand it, even give you a tour of the plant); Burnt Island, which is now joined by a causeway; Diamond Cove, where the glitter from a mountain of pure quartz can be seen far out to sea; and Harbour le Cou, immortalized in a

Newfoundland folk song. Another side trip could be through the farming community of Codroy Valley.

At the mouth of the Codroy River is the town of Cape Anquille with the Anquille mountains rising steeply to the north. If you are a hiking enthusiast or a camera buff there is a hiking trail up the mountain with a breathtaking view at the top. The three-mile trail takes you to a spot where the mountain drops steeply 2,000 feet straight down into the sea. Looking north you can see several sharp headlands and fiords.

If you were driving straight through from Port-aux-Basques, two hours drive would get you to Corner Brook or Deer Lake. A good place to stop for breakfast is the Irving Station at the Deer Lake turn-off. The food here is excellent. Irving stations with restaurants are situated about every 30 miles along the highway and the food served, although not gourmet, is consistently good. The restaurants are run by local people and most of the food is home-made. The pies and cakes have to be tasted to be believed.

At Deer Lake you can turn off for another side trip, this time to Bonne Bay and Gros Morne National Park. From there you can go further north to St. Anthony and the Viking settlement at L'Anse-a-u-Meadows. Make sure you have good tires before you start on this trip; from Gros Morne there are 150 miles of gravel road.

Still driving straight through you can make Grand Falls or Gander for lunch. Grand Falls has a good restaurant in the Exploits Valley Mall. Gander has two large hotels with restaurants, the Albatross Inn and the Holiday Inn. The Albatross has good food, the Holiday Inn does not.

From Grand Falls there is another interesting side trip, the 'Road to the Isles.' The

town of Twillingate with its excellent harbour is on an out island and, until recently, was quite isolated. At Twillingate you'll find one of the most beautiful and spectacular lighthouses anywhere, so take your camera.

Continuing your trip along the Trans Canada Highway you would pass Gander, once a very busy international airport. With the coming of larger planes and non-stop Atlantic flights, Gander doesn't get the larger volume of trans-Atlantic traffic it once did. If you're interested in flying, Gander is well worth a stop. The Aviation Museum is excellent.

Another hour's drive would get you to Terra Nova National Park, 153 square miles of forestland, lakes and coastline. There are two serviced campgrounds in the park and four more areas set aside for primitive camping. Shortly after leaving the park another side trip can be taken to Trinity. Trinity is the oldest settlement in North America, having been visited in 1501 and 1558 and finally settled toward the end of the 16th century.

At the entrance to the Avalon Peninsula you can see from the highway Come-by-Chance oil refinery. This multi-million-dollar refinery was in production only a short time and is now bankrupt and abandoned.

After driving through the quiet farmlands and small towns of the Avalon you would, after 565 miles of constantly changing scenery, finally come to St. John's. St. John's is the oldest city in North America. The local people like to say that it was a thriving seaport when New York City was still a swamp.

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Land Management File T-01851

A 1,900 square foot, seven room brick residence with two full bathrooms, walk out basement, attached two car garage, situated on a lot measuring 105' by 331' located on the south side of York Regional Road 14 in the hamlet of Gormley, 1/2 mile west of Woodbine Avenue in the Town of Richmond Hill. (Part of Lot 35, Concession 3).

The residence will be open for inspection on June 19th, 1979 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Sale to be held on the property at 12:00 noon Friday June 29th, 1979.

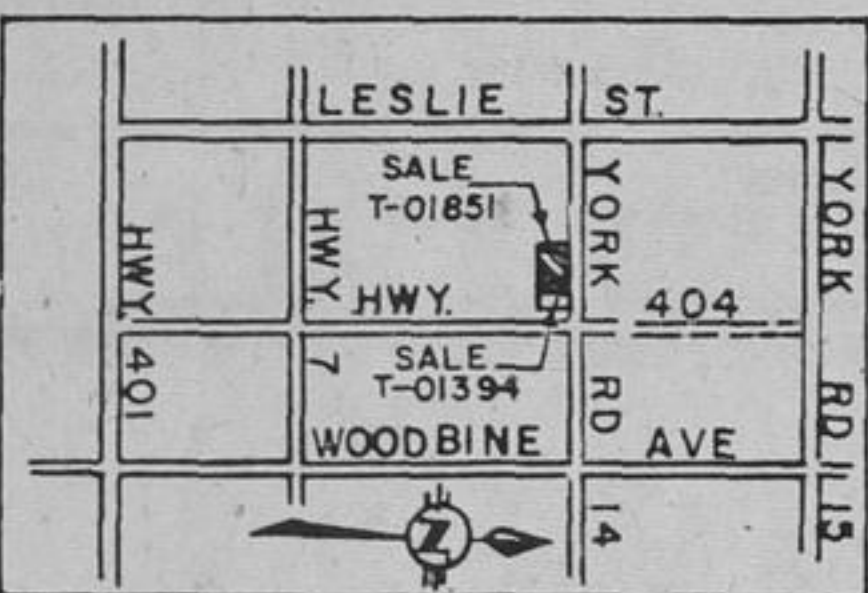
Sale subject to the first chance to repurchase by the former owner based on the term of the highest offer received which matches or exceeds the reserve bid.

LAND MANAGEMENT FILE T-01394

An older style 2 1/2 storey brick residence, in good condition, hot water heating, new roof, 1 1/2 bathrooms, with a detached garage, situated on a lot measuring 105' by 331' located on the south side of York Regional Road 14 in the hamlet of Gormley, 1/2 mile west of Woodbine Avenue in the Town of Richmond Hill (Part of Lot 35, Concession 3).

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For further information refer to File Numbers T-01851 and T-01394 and contact Mr. Jerry Pratt: 3501 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ontario M3K 1N6 Telephone: 248-3081



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