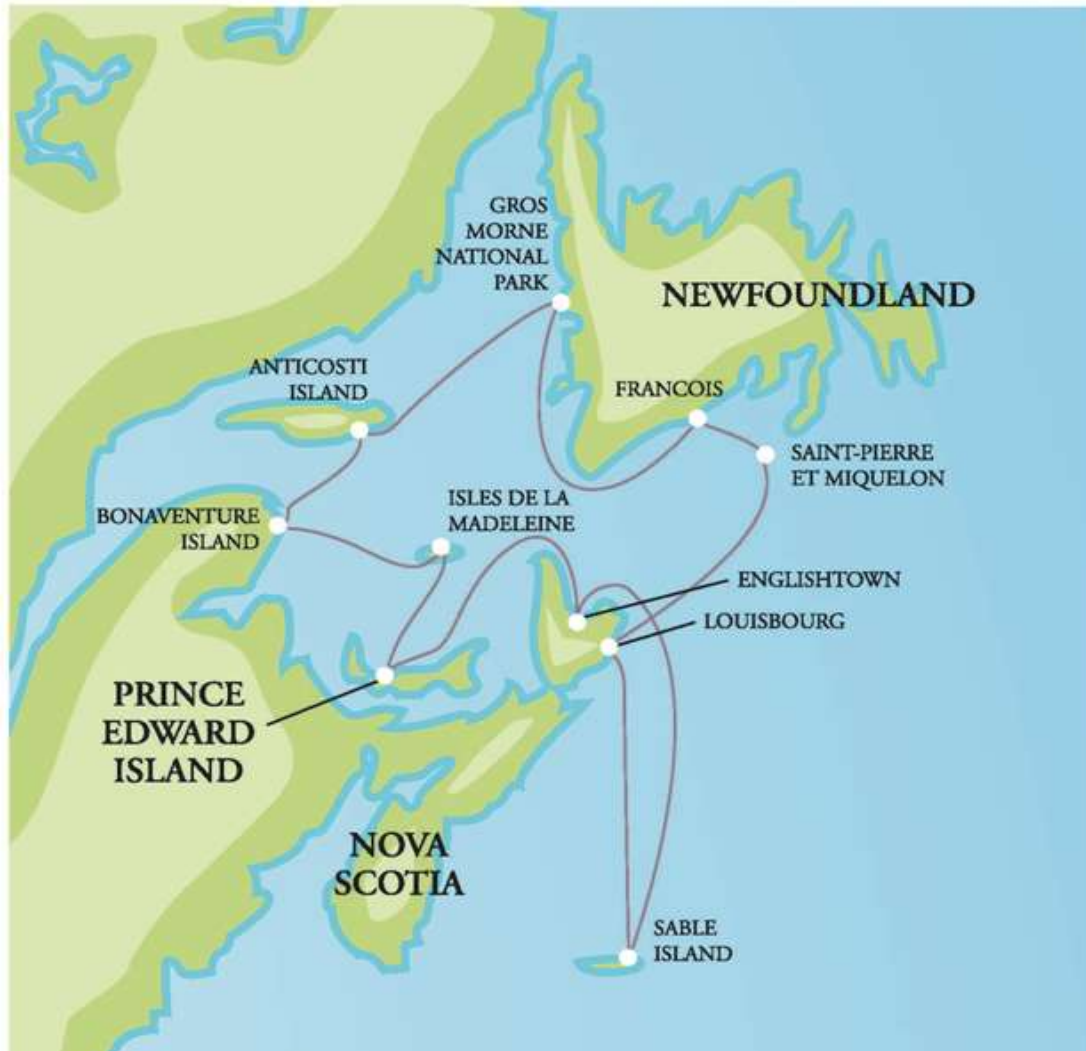


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Overview

The islands of Canada's Atlantic coast feature a rich and diverse culture, found in small fishing communities and remote out ports. The area is well known for its Celtic traditions and the music and cuisine of the region is celebrated the world over. Historically, this is one of the most fascinating places in North America. Our exploration of Eastern Canada's Maritime region starts and ends in the historical town of Louisbourg, situated on Cape Breton Island. The region also offers a staggering abundance of wildlife, including prolific birdlife, numerous seal and whale species and we even encounter the fabled wild horses of Sable Island. Beaches and lagoons provide viewing opportunities for numerous shorebirds and as we cruise towards the mouth of the St Lawrence River, we hope to see the great baleen whales such as the humpback, minke and blue whale - as well as grey and harp seals. These rich feeding grounds act as a magnet for wildlife. A ship-based exploration allows us to visit places that are otherwise inaccessible or difficult to get to for land-based visitors, all achieved within a manageable time frame. Daily shore excursions with expert guides, a range of wonderful activities and an inspired dining menu make this an ideal way to experience this enchanting region of Canada. As with all our expeditions, safety is our top priority. For that reason weather and sea conditions may require us to change our itinerary and shore excursions as we go but that is half the fun of small ship expedition cruising.



Day By Day Expedition Itinerary

July 5, 2017 – Louisbourg, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Our adventure begins in the historic port town of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, where we board our expedition vessel, the Akademik Sergey Vavilov. First visited in 1597 by the English, the town was fortified in 1713 by the French in recognition of its strategic maritime location. During the 18th century, Louisbourg was the third busiest seaport in North America. We board the ship in the late afternoon in time for a dinner of fresh, local lobster as we sail out past the lighthouse, into the North Atlantic - and onto the Grand Banks.



July 6, 2017 - Sable Island National Park Reserve

Located on the edge of the Grand Banks, hundreds of kilometers from the coast, Sable Island has a storied history as a graveyard of ships, with more than 350 ships falling victim to the treacherous currents and sandbars. Sporadically inhabited by sealers, shipwreck survivors and salvagers, the island

is now home to fewer than six year-round inhabitants, a herd of wild horses and one of the largest gray seal colonies in the world. It is an important stopover for numerous migratory bird species as they make their way to and from the High Arctic regions. Sable Island forms one of Canada's newest national parks and we explore the long sand beaches.

July 7, 2017 - Bird Island and Englishtown

We return to Cape Breton and continue our exploration of this beautiful island by stopping in Englishtown. We have a few options in this area. The Atlantic Puffins and Razorbills on Bird Island might call us as we put the zodiacs down in the water, or perhaps heading into the community of Englishtown will be of interest. The Gaelic College in Cape Breton is a short bus ride away from the beach where we disembark. The region can be explored by sea kayak, stand up paddleboard, zodiac or bicycle – all alongside our expert guides and naturalists who will share their excitement for the destination along the way.



July 8, 2017 – Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

In September of 1864, representatives from the British Colonies in North America met in Charlottetown to discuss Confederation. On July 1st, 1867, the Dominion of Canada came into being. Today, we anchor just offshore Prince Edward Island near the town of North Rustico. From here we can split off in several directions. A tour into Charlottetown for those interested in a day in town is an option, or perhaps a visit to Green Gables, or spend a few hours at the island's famous Cavendish beach (with a mandatory sampling of Cows Ice Cream!) Another enticing option could be a leisurely bicycle ride along the Confederation Trail or the Coastal Drive. A round of golf on one of the islands celebrated golf courses, or a kayak paddle in Rustico Bay. You will be welcomed back to the ship for a dinner of fresh Atlantic seafood as we travel north to the Magdalen Islands.



July 9, 2017 – Les Iles-de-la-Madeleine (The Magdalen Islands)

Sculpted out of sandstone, these islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are home to unique fishing communities with beautifully maintained waterfront houses and boats, flowing grassy plains and sandstone shorelines sculpted by the elements. In addition to the traditional fishing and sealing culture found in the islands, we will encounter a wide diversity of bird and sea life. Europeans first discovered the islands in the mid 15th century, though it's thought indigenous Miikmaq had been visiting for centuries to hunt walrus. Quebecois and Acadian culture runs strongly through the towns and villages of the islands, through local cuisine, craft and language.

The island's gentle terrain is a cyclist's paradise, while the sea kayaking and stand up paddle boarding through sea arches and into sandstone sea caves is superb. Otherwise you might enjoy a whale-watching cruise in the zodiacs or head to the beach to soak up some sun or build sand castles!



July 10, 2017 – Isle Bonaventure (Bonaventure Island) and the Gaspé Peninsula

At Bonaventure Island we drop the anchor near the town of Percé and explore the island by zodiac. This location has a rich natural, historic, and geological heritage. Sculpted over time by the sea, the island is situated at the tip of the Gaspé Peninsula. The outstanding flora and fauna, including its famous colony of Northern Gannets make it a must-see location. Almost 300 different species of birds have been recorded as visiting, migrating to, or living on Bonaventure Island. An afternoon visit to the community of Percé will provide a window into the rich fishing culture of French-Canada. Zodiac cruising, sea kayaking and stand up paddle boarding are all activities that can be undertaken here, weather permitting.



July 11, 2017 – Anticosti Island

At the mouth of the St. Lawrence River where the river water mixes with Arctic waters from the Strait of Belle Isle and the more temperate Atlantic waters, Anticosti Island is rich in marine wildlife. We plan to hike along the beaches near the eastern end of the island followed by a zodiac cruise along the cliffs at East Point. We hope to observe several species of shorebirds and seabirds as well as whales and seals, which are frequent visitors to the island's waters. Bald eagles soaring along the shoreline, deer in the woods and whales just offshore are all common sights in this location.



July 12, 2017 – Gros Morne National Park and Woody Point, Newfoundland

Sailing into majestic Bonne Bay, in the heart of Gros Morne National Park, the cliffs soar up out of the water and are covered in a green blanket of tuckamore forest – windswept spruce sculpted by the ocean breeze. At Woody Point we are welcomed ashore by a delegation from the community before hiking up to the excellent interpretation center. From there, various guided walks take us into the World Heritage-listed Tablelands and to the lookout for a view over much of the park – a spectacular experience! A boreal wetland landscape, featuring dramatic rock ridges, pitcher plants, white-throated sparrows and perhaps even a moose could all be encountered as we explore the park. The twisting mountain road to Trout River makes for a challenging bike ride with our guides or a paddle along the shore of Bonne Bay provide yet another activity.



July 13, 2017 – Francois

The community of Francois (pron. Fran-sway) on the south coast of Newfoundland - was settled in the late 1700s. Small boat fishers harvested a variety of species during the summer fishing season. Francois's rich fishing heritage also included operation of a whale factory in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Known as an 'out-port', and accessible only by boat or from the air by helicopter, Francois has a deep harbor which is navigable year-round. When entering Francois harbor, we are first greeted by one of the few remaining manned light stations anywhere on the coast of Newfoundland. Once past the light, the narrow opening leading into the steep-walled rocky fjord amazes us. This is a spectacular location and for many, a highlight of the trip.

July 14, 2017 – Saint-Pierre et Miquelon, France

Saint-Pierre et Miquelon are a small group of islands situated off the south coast of Newfoundland. They were first settled by the French in the early 17th century and today, the islands represent the sole remaining vestige of France's once vast North American empire. Walking down the streets feels like taking a stroll through a provincial French town. As a part of France, the area has much in common with Europe, but also with its Canadian and American neighbors. There's an excellent puffin colony here and, if weather permits, we cruise in the zodiacs to see these colorful birds. Tonight we enjoy a special dinner attended by the Captain to mark the end of our voyage through Canada's spectacular Atlantic provinces.



July 15, 2017 – Louisbourg

We sail back to Cape Breton across the mouth of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, heading again for the historic port of Louisbourg. We will disembark in the morning and, while some of us will head to the airport, many will add a few extra days in Cape Breton to enjoy one of the gems of Canada's East Coast.

About our itinerary – Small ship expedition cruising can sometimes be unpredictable. Specific sites visited will depend on prevailing weather and sea conditions at the time of sailing. The above itinerary should be read as a 'guide only' and may change. The ship's Captain in conjunction with the Expedition Leader continually review the sailing plan throughout the voyage, making adjustments to the itinerary along the way to take advantage of optimal weather and sea conditions or to maximise our encounters with wildlife. Years of experience spent exploring these waterways mean we have plenty of outstanding landing sites and zodiac cruising locations to consider, even when the weather conditions may not be ideal. A flexible approach is something we encourage you to bring to the ship.



The ship:



The Akademik Sergey Vavilov is modern, comfortable, safe and ice strengthened. From small group sessions to briefings for all passengers, we have public spaces onboard the ship ideally suited for each and every need.

A separate lounge and bar with panoramic views, as well as a library provide ideal places to sit and relax or catch up on some reading. A selection of movies and documentaries can also be viewed in the lounge.

The sumptuous meals prepared for you by our culinary team are enjoyed in our dining room, which can host all passengers in a single seating and will keep you feeling healthy and strong for the myriad of activities offered throughout the voyage.

Other facilities include the theatre style presentation room, gift-shop, fitness room, massage room, hot water spa, sauna and plunge pool. There's also a dedicated expedition 'mud-room' where you prepare for your off-ship excursions.

Features

- Superior Comfort and Stability
- Highest standards of Marine Safety
- Comfortable Bar
- Bridge
- Communications
- Dining Room
- Fitness and Fitness Room
- Gift Shop
- Wellness Centre
- Presentation Room
- Top Deck and Observatory
- Multimedia Room

Specs

Launched:	1988 – at Hollming Shipyards, Rauma, Finland
Length:	117 metres
Beam:	18.2 metres
Draught:	6 metres
Gross Tonnage:	6230
Speed (Max):	14.5 knots
Cruise Speed:	13.5 knots
Passengers:	92
Staff & Crew:	65
Zodiac Boats:	10 Zodiacs onboard
Electrical Supply:	220 Volts/European Pin
Hull Classification:	Ice Strengthened
Ice Class:	Lloyds 1A
Vessel Stability	Internal 450t water ballasted stabilizer system
Bow Thrust:	Bow thrusters + multi-directional stern thruster



Main Deck Triple Share

Located on Deck 3 these cabins have bunk beds and a sofa bed. Facilities are shared. There is a washbasin with cold/hot water in the cabin, a writing desk/chair, in-room clock radio with ipod connector kit, and ample storage space. All cabins have portholes.

Additional features and amenities for the triple:

- Bathrobes

Twin Semi-Private

Located on Deck 4 these cabins have one lower berth and one sofa bed, a writing desk, in-room clock radio with ipod



connector kit and ample storage. Facilities are semi-private (one bathroom between two cabins). All cabins have a window which opens.

Additional features and amenities for the twin semi private:

- Toiletry kit
- Hair dryer
- Coffee/tea maker/ bathrobes
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Twin Private

These cabins are located on Deck 4 and 5. All cabins have two lower berths, a writing desk/chair, in-room clock radio with ipod connector kit and ample storage. Facilities are private and all cabins have a window.

Additional features and amenities for the twin private:

- Toiletry kit
- Hairdryer
- Coffee/tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Windows open



Superior (wait list)

Located on Deck 3 these cabins have two lower berths, a sofa, a writing desk/chair, in-room clock radio with ipod connector kit and ample storage. Facilities are private and all cabins have portholes which opens.

Additional features and amenities for the superior:

- Toiletry kit
- Hairdryer
- Coffee/tea maker
- Vanity kit
- Upgraded bed linen/duvets

Shakelton suite

Located on decks 4 and 5 these cabins are separated into two spacious rooms, one that is ideal for relaxation with a sofa (convertible to bed), large table, writing desk, chair, ample storage and a large window that can be opened. A separate private bedroom has a double berth with upgraded linen/pillows, night light, private facilities, iPad loaded with region specific material, mini stereo, capsule coffee maker, fully stocked mini bar, iPod alarm clock with audio line.



PRICES IN USD DOLLARS: **NEW!!!**

We have an issue, there are no more superior cabins available for 2017!!

Check out this new offer:

ORIGINAL SPECIAL EARLY BIRD PROMOTION (for first 30 passengers booked); this applies to the semi twin private and twin private cabin categories. You receive a **FREE UPGRADE**: Savings up to 1000.00usd pp; this promotion ends after the first 30 passengers have booked, so book early! (this offer expires July 30th, 2016!)

ADDITIONAL FAR HORIZONS SAVING: book before June 30th, and receive a free pre-night accommodation in Sydney July 04!

Let me clarify:

Book and pay for a semi private cabin (one washroom between 2 cabins) and get upgraded to a private twin cabin (your own private washroom!)

If you booked and paid for a twin private you would normally be upgraded to a superior cabin, but **they are NOW SOLD OUT !!**

Therefore here is the new added promotion: if you book and pay for a superior cabin, we will upgrade you to a Shakelton Suite (only applicable to couples as there is a double bed in the suite) for only \$300.00 usd per person extra.

Price includes:

- 11 days cruise, all meals and activities, taxes
- One pre night accommodation on July 4th in Sydney and transfer to ship in Louisbourg on July 5th.

Price excludes:

- Personal beverage on board ship (bar)
- Tipping
- Meals in Sydney
- Airfare from Ottawa to Sydney or Halifax return
- Insurance

FYI, These prices below are the published prices listed for the voyage: (effective after the early bird promotion).

Dates	Destination	Activities	Starting Rate
Jul 5 - 15 2017	Canada's East Coast Fins & Fiddles		\$3,195.00+
	One Ocean		\$8,995.00
	Shackleton		\$7,495.00
	Superior		\$6,195.00
	Twin Private		\$5,195.00
	Semi Private		\$4,195.00
	Triple Share		\$3,195.00

*valid passport required for this voyage because of Saint Pierre de Miquelon, and no hst tax because this voyage now becomes an international itinerary

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*It will be my pleasure to share this magical voyage with
you!*

Carole

