**Charlotte’s Shore**

As visitors to Prince Edward Island arrive at the crest of the 13-kilometre **Confederation Bridge**, 60 metres above Northumberland Strait, they are presented with a marvellous vista of the Island.

At the provincial Visitor Information Centre in **Gateway Village**, at the foot of the Confederation Bridge, the “Our Island Home” exhibit is an imaginative introduction to our industries, arts and culture. Gateway Village also contains a selection of more than 20 shops, restaurants and snack bars. If you have ever wondered what you would look like with red braids à la Anne of Green Gables, stop in to **Cavendish Figurines** and find out. [www.cavendishfigurines.com](http://www.cavendishfigurines.com)

Midway between Charlottetown and the Confederation Bridge, just off the Trans Canada Highway, lies a quiet village that seems almost untouched by modern development. Don’t be fooled by the quiet exterior of **Victoria-by-the-Sea**, however, as a stroll along the community’s tree-lined streets and waterfront will reveal craft shops, galleries, cafés, a theatre and even a chocolate factory! A park and seafood market nearby suggest a nice picnic option or you can sign up for a kayak tour of the harbour. Venture off the highway and enter another era of Island life. [www.victoriathe sea.ca](http://www.victoriathe sea.ca)

To get a first rate view of the Confederation Bridge from the shore, drive up to the St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church in North Carleton and get a shot of one of the world’s longest bridges. Then have your picnic lunch at Chelton Beach Provincial Park. Keep your eyes peeled for local horsemen jogging their standard breds as they get ready for the races. The Charlottetown Driving Park, with its busy harness racing schedule, offers excellent entertainment for the whole family and its free! [www.cdpec.ca](http://www.cdpec.ca)

The **City of Charlottetown** celebrates its status as “The Birthplace of Canada” in many entertaining ways. At **Founders’ Hall - Canada’s Birthplace pavilion** [www.foundershall.ca](http://www.foundershall.ca), on the Charlottetown waterfront, visitors to the centre will be transported through Canada’s history, from the moment of conception at the Charlottetown Conference, to the Canada of today. **The Confederation Players** guide walking tours of the historic downtown and waterfront district. **Province House National Historic Site** [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca) has preserved the chamber where the discussions were held in the fall of 1864 and celebrations around Canada Day and Labour Day pay tribute to Canada’s Founding Fathers.
Charlotte’s Shore Cont’d

Charlottetown is also a very lively cultural centre where theatre productions range all the way from the professional musicals such as “Anne of Green Gables” - The Musical™ at the Confederation Centre of the Arts, 1000-seat theatre, to local dinner theatre and improv-style entertainment. www.confederationcentre.com

Just outside the centre the pedestrian street Victoria Row provides marvellous entertainment as the area is home to many excellent galleries, specialty shops, restaurants and outdoor cafes.

One of the prettiest waterfronts anywhere awaits you in Charlottetown. Lace up your walking shoes and follow the boardwalk to explore the beauty, history and the atmosphere we have to offer. It is common to see one of the many cruise ships that regularly make Charlottetown a port of call. Your boardwalk stroll continues to Peake’s Wharf - Historic Waterfront Merchants a destination alive with quaint, waterside boutiques, craft shops, restaurants and cafes. Suggested Time: Free Time

At the Charlottetown Marina you can take in Peake’s Wharf Boat Tours (1 hour) and Seal Watching Tours (2 ½ Hours) of the beautiful Charlottetown Harbour. www.quartermastermarine.com

Visit the “Reserve it Now” kiosk inside the Charlottetown Visitor Centre at Founders’ Hall (6 Prince Street) to book daily walking tours or the Celebrate Canada Package. Or book before you arrive by calling 1-877-286-6532. See Charlottetown’s History and Culture on your own time; pick up a copy of the Charlottetown Self-Guided Historic Walking Tour Map. www.walkandseacharlottetown.com

PLANNING TIPS

When traveling by coach, 10 minutes driving time is recommended between attractions.

If you opt to offer free time, travelers will be able to walk from the waterfront area around the city.

For more information about Gateway Village call 1-800-463-4PEI

Tourism PEI highly recommends using a step-on guide.

Step on guide services are provided by Prince Edward Tours, Capture the Spirit and Abegweit Tour.
Anne’s Land

The central north-shore region of Prince Edward Island is an area filled to the brim with places to go and things to do. The Cavendish Beach & the Dunne Shores area have been welcoming visitors for decades. Check out [www.cavendishbeachresort.com](http://www.cavendishbeachresort.com) for further details. Some of the best natural features of Anne’s Land are encompassed in the [Prince Edward Island National Park](http://www.pg.pc.ca), where miles of white sand beaches present a coastline of fragile beauty. [www.pg.pc.ca](http://www.pg.pc.ca).

Travel to [New Glasgow](http://www.newglossa.com) and you’ll get a kilted welcome at the [Prince Edward Island Preserve Company](http://www.presevecompany.com). See, hear, smell and taste Canada’s finest preserves being prepared for market. This 1913 butter factory is one of PEI’s special places, product tours, a restaurant and gift shop all await you. [www.presevecompany.com](http://www.presevecompany.com).

In [Cavendish](http://www.cavendish.ca), you can visit [Green Gables](http://www.green-gables.com), where thousands come to see the home that inspired L.M. Montgomery to write about the red-haired orphan, Anne, who captured the hearts of readers around the world. The modest farm home is just part of a site that also includes an extensive program to interpret Montgomery’s time and the lifestyle of rural PEI in the early 1900s. Imagine the charm of a guided evening walk through the Haunted Wood often described by Montgomery in her novels. [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca).

Visit [Avonlea Village](http://www.avonlea.ca), a re-creation of a turn of the century Island Village and experience unique architecture of early PEI. Enjoy lively barnyard animals or try your hand at milking a cow or just enjoy one of the musical performances. You can also sample Anne of Green Gables chocolates, fudge and raspberry cordial. [www.avonlea.ca](http://www.avonlea.ca)

[The Farmers’ Bank of Rustico](http://www.farmersbank.ca), a National Historic Site, was operated from 1864 to 1894 as the first people's bank and is credited with being “the precursor of the credit union movement in North America." The museum, which describes the settlement of the community by the Acadians and the establishment of the bank by Father Georges-Antoine Belcourt also contains a genealogical centre. The Doucet House, a 1772 Acadian log house, adjacent to the Bank, has been restored. [www.farmersbank.ca](http://www.farmersbank.ca).

Before taking in one of the many lobster suppers in the area stop at [North Rustico Harbour](http://www.northrustico.ca). This is a popular spot for picture taking. This working harbour is a busy

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**PLANNING TIPS**

- **The Preserve Company** is approximately 20 minutes from Charlottetown. Allow 10 minutes traveling time to North Rustico.
- **Traveling time from North Rustico to Green Gables, Cavendish is 15 minutes.**
- **Major hotels:** Stanhope Beach Resort, Brackley Beach North Winds Motel, Cavendish Gateway Resort by Clarion, Stanley Bridge Country Resort, Cavendish Motel and Conference Centre.
- **Prince Edward Island National Park** is the second smallest national park in Canada.
- **For lunch visit New London Seafood Restaurant, Rachel’s Restaurant, Chez Yvonne or The Friendly Fisherman**
Anne’s Land Cont’d

Travelling west will take you through communities such as New London, French River and on to Park Corner where you will find Anne of Green Gables Museum. This museum is a tribute to the author Lucy Maud Montgomery and features “Tea with the Campbell’s” and Mathew’s Carriage Ride. [www.annesociety.org/anne](http://www.annesociety.org/anne)

Elsewhere in Anne’s Land, visitors will find the landscape so lovingly described by Montgomery: rolling farm fields stretching down to the shore, red cliffs and tiny villages, so don’t forget your camera!

Take Home Memories. In the central north shore of PEI, it is possible to spend a whole day, or several, simply touring in the many and varied craft shops. Begin in the east at Dalvay and Brackley Beach and shop your way west to Malpeque Bay, visiting more than 30 shops featuring wonderful Island-made pottery, sweaters, quilts and woodworking. The products are superb and even the locations are fascinating, ranging from fine country inns to quaint old schoolhouses and barns.
Points East Coastal Drive

This eastern tip of Prince Edward Island is rich with rare and special places, visitors will find abundant opportunities to enjoy the best of the Island’s natural features - the landscape, fishing ports, beaches and trails. [www.pointseastcostaldrive.com](http://www.pointseastcostaldrive.com)

Get out on the water and have some fun! Try one of the local Sea Watching Cruises or visit the Basin Head Fisheries Museum which tells the story of the inshore fishery through artifacts, dioramas, small-craft displays and a coastal ecology exhibit. A boardwalk leads to the magnificent Singing Sands beach, one of the Island’s best beaches where pure while sand stretches for miles. [www.peimuseum.com](http://www.peimuseum.com)

While touring in this area, keep your eyes peeled for some charming tea rooms and cafés; Mount Stewart, Cardigan, and Naufrage are a few suggestions for a nice break. Or visit Visit the unique Rossignol Estate Winery, located in Little Sands along the picturesque south shore of Prince Edward Island. Sample award winning wines peruse a wonderful selection of crafts, paintings and folk art all while enjoying a panoramic view of our ocean front farm. [www.rossignolwinery.com](http://www.rossignolwinery.com)

The Elmira Railway Museum is a recreated station master’s office that helps recount the fascinating story of railroading on the Island. Elmira is home to the new Minature Railway and has assembled one of the largest model railway collections in Canada.

At the Interpretation Centre at Greenwich, Prince Edward Island National Park, this state-of-the-art interpretation centre provides an excellent opportunity to learn about one of Canada’s unique ecosystems. Discover the rare sand dune formations and other fascinating features protected by Parks Canada at Greenwich by exploring 20 interactive exhibits. Walk over a huge, in-floor 3D model of the area. Enjoy the spectacular 12-minute multi-media presentation on 10,000 years of human history. Self-guiding interpretive trails and beach facility located nearby. Advance notice is appreciated for groups or motorcoach visits. [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca)

Before driving down to the Greenwich peninsula, visitors will want to stop in St.Peters for a snack, bicycle rental or even to take a photograph of the spectacular mussel farming operation that takes place in St. Peters Bay.

Planning Tips

Tourism PEI recommends step on Guides which are available.

Three of the top birding sites in PEI are located in the Eastern Kings area.

There are local Gift shops along the way such as Greenwich and St. Peter’s Bay Craft and Giftware.

An Island Tradition is to try our cultured Blue Mussels, Malpeque Oysters and the favourite of everyone, Lobster, A must try!

Some of the world’s largest, Giant Bluefin Tuna have been caught off North Lake and Naufrage.

While in Naufrage learn about the Ship named “Nellie Banks”.

St. Peter’s Bay hosts the Wild Blueberry Festival annually.

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Points East Costal Drive Cont’d

Points East Costal Drive also attracts golfers of all kinds. Nine courses dot the landscape of this area with some of the best golfing that can be found anywhere. Ambitious golfers will want to try their hands at The Links at Crowbush Cove, one of North America’s top courses according to Golf Digest, but don’t stop there - try them all.

Lighthouses have always been important to seafaring Islanders. Many colonial or "first-generation" lighthouses – those built before 1873 – are octagonal shaped, while "second-generation" lighthouses, those built after 1873, are square tapered in design. Some of the finest examples of these Lighthouses can be found such areas as Wood Islands, Cape Bear, Point Prim, Panmure Island and East Point.

In Mount Stewart, visitors can shop, sign up for tours and dine out. The village is located on the Hillsborough River, a Canadian Heritage River, and the Confederation Trail passes through the centre of town, making it a perfect base for a kayaking or cycling excursion.

A summer-long series of ceilidhs features the fine Celtic traditions of eastern Prince Edward Island. The Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival has been presenting traditional music since before the fiddle became trendy again. The Souris Regatta always put on a good party, and the PEI Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Festival offers a chance to see some of the best from North America.

Planning Tips

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Wide variety of accommodations are available for this area, which include:: Inn at St. Peters, Greenwich Motor Lodge, Bayside Country Inn, Rollo Bay Inn, Inn at Bay Fortune, Inn at Spry Point, Souris Hilltop Motel, Rodd Crowbush Golf & Beach Resort., consult the Visitors Guide for more listings

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North Cape Coastal Drive

In the Island’s North Cape Coastal Drive region, history is preserved in many ways. A walking tour of Summerside's tree-lined streets past stately heritage homes will reveal much about this community. At the Wyatt Heritage Properties visitors may research their family roots, visit a cultural centre dedicated to the practice of traditional arts and crafts as well as take part in a guided tour of the homes. www.wyattheritage.com or visit Spinnakers’ Landing, a great waterfront market for gifts, crafts and restaurants www.spinnakerslanding.com

The Eptek Centre and the Harbourfront Jubilee Theatre offers a wide variety of entertainment choices. Here you can experience Canada’s greatest love story in the critically acclaimed and widely loved new musical, Anne & Gilbert, featuring a 22-member cast and orchestra, Anne & Gilbert has become a Canadian theatre sensation in just two short years. www.anneandgilbert.com

The Celtic heritage of the Island is alive and well and waiting to be experienced at the College of Piping and Celtic Preforming Arts. The College has a very full schedule of ceilidhs, concerts as well as summer school for aspiring pipers and drummers. Come and experience the power of the music and the glory of the dance with The College of Piping's summer production of “Highland Storm”. www.collegeofpiping.com

A visit to Green Park Shipbuilding Museum and Yeo House will offer a more in-depth look at the province's shipbuilding history. A tour through the immaculately restored Yeo House reveals a wonderful vision of the lifestyle of these "shipbarons" of the 1800s. www.peimuseum.com

Are you looking for a unique experience in a beautiful, rural setting in Prince Edward Island? Come learn about the potato and enjoy treasures from the past at the Prince Edward Island Potato Museum, the only museum of its kind in the world! We invite you to join us in a journey through time, learning about the potato from its beginning as a wild food source in South America, to the fourth largest commercial crop in the world. www.peipotatomuseum.com

One of the most impressive sites on Prince Edward Island, The North Cape Complex houses a restaurant, marine aquarium, gift shop, and an interpretive center. At The Wind & Reef Restaurant, visitors can dine on succulent seafood while enjoying a panoramic view of the ocean and reef, or an excellent view of the Atlantic Wind Test. This newly expanded interpretive center houses a series of state of the art displays dedicated to wind energy and development of special technology to harness it.

The Reef at North Cape is the longest natural rock reef in North America - the site of many early shipwrecks. Visitors can walk out a half a mile onto the reef at low tide, watching and enjoying the many sea birds, marine life and seals relaxing in the sheltered waters. One of the first lighthouses on the Island, built in 1866, and still considered one of the most important because of its role played in warning ships off the two-mile rock reef. www.tignish.com/northcape

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In La Région Évangéline, the Acadian culture thrives. A visit to The Acadian Museum in Miscouche will set the scene. [www.regionevangeline.com](http://www.regionevangeline.com)

A tour around this French-speaking area of the Island should include a stop at Le Centre d'Artisanat in Abram-Village, where you will find locally made crafts, weaving, quilts, rugs, and many more had-crafted items. At the Festival Centre you can taste our Acadian culture with daily lobster suppers, Sunday brunch and buffet, dinner-theatre, cabaret night and Acadian bakery.

In Cap-Egmont at The Bottle House, you can walk through three fantasy-like buildings made of over 25,000 varicolored glass bottles creating a symphony of light and color before entering the flower gardens where you will find a variety of wild roses.

The North Cape Costal Drive region is also home to the province's largest native population. On a visit to Lennox Island you will discover much about the Mi'kmaq culture as presented at the community museum. As well, Mi'kmaq legends have been interpreted in fine earthenware figurines, and other native arts and crafts are available. Evening concerts feature traditional music and local talent and ecotours featuring Aboriginal culture are also offered. [www.malpequebay.com](http://www.malpequebay.com)

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