

CAPE BRETON ISLAND

Your Heart Will Never Leave

CABOT TRAIL

298KM

Plan several days to experience the journey of a lifetime on one of the world's most scenic drives.



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

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Inverness
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Louisbourg
Visitor Information Centre
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Margaree
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t 1-902-248-2356

Port Hastings Provincial
Visitor Information Centre
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Sydney Port
Visitor Information Centre
t 1-902-304-1392

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Prepare for an experience that will uplift your spirit and awaken your senses.

Map Legend

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- Sydney Area - Marconi Trail

CANADA'S MUSICAL COAST

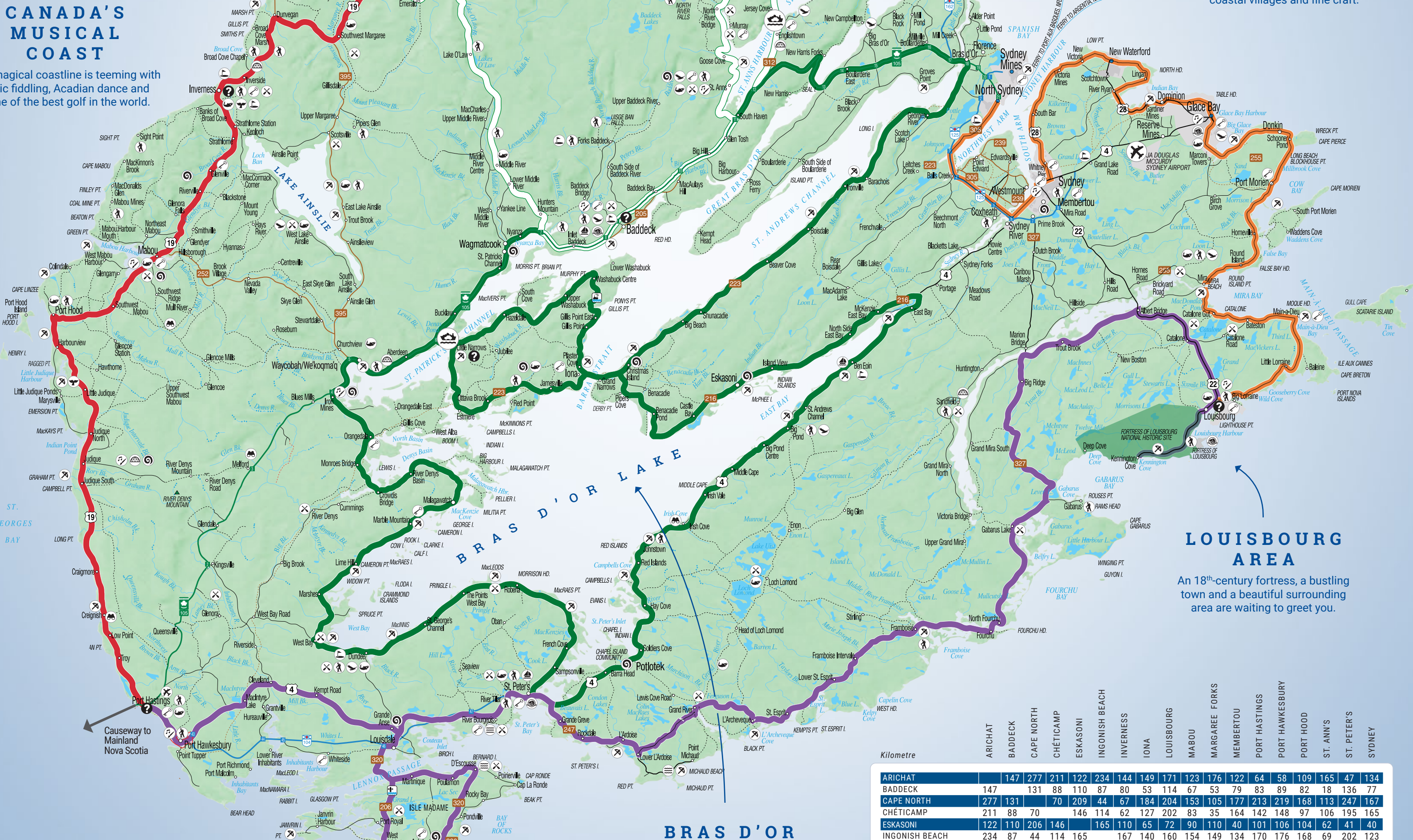
This magical coastline is teeming with Celtic fiddling, Acadian dance and some of the best golf in the world.

SYDNEY AREA - MARCONI TRAIL

Treasure our rich coal mining stories, charming coastal villages and fine craft.

LOUISBOURG AREA

An 18th-century fortress, a bustling town and a beautiful surrounding area are waiting to greet you.



CAPE BRETON'S SOUTH COAST

Head south for rugged seascapes and sumptuous seafood. Explore the South Coast's pristine Capes, Keys, and Coves.

BRAS D'OR LAKE

A Biosphere Reserve and in-land sea, experience beautiful anchorages and hundreds of coves and islands.

Kilometre

	ARICHAT	BADDECK	CAPE NORTH	CHETICAMP	ESKASONI	INGONISH BEACH	INVERNESS	IONA	LOUISBOURG	MABOU	MARGAREE FORKS	MEMBERTOU	PORT HASTINGS	PORT HAWKESBURY	PORT HOOD	ST. ANN'S	ST. PETER'S	SYDNEY
ARICHAT	147	277	211	122	234	144	149	171	123	176	122	64	58	109	165	47	134	
BADDECK	147	131	88	110	87	80	53	114	67	53	79	83	89	82	18	136	77	
CAPE NORTH	277	131	70	209	44	67	184	204	153	105	177	213	219	168	113	247	167	
CHETICAMP	211	88	70	146	114	62	127	202	83	35	164	142	148	97	106	195	165	
ESKASONI	122	110	206	146	165	110	65	72	90	110	40	101	106	104	62	41	40	
INGONISH BEACH	234	87	44	114	165	167	140	160	154	149	134	170	176	168	69	202	123	
INVERNESS	144	80	67	62	110	167	87	185	21	27	154	80	86	35	98	133	157	
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LOUISBOURG	171	114	204	202	72	160	185	98	181	167	34	176	170	195	96	123	37	
MABOU	123	67	153	83	90	154	21	69	181	48	143	59	65	14	85	112	144	
MARGAREE FORKS	176	53	105	35	110	149	27	92	167	48	128	107	113	62	71	160	130	
MEMBERTOU	64	79	177	164	40	134	154	63	34	128	137	131	181	62	86	3		
PORT HASTINGS	64	83	213	142	101	170	80	85	176	59	107	137	6	45	101	53	141	
PORT HAWKESBURY	58	89	219	148	106	176	86	91	170	65	113	131	6	51	107	47	135	
PORT HOOD	109	82	168	97	104	168	35	83	195	14	62	181	45	51	100	98	158	
ST. ANN'S	165	18	113	106	62	69	98	71	96	85	71	62	101	107	100	138	59	
ST. PETER'S	47	136	247	195	41	202	133	108	123	112	160	86	53	47	98	138	88	
SYDNEY	134	77	167	165	40	123	157	61	37	144	130	3	141	135	158	59	88	

Outdoor Adventure

Beaches

There's no shortage of beaches around Cape Breton Island. Beaches on the Gulf of St. Lawrence offer water that's warmer than the Atlantic Ocean. Port Hood Beach, Inverness Beach, West Mabou Beach and Chimney Corner Beach are just a few of the popular beaches that can be found on the west side of the Island. On the east side, Black Brook Beach, Dingwall Beach, Dominion Beach, Kennington Cove Beach, and Ingonish Beach are a few that offer a true Atlantic Ocean swim.

Cape Breton Highlands National Park

USA Today Readers' Choice Awards voted the Cape Breton Highlands National Park the Best National Park in Canada, and you'll soon see why! Its 26 scenic hiking trails call out to be experienced, ranging from easy to challenging, some to waterfalls and some to spectacular views. Visitors are encouraged to visit the Parks Canada website during COVID-19, plan ahead and be well-prepared for their visit.

Hiking

Our Island has a wealth of exceptional and diverse hiking trails, from easy walks to rugged paths, leading to dramatic views of Cape Breton Island's coastline or amazing waterfalls. For more information on our hiking trails go to www.VisitCapeBreton.com/hiking.

Kayaking

Seeing Cape Breton Island from its calm coastal waters provides a perspective like no other. Glide your way around with a guide or rent kayaks on your own. Some kayak locations include Eagle Eye Outfitters, Eagle North Kayak, North River Kayak, CB West SUP, EcoGael Adventures, McKinnon Kayak Tours, Cabot Shores Wildemess Resort, The Groundswell, Kayak Cape Breton & Cottages, Dundee Resort, and Richmond Adventure Planning.

Unique Camping

From Mongolian yurts to geodesic domes, Cape Breton Island is full of unique camping and glamping experiences. Archer's Edge Luxury Camping, Blue Bayou Resort, True North Destinations, Off the Beaton Path, Two Rivers Wildlife Park, Live Life in Tents, Kluskap Ridge, Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort, and Whyocomagh Provincial Park all contribute to this collection of amazing overnight experiences.

Water Adventure: Tubing, Surfing, SUP

From tubing with Live Life in Tents or stand up paddle boarding with CB West Paddle Boards, the renowned Margaree River is one sure bet for these fun and relaxing water adventures. For other great stand up paddle boarding experiences, check out The Groundswell and Mountain Pine Adventures. More surf action can be found at Point Michaud Beach. Experience its two kilometres of sandy beach and secluded coves, perfect for surfing.

Coastal Adventure



Adventures by Bike or Flight

The Celtic Shores Coastal Trail is a great trail for a leisurely cycle with the Gulf of St. Lawrence on one side and beautiful landscapes on the other. For something a bit faster, the Cabot Trail has long been recognized as one of the world's greatest scenic drives. By motorcycle, it's simply glorious. If a bird's eye view is more your style, see the Island's beauty from a perspective only enjoyed by few; a helicopter ride with Celtic Air Services or Breton Air.

Bird Watching Tours

Experience our majestic Island coastline as you join knowledgeable and passionate tour guides for an adventure of a lifetime! Puffin tours launch at Bird Island Boat Tours in Big Bras d'Or or Donelda's Puffin Boat Tours in Englishtown.

Fishing

The beauty of our renowned Margaree River is the perfect backdrop as you tie a fly and try your hand at salmon fishing. Do this on your own or with a guide like A Great Day Fishing or Atlantic Salmon Fly Fishing Guide. Fishing for tuna, mackerel, lobster, or cod in the clean cold waters around Cape Breton Island is the ultimate sport fishing experience. Charters are available around the Island such as Gillis Lobster Tours, Rankin Tuna Charters, It's Now or Never Tuna Charters, Cape Breton Lobster Adventure Tours, Cod Fish Cowboys Fishing Charters, Dawn Treader Tuna Charters, Eagle Eye Outfitters, and many more.

Sailing Adventures

Hop on board the Amoeba and sail around Baddeck Bay on the beautiful Bras d'Or Lake. See bald eagles swooning for their daily catch, pass their majestic nests and see Beinn Breagh, home of Alexander and Mabel Bell. If chartering is more your style, grab the wheel and set sail with Richmond Adventure Sailing Tours, Sailing CBI, Cape Breton Sailing Charters, Sail Cape Breton and with many other operators to experience the wonder of the Bras d'Or Lake.

Whale Watching

Your ocean encounters will leave you wanting more! Spend a day with one of our experienced captains whale watching, sharing stories, and admiring the seacoast. Tours are offered by Keltic Express Zodiac, Ingonish Whale Watching, Dixon's Zodiac Seafari, Pleasant Bay Whale Watching, Captain Mark's Whale & Seal Cruise, Captain Zodiac, Captain Cox's Whale and Bird Watch, Oshan Whale Watch, Eagle Eye Outfitters, Guaranteed Whales, and Seaside Whale & Nature Cruises.

Music and the Arts

Artisan Studios

The St. Ann's Bay region represents an inspiring hub of artisans with studios you can visit. There are many other artisan studios around the Island. Pick up a copy of the Artisan Trail Map for a complete list.

Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design

This light-filled Gallery Shop in downtown Sydney showcases the work of over 100 Island artisans. Works of jewellery, visual art, wood, glass, textiles and pottery are available for purchase. The modern exhibition space presents the latest work of local artisans and regional, national and international exhibitors. Check out the Customs House Artisan Incubator as it is a must see in the Town of Port Hawkesbury displaying a wide variety of media. You can also see artists in residence at work in one of the state-of-the-art studios.

Celtic Music and Pubs

For a healthy dose of live Celtic music, check out the Doryman Pub & Grill, Glenora Distillery, The Cabot Public House, Governors Pub & Eatery, The Old Triangle Alehouse, Frolic'n Folk Pub & Grill, and the Highland Sitting Room, to name a few.

Celtic Colours International Festival

Celtic Colours is an experience like no other. This year the festival will be working hard to bring you Celtic Colours International Festival At Home. This October, the Celtic Colours experience will be featured online, to be enjoyed from the comfort and safety of your own home. The festival will feature performances as well as some local flavour to keep you connected with Cape Breton Island and the Celtic Colours community.

Celtic Music Interpretive Centre

Nova Scotia's official Celtic music centre presents an in-depth look into the history, culture, and music of the Island. Enjoy the popular lunchtime ceilidhs and the new Ocean Ceilidh and Seafood Experience that pairs lobster and a whisky tasting with a fishing boat cruise!

The Big Fiddle and Sydney Harbour Boardwalk

Take a selfie with the World's Largest Fiddle before sauntering along our community boardwalk that stretches along the Sydney waterfront.



Living Cultures

Indigenous

For ten thousand years, the Mi'kmaq people have called this beautiful land, Unama'ki in their language, home. The Mi'kmaq enrich the Island with their legends, art, music, spirituality, history, and language. The culture is thriving on Cape Breton Island with five First Nations communities. You can immerse yourself in this rich culture with Eskasoni Cultural Journeys, Membertou Heritage Park, Wagmatcook Cultural Centre, Canal Landing, the Skye River Trail in We'koqmaq.

Acadian

Since 1713, the Acadian spirit and joie de vivre has thrived among Nova Scotia's Acadian French population. Today's Acadians are descendants from the first European settlers. On Cape Breton Island, the Chéticamp and Isle Madame/Louisdale regions are hubs of this vibrant culture. Mask making at La Centre de la Mi-Carême, rug hooking at Les Trois Pignons, cultural experiences at Centre la Picasse, music and dance performances in various venues are just some of the ways you can celebrate the rich and storied history of Cape Breton's Acadian culture. Be sure to look for traditional Acadian dishes such as fish cakes or meat pies at eateries in those regions.

Gaelic

In the 1800s, Gaelic speaking descendants, mainly from the highlands and islands of Scotland with a smaller number from Ireland, came by the tens of thousands and made Cape Breton Island their home. To this very day, Gaelic is spoken at the Gaelic College / Colaisde na Gàidhlig, the Highland Village / Baile nan Gàidheal and in a number of communities. To participate in the culture, visit the aforementioned sites, join in a square dance, sing along at a milling frolic, learn the art of weaving, or research your Gaelic roots.



History



Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

Discover the fascinating life and work of Alexander Graham Bell – scientist, inventor, teacher, and innovator. See the Silver Dart airplane replica, take the White Glove Tour for a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the life of Bell.

Cape Breton Fossil Centre

View an impressive collection of fossils from around the globe and hit the beach to comb for your very own while on a guided fossil excursion.

Cape Breton Miners Museum

Journey underground at the Ocean Deepes Colliery with an entertaining, retired coal miner as your guide. Interactive exhibits and a village of period buildings and animators further tell the story of Cape Breton coal mining life.

Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

Step through time to the 1700s as you explore the streets of North America's largest historical reconstruction. Take in one of the site's diverse experiences including firing a musket or cannon, rum tasting, 18th-century camping, or visit their Mi'kmaq Interpretive Centre.

Marconi National Historic Site

In a world of nanosecond speeds and cloud technology, it's hard to remember a time when wireless messages couldn't cross the Atlantic. Guglielmo Marconi would change the world forever with the first official transatlantic exchange of radio messages at Glace Bay. Find out how Marconi triumphed at his first permanent transatlantic wireless station at Table Head, and how his work would usher in the age of global communications.

St. Peter's Canal

This striking 800-metre tidal lock canal, the oldest in North America, links the Atlantic Ocean with the Bras d'Or Lake and offers scenic views, history, and a picturesque picnic area. Check out Canal Landing which offers experiences that are culturally orientated, recreational equipment rentals and a place to purchase authentic quality crafts.

Sydney's Historic District

Discover life as a pioneer from the 17th century as you meander through Sydney's historic North End. Stop into Cossit House and Jost House museums for the news of the day as delivered in the 1700s. The Old Sydney Society offers haunted ghost tours of these very streets at night. If you survive, visit the Old Sydney Society's virtual reality tour taking you through the former Sydney Steel Plant. Don't miss St. Patrick's Museum's audio plays based on historical fiction.

Golf



Golf Was Invented for Places Like This

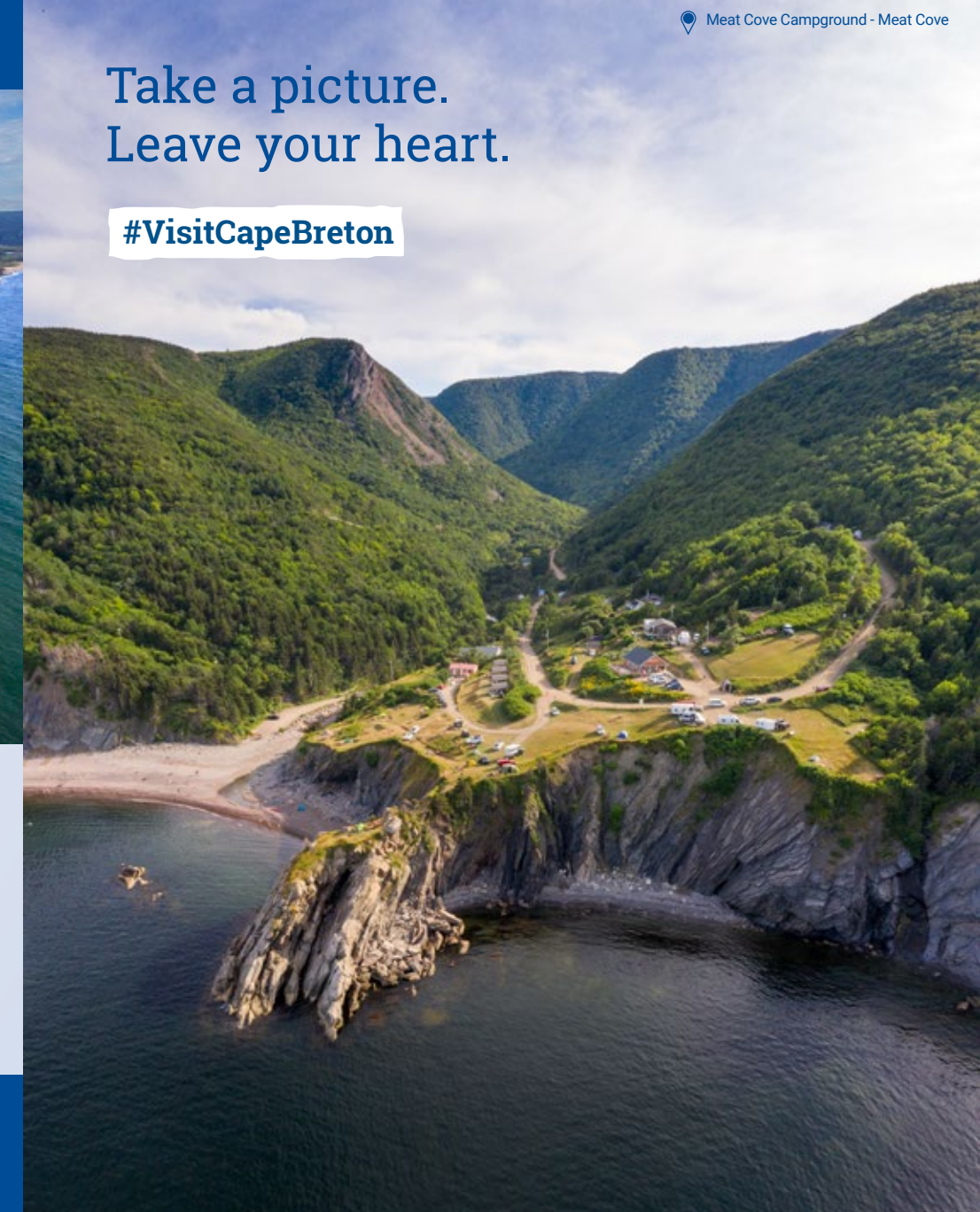
There are approximately 35 thousand golf courses in the world, only a select few embrace the true spirit of the game—Cape Breton Island is one of those places. Its courses secure top-ranking accolades such as Golf Digest's World 100 Greatest Courses - 2020* (Cabot Cliffs #11, Cabot Links #35, and Cape Breton Highlands Links #76).

Dundee Golf Club, Bell Bay Golf Club and The Lakes Golf Club, situated along the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake, offer distinctive and challenging courses, and their views are spectacular. With the Gulf of St. Lawrence on one side and Chéticamp's mountain range on the other, the scenic surroundings will help you find the greatness in your game at Le Portage Golf Club. Visit our website for a full list of Cape Breton Island's golf courses.

Important Message for 2020

The global tourism industry is based on interactions with other people and this is especially so on Cape Breton Island where a spirit of hospitality is in our DNA. We love to welcome visitors, but public safety is paramount at this time.

Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead by visiting each operator's website or social media pages for updates on their operation and protocols.



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