



**TRAVEL TIMES ARE BASED ON
POSTED SPEED LIMITS**

A new highway loop itinerary through Eastern and Atlantic Canada.

New territories of unspoiled, pristine wilderness and remote villages are yours to explore in one of the top 10 road trips in Canada! This leisure adventure takes visitors from Baie Comeau, QC via QC Route 389 through Labrador along highway Routes 500 and 510, to Blanc Sablon, QC and the ferry to the island of Newfoundland. Construction and completion of this new highway route through Quebec and Labrador in the past 10 years has reimagined travel itinerary options to Newfoundland Labrador via Quebec.

Halifax, NS- Baie Comeau, QC via Matan and incl [ferry](#) crossing / 788km / 10h 14m
Montréal, QC - Baie Comeau via QC-138 and incl [ferry](#) crossing / 670m / 8h 14m

Baie Comeau, QC - Labrador City, NL via QC-389/ 588km / 7h 30m

North from [Baie Comeau](#), Route 389 will take you pass the Daniel Johnson Dam, Manic 5 ([tours](#) are available) onward to the iron ore mining communities of [Fermont](#) ([tours](#) of Mont Wright are available), [Labrador City](#) and [Wabush](#) on the Quebec/Labrador border. Widening and resurfacing of this route continues on the remaining 167kms of unpaved highway north of Manic 5. Expect summer construction zones in this section; the only remaining unpaved highway of the entire Expedition 51° route from Baie Comeau, QC to Blanc Sablon, QC.

Labrador City - Happy Valley-Goose Bay / 530km / 6h 30m

Highway Route 500 affords you opportunities to view the majestic Smallwood Reservoir and Churchill Falls Hydroelectric Generating Station on route to [Happy Valley-Goose Bay](#), the "Hub of Labrador" and home to the [Labrador Military Museum](#). Visit the nearby town of [North West River](#) for cultural experiences at the [Labrador Interpretation Centre](#) and the [Labrador Heritage Society Museum](#). Happy Valley-Goose Bay is also the access point to travel to [Nunatsiavut](#) via the [Kamutik W.](#) ferry and air services or to the [Torngat Mountains National Park](#).

Happy Valley-Goose Bay - Red Bay / 541km / 7h

Traveling on Route 510, you pass to the south of the [Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve](#) and onward through the eastern boreal forest region to the coastal communities of [Port Hope Simpson](#) and [Mary's Harbour](#), your gateway to an overnight island retreat where natural and historic experiences blend together into stunning sub-arctic beauty at [Battle Harbour National Historic District](#). Take a side trip along Route 513 to Iceberg Alley, in [St. Lewis](#), one of the best iceberg-viewing opportunities in NL; or take Route 516 to [Cartwright](#) and the Wunderstrands, a 50km stretch of sandy beach explored by Vikings and written about in their Sagas over 1,000 years ago! **Paving of Route 510 was completed in the summer of 2022.**

Red Bay, NL- Blanc Sablon, QC / 80km / 1h

At one of Canada's newest UNESCO World Heritage Sites, [Red Bay National Historic Site](#), you can visit a Parks Canada operated interpretation centre for a glimpse back to the 16th century when Basque whalers operated a major whaling station out of this harbour. Route 510 continues through small fishing villages, alongside several terrific whale and iceberg viewing spots. Visit Point Amour, home of the tallest [lighthouse](#) in Atlantic Canada, as you travel to Labrador's most southern community, [L'Anse au Clair](#) which is just 6km west of the provincial border town Blanc Sablon, QC which is your departure point for the [Qajaq W.](#) ferry to the island of Newfoundland (St. Barbe, NL). From here you can travel along Route 430 and visit two other UNESCO World Heritage Sites – [L'Anse Aux Meadows National Historic Site](#) and [Gros Morne National Park](#).

St. Barbe - Port-aux-Basques / 562km / 6h

Route 430, and later the Trans Canada Highway, will take you down the west coast of Newfoundland through Gros Morne National Park and onward to Port-aux-Basques where you will catch the [ferry](#) back to North Sydney, Nova Scotia.



New Product Updates

QAJAQ W. AND KAMUTIK W. - TWO MODERN FERRIES SERVING LABRADOR

2019-20 saw two new modern ferries added to marine services in Labrador. The Qajaq W. sails daily between Blanc Sablon and St. Barbe and the Kamutik W. sails weekly from Happy Valley-Goose Bay to Nain and all ports in between along the North Coast.

<https://lmsi.woodwardgroup.ca/>

NEW OFFERINGS

Royal Inn + Suites, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL – Offering a Courtyard Concert Series for Summer 2022 featuring local artists every Thursday evening in the hotel courtyard - Complimentary for all hotel guests. To reserve your room, visit www.royalinnandsuites.ca

Red Bay National Historic Site

In the 1500s, the waters of Red Bay were thick with right and bowhead whales. Whalers from the Basques regions of Spain and France established a major whale port here. On the shores of Red Bay, the Basques rendered whale oil that lit the lamps of Europe. Today, you can wander around this UNESCO World Heritage Site and immerse yourself in the traditional life of a Basque whaler.

New offerings include: “Digging Through Time” (archeological site visit and guided tour) and “Lighting the Lamps of Europe”. To learn more, email pc.infolhnredbay-redbaynhsinfo.pc@canada.ca

NEW TRAVEL OFFERS AND EXPERIENCES THROUGHOUT LABRADOR

Royal Inn and Suites, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL - Central Labrador’s top-rated hotel offering luxurious rooms and suites. Indigenous-community owned, local Labrador art, courtyard, firepit, BBQs – everything you need for your Labrador vacation.

Labrador Songs at Battle Harbour, Battle Harbour, NL - Join Battle Harbour’s favorite local entertainers at the Loft! Enjoy local singer/songwriters from nearby remote communities

Fish Our Secret Places, Port Hope Simpson, NL - Stay at the [Alexis Hotel](#) where your GPS can’t give the best location of our fishing spots but our guides sure can! This area is home to great trout fishing, come try your luck on our lakes, ponds and rivers this summer.

In Search of Icebergs and Geocaches, Port Hope Simpson, NL - Book any regular room at the [Alexis Hotel](#) and they will customize one or more optional self-guided road trip tour itineraries to surrounding indigenous communities including a picnic basket snack.

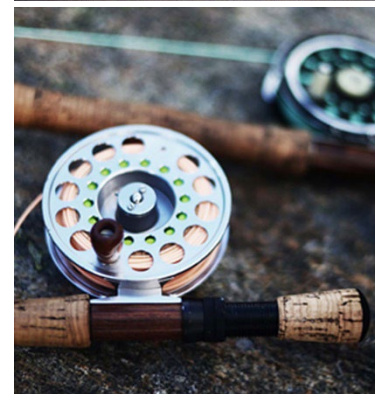
Make Your Own Eco Silk Scarf, Mary's Harbour, NL - Drop by the [Great Caribou Studio](#), view amazing art created by talented Labradorians, and pick-up your map for a self-guided hike on trails to collect a small amount of local fauna used to create your own unique silk scarf.

Make a Caribou Tufted Ornament, Mary's Harbour, NL - Visit award-winning Inuk artisan Charlene Rumbolt at the [Great Caribou Studio](#) and learn traditional techniques to create a caribou tufted Christmas ornament.

Meet the Locals, Port Hope Simpson, NL - Stay overnight at the [Alexis Hotel](#), enjoy a warm welcome and entertaining session with local historians and storytellers with a delicious prepared picnic.

Caribou Cafe, Mary's Harbour, NL - Drop by the [Great Caribou Studio](#) to enjoy a taste of Labrador at the adjacent Caribou Café. Savor traditional treats like blackberry cake, redberry rosebuds, handmade jam jams or Inuk Bannock.

The Big Land Cottage, West St. Modeste, NL – A fully licensed Airbnb with a 4-star Canada Select rating, oceanside in West St. Modeste, only minutes from Red Bay or Point Amour Lighthouse offering salmon and trout fishing experiences.



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Expedition 51^o

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