

# Trans Labrador Frontier Loop

## The 1,054km Trans Labrador Highway

During the summer of 2010 the final touches were applied to the Trans Labrador Highway as it opened for vehicular traffic allowing travelers for the **first time in Canadian history a highway loop itinerary through Eastern Canada.** New territories of unspoiled pristine wilderness and remote villages are yours to explore! The ultimate free-wheeling adventure.

### Halifax – Baie Comeau / 796km / 10h 40m / paved

Routing will take you across the province of Nova Scotia, north through New Brunswick to a ferry crossing from Matane, QC (2h 15m) to Baie Comeau.

### Baie Comeau – Labrador West / 598km / 8h 10m / partially paved

Upgrading to this section of highway continues; as of the end of the summer of 2014, 434km has been paved. Work will continue during 2015 on the remaining 167km; some sections are being replaced and more will be paved.

North from Baie Comeau route 389 will take you pass the Daniel Johnson Dam, onward to the iron ore mining communities of Fermont, Labrador City and Wabush on the Quebec / Labrador border.

### Labrador West – Labrador Central / 533km / 7h 31m / paved

Traveling east, all 533km of route 500 is paved as of June 30, 2015. The highway affords you opportunities to view the majestic Smallwood reservoir and **Churchill Falls** Hydroelectric generating station enroute to **Happy Valley – Goose Bay**, the “hub of Labrador” and **North West River** for cultural exploration. Goose Bay is also the access point to travel to **Nunatsiavut** via the **Northern Ranger** or to the **Torngat Mountains National Park**.

### Central Labrador - Red Bay / 542km / 9h 29m / gravel

The new section of highway 510 was completed during the summer of 2010. Scenic pull-offs and rest stops are beginning to develop; with 5 built and/or enhanced in 2012. In 2013, work began on a project to pave this section of highway. As of late 2015, upgrades were completed to a 100km stretch going north from Red Bay and 150km going south from Happy Valley – Goose Bay, with the first ~60km from Goose Bay towards Red Bay now paved. Upgrades and plans for more pavement continues in 2016 with two major construction zones between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Mary's Harbour, NL during the summer of 2016.

The highway known as **Labrador Coastal Drive** passes to the south of the Mealy Mountains and onward through sub-arctic terrain to the coastal communities of Port Hope Simpson and Mary's Harbour, the gateway to **Battle Harbour National Historic District**. Take a side trip on **Iceberg Alley**, route 513, to St. Lewis for one of the best iceberg viewing opportunities in the province or to Cartwright on route 516 to visit the **Wunderstrand**, a 54km stretch of sandy beach!

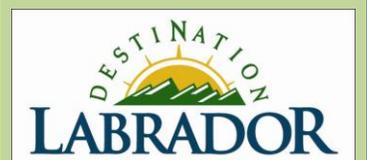
### Red Bay - Blanc Sablon / 86km / 1h 44m / paved

At Canada's newest UNESCO World Heritage Site, the **Red Bay National Historic Site**, you can visit a Parks Canada operated interpretation centre for a glimpse back to the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 and **Point Amour**, the tallest lighthouse in Atlantic Canada, to Labrador's most southern community L'Anse au Clair. 6 kms further is the town of Blanc Sablon, QC, your departure point for the ferry to the Island of Newfoundland (St. Barbe).

### St. Barbe – Port-aux-Basques / 565km / 7h 31m / paved

Route 430 and later the TCH will take you down the west coast of Newfoundland through Gross Morne National Park onward to where you will catch the ferry back to Nova Scotia.

TRAVEL TIMES ARE BASED ON  
POSTED SPEED LIMITS



## Product Updates

### \* New Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve

At 10,700 square kilometers of land, it is the largest National Park in Eastern Canada. Located adjacent to the Labrador towns Rigolet, North West River, Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Cartwright, this new national park reserve will provide unique aboriginal cultural experiences and outdoor recreation activities such as canoeing, backcountry camping, and hiking. Most notable are new hiking and cultural experiences on the 54km long beach, the Wunderstrand offered by *Experience Labrador Tours* operating from Cartwright. Visit [www.experiencelabrador.com/home](http://www.experiencelabrador.com/home).

### \*NEW PACKAGE OFFERINGS\* from Tour Labrador

For a *Trip Back in Time* Tour Labrador has packaged their Pioneer Footpath hiking, cultural tours to Battle Harbour and aquaculture tour offerings with their accommodations at Seaview Cottages and their *new Max's House accommodation*, one of five historic buildings located at Point Amour Lighthouse, in partnerships with the Point Amour Lighthouse Provincial Historic site. They have also opened a new gift shop at Point Amour Lighthouse. Visit [www.tourlabrador.ca/home/](http://www.tourlabrador.ca/home/)

### \*ENHANCED SERVICES\* Battle Harbour National Historic Site

A major overhaul of operations at [Battle Harbour National Historic Site of Canada](#) has been completed. All rooms and cottages have been renovated; now have private ensuite washrooms and new beds, linens quilts and themed décor. One of the historic waterfront buildings have been renovated into a new kitchen and dining room which now features a new themed menu designed by a Red Seal Chef.

The *new Wash House Spa* opened in one of the waterfront properties; providing pedicures, manicure, and full-body treatments using locally produced, natural product from *Indigena Skincare*. "The Loft" is a new common area overlooking the waterfront properties; with free wi-fi, evening bar services and entertainment.

New programmed experiences have been introduced include sightseeing boat tours (whales, icebergs, resettled communities), ½ day hikes on adjacent islands, natural history tours, bread/bun lessons and new interpretative tours. Visit [www.BattleHarbour.com](http://www.BattleHarbour.com)

### \*ENHANCED SERVICES\* at The Torngats Base Camp and Research Station

New Inter shelters and hard shell domes replaced the canvas Inuit style tents at Base Camp and new washroom facilities with hot showers are complete. New hiking routes were introduced by Parks Canada in 2015 and *new for 2016* will be *heli-hiking* along the ridges of the mountains near Base Camp. New adventure products and programming introduced in 2015 to coincide with the Park's 10th anniversary will continue to be offered. For the latest visit [www.torngatbasecamp.com/home](http://www.torngatbasecamp.com/home).

### \* ENHANCED SERVICES \* Red Bay Basque Whaling Station UNESCO World Heritage Site

[Red Bay National Historic Site of Canada](#) received UNESCO World Heritage Site status on June 22nd, 2013. New interpretative programming was introduced during the summer of 2013. Enhancements to these new offerings in 2014/15 provided visitors an opportunity to interact with "Basque Whalers" and participate in a Basque Festival at the beginning of August. Visit [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca) for more details.

### \*NEW\* Illusuak Cultural Centre in Nain, Nunatsiavut to open in 2017

A new cultural centre for Nunatsiavut is nearing completion in Nain. The Illusuak Culture Centre will showcase the history and culture of the Labrador Inuit and serve as the gateway to Torngat Mountains National Park. The construction is on schedule and everything looks promising for a summer opening in 2017. Visit [www.tourismnunatsiavut.com/home/](http://www.tourismnunatsiavut.com/home/)

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