Rendez-Vous Canada Update



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New Product in Labrador



Red Bay National Historic Site UNESCO World Heritage Site, Red Bay, NL



During the mid-16th century, an abundant whale population drew whalers from the Basque region of Spain and France, where they established a major whaling port at Red Bay. For decades, Basque whalers made the dangerous, month-long journey across the Atlantic to hunt whales and produce the oil that lit the lamps of Europe. See original Basque artifacts, remains, and restored chalupa at this national

historic site and USESCO World Heritage Site. Group tour experiences offered include Bites of Basque History, Digging Through Time, and Lighting the Lamps of Europe! NEW Attractions and Experiences. To Book: (709) 458 2417 or Email <u>pc.infolhnredbay-redbaynhsinfo.pc@canada.ca</u>

"Basque" in the Experience of Basque/Labrador Fusion, Forteau, NL



Enjoy an evening at the Florian Hotel Dining Room with Chef Ange while she takes you on a unique culinary experience of traditional foods of NL fused with Basque cuisine resulting in delicious Pintxo's! After your visit of the Red Bay Basque Whaling Station UNESCO World Heritage Site, relax and choose from a list of various dishes paired with wines and spirits or take in a multi course meal. NEW Offer: Culinary/Food. To Book: (709) 931-0077 or Email <u>info@theflorianhotel.com</u>

Digging Through Time, Red Bay, NL



Bites of Basque History, Red Bay, NL

This is a guided walk on Saddle Island exploring the archaeological sites on Saddle Island with a local Parks Canada guide. Hear first-hand experiences of finding some of Red Bay's precious artifacts as you see where whale oil was processed, learn how the whalers lived and experience the serenity of the whalers' cemetery. Explore what life was like for Labrador's 16th-century Basque whalers. NEW First-hand Experiences. To Book: (709)458-2417 or Email pc.infolhnredbay-redbaynhsinfo.pc@canada.ca



A new and exciting way to experience the culture of Labrador's 16thcentury Basque whalers. Take a short ferry ride to Saddle Island and immerse yourself in the stories of Red Bay's history and Basque culture. Enjoy music with a 16th-century flair and a mouth-watering selection of authentic Basque pintxos (little bites) by a local chef. NEW Program: Music, Food, and Stories. To book: (709)458-2417 or Email <u>pc.infolhnredbay-redbaynhsinfo.pc@canada.ca</u>

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Labrador Songs at Battle Harbour, Battle Harbour, NL



Join Battle Harbour's favorite local entertainers at the Loft! Local singer/songwriters from nearby fishing communities like 'Black Tickle'. Learn about local folklore through songs inspired by the people, culture and history of the Big Land. Local connections to this remote Labrador fishing community make a perfect fit for evening entertainment. NEW Special Event: Music/Stories. To Book: (709) 921 6325 or Email reservations@battleharbour.com

Labrador Arts and Crafts, Battle Harbour, NL



Learn about and own an original piece of Labrador art! Join Inuk artisan Charlene Rumbolt as she teaches you how to create a 'Beach Find & Botanical Scarf'. This Georgian College taught and life long multi-media artist will start by taking a stroll with you to find local plants and beach finds suitable for imprinting to create a stunning one-of-kind silk scarf. NEW Arts and Crafts Experience. To Book: (709) 921 6325 or Email <u>reservations@battleharbour.com</u>

Great Caribou Studio, Mary's Harbour, NL



The Florian Hotel, Forteau, NL

An interactive working studio and gallery/shop, filled with amazing art created by some talented Labradorians. Resident Inuk artist Charlene Rumbolt practices her craft and sells original paintings, prints, and silks inspired by the flora, fauna, and the culture of Labrador. Her studio packages teach you how to create a Plein Air painting, a Botanical Eco Scarf or a Caribou tufted ornament. NEW Craft Experiences. To Book: (709) 921-6311 or Email greatcariboustudio@gmail.com



This new 21-room modern hotel is located on the sandy beach shoreline with breath-taking views of the Atlantic Ocean, icebergs and humpback whales. The upscale dining menu features local harvests and fresh seafood from local fisherman, paired with a selection of favorite wines and warm Labrador hospitality. Packaged experiences offered include Lighthouse Picnics, Dinner By the Sea, and Bites of Basque History. NEW Accommodations. To Book: (709) 931 0077 or Email info@theflorianhotel.com

Battle Harbour Heritage Properties, Battle Harbour, NL



A National Historic Site and Island retreat offering overnight guests a priceless collection of natural attractions and the rich heritage of a National Historic District of Canada. This Canadian Signature Experience features newly renovated inns with private ensuite washrooms and new hand-made beds, linens, quilts and themed décor. Packaged experiences offered include Cod Fishing, Photography Workshops, Labrador Stories Package, and the most Easterly Hike in North America. NEW Experiences. To Book: (709) 921 6325 or Email reservations@battleharbour.com

Alexis Hotel, Port Hope Simpson, NL



This family-run hotel, known for true northern experiences and warm Labrador hospitality, is now expanding to a 48-room hotel in 2022. Located with a breathtaking view of the Alexis Bay, the hotel is centrally located near historic sites, and a rich community of indigenous heritage in Southern Labrador. Guided and self-guided travel offers feature salmon and sea trout angling, storytelling, easy to moderate hiking, boat tours, cross country skiing, dog sledding, and snowmobiling adventures. NEW Accommodations and Experiences. To Book: (709) 960-0228 or Email hotelalexis@gmail.com.

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. Warm your body and soul with a cup of Labrador tea infused with iceberg water and a savoury Alexis red berry muffin. NEW Attractions and Experiences. To Book: (709) 960-0228 or Email <u>hotelalexis@gmail.com</u>.

Romance by the Bay, Port Hope Simpson, NL



Book a river view room at the Alexis Hotel and enjoy a special dinner and night with wine and chocolates overlooking Alexis Bay. Refresh and renew your soul with a photogenic sunrise. NEW Accommodations and Experiences. To Book: (709) 960-0228 or Email hotelalexis@gmail.com

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Make Your Own Eco Silk Scarf, Mary's Harbour, NL



Drop by the Great Caribou Studio to pick-up your map for a self-guided hike of one of the local trails in Mary's Harbour. Our reference sheet will guide you in collecting a small amount of local fauna to be used to create your own unique silk scarf. When you return to the Studio, we will guide you on techniques to imprint the fauna on to the silk using traditional dying skills. The complete process takes 2-3 hours. What a great way to remember your time in Labrador. NEW Arts and Crafts Experience. To Book: (709) 921 6311 or Email <u>GreatCaribouStudio@gmail.com</u>.

Make a Caribou Tufted Ornament, Mary's Harbour, NL



Visit award-winning Inuk artisan Charlene Rumbolt at the Great Caribou Studio, home to authentic indigenous traditional crafts & fine art. Learn traditional techniques to create beautiful handcrafted items and stunning original artwork like this beautiful caribou tufted Christmas ornament. Takes approximated 2 hours. NEW Arts and Crafts Experience. To Book: (709) 921 6311 or Email <u>GreatCaribouStudio@gmail.com</u>.

Meet the Locals, Port Hope Simpson, NL



Caribou Cafe, Mary's Harbour, NL



Stay overnight, enjoy a two-course meal paired with a bottle of house wine. Watch the sunrise bless your day before starting your adventure with a self-guided itinerary to surrounding Indigenous communities. Enjoy a warm welcome and entertaining session with local historians and storytellers. Enjoy a delicious prepared picnic before continuing your journey. NEW Attractions and Experiences. To Book: (709) 960-0228 or Email <u>hotelalexis@gmail.com</u>

Drop by the Great Caribou Studio to enjoy a taste of Labrador at the adjacent Caribou Café. Savour traditional treats like blackberry cake, redberry rosebuds, handmade jam jams or Inuk Bannock. There are also local favourites such as rice and saltbeef soup or turkey & dressing wraps. Wash it all down with a great cup of coffee, tea or some Caribou Juice (a blend of purity syrup and soda) while you take in the beautiful view of the bay in Mary's Harbour, NL. NEW Offer: Culinary/Food. To Book: (709) 921 6311 or Email <u>GreatCaribouStudio@gmail.com</u>