

# NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR - THE FAR EAST OF THE WESTERN WORLD



Even in today's world of tourists travelling to all corners of the globe to try something extremely adventurous and new, still relatively little is known about Canada's newest province, Newfoundland. However, those who know about this area of the planet are generally fully aware of its charm and unique attraction.

It has been described as the Far East of the western world, for its friendly people, mysteriousness, marine wildlife and stunning seacoasts. Newfoundland and Labrador are separated by a 17-km. strait called the Belle Isle, yet this does not even begin to tell the story of what the area offers to nature lovers.

Tourists flock to see the Atlantic's largest population of puffins, minke and humpback whales and the northern lights shining on the world's largest herds of caribou. Whale-watching tours are high on the list of attractions offered in this area of Canada, yet perhaps the biggest attraction is the not living icebergs. These gigantic lumps of ice come floating down from Greenland every year and leave tourists with open jaws gaping in awe at their size, colour and power. The locals never know whether to call the frozen phenomena a blessing or a curse. Icebergs were responsible for stranding 39 vessels in Belle Isle in April this year, yet also responsible for drawing vast amounts of tourists eager to catch a glimpse of the 25-storey spectacles making their way from the north. Some of the icebergs are 10 000 years old, making them even more fascinating to stare at.

The wildlife is not solely responsible for the popularity of Newfoundland, as its friendly people make it the sort of place tourists tend to visit more than once. Some find the unique dialect of Newfoundland inhabitants as intriguing as its icebergs and whales.

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