



CAPE BRETON ISLAND,  
NOVA SCOTIA

# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Feel like dancing a jig in Scotland, taking a swanky beach vacation in the Hamptons, or quaffing wine in France? Try these close-to-home destination dupes

## > SWAP SCOTLAND FOR CAPE BRETON ISLAND

You'd be forgiven if you confused Cape Breton Island - with its toe-tapping Celtic music, place names like Inverness and Dundee, not to mention weekly cèilidh - for bonny Scotland. With more fiddlers per capita than anywhere else in the world, plus the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, it's easy to catch a concert, especially during October's Celtic Colours International Festival. Ramblers will appreciate Cape Breton's windswept highlands and its many glens: Don't miss the hiking areas of Meat Cove and the Clyburn Valley.

Inspired by the island's Scottish heritage and designed to complement the stunning terrain, one of Canada's "true links" course (native to the British Isles, the courses should run beside a coast, with sandy soil below), plus several championship golf courses, are located within easy driving distance of each other. After your adventures, wet your whistle along Nova Scotia's Good Cheer Trail, sampling a dram at Glenora Distillery, North America's first single malt whisky distillery. The best part? Oatcakes are found pretty much everywhere, even at Tim Hortons.

—Jody Robbins

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French charcuterie

## > FRANCE? NON, NON! SAINT-PIERRE AND MIQUELON! OUI, OUI!

Europe is closer than you think. Just 20 kilometres off the southeast coast of Newfoundland is Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, a self-governing territorial overseas collectivity of France that uses the euro, has its own time zone and shuts down for lunch. This is a country that naturally devours foie gras, baguettes, pastries and French wine. Book meals ahead - Le Roc Café for crêpes and Le

Feu de Braise or Le Bar à Quai for dinner - because dining options are limited.

With a population of 6,000, Saint-Pierre is about culture so don't miss Les Zigotos and their wooden dories (traditional fishing boats), the Musée Heritage to learn about the prohibition era, and L'Arche Musée et Archives to

see a guillotine. Stay at Les Terrasses du Port and wander around admiring the colourful homes and architecture. Hop a ferry to Miquelon-Langlade (with about 600 people) for nature. Air Saint-Pierre flies here from St. John's, Halifax and Montreal, while SPM Ferries come from Fortune, Nfld. —Jennifer Bain



Downtown Saint-Pierre

## > THE COUNTY IS CANADA'S ANSWER TO THE HAMPTONS

People say Muskoka is like the Hamptons but, really, Prince Edward County is Canada's equivalent. Pretty farms and vineyards? Check! They're the heartbeat of the county and built the scene that goes beyond the vine. Long windblown beaches with epic sand dunes? Check! Pretty, historic villages? Check!

Originally settled by United Empire Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution, this bucolic Ontario hot spot on the shores of Lake Ontario (a stone's throw from Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa) is a retreat for urbanites in search of great food, wine and an escape from the city. Hotels are more than a place to stay, they're experiences. The Royal Hotel in Picton, the Drake Devonshire in Wellington and the character-rich Angeline's Inn in Bloomfield - with its nostalgic, eclectic



Wander Resort



Drake Devonshire Hotel



Sandbanks Provincial Park

and country decor - set the stage for unforgettable stays. For the epicurious, restaurants such as Bocado, Stella's Eatery and Flame+Smith are but a few that turn local and global ingredients into road-trip-worthy cuisine.

The county is also home to quirky vintage shops, modern apothecaries, boutiques and artisan galleries, each with its own story to tell. And, while it may lack celebrity buzz, Prince Edward