View from the ship.  
St Dunstan’s Basilica in the background.  
Confederation Landing Park on the right.  
Peake’s Quay on the left.
Charlottetown is capital city of Prince Edward Island (PEI). Ships dock downtown, a short walk to center city. I've been there four times and have enjoyed the same first impression on each visit. People in the passenger terminal are very friendly, helpful, and outgoing. This mood continues throughout the city. A street sweeper greeted us with a few kind words and a smile. Residents struck up conversations with us and helped us find places to visit. This is a distinctly friendly and welcoming mood for a port city.

Charlottetown is the “birthplace” of Canada. There are many well-maintained historic buildings with impressive architecture. It's a picturesque, clean, and safe city. It's “perfect” for a self-guided walking tour. This port guide has details on 19 points of interest in center city plus Victoria Park and Boardwalk.

Prince Edward Island is a popular vacation destination. It has scenic rolling hills with farms and fishing villages, the gorgeous Prince Island National Park, the world famous Anne of Green Gables farmhouse, and Confederation Bridge, an engineering wonder. The natural beauty and charm of the island are enhanced with many excellent restaurants, shops, golf courses, and entertainment venues including theater, festivals, music, street fairs, art fairs, and celebrations. The schedule for 2014 includes 150 festivals and events.

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Tom Sheridan
Charlottetown Cruise Ship Docks

Charlottetown has two docks.  
- The main dock is a concrete structure in front of the cruise terminal. Simply walk off your ship to the terminal.  
- The alternate dock is a floating pier with moorings to tie up ships. It's a few minutes on the tender to the tender dock next to the entrance to the cruise terminal.  

The terminal is a long, thin building.  
Ship's excursion buses enter the port security gate and line up parallel to the terminal building. If you are on a ship's tour meet your agent for directions. Usually, you wait in the terminal until it's time to board your bus. 

Charlottetown cruise terminal is a fun place to visit. There's free WiFi with tables and chairs to use your computer. Shops offer great souvenirs including moccasins. There's a cafe, Visitor Information, entertainment, and you can meet a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. 

Taxis and private tour vehicles park outside the port security gate as shown on the map at left.

Founders' Hall is a 950-foot walk from the cruise terminal. The route is shown by purple dots on the map above. Exit the terminal and turn left in front of the port security gate. Walk along the water. This is a great place to take a photo of your ship with the harbor in the foreground.

Founders' Hall is a must visit location

You'll find Visitor Information personnel with maps and tips on what to visit. At the Reserve It Now Kiosk, you can book guided walking tours, boat tours, and bus tours. You can also rent bicycles, and reserve tickets for the musicals at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. There is free WiFi. Public computers are available for your use. Outside, you'll find all kinds of tour buses including tours of the city. There is a large parking lot across the street from Founders' Hall.

Founders Hall  http://www.foundershall.ca/  6 Prince St
GPS = N 46° 14' 1.24", W 63° 7' 16.89"

Canada’s Birthplace Pavilion - Step Back in Time & Experience History

In 1864, delegates to the Charlottetown Conference arrived at the Historic Charlottetown Waterfront on board the HMCS Queen Victoria where today, stands Founders' Hall, Canada's Birthplace Pavilion. This heritage bilingual attraction tells the story of Canada from its inception in 1864.

Adults $9.50 Usually, the hours are 9-5 daily.
This map show streets near the dock. The vehicle entrance/exit for the port is at the intersection of Water St and Weymouth St which has GPS coordinates of $N 46°14'09.0", W 63°07'07.6"$. As you drive into the port, there is a security guard. I was in a rental car and wanted to drop my wife off next to the security gate so I could drive back to return the car. That type of temporary stop near the security gate is permitted. The walking route from the cruise terminal to the Founders' Hall is shown as purple dots.

Charlottetown has events such as festivals, street fairs, etc. during summer through September with a few events in early October. Many of these events are held at Confederation Landing and Peake's Quay (shown on the map above) and Victoria Row near the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Check the events schedule at http://www.discovercharlottetown.com/events/

Founders' Hall is the Place to Start Your Walking Tour

There are two areas for a walking tour of Charlottetown Historic Area near the port:

1. **The area north of Water St** is a 950 ft by 1100 ft square. It is bordered by Water St north to Grafton between Prince St on the east and Queen St on the west. Within this small area, you'll find excellent restaurants, a pub and a brewery, boutique shops, art stores, the Anne of Green Gables store, impressive homes and public buildings, the Confederation Art Centre and Museum, and beautiful churches. There is also a large shopping mall across the street from the Confederation Centre.

2. The second walking tour area is **south of Water St near the harbor boardwalk** to visit Confederation Landing and Peake's Quay. There are many shops, restaurants, and the famous Cows dairy products. You can also walk ~ one mile further west to visit Victoria Park.
Walking Tour to the Area North of Water Street

The city is clean and picturesque. Pathways are flat and wide with no hills nor steps to climb. In some locations, there are park benches to relax and take in the views. This is the perfect place for a leisurely stroll visiting places of interest and taking postcard photos.

GPS Coordinates

You don't need GPS coordinates for a walking tour of Charlottetown. However, the coordinates are useful to pinpoint tourist sites on Microsoft Bing and Google maps. Open this guide in one window on your computer and open the map program in a second window. Copy and paste the GPS coordinates into the map program. Microsoft Bing has EXCELLENT “Bird's eye” aerial views of Charlottetown which I have used extensively in this port guide.

The GPS coordinates are in the format of Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds shown as N ddd° mm' ss.ss", W ddd° mm' ss.ss"
2 Water Prince Corner Shop  Located at Water & Prince St  GPS = N 46°14’02.3″, W 63°07’19.3″

This seafood restaurant is a favorite with locals. It offers the finest selection of Live Atlantic Lobster, Cooked Lobster, Northumberland Scallops, Malpeque Oysters, Canned Clams, Canned Chowders, Crab Meat, Frozen Lobster, Hot Pack Lobster, Island Blue Mussels & Steamer Clams, Salmon, Halibut, and Sole.

It's superb! We met several people on our ship who ate here; we all agreed, this is a great little restaurant. Whether it's a quick snack or a full meal, I highly recommend this restaurant. We've eaten at other places, but this is my favorite. The owner is Shane Campbell.

Seating space is limited. The decor is simple, but it's clean and functional. Service is great and the prices are reasonable.

The website is www.waterprincelobster.ca
Email is fish_waterprince@pei.aibn.com
Go early to avoid the lunch crowd. It gets very crowded.

3 Trinity United Church  Located at Sydney & Prince St  GPS = N 46°14’07.2″, W 63°07’24.7″

4 St Paul's Church  Located at Grafton & Prince St.  GPS = N 46°14’09.1″, W 63°07’30.2″

St. Paul’s Anglican Church was consecrated in 1896. It is the congregations’ third church and their choice of Island sandstone as building material. (photo on next page)
5 Zion Presbyterian Church  Located at Grafton & Prince St  GPS =  N 46°14′10.6″, W 63°07′31.4″
6 Coles Building  Located at 175 Richmond Street  GPS = N 46°14′07.1″, W 63°07′31.6″

It was originally called “The Law Courts Building” because it was built ~ 1875 to house the Supreme Court. Later, it was re-named “The Honorable George Coles Building”.

It's a brick, Italianate design on Queen’s Square next to Province House. Originally, there was a large public garden in front of it.

For most of its history, the building housed the Supreme Court. Since the mid-1970s, it has had public offices and the Public Archives of Prince Edward Island.

7 Province House  Located at 165 Richmond St  GPS = N 46°14′05.6″, W 63°07′33″

In September 1864, delegates from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Canadas met at Province House to debate joining to form a new country. Province house is considered the "cradle of Confederation" because these meetings led to creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867.

9 War Memorial  This photo is at the back of Province House at Grafton Street looking south.

**Hours of Operation**

- June 14 to 30, 2014  Open daily 9 am to 5 pm
- July 1 to September 1, 2014  Open daily 9 am to 7 pm
- September 2 to 30, 2014  Open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm
- October 1 to November 30, 2014  Open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm (closed statutory holidays)
- December 1 to 30, 2014*  Open Mondays and Fridays 1 pm to 4 pm, Wed 9 am to 12 (closed holidays)

**Admission:** $3.40

**9 Confederation Centre of the Arts**  http://www.confederationcentre.com/en/contact-us.php

Located at 145 Richmond St  GPS = N 46°14′04.2″, W 63°07′37.2″

Confederation Cultural Centre is open year-round and showcases the best in Canadian visual and performing arts. It houses several theaters, an art gallery, a restaurant, and a gift shop.

For upcoming shows, see  http://www.charlottetownfestival.com/en/shows.php

![Diagram of Confederation Centre](below)

**Diagram of Confederation Centre (below)**

**TOILETS:** There are public toilets in the Confederation Centre. Enter the centre from Richmond St. Tell the security guard you want to use the toilets. Go down stairs and turn left toward the library.

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Notes:
- There is a **shopping mall** at the intersection of Grafton and Queen St.
- For Special Events, Street Fairs, Farmers Markets, etc., Queen St is closed between Richmond St and Grafton St for installation of an **Event Tent** in the street. The Downtown Farmers Market features locally grown produce, food vendors and local artisans. Enjoy your lunch at a picnic table while local musicians perform. Early July - late September Sundays (11am – 4pm).
- Richmond Street is also called “**Victoria Row**” between Queen St and Great George St. I've shown several shops and restaurants as points “A” thru “G” on the map above.
- There's a pub, a brewery, and a few restaurants on Sydney St. next to St Dunstan's Basilica.
Victoria Row

A Northern Watters Knitwear  150 Richmond Street  www.nwknitwear.com/
Home of “World Famous” 100% British Wool Sweaters & accessories made on site. Also the largest PEI craft store, open year round. We carry yarns, sheep skin products, wool blankets and preserves. Awarded Top Charlottetown Retailer 2012.

B Artisans & Crafts  ART 146 at Victoria Row  146 Richmond Street  http://www.146art.com/
You can find the way to ART 146 by looking for the bright yellow door next to Northern Watters Knitwear.

C Mavor's Restaurant  145 Richmond Street  www.mavors.ca/
A unique dining experience in the heart of Charlottetown, Mavor's serves as a haven for those who seek a quick lunch, an elegant dinner, a glass of wine or a night on the town. Home to Charlottetown's most charming outdoor courtyard.

D Row142  Coffee Shop  142 Richmond Street  www.facebook.com/ROW142/
Craft roasted specialty coffees, fresh in-house baked goods, and stone oven handmade thin crust New York inspired pizza.

E Fishbones Oyster Bar & Seafood Grill  136 Richmond Street  www.fishbones.ca/
Enjoy our oyster bar, serving fresh and local oysters! Live lobster tank, signature cocktails, and locally brewed Gahan beer guarantees a great experience.

F John Brown Richmond Street Grille  Speakeasy in the heart of Charlottetown’s Dining District  132 Richmond Street  www.johnbrowngrille.com/
John Brown Richmond Street Grille is located on the historic Victoria Row in downtown Charlottetown. We are proud to offer the best of Island cuisine – tantalizing chowder, delicious salads, amazing steaks seasoned to perfection, a large variety of seafood and gluten free options as well as a delectable pub menu. We offer many different varietals of wine, an abundance of craft ales – from near and far, live entertainment and a sophisticated, relaxed atmosphere for you to dine, mingle and dance.

G Receiver Coffee Co.  128 Richmond Street  www.receivercoffee.com/
Craft roasted specialty coffees, fresh in-house baked goods, and bistro style sandwiches.

10  Anne of Green Gables Store
Located at Queen and Richmond St
GPS =  N 46°14′01.4″, W 63°07′36.3″
When you are on Prince Edward Island, you “must” visit at least one Anne of Green Gables Store. This store has all the books and a variety of souvenirs. My wife always stops her to buy something.
There is an Anne of Green Gables Chocolates Store next to this store on Queen Street.
11 The Brickhouse Kitchen & Bar and Marc’s Lounge
Located at 125 Sydney Street  www.danielbrenanbrickhouse.com/
GPS =  N 46°14′00.8″, W 63°07′34.1″
We have created a truly unique dining experience based on local products, a culinary flare and an atmosphere that brings the kitchen to the forefront. We invite you to experience and enjoy

12 Olde Dublin Pub & Claddagh Oyster House
Located at 131 Sydney Street
www.oldedublinpub.com/ &  www.claddaghoysterhouse.com
GPS =  N 46°14′01.4″, W 63°07′33.1″
Claddagh Oyster House has been PEI’s year-round seafood restaurant for over 30 years. Using the finest in local food, both it and the Olde Dubin Pub showcase Maritime cuisine and entertainment.

13 The Gahan House Pub & Brewery
Located at 126 Sydney Street  www.gahan.ca/
GPS =  N 46°14′00.7″, W 63°07′33.4″
The Gahan House is one of Charlottetown’s favourite places to get together. An authentic pub featuring great pub fare and handcrafted Island ales from the only brewery on PEI. Gahan House and Sims are next to St Dunstan's Basilica (photo below)

14 Sims Corner Steakhouse & Oyster Bar
Located at 86 Queen Street  www.simscorner.ca/  GPS =  N 46°14′00.1″, W 63°07′34″
Located in a beautiful heritage building in downtown Charlottetown, Sims Corner Steakhouse & Oyster Bar is Charlottetown’s premier dining location. Winner of the 2012 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence.
15  St Dunstan's Basilica  Located at 65 Great George St between Sydney St and Dorchester St
GPS =  N 46°14′02.4″, W 63°07′29.1″

St. Dunstan's Cathedral Basilica is a stone French Gothic church built in 1913 from the remains of the cathedral that had been damaged by fire that year. St. Dunstan's is the fourth church on the site and one of the most visible landmarks in Charlottetown with its spires being some of the highest points on the City skyline. It is the only Roman Catholic cathedral and basilica in the province and one of the most elaborate churches in the Maritimes.

Walking Tour South of Water Street Near the Harbor Boardwalk

From St Dunstan's Basilica, walk south on Great George Street or Queen Street to the harbor. The major tourist sites are around Peake's Quay/Wharf and Confederation Landing. Many of the Charlottetown festivals, street fairs, etc. are held at Confederation Landing and Peake's Quay/Wharf. Check the events schedule for the day you will be in Charlottetown at www.DiscoverCharlottetown.com/PeakesWharf

Peake's Wharf Historic Waterfront is where the Fathers of Confederation landed in 1864. Today, there are over 20 unique shops, dotted along the waterfront, with a little something for everyone. Experience everything from world famous COWS Ice Cream, to handcrafted items, boat tours, waterfront restaurants, a seafood market, live music and PEI's favorite waterfront summer nightclub.

Seven days a week in July & August (weather permitting), this historic wharf is home to The Peake's Wharf Merchants Summer Concert Series. Make your way down to the waterfront and enjoy free entertainment, stroll the boardwalk and wind your way through the colorful shops. Live, local entertainment plays everyday, both in the afternoon and evening. (Source = Tourist Bureau)
Peake’s Wharf - Historic Waterfront Merchants

A special collection of merchants who are right on the Charlottetown Waterfront; Peake’s Wharf offers something for everyone: crafts, clothing, fine gifts, souvenirs, and great live Island music.

Amos Pewter  [www.amospewter.com/](http://www.amospewter.com/)  Designs are inspired by nature and our Maritime locations. Visit Amos Pewter for handcrafted jewelry, gifts, home décor and keepsakes. See molten pewter cast and take part in our hands on experience.

Coastal Culture  Atlantic Canada's largest selection of souvenir t-shirts, clothing and cool stuff for the whole family. Island and nautical souvenirs tilly and greek fisherman hats, beachwear and toys!
16 **Peake's Quay**  Located on Great George St south of Water St  **GPS =**  N 46°13'57.1", W 63°07'22.4"

17 **Cows**  Located on the waterfront south of Great George St  **GPS =**  N 46°13'55.5", W 63°07'20.9"

Website =  [www.cows.ca/](http://www.cows.ca/)

COWS is a fun and creative Island Company that serves up world famous, Super Premium Ice Cream in hand made waffle cones. COWS stores delight the senses with their unique line of whimsical clothing and fun gifts.
Flip Flop Shop  pei.sourceforsports.com/
Flip flop shop has the island’s largest selection of sandals and flip flops with over 5000 pair in stock! Available in men's, women's and kid's sizes and styles. Name brands include: Crocs, Fit Flops, DC and Quiksilver, Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, & Merrell. Two island locations: Peakes Quay at Peakes Wharf on the Charlottetown Waterfront & Cavendish boardwalk in Cavendish PEI

How Bazaar
PEI's favorite fashion bazaar celebrating 14 years of searching the world from Thailand to Timbuktu. We actually have been there and have jewelery to prove it, to bring to you funky gifts , trendy clothing and hot accessories. Seven Island locations ... Peakes Wharf, P.E.I. Factory Shops , Cavendish Boardwalk, Green Gables Corner, Victoria by the Sea, Gateway Village, and next to the Frosty Treat Dairy Bar in Kensington.

My Little Stash
My Little Stash is a new store featuring trendy mustache apparel and products, but there's so much more - made in P.E.I. creations by local artisans, vintage clothing and vogue jewelry. Truly a chest full of treasures.

Nellies Local Crafters
Nellie's carries over 100 handcrafted items created on PEI. Island sea glass, jewelery, pottery, books, woolen wraps, stained glass, wood products, knitting, preserves, and lots more.

P.E.I. Dirt Shirt  www.peidirtshirt.com/
Look for the shirt with the little bag of dirt. Our trademark tag and 'little bag of dirt' is our guarantee to you that all our Dirt Shirt clothing is hand dyed with NOTHING BUT Prince Edward Island red dirt !!!

Paderno  www.paderno.com/
Some of the world’s finest cookware comes from PEI and now you can enjoy direct from the factory with savings of 40-70%. If you like to cook.... you’ll love this store.

Peake’s Quay Restaurant & Bar  www.peakesquay.com/
With over 200 seats on the patio, everyone gets to enjoy our Islands fresh air while overlooking the beautiful Charlottetown harbour and Quartermaster Marina.  
The host restaurant for the 2011 royal tour of Canada and hosted William and Kate for a reception.  P.E.I. Lobster dinners at under $20.00 7 days a week , Lots of fresh seafood, Steaks ,Chicken dishes , delicious Pizzas , Kids menu and full pub menu as well. Visit the historic waterfront and enjoy FOOD with a VIEW.  
At night time, Peake’s Quay turns into one of the hottest night clubs in Canada. Our line up of some of the best Bands and DJs available in North America are an Island tradition.

Peakes Wharf Boat Tours  www.quartermastermarine.com/
Cruise Charlottetown’s scenic harbour and beyond and watch as we pull up a lobster trap. Experience a seal or sunset cruise. We have four daily sailing trips, Charters available for up to 35 people.

Sporting Intentions Source for Adventure
The Islands Great Outdoor Specialty Store now has a summer location on the beautiful Charlottetown waterfront. We carry a selection of high quality products, from brands such as The North Face, Quiksilver, Billabong, Sitka and many more.

Stepping Stones
We carry many Prince Edward Island hand made products such as island made spoon rings and chimes, hand carved sand candles, jewelery, pei mud shirts, hand made toys, soap, seaweed hand cream, island books, island postcards, and island beach glass.  We have a large selection of Anne products including videos.

Top Notch Lobster Tours  www.markscharters.com/
Featured on “Live with Kelly & Regis”, be in the middle of the action and experience what it feels like to be a real lobster fisherman. Learn about history, biology, conservation & habitats. Then enjoy a lobster meal right on board “Top Notch”. 
18  Confederation Landing Park  Prince St, south of Water St  GPS  =  N 46°13'57.0",  W 63°07'15.9"

The "Gem" of the Charlottetown waterfront, this tastefully designed parkland marks the site of the historic landing of the Fathers of Confederation in 1864. There are many summer festivals and music events at the park.

When I took this photo in May, 2010, there was no activity in the park, but it's a great spot for scenic views. Our ship, the MSC Poesia was at the floating dock; we took the tender from the ship to the cruise terminal.

19  Lobster on the Wharf
Prince St at the harbor
GPS  =  N 46°13'57.5",  W 63°07'12.4"
www.lobsteronthewharf.com/

Charlottetown’s premiere seafood restaurant is open daily for lunch and dinner. Wharf and patio seating is available. Kids menu.
Adjoining seafood market.
Open May 1-October 30.

Options for Exploring the City of Charlottetown

Charlottetown is a “perfect” city for leisurely walking to sites of interest. The pathways are wide, flat, and there are no hills nor steps to climb except at the entrance to St Dunstan's Basilica. The city is very clean, picturesque, and there is very little vehicular traffic in the city.

There are guided walking tours to historic buildings in the city.
If you like to ride a bike, you can visit many places in the city and beyond.
Walking the city is fine for me because the distance is short. If you wish to minimize walking, there are horse drawn carriage tours, Pink Bus tours, and other tours of the city. Typically, these tours are $ 40-45 per person. The tours also have guides to explain the sites.
Victoria Park  The entrance is at Terry Fox Dr and Kent St  GPS = N 46°13'53.2", W 63°08'04.5"

NOTE: All of the tourist sites discussed so far in this port guide are a short walk from the cruise ship. Victoria Park is further west. It's 1.4 km (0.9 mile) from Founders' Hall to the southeast entrance to the park at Kent St and Terry Fox Dr. The suggested walking route is west on Water St, north on Haviland St/Rochford St and west on Kent St to the entrance to the park.

The boardwalk around Victoria Park is 1.2 km (0.75 mile). In addition, you'll want to walk along some of gorgeous tree-lined trails inside the park.

If you like to walk or hike, you'll enjoy it. If you are a bike rider, consider renting a bike at Founders' Hall. Another option to visit the park is on a tour or take a cab to/from the park. The Pink Bus has tours that include a stop at the Government House in Victoria Park.

Victoria Park Boardwalk is 1.2 km from the park entrance at Terry Fox Dr to Brighton Road near the swimming pool. The Boardwalk is one of the most popular recreational areas in the City.

Victoria Park, named for Queen Victoria, is an approximately 15 hectare. Attractions include tree-lined trails, the boardwalk, tennis courts, sports fields, a skateboard park, a swimming pool, and the park hosts City sponsored events, Canada Day Celebrations, outdoor plays, and concerts. The park has historically significant monuments such as the Prince Edward Battery and Magazine, and survey stones marking the meridional line. It's one of the most important sites on Prince Edward Island and the jewel of the Charlottetown park system.
Map of Victoria Park

The walking trails are shown as yellow dashed lines. PLEASE stay on the trails, boardwalk, or paved walkways/roads.

Potters Studio is a co-operative for both new and experienced potters. They offer pottery classes for beginner and advanced potters. The studio is open to members whenever classes are not taking place. You can buy snacks and ice cream at the clubhouse.

Government House is the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, the personal representative in the Province of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Queen of Canada. As it is a private residence, the House is not open to the general public except in July and August when guided tours are conducted from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday to Friday.
GPS Coordinates for Victoria Park

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If You're Interested in Walking or Biking, You'll Love Prince Edward Island

Prince Edward Island is a place that seems to have been made just for cycling. For touring enthusiasts, just get on your bike and start pedaling. The rolling hills, lush farmlands and postcard coastlines that keep our visitors coming back for more will reveal to you a whole new appreciation for your cycling hobby.


Confederation Trail

With 400 km (250 miles) of walking and biking trails covering PEI, every trip is a different journey, with breathtaking scenery and wildlife close at hand. From Charlottetown, you can easily access the Confederation Trail, taking you into parts of PEI unknown to those touring by automobile.

Gowheelin’ Bike Rentals Founders' Hall, 6 Prince Street, Charlottetown PEI 902.566.5259 tours@gowheelinpei.com/ [www.gowheelinpei.com/](http://www.gowheelinpei.com/)

For all of your bicycle rental needs, located at Charlottetown’s most convenient location - the Charlottetown Visitor Information Centre, Founders’ Hall! Full, half-day and weekly rentals available!

MacQueen's Island Tours 430 Queen Street, Charlottetown 902.368.2453 [www.macqueens.com/](http://www.macqueens.com/)

Supported self-guided, independent bicycle tours include accommodations, breakfast, luggage transfer, route cards, maps, deluxe bicycle, professional outfitting, and emergency repair service. MacQueens is PEI's largest pro shop offering quality rentals, sales and repairs.

Tourist Sites Outside the City of Charlottetown

Charlottetown is capital city of Prince Edward Island (PEI). This island is clean, safe, and picturesque with a wide variety of tourist attractions. This is the place to enjoy a great summer vacation and celebrate special occasions such as a honeymoon. In the fall, it's less crowded and you can enjoy the tree colors. All the major attractions are open and the National Parks are open year-round.

You'll need transportation to visit the popular sites outside of the city. We've taken private tours and the ship's excursion tours. There are many bus tours available for booking at Founders' Hall. My preference is to rent a car to tour the island. I have written a highly detailed 33-page Charlottetown Driving Tour Guide. The guide
covers all of the popular tourist sites on the ship's bus excursions with descriptions and photos of the sites and detailed maps with GPS coordinates. Whether or not you rent a car, I highly recommend that you download the Driving Tour Guide because it shows the locations of all the tourist sites. You can use the guide to decide where you wish to visit. Separately, you can decide what travel means to use.

I cannot repeat the 33-page driving guide here. My intent in this Port Guide is to list and describe the most popular tourist sites from a cruise ship. There are two major routes for excursions from Charlottetown; namely,

1. **North of Charlottetown** to Anne of Green Gables and Prince Edward Island National Park, and
2. **South and west of Charlottetown** to Confederation Bridge.

### Bus Excursion Tours North of Charlottetown usually make four stops:

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Tour buses stop here. It's a clean, comfortable site to taste samples, have a drink or snack, buy preserves, tea, Celtic jewelry, porcelain, etc. It's also a “good pit stop”; the toilets are very clean. See [www.preservecompany.com/](http://www.preservecompany.com/)

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This is the farm with the green roof and the haunted woods that was the setting for the book. It's probably the most popular tourist site on Prince Edward Island. It's a must visit! The “official” name is: **L M Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site**  


- **Hours**: 9 am to 5 pm 7 days a week, May-October.  
  **Admission**: $ 7.80 adult

  When you enter the site, you'll see a short video introduction. After that, you are free to explore on your own.

  There are several buildings, a shop selling drinks and snacks, the famous “lover's lane”, etc.

  It's a picturesque and peaceful setting with many photo opportunities. Be sure to put on the hat with the red pigtails for a photo.

Lucy Maud Montgomery  
My wife thinks “young”
Watch for fox in the park. They're beautiful animals.

Buses stop at a large parking lot. As you walk to the shore, you'll see a war memorial (photo above).

You can walk on the grass behind the fences along the shore for fantastic views of the shore. There are openings along the fence where visitors are permitted to walk out onto the rock formations.

I caution you that the rock formations are irregular. Be careful where you step. Also, the rocks can be very slippery when wet, especially if there is moss or other vegetation on the rocks.

This is a national park with safety warnings as required. When the Park Service believes it is reasonably safe to walk out on the rocks, there will be openings in the fence and the path will be clear as shown in the photo below. However there are other areas of the park where there are signs prohibiting access. For your safety, PLEASE obey the signs!
Photos of the National Park near Cavendish

Walking Route

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The advantage of a bus tour is that it's convenient. No planning required; pay for the tour and get on the bus. For me, the problem with a bus tour of the National Park is that the bus only stops at one location in the park (shown as point “M” on the map below) and it's difficult to take good photos from a moving bus. My preference for touring this scenic area is in a rental car.

The map below is from my Charlottetown Driving Tour Guide. Tour buses stop at points “K-M-T” on this map. My rental car driving route stops “everywhere” for photos. For my rental car driving tour North of Charlottetown, I stop at 23 sites compared with 4 stops by the bus tour.

I'm not sure if the bus stops at the lighthouse (shown as “S” on the map), but many buses stop for lunch at point “T” on the map, the Lobster Suppers Restaurant in North Rustico. Photo of the restaurant below.
Bus Excursion Tours South and West of Charlottetown to Confederation Bridge

The bus tour makes three stops.

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http://www.tourismpei.com

Located in the heart of Gateway Village just off the Confederation Bridge, the Visitor Information Centre is the perfect place to start your memorable PEI vacation. Our friendly vacation planners are waiting to help you with your PEI vacation planning. Open year round. Daily, 9 am-4:30 pm.

Gateway Village

Gateway Village portrays a turn-of-the-century PEI streetscape encompassing an exposition pavilion, food and retail services, liquor store, etc. The 29-acre development also includes a three-acre park.

A unique adventure awaits as you experience the legends of our land, sea and people. Admission is free with plenty of parking for cars, tour buses and motor homes. All facilities are wheelchair accessible and friendly courteous staff will ensure your visit is memorable.

Food and retail services promise a unique experience as you savour Island food products and shop for someone special.

There is an Anne of Green Gables store. This statue (photo at right) is on display outside.

Crossing Confederation Bridge?

The price is $ 45/car collected when you leave Prince Edward Island via the bridge. This covers a round-trip crossing of the bridge.

Note: There is a 1.1 meter (43 inch) high wall along the bridge to serve as a windbreak and to “minimize visual distraction”. The bridge is designed so you can't see much when you drive over it. I would not want to pay $ 45 to drive over an 8-mile bridge unless I really wanted to get to the other side. This is NOT a bridge for sightseeing!

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This park has great views of the bridge for photos.

The bridge connects Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. This curved, 12.9 km (8 mile) long bridge is the longest in the world crossing ice-covered water, and is one of Canada’s top engineering achievements of the 20th century.
The water can be covered with ice for FIVE months, so a special design was used for the bridge supports. Note the rust colored “collars” at the base of the columns. The collars cause the ice to raise up and break under it's own weight as it falls down. This prevents ice from damaging the bridge.

For information on crossing the bridge, see  [http://www.confederationbridge.com/](http://www.confederationbridge.com/)
Victoria is a fishing village. The Lobster Barn was being re-roofed when we visited. (Photo Below)

Excursions In and Outside of Charlottetown

- You could spend all day in Charlottetown relaxing, shopping, and having great seafood. We've done it and enjoyed it.
- Normally, I don't like bus tours because of the rigid schedule and inability to take photos from the bus. That's particularly true when touring along the National Park to the north where there are many great photo opportunities.
- However, I loved the ship's bus excursion to Confederation Bridge. Our guide made that tour! The bus took a route that crisscrossed the island. We saw a lot and learned a lot. The only limitation was that I couldn't take good photos from the moving bus.
- My wife and I paid $200 + tip for a private, 5-hour tour to Anne of Green Gables and the area north. The tour was great, but I decided I could do the same thing for <$100 in a rental car. I did it, and enjoyed it.

Renting a car is not for everyone, but it works for me and is now my preferred shore excursion from Charlottetown.

I wish you a great cruise,
Tom Sheridan
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My guides are designed to help you plan a great cruise vacation by providing information such as where the ship docks, location of tourist sites, public transit, walking tour maps, things to see and do, travel issues unique to the port, etc. Knowledge of ports is important when planning shore excursions because you have to make many decisions and commitments long before your ship docks. I believe the information in this guide is accurate, however you are responsible to verify accuracy of the information that you use to plan your vacation.

Information on cruise ports frequently changes such as bus routes, admission fees to sites, rental car locations, etc. Cruise Critic is the best source for up-to-date, detailed information on travel details for shore excursions, reviews of cruise ships, etc. There are many knowledgeable people on Cruise Critic who are willing to share their expertise and travel experience. I highly recommend www.CruiseCritic.com; it's free to join.

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