Rent a car next to Halifax cruise port. Drive to Lunenburg, Peggy’s Cove, Fisherman’s Cove, and tourist sites in Halifax city - Titanic Cemetery, Citadel, city parks, etc.

Advantages of Rental Car Touring in the Halifax area:

- There are six car rental agencies within a four minute walk of the Halifax cruise ship docks.
- Unlike a bus tour, rental car touring allows you to choose where to go, when/where you stop along the route, and how you spend your time = total freedom for independent touring!
- A major advantage of a car vs. a bus tour is the ability to take photos. You can’t take good photos from a bus due to reflections in the windows, movement of the bus, and obstructed views out the windows. Buses are restricted on where they can stop or park. In a rental car, everyone has great visibility. You can stop along the road, open a window, or get out of the car to take postcard photos.
- Another advantage of car rental is that you can drive around the town or city to see and photograph everything with minimal walking. Seaside towns and cities often have steep streets due to the hills next to the harbor. It’s not easy to walk up steep streets nor walk long distances to see all the sites in the city.
- Car rental is inexpensive especially for a couple, a family, or small group.
- Halifax has good, well marked and maintained roads. In most areas, it’s a scenic drive.

Car Rental Touring Is Not for Everyone, but it’s my preferred Halifax shore excursion.

I am not trying to convince you to rent a car. That is your decision.

I believe Halifax and Sydney Nova Scotia are two of the best cruise ports to rent a car because the surrounding area is drop dead gorgeous. These are places I want to explore and photograph.

The purpose of this guide is to describe the process I use to plan my driving route in the Halifax area. I create my own maps and program my GPS before I leave home.

When I rent the car, I plug in my GPS that is pre-programmed with all the stops along the route. With the GPS, I never get lost and I always know how long it will take me to drive back to the cruise ship dock.

My priority is to drive to the furthest tourist site I plan to visit and stop at other tourist sites on my way back to the cruise ship. The last part of my driving tour is relatively close to the ship so I’ll get back to the ship on time.

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CAVEAT

Information contained herein is believed to be accurate. PLEASE verify the information you use for your travel plans. Opinions expressed are my own. This port guide is protected by copyright law - see the last page of this guide for legal notices.

Tom Sheridan
There are 6 Car Rental Agencies near the main cruise ship docks in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Dollar and Thrifty car rental are at the Westin Hotel. Alamo, Enterprise, and National are at the VIA Canada Rail Train Station. Hertz is at 1099 Marginal Rd. From the cruise terminals walk west to Marginal Road. For the Westin Hotel or Train Station, walk thru the parking lot to the back entrances of the buildings. Once you get inside the hotel or train station, ask where the rental car offices are.

Note: There’s a gas station in front of the Atlantic Superstore on Barrington Street = convenient to refill your rental car before you return it.
How to find car rental offices near a cruise port

Car rental locations change frequently. Google maps often show old, inaccurate locations for car rentals. The only way to find “correct”, “current” addresses for car rental offices is to go to the corporate website for Hertz, National, etc. Click on “locations”, then enter the country, province, and city e.g. Canada, Nova Scotia, Halifax. The street addresses on the corporate websites are always correct.

For example, the Hertz corporate website shows a rental at “1099 Marginal Road, Halifax, NS Canada”

For this guide, I use this reference location for the Halifax cruise ship docks

Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
1055 Marginal Road, Halifax, NS Canada
GPS = 44°38'17.7"N 63°33'54.6"W

With a location for the cruise ship dock and current address for a car rental office, you can map the cruise port and the car rental offices. Example:

Enter “1055 Marginal Road, Halifax, NS Canada” in the Google Map
Click on “directions”
Enter “1099 Marginal Road, Halifax, NS Canada”
Click on the map walking man icon. Google shows the walking route.
It’s a 2 minute, 170 meter walk from the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to the Hertz rental office.
See the map at right.

Tips on renting a car.

1. Always check the corporate website to get the current address for the rental agency. Make a map showing this location to carry with you.
2. Rental cars can sell out. Reserve your car 3 to 6 months ahead to get the type of vehicle you want.
3. It’s difficult to rent a car at a cruise port on Sunday. Dollar Car Rental in the Halifax Westin Hotel is open on Sunday. I’m sure they have a key drop-off box to leave the key.
4. Some car rentals around the world charge your credit card when you reserve the car. It can be a hassle to get your money back if you cancel. Know whether you can cancel the reservation without a fee.
5. When you get the car, the rental agency puts a “hold” of ~ $250 on your credit card until you return it.
6. See if there is anything you can do to expedite processing paperwork to avoid 30-60 minutes waiting in line to get the car. Join the rental agency as a preferred customer to expedite the car pick up process.
7. When there’s a rental car shuttle service to the cruise dock, talk to the rental office for details on where and how you get their shuttle service. Some cruise port rental car shuttle services are a hassle.
8. Buy “CDW loss of use” insurance. My car and credit card insurance do NOT protect me from “loss of use” on a rental car. I’m liable for the loss of rental revenue when the car is out of service for repairs plus towing and administrative fees.
9. You’ll need Canadian quarters for parking meters and toll bridges. The toll bridge attendant might accept US currency, but it’s a good idea to have a few dollars in Canadian quarters with you.

Car rentals next to the Halifax Cruise Ship Port

The information below, from the corporate websites, is accurate as of April 4, 2017.

Hertz  Note – This location is ONLY open during cruise season
1099 Marginal Road  Halifax , Nova Scotia , Canada , B3J 2P6  Phone: (902) 422-8775
From mid-May
Mon-Fri 8:00AM-5:00PM  Sat-Sun Closed
From September
Mon-Fri 8:00AM-5:00PM  Sat-Sun 8:00AM-1:00PM  Mon-Fri 8:00AM-5:00PM
From mid-November until mid-May this location is seasonally closed.
I rented a car from Hertz in October, 2016. The check out process was fast. The paperwork had been filled out in advance. The people in the office were well organized. I’d rent from Hertz again.

**Halifax Westin Hotel has two car rentals**

**Dollar**  
Halifax - Westin Hotel, NS, CA DLE  1181 Hollis Street  Halifax, NS Canada B3H 2P6  902-453-6925  
Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  Sat 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  **Sun 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Thrifty**  
Halifax - Westin Hotel, NS, CA TLE (YH2)  1181 Hollis Street  Halifax, NS Canada B3H 2P6  
(902) 422-4455  **The Thifty corporate website provides no details on hours of operation**

**VIA Rail Canada Train Station has three car rentals**

**Alamo**  
1161 Hollis Street  Halifax, NS B3H2P6 Canada  Phone: (902)423-0227  
Mon - Fri - 8:00AM – 6:00PM  Sat 9:00AM – 12:00PM  Sun Closed

**Enterprise**  
1161 Hollis St  Halifax, NS B3H2P6  +1 902-423-0227  
Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  Sat 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  Sun Closed

**National**  
1161 Hollis Street  Halifax, NS B3H2P6 Canada  Phone: (902)423-0227  
Mon – Fri  8:00AM – 06:00PM  Sat 9:00AM – 12:00PM  Sun Closed

**Why I carry my GPS from home when I rent a car from a cruise port**

- Long before I cruise, I enter every stop on my driving route into my GPS device and save all the stops as “favorites.” When I get the rental car, I select the first destination from my favorites and drive to that point. If I find an interesting location to stop, I save that location to my favorites using the “Where am I function” of the GPS so that I can return to that location later.

- I want to know **when to turn around** to get back to the ship on time. It’s simple. I enter GPS coordinates for the Rental Car agency and save the address as a favorite called “RC”. While driving, I select “RC” as the destination and instantly know my arrival time at the rental car agency if I turn around.

- Another issue is road traffic, road repairs, accidents, etc. My GPS allows me to change the driving route and recalculates a new route to my destination. I keep track of time for road construction delays when traveling away from the port because I’ll need to consider that delay time when returning to the port.

**Using Google Maps to Preview Your Shore Excursion on Your Home Computer**

Google maps are incredibly powerful to preview your shore excursion “seeing tourist sites as if you were walking down the streets, viewing points of interest from aerial perspective, and calculating walking distance and time”. The key to using Google maps is GPS coordinates that point to specific locations on the map. You can view details of that location on Google or Microsoft Bing maps at any map scale on using “road”, “satellite”, “birdseye”, “earth”, or “terrain” maps. The format I use for GPS coordinates is Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds ddd° mm' ss.ss” N ddd° mm' ss.ss” W

**Copy and paste** GPS coordinates from this port guide into Google or Microsoft Bing maps

**Or type** GPS coordinates numbers and periods into the map search box replacing the symbols for degrees, minutes, and seconds with spaces.

For example: **Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21** has  
GPS coordinates of **44°38’17.7"N 63°33’54.6"W**  
Type **44 38 17.7 n 63 33 54.6 w** to find this location on Google or Bing maps

You can also

- Create travel maps to take with you see [http://www.tomsportguides.com/map-user-guide.html](http://www.tomsportguides.com/map-user-guide.html) and  
- Program your hand held GPS, tablet, or phone with the GPS coordinates. See my web-page at [http://www.tomsportguides.com/world-gps-maps.html](http://www.tomsportguides.com/world-gps-maps.html)
This map uses the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 as the starting point for rental car touring.

Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to Lunenburg is a 1 hour and 19 minute, 63 mile (101 km) drive. (ONE WAY)
Take rte 103 west to 324 south. Stop at Bridgewater & Lunenburg Visitor Information GPS = 44°27'06.2"N 64°25'10.2"W re what to see & do.

Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to Peggy’s Cove is a 1 hour, 29 mile (101 km) drive on route 333 south (ONE WAY)
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to Peggy’s Cove to Lunenburg is a 2 hour 10 minute, 91 mile (147 km) drive (ONE WAY)
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to Fisherman’s Cove is a 27 minute, 10 mile (16 km) drive (ONE WAY)

“Titanic” Fairview Lawn Cemetery is not shown on this map. It’s a short ride from the cruise ship dock.

My strategy is to drive to the furthest tourist site first and stop at other tourist sites on my way back to the cruise ship.
Lunenburg Is a “Must Visit” Tourist Area for Good Reason

It’s a beautiful town with many colorful and historic buildings, a rich history, many places to visit and things to do, e.g. museums, shops, restaurants, boat tours, and endless “postcard” photo opportunities. You could spend all day walking along, and stopping at places on streets close to the harbor. Walking distances are not very far. Note the 200 foot scale and 1,150 foot scale on the map below.

Streets parallel to the harbor have little change in elevation, but the streets perpendicular to the harbor run uphill as you walk from the harbor into town. I show elevation above sea level on the map to indicate the steepness of streets. As you walk Cornwall Street from Bluenose Dr, the elevation changes from 16’ to 34’ at Montague to 59’ feet at Pelham to 86’ at Lincoln. A ten foot increase in elevation is like climbing a single flight of stairs.

We toured Lunenburg in a rental car. Our first parking spot was on Montague St. near Duke St. We walked down a flight of stairs to the harbor and explored the sites along Bluenose Dr. and then on Montague St. I drove around the city and parked at different locations so we could see all the sites and explore the area on foot.

I believe rental car touring from Halifax cruise port is the “perfect” way to visit and tour Lunenburg.
The Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic  
GPS = 44°22'33.9"N 64°18'44.0"W

This is a very popular tourist site. At the Museum, you’ll experience life in a fishing community and discover, up close, life at sea. Explore the living fish exhibit and decks and passageways of real ships at dockside. Visitors can have a yarn with Old Salts, a delightful meal, shop and experience the best of Lunenburg. Films are shown at the Ice House Theatre throughout the day. Browse at your leisure or take a guided tour wharf-side vessels. Please note that our wharf and vessel areas have rather uneven walking surfaces; wear comfortable footwear. Plan to spend a lot of time browsing our exhibits, aquarium, and exploring the vessels. Daily programs are available May through October, including lobster lore, a model boat launch and more.

Admission  
Adult: $12.00  Senior: $8.00

Bluenose - Birth of a legacy  
GPS = 44°22'33.32"N 64°18'44.39"W

For a working fishing schooner, speed was a tremendous asset. Those who made it to port first, fetched the best price for their catch. The Fishermen's Race was no token competition for privileged yachts. It was a real race for the hard-working vessels of fishermen who made their living on the sea. Nova Scotia's pride and shipbuilding reputation sailed with Bluenose.

The original Bluenose was launched as a Grand Banks fishing and racing schooner on 26 March 1921. Bluenose Captain Angus Walters and the builders who crafted the sleek vessel had something to prove. Their sights were set on the International Fishermen's Race.

From the moment Bluenose took to the sea, it was evident she was a vessel unlike any other. When she took home her first Fishermen's Trophy in October of 1921, the legend began. During the next 17 years, no challenger — American or Canadian — could wrest the trophy from Bluenose. She earned the title "Queen of the North Atlantic" and was well on her way to becoming a Canadian icon.

Bluenose came to symbolize Nova Scotia's prominence in the fishing and shipbuilding industries. She represented Canada around the world. In 1933, Bluenose appeared at the Century of Progress World's Fair in Chicago, and sailed to England's Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935.

The majestic image of the Bluenose has adorned the Canadian dime since 1937 and three postage stamps, as well as the Nova Scotia license plate.

Bluenose II - The legend reborn  (Photo Right)

Bluenose struck a reef off Isle aux Vache, Haiti on 28 January 1946. Despite the loss, the legacy and admiration for the once mighty schooner lived on in the hearts and minds of Canadians — especially Nova Scotians.

In 1963, Bluenose II was launched. It was built by many of the same people who had worked on the original vessel at the same shipyard in Lunenburg.

Bluenose II sails out of Lunenburg and visits ports throughout Nova Scotia and North America. It is regularly open to the public, offering cruises and onboard access to its many admirers. In its role as an ambassador, Bluenose II has been a frequent presence for trade visits and international promotions for Nova Scotia and Canada.
The historic vessel, with its unrivaled legacy, is a living reminder of the glorious sailing era. For an entirely new generation, it serves as a fitting introduction to Canada's maritime heritage. Bluenose II has the largest working mainsail in the world measuring 4,150 square feet. Area for all of the sails is 11,000 square feet.

(Source = https://bluenose.novascotia.ca/history)

3 Lunenburg Whale Watching Tours   GPS =  44°22'33.0"N 64°18'39.2"W
http://www.novascotiawhalewatching.com/reservations.html

Weather permitting, the 3-hour tours are from May through October sailing four times daily: 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
There are fin, pilot, minke and humpback whales, dolphins, ocean sun fish, giant blue fin tuna, and leatherback turtles. Birds include puffins, razorbills, terns, black guillemot, petrels, shearwaters and gannets. On the return trip a reef reveals a large population of seals basking in the sun.
Adult price is ~ $ 60. Reservations are required.

There are also boat tours of the harbor area. It’s a good idea to book your boat tours on the internet before you visit Lunenburg. You can find Lunenburg “Harbor Tours”, “Whale Watching Tours” and “Deep Sea Fishing Charters” on the internet.

4 Fishermen’s Memorial   GPS = 44°22'33.61"N 64°18'35.89"W

The memorial reaffirms the fishing industry has shaped their lives of many in Lunenburg. The town recognizes the sacrifice fishermen have made to make a living from the sea. The memorial is shaped as a compass rose, with eight three-sided columns at each compass point. Inscribed on these black granite columns
are the names of mariners, primarily fishermen from Lunenburg County who lost their lives at sea from 1890 until the present.

**The center granite column bears this inscription:**

“Dedicated to the memory of those who have gone down to the sea in ships and who have never returned and as a tribute to those who continue to occupy their business in the great waters.”

As you walk along the harbor, you’ll see ships that are docked, small boats and parts of ships and rigging on the boardwalk, and colorful buildings on the other side of the street. (Photo Below)
The harbor area is lined with restaurants, pubs, shops, and inns.

We spent a long time at the Bluenose Company Store purchasing maps, books, and photos.
5 Ironworks Distillery  GPS = 44°22′33.7″N 64°18′20.9″W
Ironworks is a micro-distillery located in the old port of Lunenburg on Nova Scotia’s historic South Shore. We take our name from the 1893 heritage building we call home: a marine blacksmith’s shop that once produced ironworks for the shipbuilding trade. We craft our spirits with the same love of traditional methods and attention to detail. To see what we’re up to, have a look around our site. Or even better, drop by our distillery shop and enjoy a taste. Products include Vodka, Grappa, Gin, Rum, Apple Brandy, and Liqueurs (Strawberry, Rasberry, Rhubarb, Cranberry) and more! See http://ironworksdistillery.com/

6 Knaut-Rhuland House Museum  GPS = 44°22′36.8″N 64°18′32.5″W
http://www.lunenburgheritagesociety.ca/krhouse.htm
If you are interested in a historic, well maintained property, this is an excellent museum to visit. The Knaut-Rhuland House is valued for its age, architectural style and previous ownership by well-known residents of Lunenburg. On the exterior it has many of the features of the New England Colonial style, yet it is unmistakably Georgian in its interior layout and floor plan. Knaut-Rhuland House was built in 1793-1794 by Benjamin Knaut, a merchant and sheriff of Lunenburg. He was the son of one of the most prominent foreign Protestants to settle Lunenburg in 1753, Philip Augustus Knaut. Philip Knaut was the first elected member from Lunenburg to the Nova Scotia Assembly of Representatives.
Open: June 7th through September 30th. Monday through Saturday Museum hours will be 11 am – 5 pm. On Sunday the Museum is open noon to 4:00 pm. There is a $2.00 admission fee and donations are appreciated.

7 Kaulbach House  GPS = 44°22′37.6″N 64°18′41.4″W
1880 Kaulbach House Historic Inn is a beautifully restored Victorian home centrally located in the heart of "Old Town" Lunenburg. Our Registered Heritage Inn offers elegant bed and breakfast accommodations in a gracious Victorian atmosphere.

8 Central United Church  GPS = 44°22′38.9″N 64°18′32.5″W
Central United Church is valued for its role in the community, a landmark, and a good example of ecclesiastical architecture in the Town of Lunenburg. This is the second Methodist church built in Lunenburg in 1882. Its location in the centre of Lunenburg's Old Town speaks to the importance and prosperity of this church's congregation in Lunenburg, as does the building's immense scale. You’ll have to walk around several streets to see this church because of it’s size. The Photo Right is a view of the front of the church that faces Cumberland Street.

9 St John’s Anglican Church  GPS = 44°22′41.3″N 64°18′40.3″W
St. John’s Anglican Church, the second oldest Protestant church in Canada, was established in 1754. Take a guided tour of this beautifully restored Gothic architecture, or enjoy a Musique Royale concert at the church.
There’s a war memorial and a bandstand next to Town Hall. (Photo Below)
St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and Hall  GPS = 44°22’41.4”N 64°18’36.4”W

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church congregation has the longest history of any Presbyterian congregation in Canada. The earliest services were conducted in the open air or in private houses. From 1759 - 1770, the congregation worshiped in St. John's Anglican Church. Then, in 1770, the first Presbyterian Church was built on this corner site, and the services of the first minister, the Reverend Bruin Romkes Comingo, were secured. Reverend Comingo served the church for 50 years until his death in 1820. A stone monument immediately to the east of the church commemorates his life.

The five-and-one-half-foot hammered copper codfish weather vane reminds one that the first Christians represented Jesus Christ by the symbol of the fish, and several of the disciples were fishermen. The weather vane may also be thought of as symbolic of Lunenburg, the fishing capital of Canada where Cod was "King."


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  GPS = 44°22’44.9”N 64°18’43.7”W

Described as the 'Rock of Lutheranism,' the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is home to Canada's oldest Lutheran congregation. As well, it is valued as an architectural landmark in Old Town Lunenburg, with a steeple that can be seen for kilometers. When German Lutheran settlers first arrived in 1753, the settlers held services in the open air and later at St. John's Anglican Church. The first church on this site was built in 1772 and replaced in 1841 with a Gothic structure. The only remains of the first Lutheran church are the key to the building and the Saint Antoine-Marie bell that had formerly hung in the Fortress of Louisbourg (a French fort located on Cape Breton Island), and had been purchased by the congregation in 1776. The present building dates from 1890

Lunenburg Academy  GPS = 44°22’48.2”N 64°18’50.1”W

Built between 1893-1895, the Lunenburg Academy is a monument to the historical development of Nova Scotia's educational system. It’s an architectural example of the evolution of education in nineteenth century Nova Scotia from one-room schoolhouses to the Academy system. It is the only surviving building from the Nova Scotia Academy system that continues to operate as a school, serving as Lunenburg's primary school.

The Academy is one of the very few large scale wooden buildings in Canada still surviving from the nineteenth century. Its unique and picturesque design makes it an excellent representation of late Victorian eclectic architecture. Except for a missing tower and
the new cedar shingle roof, the exterior remains intact. Many interior features also remain, including wainscoting, stairways and banisters, detailed hinges and doorknobs, and the layout of classrooms and cloakrooms.

The Academy's imposing form and prominent towers can be seen for miles around, and it is visible from many approaches to Lunenburg. It is often referred to as 'the Castle on the Hill' and it is one of the most striking of Lunenburg's large stock of nineteenth century buildings. The colour scheme of the building - white, black and red – helps to bring out the details of the exterior and make it even more visible within the streetscapes and view planes of Lunenburg.

### 14 St Norbert’s Catholic Church  
**GPS = 44°22'45.0"N 64°18'34.3"W**

St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church was built in 1839 in the centre of the Roman Catholic community. The dwindling number of parishioners caused St. Norbert's to close its doors in the 1890s. However, in the 1930s there was an influx of Catholic fishermen from Newfoundland and the church was reopened.

The church is a fine example of Georgian ecclesiastical architecture, blending both British and New England elements. The original tower was shortened and now appears to have a distinctive 'witch's hat' shape.

### 15 Visitor Information Center  
**GPS = 44°22'39"N 64°18'15"W**

This is the main information center for Lunenbg. There is also a satellite information center at the waterfront. For details see [http://www.lunenburgns.com/visitor-information/](http://www.lunenburgns.com/visitor-information/)

Lunenburg buildings have been painted with every color of the rainbow.  
(Points Below)

Walk around the town, enjoy, and photograph the beautiful colors as you explore the shops, restaurants, cafes, ice cream parlors, art galleries, craft stores, museums, parks, and churches. Keep your camera handy for the postcard photos.
Best spot for photos of Lunenburg Town and the Waterfront

When you are done visiting the town, be sure to drive around to the south side of the harbor along Cove Road. The photo below was taken from point 16 on the map which has GPS coordinates of 44°22'18.2"N 64°18'58.7"W
Peggy’s Cove & The Swiss Air Memorial

These tourist sites are one mile apart as shown on the map below.

Prospect Rd (RTE 333) is the main road from Halifax to Peggy’s Cove. If you are driving from Halifax, turn left onto Peggy’s Point Rd at GPS = 44°29’51.8”N 63°54’54.4”W

Swiss Air Memorial is on Peggys Cove Rd  GPS = 44°30’24.1”N 63°55’52.5”W

Touring in a rental car allows you to spend time as you choose. Opportunities are abundant for postcard photos. There are many scenic areas along the roads where you can stop for photos of granite rock formations, ponds, trees, barrens, bogs, the coastline, coves, and the sea.

Millions of years ago, movement of the earth’s crust allowed molten material to rise and form granite rocks on the surface. The landscape was subsequently carved by glaciers.

Today, you will see, walk on, and photograph 415-million-year-old Devonian granite. I caution you that while it’s fun to explore the area, be careful where you step on the irregular granite surfaces. It’s often windy, and at times, the rocks are wet.

St John’s Anglican Church  (Photo Right)

GPS = 44°29’42.2”N 63°54’56.3”W

As you head south on Peggys Point Rd toward the lighthouse you will see St John’s Church on your right. It’s actually on a small side road called Church Road. You can drive to it if you wish or photograph it from a distance

William E. deGarthe Memorial Provincial Park Information center

GPS = 44°29’38.3”N 63°54’48.6”W

Park in the lot on your left and stop at the visitor center to meet the staff and get updated tourist information on things to see and do in the area.
After you’ve visited the visitor information center, walk across the street to see
The Fishermen's Monument  GPS = 44°29'38.1"N 63°54'51.3"W

William Edward deGarthe was an artist skilled in painting and sculpture. He emigrated to Canada from Finland, lived in Halifax, and moved to Peggy’s Cove where he was inspired to focus on maritime subjects. He lived on a hill on Peggys Point Rd. Next to his house, he carved his “Fisherman’s Monument” on the face of a 100 foot granite rock. It depicts thirty-two fishermen, their wives, and children enveloped in the wings of the guardian angel, St. Elmo with wings spread, and the legendary Peggy of Peggy's Cove. The sculpture and his home (now a museum to his work) were donated to the province of Nova Scotia after his death.

This is a Google street-level photo of The Fishermen’s Monument. Enter the GPS coordinates into Google maps, a down-pointing red arrow appears. Then drag the little yellow man icon from the bottom right of Google maps on the down-pointing red arrow to see the street level photo above.

De Garthe art gallery  GPS = 44°29'37.6"N 63°54'52.3"W

Drive your car and park it next to Peggy’s Cove for photos  GPS = 44°29'42.2"N 63°54'56.3"W

I suggest you walk around Peggy’s Cove to view it from the road and the dock to determine the best vantage point for photos. All the photos will be good, weather and light permitting, but as you move around, you’ll get different backdrops for your photos. I believe the best photos are taken with the hills in the background with St Andrew’s Church and houses with Peggy’s Cove in the foreground. My photo below is “OK”, but I’ve seen much better photos of Peggy’s Cove with different backgrounds such as the church and houses on the hills.
Drive your car and park it behind Sou’Wester Restaurant & Gifts  

GPS = 44°29'32.4"N 63°55'02.7"W

You definitely have to visit the Restaurant and Gift Shop. I always grab at least a cup of coffee and a light snack. The gift shop is impressive, particularly the information on the lighthouse.

Peggys Cove Lighthouse  

GPS = 44°29'30.5"N 63°55'06.8"W

It’s always crowded, often windy, and sometimes it’s cold. But it’s a beautiful, fun place to explore.

Swiss Air Memorial is on Peggys Cove Rd  

GPS = 44°30'24.1"N 63°55'52.5"W

When you’re done exploring Peggy’s Cove, drive back to Prospect Rd (RTE 333) and turn left. You may want to stop along the road for photos. It’s one mile to the parking lot for the Swiss Air memorial. On September 2, 1998 Swissair Flight 111 from New York to Geneva, Switzerland had a fire and crashed in the Atlantic Ocean 5 miles from shore near Peggy’s Cove. All 229 people on board were killed.

The inscription on the monument reads:

In memory of the 229 men, women, and children aboard Swiss Air Flight 111 who perished off these shores September 2, 1998. They have been joined to the sea and sky. May they rest in peace.
**Fisherman’s Cove**

Fisherman’s Cove is a colorful, restored, 200-year-old fishing village offering visitors a peek into the past and a variety of activities to enjoy today. It’s in the Eastern Passage, a 27-minute drive from the Halifax cruise port. There are many colorful buildings, working boats, shops and restaurants. It’s a great place to walk around, visit the shops with maritime art crafts and unique folk souvenirs. The gallery showcases local artists’ paintings, prints and cards (reproductions of paintings).

We had some fantastic seafood with incredible desserts. Admission is free to the Heritage Center. Depending on when you visit, there may or may not be much activity, but there are always some shops and restaurants open. Charter boats are available for deep-sea fishing, and island tours.

**It’s a 27 minute, 15.6 km (9.7 mile) drive from:**

**From:** Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21  
1055 Marginal Road, Halifax, NS Canada  GPS = 44°38'17.7"N 63°33'54.6"W  
**To:** Fisherman’s Cove  
4 Government Wharf Rd, Eastern Passage, NS Canada  GPS = 44°36'35.6"N 63°29'35.0"W

**Note:** The Angus L. Macdonald Bridge toll is $1.00 Canadian CASH, but they usually take US dollars.
Photos of Fisherman’s Cove

We were there on a cold, cloudy, damp day in mid-May. Some of the restaurants, the art gallery, and a few of the shops were open. The art was impressive. We stopped at a restaurant and had excellent food. We bought some extra deserts to go.

It must be a fantastic place to visit when the sun is out and the weather is warm.
“Titanic” Cemetery (Fairview Lawn Cemetery)
There are 121 graves. Many are laid out in a curved shape of the hull of a ship.

The main entrance is on Windsor Street  GPS = 44°39′39.6″N 63°37′17.2″W
There are signs directing you to the Titanic Grave Site

The alternate entrance is Connaught Ave and Chisholm Ave  GPS = 44°39′29.6″N 63°37′09″W
From Chisolm Ave, turn right into the Main Parking Lot  GPS = 44°39′31.2″N 63°37′16.8″W
You can also park anywhere along the roads in the cemetery.

The Titanic Grave Site GPS = 44°39′33.3″N 63°37′23.2″W

It’s a 17 minute, 8.1 km (5 mile) drive from the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 to the Titanic Cemetery at the north end of the city.
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