

Newfoundland June 2027



Come Discover Newfoundland

From June 8 to June 17, 2027, come discover the 10th and most recent province of Canada. Newfoundland has more than 29,000 kilometres of coastline, where it's not hard to spot plenty of whales, seabirds, and icebergs. There are 22 species of whales alone, including the world's largest migrating population of humpbacks. Flying high above are, give or take, 35 million seabirds, which is why Newfoundland and Labrador is aptly named the seabird capital of North America. And if iceberg watching is something on your list, Iceberg Alley is the best place on the continent to see these 10,000-year-old frosty giants. This will be our second visit to Newfoundland.

Our Mentor



The group will be led by renowned photography instructor Reed Hoffmann. His career has spanned more than four decades, the first two of those working at newspapers in the Midwest, South and Eastern U.S. Reed began teaching in the '90s with a class on photojournalism at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Managing his paper's conversion to all-digital in 1997, he was then asked to speak at conferences around the country about that process. In 2000 Reed left his last newspaper and spent the next few years helping dozens of news and other organizations around the country convert to digital. Now based in Kansas City, he divides his time between assignments and teaching photography. His corporate clients have included USA Today, The New York Times, The Associated Press, Getty Images, NBC, Children's Mercy Hospital, EPA, Reuters, NCAA Photos, Nikon, Lexar, Lowepro, Best Buy, Blue Pixel, Eco-Challenge and Mark Burnett Productions. In 2002 he also began a long career teaching the Nikon School of Photography, creating and teaching the classes and managing the instructors

through 2018. Every year Reed leads many hands-on photography workshops, ranging from weekend treks in the U.S. to two-week trips abroad. Reed has received several industry honors, being named a Nikon Legend Behind the Lens, a Lexar Pro Elite photographer and a Microsoft Icon of Imaging. More information can be found at <http://reedhoffmann.com/> and <https://www.instagram.com/reedhoffmann/>.

Highlight Photo Tours



My name is René Bastien, the founder of Highlight Photo Tours. The company has been in operation since 2018. Together with Reed, we have offered trips to many locations in Canada, the United States and Europe. These have included workshops in Quebec City, Montreal, Nova Scotia, the Canadian Rockies, the province of Newfoundland, Hawaii's Big Island, Croatia-Slovenia-Venice, Ireland, France and Portugal. I also offer on-demand trips in Montreal and Ottawa, Canada. My trips combine strong photographic opportunities, memorable scenery and excellent food. Join us in Newfoundland and discover a unique part of Canada, my home country. More information can be found at https://www.instagram.com/highlight_photo_tours/ and at <https://www.highlightphototours.com>.

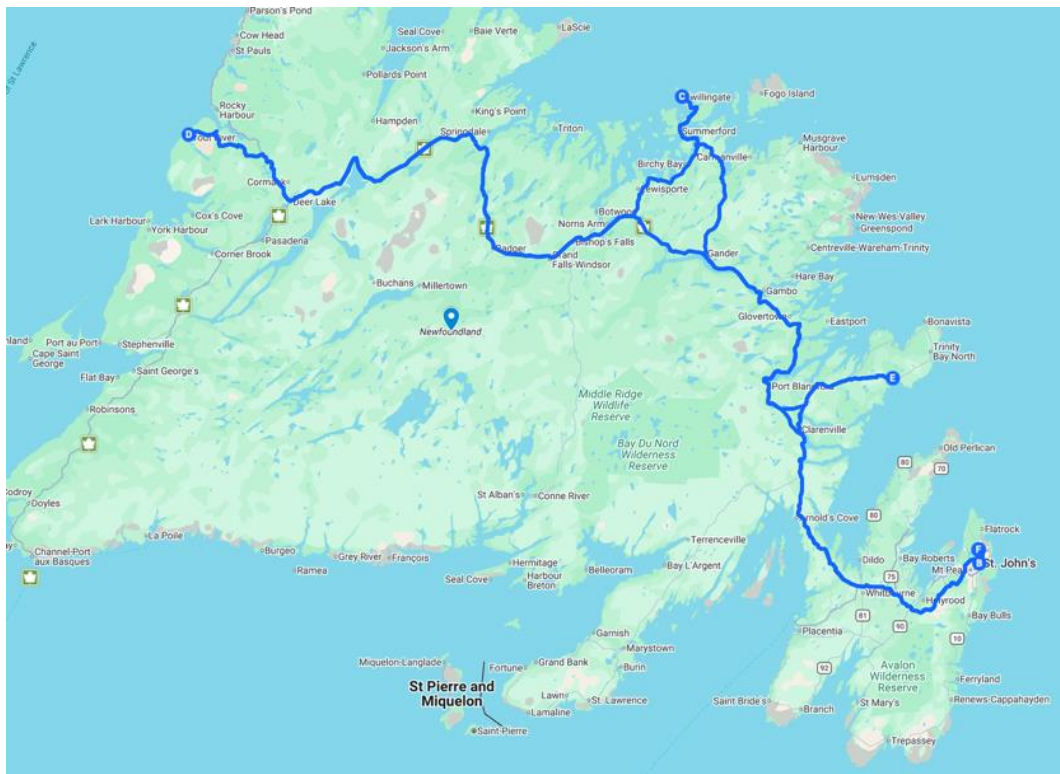
Itinerary

This photo workshop is available to all levels of photographers, from the novice wanting to learn the basics, to the advanced amateur who wants to refine their technique.

Workshop highlights include:

- Icebergs
- Puffins
- Whales
- Rugged coastline
- Unbelievable vistas, including a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Field instruction and image reviews with our professional photographer, Reed Hoffmann

Here is a view of the itinerary Reed and I have planned for the trip.



Day 1, June 8: arrival in St. John's

Arrive at your leisure and settle in, as no daytime activities are planned. Activities will start with our first dinner as a group. After dinner, we will go for a sunset and night shoot at Cape Spear, the easternmost point of North America.



Figure 1 Cape Spear Lighthouse

Day 2, June 9: in and around St. John's

Today, we explore some of the unique sights of St. John's, beginning with Jellybean Row, famous for its colourful houses. From there, we continue to Quidi Vidi, a small fishing village close to the city, before heading to Signal Hill, where Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless signal. The day concludes with time around the harbour, including Fort Amherst and the Battery.

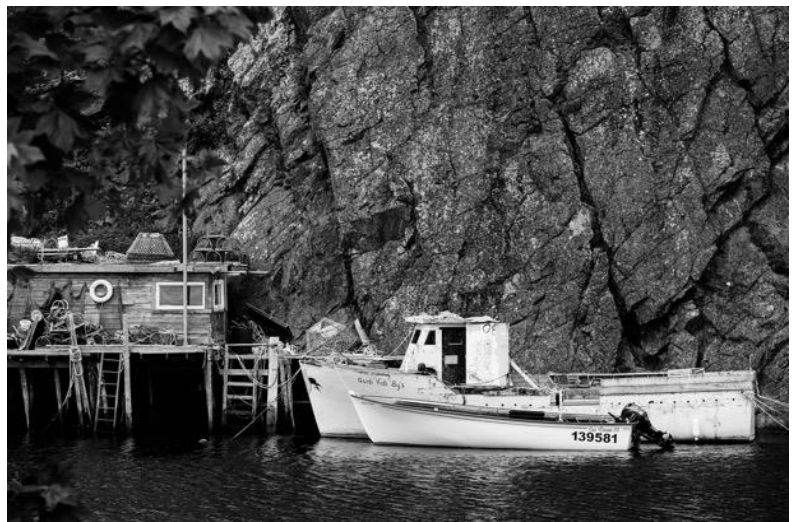


Figure 2 Quidi Vidi

Day 3, June 10: to Twillingate

Today we are headed to Twillingate, the Iceberg Capital of the World. We will keep the itinerary flexible and go where the icebergs are. We will end with a sunset shoot at Sandy Cove.



Figure 3 Twillingate Iceberg

Day 4, June 11: in and around Twillingate

After a sunrise shoot at Spillers Cove, we continue our quest for icebergs today. Between iceberg shoots, we will photograph nearby locations such as Lower Little Harbour and Natural Arch. We will end with a sunset shoot at Long Point Lighthouse.



Figure 4 Iceberg at Sunset, Long Point Lighthouse

Day 5, June 12: to Gros Morne

Today we will make our way to Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Gros Morne National Park is an outstanding wilderness environment of spectacular landlocked, freshwater fjords and glacier-scoured headlands in an ocean setting. It is an area of exceptional natural beauty.



Day 6, June 13: in and around Gros Morne

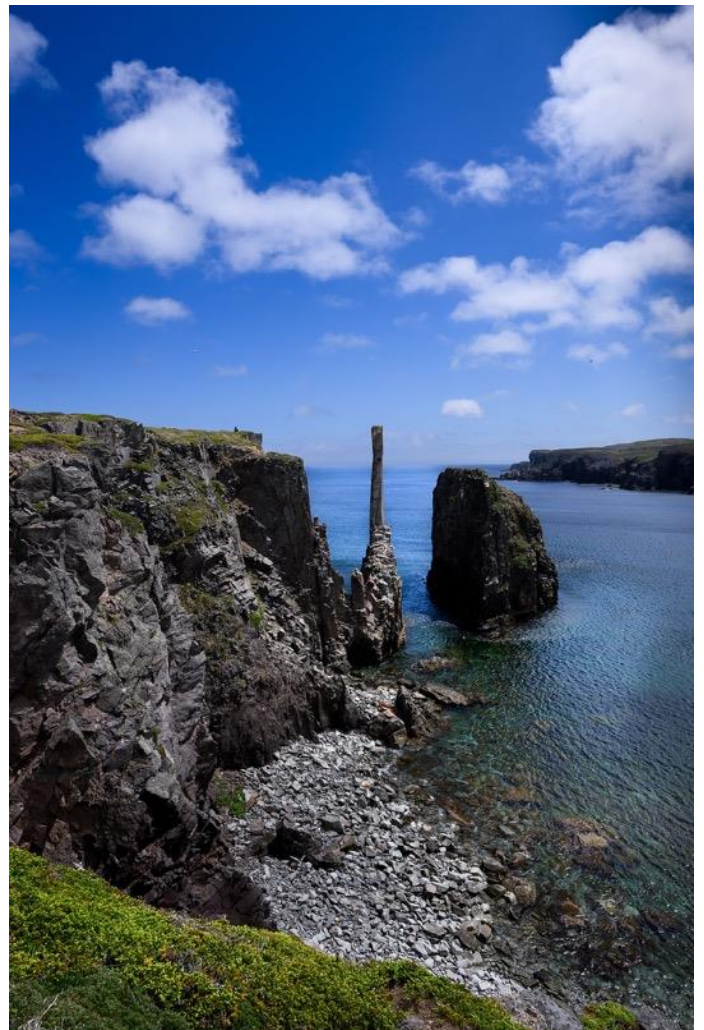
Today we will discover Gros Morne. We will stop at Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse, then make our way to Western Brook Pond for a boat tour through a spectacular glacier-carved fjord. We will have additional stops at Woody Point Lighthouse and Trout River trail and village.



Figure 5 Gros Morne National Park, Western Brook Pond

Day 7, June 14: to Port Rexton

We will make our way towards Port Rexton and the Bonavista Peninsula. We will stop at Leech Brook waterfall on the way. Once in Port Rexton, we will stretch our legs on the Skerwink Coastal Trail, with opportunities to see whales, icebergs, eagles and sea stacks.



Day 8, June 15: in and around Port Rexton

Today will be puffin day! We will head out to Elliston, where puffins are plentiful and often close enough for excellent photography. We will then go to Spillars Cove, and head to Bonavista to photograph the lighthouse. After lunch we will return to Elliston to shoot more puffins.



Day 9, June 16: to St. John's Airport

The morning will be spent around Trinity. We will head out on a zodiac whale-watching cruise to photograph whales. After lunch we will head to St. John's airport area for our farewell dinner and overnight stay.



Day 10. June 17; return home

Board your flights to head back home, or wherever your travels may take you.

More Details

Requirements

The level of activity is expected to be easy, with many stops to take in the scenery and get those great shots! Comfortable, quick-drying walking/trekking shoes/boots are recommended. Bring proper rain gear and keep it accessible.

What to Expect

Tap water is fine to drink. Electrical outlets use the North American standard, 60 Hertz/110 V. Cell coverage is good, but it tends to drop away from the main roads.

Our hotels have free Wi-Fi and breakfast is included. The selected hotels will be (subject to final confirmation):

- In St. John's (2 nights): the Doubletree St. John's Harbourview
- In Twillingate(2 nights): the Alphabet Fleet Inn
- In Gros Morne (2 nights): the Gros Morne Inn
- In Port Rexton (2 nights): the Fisher's Loft Hotel
- At St. John's airport (1 night): the Holiday Inn Express & Suites St. John's Airport

Newfoundland uses Newfoundland Time, UTC-2:30, which is 1.5 hours ahead of New York, Toronto and Montreal in June

The currency used in Newfoundland is the Canadian Dollar. As a rule, you can pay with Visa and MasterCard at almost every store and restaurant. However, make sure you have some CAD\$ with you, for tips and some of the shops out of the major centers may only accept cash. You can exchange funds in St. John's and ATMs are readily available in the cities.

Airlines flying to St. John's (airport code YYT) include Air Canada, Porter, WestJet, PAL and Flair. Flights are available from Halifax, Montreal and Toronto; those airports are served by most US airlines.

Drone use in Canada is regulated. Drones under 250 g are treated as microdrones and generally do not require registration or a pilot certificate, but pilots must still follow Transport Canada's safety rules. Drones weighing 250 g or more must be registered, and the pilot must hold the appropriate Transport Canada pilot certificate. All recreational drones are prohibited in Parks Canada places, including Gros Morne National Park.

Photo Gear

Reed will provide you with details as we get closer to our departure.

Contact Information

René's cell phone: 613-276-4763 and email rbastien@highlightphototours.com

Reed's cell phone: 913-568-8444 and email reed@reedhoffmann.com

Pricing

- All prices are in US\$. Please inquire if you would like to pay using a different currency.
- Price is US \$5,600 per person, taxes included, based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is an extra US \$1,450.
- Payment is accepted through Stripe (Visa, MasterCard, with a link provided in the invoice I will send) or wire transfers.
- A deposit of US \$1,500 is required to reserve your seat.
- The deposit is refundable until March 1, 2027, minus any processing fees.
- Balance due on invoicing by March 15, 2027. No refund after March 1, 2027, as we engage funds on your behalf. This is one key reason why we require you to purchase travel insurance.
- A minimum of 4 participants is required for the workshop to be confirmed. Maximum 8 participants.

What is Included

- All guide and photo instructor services.
- All lodging, double occupancy, from June 8 to June 17, 2027, with breakfast included.
- Photo reviews and critiques from your mentor, available on request.
- All in-country transportation with the group in our minivans.
- Park and entrance fees.
- We will provide bottled water while in the vehicle.
- Welcome dinner.

What is Excluded

- Flights to/from St. John's (airport code YYT).
- Visas if required (you will need a valid passport).
- Extended stays at our initial hotel in St. John's.
- All lunches and dinners, and all beverages, including alcoholic beverages.
- Airport transfers to/from St. John's airport.
- Participants are required to purchase their own travel insurance that will cover their costs if it becomes necessary for them to cancel after payment, or to return home in case of a medical emergency.
- Additional/optional excursions not listed in the itinerary.
- Gratuities for the guides and hotel staff. I suggest budgeting approximately CAD\$75.

How to Book a Seat

To reserve seats, please send me an email at rbastien@highlightphototours.com and I will send you a link to pay the deposit.

More Photos



Figure 6 Trinity Church



Figure 7 St. John's Harbour from Signal Hill



Figure 8 The Battery in St. John's





Figure 9 St. John's Jellybean Row