

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island Cruise Port Guide

The Birthplace of Canada & Home of Anne of Green Gables



Known as the **Birthplace of Canada**, Charlottetown is the charming capital of **Prince Edward Island (PEI)** and one of the most enjoyable ports on a New England & Canada cruise. With its colorful Victorian architecture, tree-lined streets, friendly island atmosphere, and rich Canadian history, Charlottetown offers visitors a relaxing day filled with culture, scenery, and incredible food.

The city is also forever connected with **Anne of Green Gables**, one of Canada's most beloved literary characters. Whether you're touring the famous Green Gables house, sampling fresh island seafood, or strolling through the historic downtown, Charlottetown perfectly captures the laid-back charm of Prince Edward Island.

Cruise Port Information



Cruise ships dock directly in downtown Charlottetown.

Within a short walk you'll find:

- Historic downtown
- Visitor Information Centre

- Victoria Row
- Restaurants
- Local shops
- Museums
- Waterfront parks

This is one of the easiest ports in Atlantic Canada to explore on foot.

CA The Birthplace of Canada



Charlottetown earned its nickname because it hosted the **Charlottetown Conference in 1864**, where leaders began discussions that eventually led to the creation of Canada.

Historic highlights include:

- Province House
- Confederation Landing
- Great George Street
- Historic government buildings

History lovers will find plenty to explore.

Anne of Green Gables



One of the island's most famous attractions is **Green Gables Heritage Place**.

Inspired by author **Lucy Maud Montgomery's** classic novel, visitors can:

- Tour the famous farmhouse
- Walk the Haunted Woods Trail
- Explore Lover's Lane
- Learn about Montgomery's life and writing

It's a must-see for literature lovers and one of PEI's most popular attractions.

Explore Downtown Charlottetown



Downtown Charlottetown features:

- Victorian architecture
- Boutique shopping
- Outdoor cafés
- Art galleries
- Historic churches
- Local restaurants

Victoria Row



One of Charlottetown's most popular gathering places is **Victoria Row**.

Enjoy:

- Outdoor patios
- Live music (seasonal)
- Island cuisine
- Shopping
- Beautiful historic buildings

It's a wonderful place to relax after sightseeing.



Taste Prince Edward Island



Don't miss these island specialties:



Atlantic Lobster



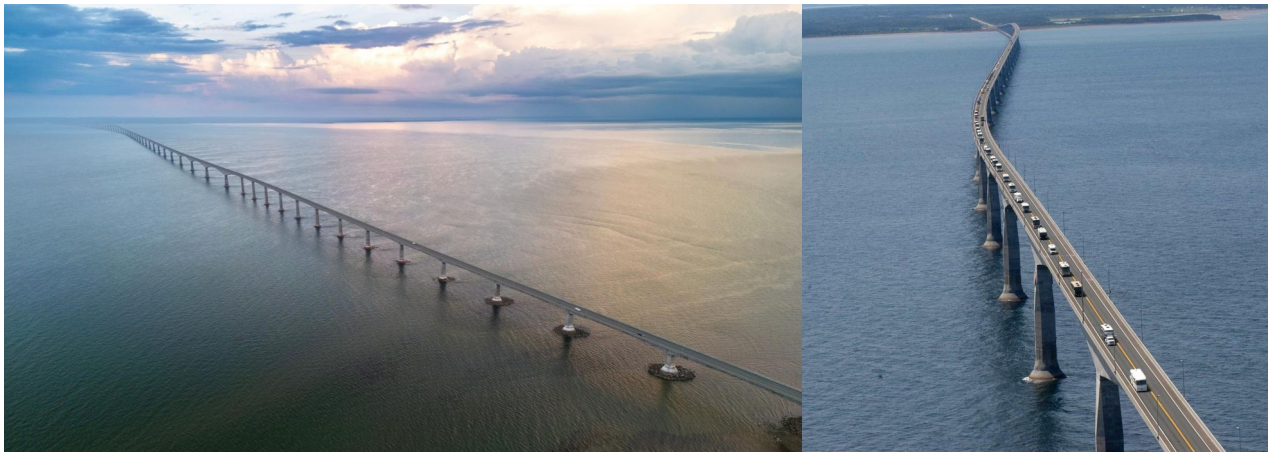
PEI Mussels

- 🥔 Prince Edward Island Potatoes
- 🐟 Seafood Chowder
- 🍦 COWS Ice Cream
- 🦀 Fresh Crab

Prince Edward Island is famous for producing some of Canada's finest seafood.



Confederation Bridge



If your excursion leaves the city, you may catch a glimpse of the **Confederation Bridge**.

Stretching **8 miles (12.9 km)**, it is:

- The longest bridge in the world over ice-covered waters.
- The only fixed road connection between Prince Edward Island and mainland Canada.

It's an impressive engineering achievement and a symbol of modern Atlantic Canada.



Shopping



Popular souvenirs include:

- Anne of Green Gables memorabilia
- PEI preserves and jams
- Local artwork
- Handmade pottery
- Maple products
- Island chocolates

You'll find plenty of locally made gifts throughout downtown.



Best Photo Spots



Favorite photography locations include:

- Victoria Row
- Province House
- Confederation Landing
- Green Gables
- Charlottetown Harbour
- Great George Street

The colorful architecture and waterfront create beautiful photo opportunities.



Cruise Day Tips

- Charlottetown is very walkable, so comfortable shoes are all you need.
 - Green Gables is about a 40-minute drive from downtown, so allow enough time if visiting independently.
 - Try a bowl of seafood chowder or fresh PEI mussels during your visit.
 - Bring a light jacket for cooler ocean breezes.
 - Leave time to browse the local shops before returning to the ship.
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Premium Travel Group Tip

If it's your first visit to Prince Edward Island, I'd recommend combining a **Green Gables** excursion with time to explore downtown Charlottetown. You'll experience both the island's literary heritage and its friendly Maritime culture, making for a well-rounded and memorable day.



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Fun Facts

- Charlottetown is known as the **Birthplace of Canada** because the first discussions leading to Canadian Confederation took place here in **1864**.
 - **Prince Edward Island** is Canada's smallest province by land area.
 - The **Confederation Bridge** is approximately **8 miles (12.9 km)** long and took four years to build.
 - Prince Edward Island is famous for its rich red soil, which helps produce some of the country's best potatoes.
 - **COWS Ice Cream**, founded on Prince Edward Island, has become one of Canada's most popular ice cream brands.
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Why You'll Love Charlottetown

Charlottetown offers a wonderful mix of history, literature, coastal beauty, and Maritime hospitality. Whether you're learning about the birth of Canada, visiting the home that inspired Anne of Green Gables, or simply enjoying fresh seafood along the waterfront, you'll quickly appreciate the relaxed pace and welcoming spirit of Prince Edward Island. It's a port that invites you to slow down, explore, and enjoy every moment.



Joe's Logbook

Charlottetown is one of those destinations that feels warm and welcoming from the moment you step off the ship.

What I enjoy most is that it doesn't feel rushed. You can wander through historic streets, stop for fresh seafood, browse local shops, and chat with friendly locals without feeling like you're racing from one attraction to another.

If you're an Anne of Green Gables fan, visiting Green Gables is almost a must. But even if you've never read the books, you'll still appreciate the beautiful countryside and the island's rich history.

For me, Charlottetown represents everything I enjoy about Atlantic Canada—friendly people, fascinating history, beautiful waterfront views, and a pace of life that encourages you to slow down and truly enjoy the experience. It's the kind of port that leaves you smiling as you sail away.