

Anne of Green Gables Experience Guide

Discover the Beloved World of Anne Shirley on Prince Edward Island



Few literary characters have captured hearts around the world like **Anne Shirley**, the imaginative young orphan from **Anne of Green Gables**. Created by Canadian author **Lucy Maud Montgomery**, Anne's story has inspired readers for more than a century and introduced millions of people to the beauty of **Prince Edward Island (PEI)**.

Located in **Cavendish**, about 40 minutes from **Charlottetown**, **Green Gables Heritage Place** allows visitors to step into the world that inspired Montgomery's classic novel. Surrounded by rolling farmland, peaceful forests, and beautiful coastal scenery, this experience is one of the most popular excursions for cruise passengers visiting Prince Edward Island.

Whether you're a lifelong fan or discovering Anne for the first time, this charming destination offers a glimpse into one of Canada's most treasured stories.

The Story Behind Anne of Green Gables



Published in **1908**, **Anne of Green Gables** quickly became an international bestseller.

The novel tells the story of:

- Anne Shirley
- An imaginative orphan
- Mistakenly sent to live with siblings Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert
- Her adventures growing up in Avonlea
- Friendship, family, and finding a place to belong

Today, the book has been translated into dozens of languages and remains one of Canada's most beloved literary works.



Green Gables Heritage Place



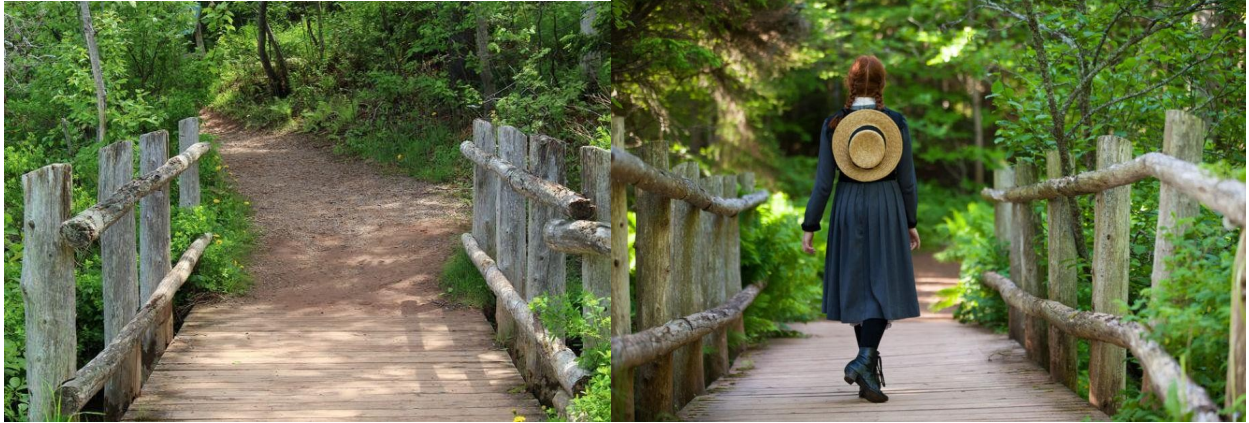
The centerpiece of the experience is the beautifully preserved **Green Gables farmhouse**.

Visitors can explore:

- Anne's bedroom
- Matthew and Marilla's home
- Historic furnishings
- Beautiful gardens
- Walking paths
- Visitor Centre

The house closely matches Montgomery's descriptions from the novel, making it feel as though you've stepped directly into Anne's world.

Haunted Wood & Lover's Lane



Fans of the books will recognize two famous walking trails:

 **Haunted Wood**

 **Lover's Lane**

These peaceful forest paths inspired many of Anne's adventures and remain favorite spots for visitors. They're perfect for a relaxing stroll through Prince Edward Island's beautiful countryside.

Experience Prince Edward Island



One of the joys of visiting Green Gables is experiencing the island itself.

You'll discover:

- Rolling green hills
- Red sandstone roads
- Historic farms
- White fences
- Wildflowers
- Peaceful rural landscapes



Anne of Green Gables Attractions



Depending on the season, visitors can also enjoy:

- Anne-themed museums
- The famous **Anne of Green Gables – The Musical**
- Costumed interpreters
- Local festivals
- Literary exhibits
- Gift shops

Charlottetown celebrates Anne's legacy throughout the year.



Taste Prince Edward Island



While visiting PEI, don't miss:



Atlantic Lobster



PEI Mussels

- 🐟 Seafood Chowder
- 🥔 Prince Edward Island Potatoes
- 🍦 COWS Ice Cream
- 🍓 Fresh berry desserts

The island is famous for both its seafood and its rich agricultural heritage.

📷 Best Photo Spots



Favorite photography locations include:

- Green Gables farmhouse
- Anne's bedroom
- Haunted Wood
- Lover's Lane
- Flower gardens
- Red dirt roads
- White picket fences

Every corner feels like a page from the novel.



Visiting from Your Cruise Ship



Most cruise passengers visit Green Gables from **Charlottetown**.

The drive takes approximately **40 minutes** through scenic Prince Edward Island countryside.

Many excursions combine:

- Green Gables Heritage Place
- Charlottetown
- Coastal scenic drives
- Local farms
- Prince Edward Island highlights



Cruise Day Tips

- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a light jacket for cooler breezes.
- Don't rush through the walking trails—they're part of the experience.
- Visit the gift shop for unique Anne-themed souvenirs.
- Allow time to enjoy the peaceful countryside during the drive.



Premium Travel Group Tip

Even if you've never read **Anne of Green Gables**, this excursion is worth taking. The beautiful countryside, charming farmhouse, and peaceful walking trails capture the very essence of Prince Edward Island. And if you are an Anne fan, it's likely to become one of the most memorable experiences of your cruise.



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Fun Facts

- **Anne of Green Gables** has sold **more than 50 million copies** worldwide and has been translated into over **35 languages**.
 - Author **Lucy Maud Montgomery** published the novel in **1908**, drawing inspiration from her childhood on Prince Edward Island.
 - **Green Gables Heritage Place** is part of **Prince Edward Island National Park**.
 - The annual **Anne of Green Gables – The Musical** in Charlottetown is one of the longest-running musicals in the world.
 - Visitors from **Japan** have a particularly strong connection to Anne Shirley, making the site one of Canada's most popular international literary destinations.
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Why You'll Love the Anne of Green Gables Experience

The Anne of Green Gables experience is about much more than a famous book. It's about stepping into a place where imagination, nature, and history come together. From the charming farmhouse and peaceful woodland trails to the rolling hills and red-soil roads of Prince Edward Island, every moment reflects the warmth and beauty that made Anne Shirley a beloved character around the world.



Joe's Logbook

I'll admit, before I started learning more about Prince Edward Island, I thought Anne of Green Gables was simply a famous children's book.

Then I discovered just how deeply Anne's story is woven into the island's identity.

Walking through Green Gables, it's easy to understand why readers have fallen in love with this place for more than a century. The house, the gardens, the quiet trails through Haunted Wood—they all create a peaceful atmosphere that feels timeless.

Even if you've never read the novel, the excursion is still worthwhile because it introduces you to the beauty and character of Prince Edward Island itself. And if you have read Anne's adventures, visiting Green Gables feels like stepping into the pages of a favorite story.

For me, that's what makes this experience so special. It combines literature, history, and one of Canada's most beautiful landscapes into a visit that's relaxing, inspiring, and uniquely Prince Edward Island.