

# 2007 Driving Directions and Itinerary

## History Circle Tour

### Day One

Digby, Nova Scotia - *Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa*

#### Bar Harbor Departure

##### Depart at 8am

*Monday through Thursday: June 04 – July 10; September 3 - October 9*

*Monday through Wednesday: July 11 – September 2*

#### Portland Departure

##### Depart at 8am

*Friday through Sunday: June 01 – July 8; September 7 - October 7*

*Thursday through Sunday: July 12 – September 2*

Depart at 8am (Eastern Time) from either the Bar Harbor or Portland International Ferry Terminal on board the Cat. Check-in one hour prior to departure. Arrive in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia at 12pm (11am Eastern Time) or 2:30 PM (1:30 Eastern Time), respectively. Remember to turn your watch ahead one hour; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are one hour ahead of Maine. Clear Canadian Customs, drive to Digby and check-in at the *Digby Pines*, your hotel for the next two nights. Driving time between Yarmouth and *Digby Pines* is about 1.25 hours via Highway 101. Take Exit 26 and follow the signs for the Digby ferry. *Digby Pines* is en route on your left. Or from Yarmouth, choose the more scenic Route 1 to Digby. A leisurely, 2 1/2 hour drive takes you along St. Mary's Bay through Nova Scotia's largest French Acadian region. Here, three enormous churches tower over Acadian communities and are open to the public.

The earliest check-in time at *Digby Pines* is 3pm. You are welcome to arrive earlier to enjoy the property, but the hotel cannot assure that your room will be ready before 3pm.

### Day Two

Digby, Nova Scotia - *Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa*

Buffet breakfast is offered in the Annapolis Room. Note that meals are not included in this package. This morning, a short 30-minute drive via Highway 101 brings you to Annapolis Royal. Take Exit 22. You have the day to explore.

Today you'll visit two National Historic Sites operated by Parks Canada -- Port-Royal (out of town) and Fort Anne (in town). Present – do not give - your Park Pass for admission to these sites. We suggest you begin with a visit to Port-Royal. A scenic 15-minute drive along the Annapolis River brings you to the entrance of **Port-Royal National Historic Site of Canada**. Enjoy talking to costumed interpreters inside the Habitation -- a reconstruction of a 1605 settlement based on detailed drawings from Samuel Champlain. *Be sure you ask your guide what the Habitation and Saint Croix Island have in common!*

Back in town, find **Fort Anne National Historic Site of Canada**, the centerpiece of Annapolis Royal. The town's unique selection of shops, galleries, restaurants and its Historic Gardens, will capture your imagination for the rest of the day. For supper, consider a restaurant in town, or return to your hotel and indulge in their award winning cuisine, which includes the world famous Digby scallops.

### Day Three

St. Andrews, New Brunswick - *Fairmont Algonquin Resort and Spa*

This morning, enjoy the amenities of the *Digby Pines* - heated outdoor pool, woodland hiking trails, fitness centre, relax with your favorite book, or explore the nearby town of Digby.

Remember, check-in at the Digby Ferry Terminal by

**12-noon, for the 1pm ferry departure, (please note June 1 to 23, vessel sails at 3:30 PM on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays. Check-in is at 2:30 PM).** The Digby Ferry Terminal is a 5-minute drive from your hotel.

**1 pm** and it's "Bon voyage!" Enjoy a 3-hour crossing on the *Princess of Acadia*, a classic single-hulled ferry, whose moderate speed allows lounging on the outside decks. (Psst! Bring your binoculars and you'll be the envy of the crowd. Look for seabirds, porpoises, and even whales!)

You'll disembark in the port of Saint John, New Brunswick. Follow signs for Route 1 as you leave the Saint John Ferry Terminal. As you approach the entrance ramp to the highway, take the left fork and follow the sign that says: "Route 1 West - St. Stephen/Fredericton." In a little over an hour, take Exit 25, the second exit for St. Andrews. In 10 minutes, you'll come to **Saint Croix Island International Historic Site**, the first of two. This one is operated by Parks Canada.

Although this site is un-staffed, a short trail and interpretive exhibits overlook the island and are open to the public. (Tomorrow you'll visit Saint Croix Island International Historic Site in the US, where seven bronze statues are located.)

The *Fairmont Algonquin*, your hotel for the night, lies 10 minutes ahead on Route 127. It's located in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea—a charming, heritage resort town settled by United Empire Loyalists in 1783, following the American Revolution.

Bear right at the first intersection (Tim Horton's coffee shop is on your left). At the next intersection, turn left on to Harriet Street. Turn right on Prince of Wales Street. The hotel entrance is on your right. Within blocks of your hotel, find over 250 historic homes and a quaint downtown filled with galleries, shops and restaurants. Tonight, enjoy the town or take advantage of your hotel's many amenities, including signature golf, a selection of fine restaurants, an outdoor heated pool, courts for tennis, shuffleboard and squash, a fitness center, a dry sauna, and a full-service spa.

### Day Four

Final day of activities, and return to Bar Harbor, Portland, or home.

Breakfast is offered in the Passamaquoddy Room. Note that meals are not included in this package. Unless you wish to extend your stay for a second night, we recommend a check-out time of 10am (9am Eastern Time) to allow time for your activities in Maine and return trip home. Hotel check-out time is 11am.

Today you'll cross the international border into Calais, Maine, about 30 minutes from St. Andrews. From your hotel, return to Highway 1; retrace your route from yesterday. Follow the signs to St. Stephen. Route 1 turns into King Street in St. Stephen. Follow it to the end, and bear right onto Milltown Blvd. In a few minutes turn left onto the International Bridge to the USA.

Remember to turn your watch back one hour: Maine is one hour earlier than New Brunswick. Clear U.S. Customs, and take the first left onto Union Street. The **Downeast Heritage Museum** (formerly Downeast Heritage Center) is on the left.

At the museum, present your Park Pass for a guided tour. Discover the world of the Passamaquoddy tribe. Meet marine creatures firsthand at the "Living with the Sea" touch tank, and explore vibrant traditions in "Living with the Land." The St. Croix exhibit includes authentic artifacts on loan from the National Park Service, providing insight into your next stop.

With picnic tables at your next stop, you may wish to grab a take-out lunch from an eatery in Calais. Continue south on scenic Route 1, following the St. Croix River. In about 10 minutes, you'll come to the entrance to **Saint Croix Island International Historic Site** on your left, the only international historic site in the U.S. National Park Service. Most days, a park ranger is available to answer questions. Here, bronze statues of French settlers and Passamaquoddy natives depict life on Saint Croix Island in 1604. Discover why 79 men attempted a permanent settlement on Saint Croix Island, and how their experience contributed to an enduring French culture in the U.S. and Canada today.

Now your return home: To reach Bar Harbor, continue south on scenic Route 1 for about 2 ½ hours (115 mi/185 km). To reach Portland and points farther south, return to Calais and take Route 9 to Bangor (2 hours or 100 mi/160 km), where you can connect with I-95.

***Aurevoir!***