

Rum Runners Trail Itinerary - Cultural Enthusiast

Halifax to Lunenburg - 119km

Halifax

Halifax Citadel National Historic Site (www.novascotia.com/see-do/attractions/halifax-citadel-national-historic-site/1440 888-733-8888; 5425 Sackville Street): Every day, the Citadel comes to life with the sounds and colour of its re-enactment actors, the 78th Highlanders and the Royal Artillery. These knowledgeable, costumed interpreters will lead you through the Citadel explaining the importance of this landmark. You can also watch band drill and rifle firing demonstrations and take part in a number of hands on programs, such as Soldier for a Day.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca; 902-424-7490; 1675 Lower Water Street): Located in the heart of Halifax's historic waterfront, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is one of the best places to learn about Nova Scotia's rich maritime heritage, the Titanic, the Halifax Explosion, and more.

Canadian Museum of Immigration at 21 (www.pier21.ca; 855-526-4721; 1055 Marginal Road): Step into the past and experience what it was like to immigrate through Pier 21 between 1928 and 1971. Discover the family history of one in five Canadians, at Canada's last standing ocean immigration terminal.

Hubbards

Live Local Music: Dance the night away at the Shore Club, Nova Scotia's last great dance hall (shoreclub.ca; 902-857-9555; 250 Shore Club Road, Hubbards), or enjoy a more laid back evening with live acoustic jams at The Trellis Café (www.trelliscafe.ca; 902-857-1188; 22 Hwy 3).

Chester

Chester Playhouse (www.chesterplayhouse.ca; 800-363-7529; 22 Pleasant Street): Operating since 1939, this entertainment venue features excellent acoustics and comfortable seating for a variety of film and live theatre and music performances.

Western Shore

Oak Island (end of Crandall Point Road): The site of the longest running treasure hunt in history, Oak Island has mystified people for over 200 years. The treasure is said to have possible connections to famous pirates, including Captain

Kidd, royalty, such as Marie Antoinette and even the Knights Templar. The Walk The Mystery Tour of Oak Island offered throughout the summer (friendsofoakislandsociety.rezgo.com) gives you behind the scenes access to the famed site.

Mahone Bay

Amos Pewter (www.amospewter.com; 902-624-9547; 589 Main Street): Learn how their handcrafted treasures are created before trying your hand at finishing your very own pewter keepsake.

Spruce Top Rug Hooking Studio (www.sprucetoprughookingstudio.com; 902-624-9312; 255 Main Street): Spruce Top provides a wide range of rug hooking services and sales, including rug hooking demonstrations; Rug Gallery with displays of classic and original rug hooking designs; beginner and advanced classes; and all the supplies you require to get started.

Lunenburg

Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic (fisheriesmuseum.novascotia.ca; 866-579-4909; 68 Bluenose Drive): Learn how the fishery has shaped the lives of Nova Scotians, while experiencing what life was like in a fishing community. You can also explore wharf-side vessels and aquarium.