



## Acadian Immersion TMAC PRESS TRIP

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**June 19-22, 2022**

*The Municipality of Clare is home to the largest Acadian community in Nova Scotia where over 75% of its residents speak both French and English. Clare is renowned for its joie de vivre and its vibrant Acadian culture, from kitchen parties to seafood suppers and this press trip will allow you to indulge in a bit of all of it. Explore the shores of la Baie Sainte Marie as you dig for clams with a local and learn the area's history on a walking tour and night hike. Head to Pubnico, the oldest Acadian region still inhabited by descendants of its founder. Le Village Historique Acadian de la Nouvelle Écosse showcases the industrious and joyful spirit of the Acadian people, celebrating a language and culture that has thrived for more than 350 years. Learn the village's history while exploring the numerous historic buildings such as the original wooden homes as well as the lighthouse and local cemetery. Experience fishing and farming traditions that were practiced over a century ago. Finally, be sure to enjoy hospitality that is second to none while savoring home-cooked Acadian cuisine. Cap off your trip with an authentic lobster boil on the shores of Lobster Bay!*

**Your itinerary has been arranged by Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Tourism Association in cooperation with various industry partners.**

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**The itinerary is subject to change.**

**Travel Insurance:** It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate travel insurance to cover you for all activities you will be participating in during the trip.

**Dress:** Nova Scotia has a temperate climate with summer daytime temperatures in the range of 18-28°C to evening lows of 15-25°C. Please be sure to bring medium-weight, comfortable clothing that can be layered and a good pair of walking shoes; raincoat; sweater / sweatshirt and a light jacket.

**Internet and Phone:** Complimentary internet access available at your hotels. Local phone calls are complimentary, but you may incur charges for long distance calls.

**Accommodations:** Upon check-in at your hotel you may be asked to provide a credit card to pay for any incidental charges not included as part of the itinerary at your own expense. IE: gratuities, mini-bar, room service, phone calls, movies, spa, etc.

**Meals:** Meals provided where indicated in the itinerary. All other expenses are the responsibility of the guest.

**Activities:** The activities outlined in the itinerary require minimal to moderate physical activity and durability.

**Sunday June 19, 2022**

Arrive at Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

Meet your host in the arrivals area to transfer to downtown Halifax.

***(Driving Time: Airport to Downtown Halifax – 30 minutes)***

Welcome to Halifax, a city that deftly blends the past with the present to produce a skyline dotted with elegant 18th- and 19th- century architecture alongside ultra-modern towers of glass and steel. The heart of Halifax is perfect for exploring on foot, with treelined streets, international restaurants, galleries, libraries and museums. Inviting sidewalk cafés beckon you to while away a few hours amid park-like,

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waterfront, and historic settings in the busy downtown, often with a backdrop of the bustling harbour, which entertains ship traffic from every corner of the globe.

**WELCOME RECEPTION: MUIR Autograph Collection Hotel**

1709 Lower Water St, Halifax, NS

<https://muirhotel.com/>

- Take a guided tour of this new and exciting new property in downtown Halifax. Reception includes hors d'œuvre, signature cocktails and more.
- Situated in the centre of downtown Halifax in the new Queen's Marque district, Muir juts dramatically over the waterfront, heralding unprecedented views and direct ocean access. With bespoke interiors and furniture, ultra-premium fitness and vitality centre, exclusive guest-only art gallery and enviable location in the epicentre of the new culinary district, Muir is a gracious host and one-of-a-kind destination.
- Reception concludes 8:00 pm.

**OVERNIGHT:**

The Sutton Place Hotel Halifax

1700 Grafton St,

Halifax, NS B3J 2C4

Phone: (902) 932-7548

<https://www.suttonplace.com/halifax>

- Situated within the Nova Centre, The Sutton Place Hotel Halifax offers unmatched modern luxury in the heart of downtown. The hotel's contemporary and elegant design is a complementary reflection of the design-forward flagship Nova Centre, its shared relationship with the Halifax Convention Centre, and the European culture of Argyle Street.
- Upon entering the hotel, guests will be welcomed into a modern and spacious lobby complete with an elegant décor of sparkling Italian marble walls and extravagant lighting. This freshly modern and elegant design style is also found in each of the 262 guestrooms and suites, where guests can enjoy exceptional comfort with built-in and automated in-room amenities, spa-inspired bathrooms, and floor to ceiling windows that perfectly capture the spectacular views of downtown, Halifax Waterfront Harbour, and historical Citadel Hill.
- Besides the unlimited choice of culinary delights that can be found along Argyle Street and throughout downtown Halifax, guests can also dine at the on-site restaurant, Chop Steakhouse & Bar. While enjoying a delicious and award-winning steak or seafood entrée, guests will notice the large custom, hand-painted mural illustrating the awestruck wonder of a maritime storm.

**Monday June 20, 2022**

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Breakfast at leisure.

Depart Halifax for Belliveau Cove (Baie Sainte-Marie)

11:30 AM	<p><b><i>(Driving Time: Downtown Halifax to Belliveau Cove – 3 hrs)</i></b></p> <p>Bienvenue! The Municipality of Clare situated along scenic Saint Mary’s Bay is home to the largest Acadian community in Nova Scotia where over 75% of its residents speak both French and English. Unplug and connect on the shores of la Baie Sainte-Marie! The Clare Acadian Shore is renowned for its joie de vivre and its vibrant Acadian culture, from kitchen parties to seafood suppers.  <a href="https://baiesaintemarie.com/en/">https://baiesaintemarie.com/en/</a></p> <p><b>TOUR: Clam digging @ Belliveau Cove</b>          3239 Highway 1, Belliveau Cove - Parc Joseph et Marie Dugas  <a href="https://baiesaintemarie.com/en/see-and-do/outdoor-activities/clam-digging">https://baiesaintemarie.com/en/see-and-do/outdoor-activities/clam-digging</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Acadians (and the Mi’kmaq before them) have been expertly digging delicious clams along the tide-washed shores of Saint Mary’s Bay for centuries.</li> <li>● Learn this age-old art from a local expert, Marcel Saulnier</li> <li>● Water will be rising as low tide is around 10:35 am</li> <li>● Water tap/washrooms nearby for cleaning off sand.</li> </ul>
12:45 PM	<p><b>LUNCH: Ecole Dans L’Anse Resto Sur Mer</b>          2 Belliveau Cove Road, Belliveau Cove  <a href="https://www.ecoledanslanse.com/">https://www.ecoledanslanse.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seafood appetizers and Acadian dishes with a breathtaking view!</li> <li>● Learn about rappie pie!             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is rappie pie or rapure? It is a well-loved traditional Acadian dish that is a mix of potatoes and chicken and unique to this region. It’s not a pie in the conventional sense, as there is no pastry crust. But it is a popular local dish, and in many households, a tradition for special occasions like birthdays or Christmas. Learn the process of making a rappie pie and what makes it so distinct ... and then sample a traditionally made rappie pie.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:00 PM	<p>Depart for Church Point.  <b><i>(Driving Time: Belliveau Cove to Church Point – 15 minutes)</i></b></p>
2:15 PM	<p><b>TOUR: Acadian Walking Tour with Danny Blinn (90 minutes)</b>          Rendez-vous de la Baie Visitor Centre          Université Sainte-Anne Campus, Church Point  <a href="https://baiesaintemarie.com/en/see-and-do/attractions/rendez-vous-de-la-baie-visitor-centre">https://baiesaintemarie.com/en/see-and-do/attractions/rendez-vous-de-la-baie-visitor-centre</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn about the fascinating history and culture of the Acadians of Clare/Baie Sainte-Marie in the Acadian Interpretive Centre with a state-of-the-art museum featuring bilingual display panels followed by a guided walking tour.</li> <li>● Tour includes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rendez-vous de la Baie Acadian Interpretive Centre</li> <li>○ Université Sainte-Anne Campus, the only French-language university in Nova Scotia</li> <li>○ Église Sainte-Marie, largest wooden church in North America</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>3:45 PM</p> <p>6:30 PM</p> <p>8:45 PM</p> <p>9:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Introduction to Le Petit Bois wooded trails</li> <li>o Acadian language lesson</li> </ul> <p>Depart for Meteghan River and check into your accommodations. <b>(Driving Time: Belliveau Cove to Church Point – 15 minutes)</b></p> <p><b><u>DINNER: La Cuisine Robicheau</u></b> 9651 Highway 1, Saulnierville <a href="https://www.lacuisinerobicheau.ca/">https://www.lacuisinerobicheau.ca/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Award winning locally inspired restaurant serving up delicious seafood and Acadian dishes with a local flair since 2012.</li> <li>● Specialized in Acadian cuisine such as Fricot, Mini-Fishcakes, Smoked Salmon, Seafood chowder, Haddock, Scallops, Seafood Lasagna, Fringfrangs and more.</li> </ul> <p>Depart for Church Point</p> <p><b><u>TOUR: Night hike with Paul Lalonde</u></b> <a href="http://www.nuitstella.ca/">http://www.nuitstella.ca/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discover the wonders of nature after the sun sets and experience the timeless shores of Baie Sainte-Marie that come alive with the 250-year-old odyssey of the Acadians underneath constellations, planets and the Moon.</li> <li>● Savour a sample of Corberrie Cider.</li> <li>● Tour lasts approximately 1 hour.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>OVERNIGHT:</u></b> L'Auberge au Havre du Capitaine 9118 Hwy 1, Meteghan River, NS B0W 2L0 Phone: (902) 769-2001 <a href="https://www.havreducapitaine.ca/">https://www.havreducapitaine.ca/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● L'Auberge au Havre du Capitaine offers spectacular views of St. Mary's Bay and gorgeous, colourful sunsets. On chilly nights, lounge in front of the fireplace and relax in their home-away-from-home atmosphere.</li> <li>● Accommodations include 21 rooms (two adjoining) with private bath (three with jet tubs), and cable television. Common area has hardwood floors and a fireplace.</li> <li>● A continental breakfast buffet is provided.</li> <li>● Bilingual service.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday June 21, 2022</b></p>	
<p>9:30 AM</p>	<p>Breakfast at leisure.</p> <p>Depart Meteghan River for Pubnico</p>

10:45 AM

***(Driving Time: Meteghan River to Lower West Pubnico – 60 mins)***

**TOUR: Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse**

91 Old Church Road, Lower West Pubnico, 902-762-2530

Contact: Roland d'Eon, Executive Director

- Meet Roland for a guide tour of Acadian heritage at this early 1900s seaside village, situated on a beautiful 17-acre site overlooking Pubnico Harbour.
- Founded in 1653 by Sieur Philippe Mius-d'Entremont, this remarkable community is the oldest Acadian region still inhabited by descendants of its founder. The village showcases the industrious and joyful spirit of the Acadian people, celebrating a language and culture that has thrived for more than 350 years.
- Learn the village's history while exploring the numerous historic buildings such as the original wooden homes as well as the lighthouse and local cemetery. Experience fishing and farming traditions that were practiced over a century ago. Finally, be sure to enjoy hospitality that is second to none while savoring home-cooked Acadian cuisine in our café.

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Depart for Dennis Point.

**LUNCH: Dennis Point Cafe / Living Wharves Fishing Demonstration**

214 Dennis Point Rd, Middle West Pubnico

<https://www.dennispointcafe.com/>

- Dennis Point Café is owned & operated by Acadians, and provides a lively atmosphere for both local fishermen and visitors who would like to rub shoulders with the locals. Located at the Dennis Point Fishing Wharf, the restaurant purchases its seafood from the neighboring processing plants.
- After lunch, head across the street to the Dennis Point Wharf, one of the largest commercial fishing wharves in Atlantic Canada. Over 1,000 fishermen and fisherwomen make their living at the wharf, and fish for a variety of groundfish and shellfish — most notably lobster.
- Participate in a 'Living Wharves' demonstration. Over 40 species of fish are harvested from our shores, and thousands are employed in this industry. Most people have a "fish story" or two to tell, and they want to share it with you. Meet an active fisherman (or fisherwoman) at Dennis Point Wharf to hear stories and try your hand at fishing skills such as splicing (braiding) rope and tying knots. It's much harder than it looks, and a lot of fun to try!

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Depart Dennis Point for West Pubnico

***(Driving time from Dennis Point to West Pubnico - 10 minutes)***

**TOUR: Musée des Acadiens des Pubnicos et Centre de recherche**

898 Highway 335, West Pubnico

<https://museeacadien.ca/>

- Go back in time to 1653 at the Musée des Acadiens des Pubnicos, located in the oldest Acadian colony still inhabited by the descendants of the founders. Let yourself be captivated by this atmosphere of another era thanks to original

	<p>reproductions, hundreds of artifacts, as well as a traditional vegetable garden testifying to the adaptability and pride of Acadians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the gift shop featuring the products of our local artisans and especially the hand quilted quilts. All the products on sale are produced by our local craftspeople. Traditional hand quilting demonstrations take place during the season on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-4pm .</li> </ul>
<p>4:30 PM</p>	<p>Depart for Argyle and check into accommodation  <b><i>(Driving time From Pubnico to Argyle - 15 minutes)</i></b></p>
<p>6:00 PM</p>	<p><b><u>DINNER: Lobster Boil @ Argyle Lodge</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immerse yourself in Acadian culture, cuisine, and spirit, and feast on local lobster, cooked and served beach side by Chef Jon and his team at The Argyle Lodge! Kick up your heels and enjoy the beautiful sunset while sipping on some Nova Scotia bubbly.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>OVERNIGHT</u></b>                  The Argyle Lodge                  52 Ye Old Argyle Rd                  Glenwood, NS B0W 1W0                  Phone: (902) 643-2500  <a href="http://www.argyle.com/">http://www.argyle.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Argyle Lodge is located in the quaint lobster fishing village of The Argyles, built alongside the old fishing wharf on the shores of Lobster Bay, where the sunsets over the Tusket Islands are not only breathtaking but completely different every night. It's a place where you can sit back and relax while listening to the sounds of the ocean and watching the tides go in and out as the boats steam out to sea. A place where roasting marshmallows over a campfire on the shoreline is almost a nightly ritual.</li> <li>• The lodge features 6 guest rooms, 2 cottages and RV spaces.</li> </ul>

**Wednesday June 22, 2022**

	<p>Breakfast at leisure</p>
<p>9:00 AM</p>	<p>Depart Argyle Lodge for Tusket Courthouse and Gaol  <b><i>(Driving Time: Argyle - Tusket 25 minutes )</i></b></p>
<p>9:30 AM</p>	<p><b><u>TOUR: Tusket Courthouse &amp; Gaol / Argyle Township Courthouse Archives</u></b>                  8162 NS-308, Tusket, <a href="http://www.argylecourthouse.com/content/">http://www.argylecourthouse.com/content/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Argyle Township Court House &amp; Gaol is Canada's oldest standing courthouse, built in the village of Tusket, Nova Scotia in 1805. It operated as a working courthouse and jail from 1805 until 1944. The building served as the Municipal Offices for the Municipality of Argyle from 1945 until 1976. In 1982,</li> </ul>

10:45 AM	<p>the building was partially restored and re-opened as a museum and historic site. In 2005, the building was declared a National Historic Site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Argyle Township Court House Archives was established in 1983 and became the first Municipal Archives in Nova Scotia. The archive was formed around the large body of municipal records that remained in the Argyle Township Court House when the Municipal Offices removed from the building in 1976.</li> </ul> <p>Head a few minutes down the road for a unique shopping experience you won't find anywhere else!</p> <p><b><u>EXPERIENCE: Frenchy's Shopping</u></b> 4142 Highway 308, Tusket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlantic Canadians know that when you want to find name-brand clothes and utterly unique pieces at incredible prices, there's only one place to go ... Frenchy's! It's more than a used clothing store, it's a phenomenon.</li> <li>• Frenchy's was started by Edwin Theriault, a Boston-born businessman whose mother was an Acadian Nova Scotia. His friends in Boston nicknamed him "Frenchy." When visiting Nova Scotia in the early '70s, he brought a thousand-pound bale of clothing on his pickup truck to sell as rags to make some extra money. But then people started picking clothing out of the bales and buying them in droves! The rest is history.</li> <li>• That's why if you're looking for a truly epic scavenger hunt, there's nothing better than doing a "Frenchy's run", most popular in Southwest Nova Scotia. Dig through the bins for name brands like Ralph Lauren, Coach, Aeropostale, American Eagle, Michael Kors... any brand that you can think of will find itself in a Frenchy's store at some point.</li> </ul>
11:30 AM	<p>Head across the highway to Tusket Falls.</p> <p><b><u>LUNCH, TOUR and TASTING: Tusket Falls Brewing Company</u></b> 20 Slocomb Crescent, Tusket <a href="https://www.tusketfallsbrewing.com/">https://www.tusketfallsbrewing.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tusket Falls Brewing features a taproom pouring samples, glasses, and flights, and a retail store selling cans and growlers as well as merchandise. Sample uniquely named brews like Complicate the Uncomplicated, Once Blind Now I See Clearly, Buy the Ticket, Take the Ride and more.</li> <li>• And in addition to serving up tasty snacks and handmade pizza and tacos, there's a retail store selling cans and growlers.</li> </ul>
1:30 PM	<p>Depart Tusket Falls for Yarmouth <b><i>(Driving Time: Pubnico to downtown Yarmouth – 20 mins)</i></b></p>
2:00 PM	<p>Check into your TMAC Conference Host Hotel</p>



**Contact Cheat Sheet**

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Argyler Lodge		<a href="https://argyler.com/">https://argyler.com/</a>	IG: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/argylerlodge">@argylerlodge</a> FB: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ArgylerLodge">@ArgylerLodge</a>
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