Coastal Jours of PEI

with our General Manager, Gordon MacPherson

"A great way to enjoy your day is to select one of our road trips. As a local islander, I still enjoy touring different regions of PEI."





Our first tour takes you on the Central Coastal Drive, which follows the communities of Stanhope, Brackley, Rustico & Cavendish. I hope you enjoy your drive and welcome comments.

As you know, we are located on Weymouth Street. The first tour we suggest, especially if your stay is brief, is the North Shore Tour.

Turn right at the hotel exit, and then proceed to the lights at the end of Weymouth. Turn left here. Drive along Water Street and proceed along Riverside Drive. As you drive along this road, you will pass the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on your right, after which, you will go through three sets of lights. At the third set, you will turn right onto the main highway-HWY #2, and then proceed to pass through the several roundabouts.

Keep driving until you see a large red building on your left-Jewels Country Gardens. You will turn left. Jewels is a great little stop over especially if you like ice cream!

You are now on HWY 25 as referenced on your Island map. You will pass through several rural communities- York, and Covehead.



a) Stanhope

This is the 1st Northshore community located within our National Park, with impressive beaches and sand dunes. A popular accommodation facility in the area is **Dalvay by the Sea**, built in 1895 by oil tycoon, Alexander MacDonald.

Many tourists have enjoyed this spot, including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who honeymooned on this property in 2011. The Bayshore Road is the main drag, and the location of the **Stanhope Golf Resort**. There is a very high-end residential development where the former Stanhope Lodge was located. A great place to have lunch is **Richards**, located next to the **Covehead Wharf** (9 Wharf Road Covehead). This little seaside restaurant has a great reputation and is one of the Island's longest running fish shacks. Great place to find lobster rolls and fish and chips!





B) Brackley

Following Stanhope is the popular community of Brackley, located further along HWY 6. n the area, you will enjoy visiting The Great Canadian Soap Company, located at Rte. 6, 4224 Portage Rd, Oyster Bed. Known as 'Canada's largest handmade goat milk soapery', the company specializes in natural products of soaps, shampoos, moisturizers and more.

This is a great place to witness their wonderful production process.

Your next incredible property to visit in the area is **The Dunes Gallery**, located at *3622 Brackley Point off HWY 15.* Specialized restaurant, great gallery containing works of local artists, and the gardens are just amazing!





A fun trip for the family would be the **Brackley Drive In**, located at *3164 Brackley Point Rd*. With the newest movies and a great concession stand locally sourced, you can enjoy a fun movie night from the comfort of your own car.

Based on your time frame, you can return to Charlottetown on HWY 15 or carry onto the next destination-Rustico!



C) Rustico

Should you decide to keep touring, keep on HWY 6 and towards Rustico, a small fishing village.

In Rustico, you will find the famous Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant. Great Island seafood specializing of course in lobster and offer a great menu selection of other food items as well. Another great spot to dine would be the Blue Mussel Café, located at *312 Harbourview Dr*, *North Rustico*. A wonderful menu, and a spectacular view!

While strolling the region, you should also look for - North Rustico Light House, the Watermark Theatre, the Saint Augustine Church, North Rustico Sea walk Park.



Another option for you while in this neighbourhood is the **Rustico Bay Wool Sweater Company,** specializing in premium quality handmade Atlantic Canadian sweaters. Give consideration to taking a charter with Bob's Deep Sea Fishing Company! On HWY 258 in New Glasgow, there is an incredible

property known as PEI Preserves, where they make delicious jams and more.

If you are keen to Golf, try the 18 holes at the Glasgow Golf Resort.



D) Coverdish

The final community within the National Park is Cavendish. This is the home of Anne. Cavendish, like Stanhope and Brackley, has beautiful beaches and picturesque sand dunes! Here, you will find the Cavendish Boardwalk, Eagles Glenn Golf Course, Green Gables Golf Course and of course the historic Anne of Green Gables home and museum. Not to forget the Cavendish Beach Music Festival, every summer.



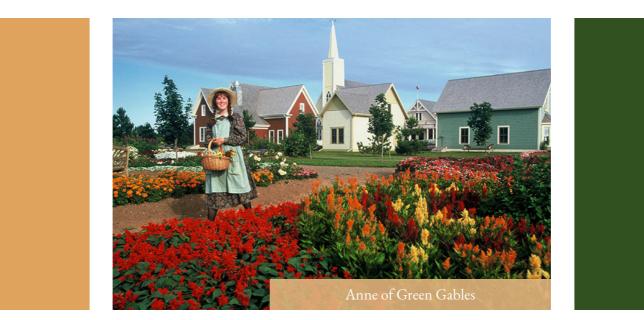
There is also a selection of Fun Parks for the children-Sand Spit, Shinning Waters Family Park, The Avonlea Village, Ripley's Believe It or Not, Bart's Dinosaur Museum and Petting Farm, Wax World of the Stars, Cross Fire Adventure Paint Ball facility, and Black Magic Indoor Black Light Mini Golf.



- Sandspit Cavendish Beach: 8986 Cavendish Rd
- Shining Waters Family Fun Park : 8885 Cavendish
- Avonlea Village : 8779 PE-6, New Glasgow
- Ripley's Believe It Or Not: 8863 Cavendish Rd
- Wax World of Stars: 8863 Cavendish Rd
 Cross Fire Adventure Paint Ball facility: 8863 Cavendish Rd

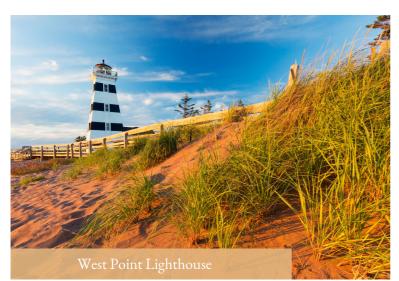
- Black Magic Indoor Black Light Mini Golf : *9018 Cavendish Rd*

This community is an action-packed location. *Perfect for the family.*













Points East Coastal Drive Pt. 1

Stratford >Alexandra > Pownal > Orwell > Belfast > Point Prim > Murray Harbour > Murray River > Montague > Brudenell

The Eastern region of PEI is very rural and picturesque. There are two coastal drives within the Eastern region of PEI. This first drive will take you through rural regions of *Stratford, Alexandra, Pownal, Orwell, Belfast, point Prim, Murray Harbour, Murray River, Montague and Brudenell.*



Upon exiting the hotel parking lot, turn right onto Weymouth Street and towards the lights.

Turn left onto Water Street and drive up to the Hillsborough Bridge. Get on the bridge and proceed East. Once you are over the bridge, turn right at the lights located next to the Esso pump. You are now in Stratford.





a) Stratford

Stratford is one of the fastest growing communities outside city limits. Approximately 30 years ago, this region consisted of several communities - *Southport, Kinlock, Keppoch and Tea Hill.*

I think the popularity of the community has been backed by the town's philosophy of sustainability and the creation of great walking and biking trails. **The Town Council of Stratford**, supported by the residents of Stratford, has created a vision of growth that will unfold during the next ten years. The town has a strong core of elementary schools and a plan that will incorporate new educational institutions at the senior level in the near future.



Residential growth has been greatly fueled by the coastal landscape of the region.

Real estate in this area is a true testament to the ever-increasing investment opportunities, making Stratford one of the most expensive towns to live in Canada. Here are some of my personal favourite developments in the area. Langley Road and Battery Point are the first two on the list.

This development showcases mostly all waterfront properties and overlooks the Charlottetown Harbour. As you tour the loop, watch for several estates that have been recently built.





The next development to watch for is **Mullighamore Road**. Proceed along the Stratford Road for another mile. Watch for **Sundance Lane**. This is one of my favourite developments, with the most modern, elegant homes being built along the coast. This is a relatively small development but quite nice.

As you complete the tour of Sundance you will come back onto the road that will take you east towards Alexandra (HWY26). You will drive through Alexandra to Pownal. Once you reach Pownal and pass the Pownal rink, you will merge onto the TCH. You will pass through Cherry Valley, Vernon, Orwell, Newtown and Eldon. A great little stopping point is the Poppy's BBQ and Food Truck.

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B) Belfast

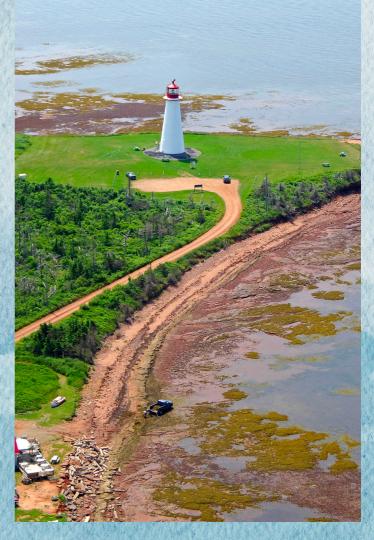
Should you need gas, groceries, etc., you will have to stop at **Coopers Red** & White to say hello. Glenda and David Cooper have been running this store for more than 50 years! Down the road from Coopers is the Belfast Highland Greens - a great 9-hole golf course. The Lord Selkirk Park was the landing site of the Polly settlers in 1803!

C) Point Prim

Off the TCH, you will see a road (Rt 209) that will take you down to Point Prim. Another calming, scenic coastal drive. At the very end of this road, you will see the historic **Point Prim Light House**. Built in 1845, this lighthouse is the only brick lighthouse on PEI and one of three in all of Canada.

While in the area, be sure to visit the incredible Chowder House Restaurant. Best seafood chowder on PEI! It is best to make reservations especially for evening dining.

After touring the district of Point Prim take HWY 209 back to the TCH. You will drive through rural districts of *Pinette, Flat River, Belle River, and Wood Islands.* This ends the TCH. Take Rout #4. A nice winery in this area is the **Rossingol Winery.** A great selection of white, red and fruit wines. Beautiful property. Keep on Route #4 and drive towards Murray River. Take Route #17.



D) Montague

This is a little town in Eastern PEI. There are several restaurants in the area - Copper Bottom Brewing and Restaurant. A nice walking tour would be the waterfront development on the Montague River.



E) Brudenell

After you leave Montague, you can explore the **Brudenell Resort.** There are two 18-hole golf courses on this resort. While in the neighbourhood, you can also visit a former shipbuilding community of Georgetown. There are two restaurants in Georgetown that have developed a good reputation - **The Wheelhouse and The Georgetown Historic Inn.** Check their website for hours of operation.

HWYs 311 and 310 will take you along the coastline to *Launching, Annandale, Eglington and Fortune.* The well-known chef, Michael Smith owns and operates the **Inn of Bay Fortune,** offering an incredible dining experience.





F) Souris

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The next small town is Souris. Be sure to visit one of the best beaches on PEI-Basin Head. Events taking place in this region are: The **Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival** (July 15th) and the **St Peters Blueberry Festival** (July 28th- August 7th).













Points East Coastal Prive Pt. 2

Crowbush Cove > Morell > Greenwich National Park > St. Peters > East Point > Basin Head Provincial Park > Souris > Rollobay, Fortune > Cardigan

At the beginning of the trip, you will go through Mount Stewart towards Crowbush Cove and St Peters Harbour. For your reference, there are two beaches nearby called Savage Harbour and Beach and Cottage Road Beach, which are located in the town of Savage Harbour.

a) Crowbush Cove



yourself in one of the finest golf courses on PEI and enjoy the spectacular views of PEI north shore dunes, **The Links at Crowbush Cove** is the place to go.

If you are a golfer and would like to challenge



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When passing by Morell, **Holy Cow** restaurant is a nice spot for you to drop by and grab lunch.

The restaurant's Lone Ranger Burger was chosen as the most Loved Burger during PEI Burger Love in 2022. Nature Space Resort & Retreat Centre offers unique accommodations in Mongolian style Yurts. Located in Morell, it has an on-site sauna, private hot tubs, and regular yoga sessions, perfect for those who are looking for a place to retreat from the big cities and would like to experience glamping at one of PEI's newest glamping resorts.

C) Greenwich National Park

It is home to the majestic parabolic sand dunes which is a rare dune system in North America, a perfect getaway spot for those who prefer a more quiet and peaceful time during their stay in PEI.

There are three hiking trails, and one of them is **Greenwich Dunes trail**. The trail takes you through a small patch of forest before emerging onto a long floating boardwalk across the **Bowley Pond**. At the end of the trails, the **Greenwich Park Beach** awaits you with its pristine white sands and a serene view of the ocean.



()) St Peters

Bikers who enjoy exploring PEI by bike, the Morell to St. Peters section of the Confederation Trail might spark your interest. This fifteen-kilometre trail is filled with views of farmland, flower fields, wooden bridges and beaches. There are many scenic spots along the way, and since this trail section is relatively flat, it is suitable for casual bikers and families.

After spending time in Greenwich, you could go to St Peters Harbour to have something to eat and visit the local artisan shops. One of my favourite boutiques is Freckles & Porcelain, which was modeled after an old-fashioned general store of bygone days.

With regards to restaurants here, a must try is Rick's Fish 'N' Chips & Seafood.

If you're interested in lighthouses, St. Peters Harbour lighthouse here is also worth visiting. Located next to a quiet beach, you could enjoy the ocean view and catch the sunset. Seeing the sunset on the beach is a must do when you visit PEI!

On your way to East Point, you'll be able to see the views of PEI's northern coastline. You'll be passing by Cable Head West and East to Naufrage. There is a lighthouse here called Shipwreck Point lighthouse. You'll then be driving through Hermanville, Rock Barra, Campbells Cove.

E) East Point

The East Point Lighthouse marks the eastern most tip of PEI, overlooking the sea where the Atlantic joins with the Northumberland Strait and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The lighthouse has guided and self-guided tours, a gift shop, cafe and picnic area on site.





F) Basin Head

Around 15 minutes drive from East Point Lighthouse, Basin Head Beach is a famous beach known for its white "singing" sand and the bridge where you could jump or dive down to the sea. The beach is supervised, and there is a fisheries museum, play area, washroom and shower facilities included in the park.



G) Rollobay, Bay Fortune

The **Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival** is celebrated every year during the third weekend of July with the intention to preserve PEI's tradition of music. If you wish to stay near the festival site and near Souris, Rollo Bay Inn or Inn of Bay Fortune are only 10 to 15 minutes drive away from Souris.

Inn of Bay Fortune is a 5-star inn managed by the famous Canadian chef Michael Smith, who also operates the in-house restaurant FireWorks Feast. Paddles at Fortune River is for those who are interested in enjoying the calming view of Fort River by kayaking or paddleboarding, which is only 2 minutes away from the inn.

After you leave Bay Fortune, you'll be passing by Eglington, Howe Bay and Little Pond. Sally's Beach Provincial Park, located in Little Pond, is one of the less crowded beaches with white sand and hiking trails overlooking the Northumberland Strait. Continue along the coastline and you'll arrive at Cardigan.



H) Cardigan

Cardigan is a small, picturesque community situated on the banks of the Cardigan River on the east coast of PEI, located in the Town of Three Rivers. The town is also home to Canada's smallest library!

The upcoming towns are Brudenell and Georgetown.

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North Cape Coastal Drive

Kensington > New London > French River > Darnley > Malpeque > Summerside > North Cape

The North Cape Coastal Drive offers 350 km of some of the most breathtaking vistas you've ever seen! Cruise through seaside fishing villages, learn about *Acadian and Mi'kmaq cultures* and the best of the North Cape Coastal Drive with a few insider tips:

Prince Edward Island's second largest city, Summerside caps off the North Cape Coastal Drive with a laid-back city feel. Here you will discover the Wyatt Heritage Properties, shopping at **Spinnakers' Landing** and more! Finish your day off with a segway tour on the **Baywalk Boardwalk**.

We will start the tour in the beautiful, quaint town of Kensington. There are some great options for restaurants and cafés in the area as well;

-C&B Corner Café -The Willow Bakery -Family & Friends Restaurant -Island Stone Pub -and then you can head to Frosty Treat, for a frosty treat...







During the month of October, families gather at the **Haunted Mansion**, located at 81 Victoria St. This is a family-friendly attraction in a Tudor-style home, with carnival rides & a gift shop. At the end of the 'haunting', you can take a stroll down the beautiful gardens and coy ponds.

A couple minutes out of the main town, you can take the scenic drive out to Indian River, which is famous for the *Indian River Festival*, now named **'Under the Spire; Music Festival'**. Presented by the Confederation Bridge, Under the Spire Music Festival (USMF) offers a summer long series of concerts in a magnificent heritage church located in idyllic rural Prince Edward Island.

This former church was built for music by famed PEI architect William Critchlow Harris, who took his inspiration from the inside of a violin. Today the exceptional acoustics in this French- Gothic building have gained an international reputation, making it a favourite for both performers and their fans alike.



A further drive ...

If you are in the mood for a wonderful drive in the area, you can continue onto Clinton Hills, New London, French River, Darnley, Malpeque and then back into town.

Anne of Green Gables fans would perhaps love to visit the birthplace of the author, Lucy Maud Montgomery.



Some great places to dine in the area would be **Sou'West**, which has a great seafood menu, as well as **The Table Culinary Studio**, which specializes in finding innovative ways to work with local producers to source hyper-local ingredients of the highest quality.

A true Island speciality is the **Village Pottery**, which is the oldest pottery shop in PEI. Village Pottery was established in 1973, by Daphne Large, and over 40 years later, she was joined by her family in their wonderful pottery creations. As you explore the coastal drive you'll find the **Bottle Houses** – Gardens and Glass Expressions, offering a 3D work of art to walk through.

Make your next stop the **Canadian Potato Museum in O'Leary**. The Potato Kitchen is a hidden gem inside the museum and is worth checking out. Even if you're not a lighthouse lover you'll want to stop at the **West Point Lighthouse**! Climb the 72 stairs and experience the coastal views of white-sand beaches and crashing waves from the lantern deck. Pack your bathing suit and go for a dip at **Cedar Dunes Provincial Park**.



Commemorating one of Canada's greatest folk and country singer/songwriters of all time, the Stompin' Tom Centre Homestead & Schoolhouse will have your hands clappin' as you listen to some classics like *Bud the Spud* and The Hockey Song. While there, be sure to check out one of the region's best beaches, Skinners Pond Beach!

In North Cape, witness the meeting of the waters as the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait converge over the longest natural rock reef in North America. Walk the Black Marsh Nature Trail, view impressive wind turbines and learn about renewable energy at the Wind Energy Interpretive Centre. A stop at Kildare Capes is a must to see the red cliff coastline, a photo op we highly encourage!

Are you an oyster lover? You'll find Prince Edward Island's famous Malpeque Oysters harvested near Tyne Valley, a coastal village rich with culture.

On Lennox Island, discover the history, spirituality and culture of the Mi'kmaq at the ecotourism centre and plan to take in a traditional cultural experience such as porcupine quillwork art or a bannock and clam bake on the beach.

If shopping is on your list, we suggest a stop at the Island Traditions Store in Richmond – you may even be lucky enough to see a basket weaving demonstration!

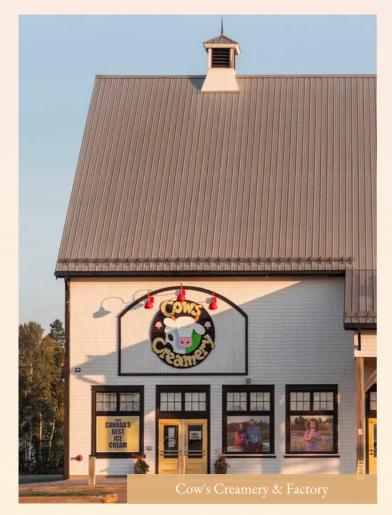
Come explore with us and discover the magic that is the North Cape Coastal Drive!



Borden & surrounding areas

Cornwall > Rocky Point > Argyle Shore > Victoria > Tryon > Albany > Borden Carleton

This drive, much like the rest of PEI, is truly a scenic one. Along the way, there are countless diners, coffee shops, inns and more, which are great to stop by!





a) Cornwall

On route to the bridge, we first stop by Cornwall. Take the HWY 1 via the Milky Way strip mall, which is home to the Lone Oak Brewery & Pub, Receiver Coffee, Boom Burger, and our beloved Cows Creamery. You can even enjoy a tour of the ice-cream process at this Cows location!

Interested in the hiking along a falcon trail? Visit the **Island Falconry Services** located at *24 Macrae Dr., North River Road,* for a great tour of their facility, and spot some beautiful birds.

A couple other interesting stops along the way would be the Terry Fox Sports Complex, Rise and Climb Adventure Course and PEI Potter's Cove.

B) Rocky Point

In the area, you can visit the lighthouses, or even sport a rod and explore the PEI fisheries with **Richard's Deep-Sea Fishing**.

You can then essentially continue to 'follow the water' from Holland Cove to Canoe Cove. Canoe Cove Beach is located in **Lloyd Inman Memorial Park** on the South Shore of PEI along the balmy water of the Northumberland Straight.

It's a perfect spot to take the kids and beach chairs for the day to walk the red shore or explore the bright red cliffs.

C) Argyle Shore

Argyle Shore is not too far from here. You can head to the **Argyle Shore Provincial Park** - a great place to hike the trails or enjoy the rich red sands on the shore. For the avid skier, one might enjoy the **Brookvale Ski Park**, located in Brookvale, just off the road from Crapaud.





D) Victoria

The town of Victoria is your next destination. This quaint town is one of the Island's hidden gems. A must see in the area is **Victoria by the Sea**. From By the **Sea Kayaking with Clam Digging Excursions** to enjoying walks in the area, Victoria is a popular tourist destination.

On the pier, lies a variety of restaurants and boutique stores. A popular favourite would be **Casa Mia by the Sea**, whose menu contains Italian specialties and wonderful desserts. Another option would be the **Lobster Barn Pub & Eatery** where they serve some of the Island's best seafood.

Be sure to visit **Island Chocolates** for a nice dessert treat. Island Chocolates is a family business that has been making delicious hand-made chocolates since 1987 in Victoria-by-the-Sea, Prince Edward Island. All their chocolates are made in a small factory (formerly the Wright Brothers General Store) in Victoria, PEI and are only available at the factory or by special order. The town is home to quite a few merchants selling goods from antiques to art and plenty more.



E) Jryon

in Tryon, you can enjoy the beauty of nature with the hikes. Or if you are a nature lover, you can sleep under the stars at **Treetop Haven**.

Treetop Haven aims to create unforgettable memories around the dinner table. Soak up the starry nights from your outdoor hot tub, wake up from your restful slumber to the sounds of birds singing, and turn off your phone and be at one with nature.

Nestled within fifty acres of woods, the TreePODS and Cozy Cabins offer a unique back-to-nature experience and cozy respite for couples and families. Let nature rejuvenate your spirit and refresh your senses.





F) Albany

About 6 minutes from Borden, lies the small town of Albany. Here is an island favourite – **The Handpie Company**, founded in 2017 by Chef Sarah Bennetto O'Brien. Using excellent local ingredients, the company now distributes their variety of hand pies throughout the island through retail stores or directly through their production facility.





THE HANDPIE COMPANY

G) Borden Carleton

The Town of Borden – restaurants, boutique stores etc. – wonderful town where people can stop for a bite to eat when getting off of or getting on the bridge. From live music at the Lone Oak Brewery & Pub, to Cows for speciality ice-cream, to the boutique stores in the area, this town is truly buzzing in the summertime.

The scenic drive and views of the Bridge are quite spectacular from this side. From the Marine Rail Park to Port Borden Front Range Lighthouse, the town is definitely a warm-welcome for all visitors, and a 'welcome back' for all Islanders.



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- 1) Islanders measure distance in time and give directions using markers of things that may no longer exist. For example, "Tracadie Beach is about 15 minutes away from the purple house".
- 2) Saturday night is reserved for the Hoedown on CFCY radio.
- 3) We have the warmest waters north of the Carolinas due to the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. Hello summer vacay (we also have over 90 beaches)!
- 4) Prince Edward Island produces more than 40 million pounds of mussels per year, accounting for 80% of Canadian mussel production.
- 5) If you call an Islander at 6 pm, they might not answer. After all, it's time for Compass, the local news program.
- b) Your first feed of lobster is typically on Mother's Day. You're welcome moms!
- 7) We are the bluefin tuna capital of the world.
- 8) The soil here is boldly red and beautiful. The colour comes from the high iron content!

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9) Potato fudge is a thing here and it is delicious.

10) We have an operating lighthouse that you can stay in overnight. Magical



thank you!,

Hope you enjoyed your tour!