SMALL TOWNS OFFER BIG CHARM ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND THIS FALL

Discover Atlantic Canada Like an Islander this Fall



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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (September 4, 2018) – With a reputation as "Canada's Food Island," <u>Prince Edward Island</u> kicks off autumn with the annual <u>Fall Flavours Festival</u>, a celebration of authentic PEI tastes and traditions with culinary adventures, events, and specialty meals hosted by celebrity chefs scattered throughout the province. Local events such as <u>Copper Pots at Copper Bottom</u>, <u>Taste of Georgetown</u>, <u>Savour Victoria</u> and more let small towns share their local fare with visitors.

Here are just a few picturesque towns travelers can experience more than great food this fall:

Murray River

With a population of under 400 people, Murray River's fishing village mixes with the cool vibe of the young entrepreneurs moving there making it a "must stop" destination for travelers along the eastern end of PEI. Shoppers can stop by shops like Magik Dragon with funky handcrafted pieces from around the world or grab a cup of locally-brewed coffee or homemade baked goods at Companion Coffee. Visitors can wind down with a glass of wine and a view of the river at Newman Estate Winery before heading down to the nearby town of Montague where a young husband and wife team have opened Company. The taproom brings their rural community together for freshly brewed beer and live music in the taproom.

Georgetown

<u>Georgetown</u> is a historic town set along the Points East Coastal Drive. Travelers can stroll through the quiet streets filled with brightly-painted homes and shops on a self-guided tour, or drop in on local character Peter Llewellyn at his <u>Shoreline Design</u> studio where he makes jewelry and tells stories about the town. Next, visitors with a sweet tooth can stop by the <u>Maroon Pig</u>, a Georgetown favorite, for a freshly baked treat with the local crowd. No visit to Georgetown is complete without seeing a show at the <u>King's Playhouse</u>. For more than 120 years, visitors and locals have enjoyed live performances at this community staple.

North Rustico

Known to the locals as "The Crick," <u>North Rustico</u> offers a beautiful red-sand beach and some famous PEI seafood. North Rustico Harbour lets travelers watch fisherman bring in their daily haul before enjoying some famous PEI mussels at the <u>Blue Mussel Café</u>. Active visitors can grab a bike at <u>Outside Expeditions</u> and peddle through the PEI National Park or join a kayaking tour of the harbor then finish the day with a traditional lobster supper at <u>Fisherman's Wharf Lobster Suppers</u>.

Alberton

<u>Alberton</u>, along PEI's Central Coastal Drive, offers travelers a sweet array of bakeries, restaurants and more. The small town tempts visitors with baked treats from local hang out, <u>Alberton Bakery</u>, or French pastries and bread at <u>Café Chez Cartier</u>. Travelers can relax on the beach at <u>Jacques Cartier Provincial Park</u> or learn about the town's history at the <u>Alberton Museum</u>, once the courthouse and jail. Minutes from Alberton, the <u>Northport Pier</u> offers a place for visitors and locals to shop and grab a bite to eat at The Boat Shop Restaurant. At the neighboring Northport Harbour onlookers can catch a glimpse of the Giant Bluefin tune coming into the dock in season.

Victoria-by-the-Sea

Situated on Prince Edward Island's South Shore, <u>Victoria-by-the-Sea</u> serves up Maritime charm, history and local flavors. History buffs can opt for a photo with PEI's oldest tree then visit the Keepers of the Light exhibit at the Victoria Seaport Museum. A seaside lunch awaits hungry travelers at <u>The Lobster Barn</u> or <u>Beachcombers</u> then dessert at <u>Island Chocolates</u> for handmade delicacies. Visitors also can kayak through Victoria Harbour, or take in a show at the historic <u>Victoria Playhouse</u>, PEI's longest running "little theatre".

To plan a trip and find more information on Prince Edward Island, visit https://www.tourismpei.com/.

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