Nova Scotia was one of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum’s popular tours in 2007. We’ve looked at ways to revisit this lovely region and found a great tour offered by Collette Vacations, one of America’s oldest group tour companies. We’ve teamed up with them for a delightful tour to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, considered the Atlantic Maritime provinces of Canada, and one of Canada’s most picturesque regions. And with our visit in the summertime, the Maritimes will be in full bloom, and we’ll make sure to visit a number of the beautiful gardens of the Maritimes along the way.

The Atlantic Coast of Canada has rugged beaches, picturesque fishing villages, and rich maritime history. In Halifax, we visit beautiful Peggy’s Cove along with Halifax’s charming waterfront. We’ll see the four-story high flowerpot-shaped Hopewell Rocks in New Brunswick, and in Prince Edward Island, visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum. We’ll also learn about the PEI potato industry from a local farmer, visit a "fishing Shanty" for a traditional lobster dinner, learn about the many inventions of Alexander Graham Bell at his Museum, and travel along the breathtaking Cabot Trail. And, we’ll make stops at gardens along the way to provide you with a great cultural experience of the Atlantic Maritimes.

Nova Scotia found itself host to many immigrants from Scotland and Ireland in the past century, and the spirit of Celtic culture lives on, most notably in the musical heritage of Cape Breton. Nova Scotia was originally colonized by Scottish settlers in 1620, turned over to the French by treaty in 1624, and under their control until their defeat in the mid-1700s. With the subsequent expulsion of the Acadians, settlers of English, Irish, Scottish and African descent began arriving on the shores of Nova Scotia. After the American Revolutionary war, Loyalists resettled in Nova Scotia as well. Finally, in the mid-1800s, the Irish Famine and Scottish Highland Clearances resulted in large influxes of migrants with Celtic cultural roots, which helped to define the Celtic character of Cape Breton and the north mainland of the province.

A visit to New Brunswick is like a walk through history. A cross-cultural adventure story began very early in the land that would become New Brunswick—3,000 years ago with the ancestors of the Aboriginal community in the region. French settlers discovered the fertile lands in the early 1600s, led by Samuel de Champlain and other explorers. Their descendants, the Acadians, still call this area home as they do in Nova Scotia, and their vibrant culture can be experienced up and down the Acadian coast and throughout the province. English, Irish and Scottish settlers followed suit, bringing with them distinct traditions that are as much a part of its cultural makeup today as they were centuries ago. Bordering on the Bay of Fundy, we’ll have an opportunity to visit Hopewell Rocks, on the Bay, where some of the largest tides in the world are recorded.

We’ll then cross over to Prince Edward Island, home to the novel “Anne of Green Gables”. Prince Edward Island is known as the birthplace of Confederation. In 1864, the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Québec met in Charlottetown to form the new nation. Early European settlers arrived mainly from Scotland, England and Ireland. The Island’s Acadians have their roots in France and a visit to La Région Évangéline will introduce you to their tumultuous history. This blend of cultures and heritage is represented in a lively and entertaining way in the small halls across the province. Ceilidhs (a Gaelic word for party or a good time), community concerts and Acadian supper theatre are wonderful introductions to PEI cultural traditions.

Our final destination is Cape Breton, home to Nova Scotia’s famous musical tradition—fiddlers, dancers and "kitchen parties", which are informal gatherings in households where the Celtic music heritage continues. We’ll spend two nights here exploring the Cape before returning to Halifax for our final night.

So don’t wait—sign up for this outstanding trip and take advantage of our early booking discount, and join the Arboretum on its 2013 journey to the Atlantic Maritimes!
Thursday, August 15
Morning flight to Halifax. Upon arrival in Halifax, we’ll transfer to our hotel. After checking in to the hotel, the afternoon is at leisure, with a welcome reception planned in the early evening. Dinner is on your own tonight at one of Halifax’s nearby restaurants.

Friday, August 16
After breakfast, we explore Halifax’s charming downtown on a scenic tour of the city highlighting the waterfront, Public Gardens, Spring Garden Road and the famous Citadel. Later, enjoy a visit to one of the most picturesque spots in all of Canada – the beautiful Peggy’s Cove. Its historic lighthouse overlooking the Atlantic Ocean provides one of the most memorable views of your journey. This afternoon is free for you to enjoy lunch (on own) and to explore Halifax at leisure. Dinner is included tonight at our hotel.

Saturday, August 17
Leave Nova Scotia behind and travel to New Brunswick. En route, we stop at the Glooscap Heritage Centre in Truro to learn about the Mi’kmaq heritage and Glooscap legends and see artifacts including stunning quill and bead work. There will be time for lunch (on own) in Truro, and afterwards we’ll drive north to Moncton, NB, where we’ll visit La Pays de la Sagouine, a true celebration of Acadian culture. Experience historical re-enactments and participate in the fun first-hand when you play the spoons or bake your own Acadian dish. After arrival in Moncton we enjoy an evening at leisure to discover its quintessential Maritime charm on own.

Sunday, August 18
Today, travel the sea-sprayed shoreline to the amazing Hopewell Rocks. A New Brunswick icon, these flowerpot-shaped rocks carved by the Fundy tides rise four stories high at low tide and disappear into tiny islands when the tide is high. You can enjoy lunch on your own at the self-service restaurant at the park, while you’re watching the tide come in or go out. This evening, it’s Diner’s Choice—your dinner is included and you’ll choose the perfect spot from a “menu” of Moncton’s great restaurants.

Monday, August 19
Leave New Brunswick behind and cross the stately Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island, the “island cradled in the waves.” Enjoy its rolling landscapes, the backdrop of the acclaimed novel, “Anne of Green Gables.” Visit Rustico’s celebrated wharf, dotted with fishing boats and lobster traps. We’ll visit the Garden of Hope along with the Governor’s Mansion and Gardens on Prince Edward Island. In Cavendish we’ll visit the National Park’s picturesque beaches. Lunch is on your own, but this evening you’ll journey to the village of Avonlea and the local “fishing Shanty” to experience a true island feast (included). Watch as steamed mussels and lobsters are prepared before sitting down to taste the best local food the island has to offer. Tonight you’ll enjoy a traditional Kitchen Party! Enjoy the sounds of fiddles, guitars and accordions as well as the opportunity to kick up your heels and dance!

Tuesday, August 20
Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum, the house in which Lucy Maud Montgomery based her book. Then meet a local potato farmer and learn about this industry on PEI first-hand as you help him with his crop. At Prince Edward Island Preserves, see local berries blended with a “secret” ingredient to create a unique taste. Next, travel to charming seaside Charlottetown for a walking tour along the narrow streets lined with quaint homes and hidden treasures.

Wednesday, August 21
This morning you return to beautiful Nova Scotia by ferry across the Northumberland Strait. Next, cross the Canso Causeway to stunning Cape Breton Island. Enjoy a scenic drive along the pristine shores of Bras d’Or Lakes, Canada’s only inland sea. Later, explore the amazing variety of inventions on display at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, where the brilliant inventor made his home. Dinner is included tonight in Baddeck.

Thursday, August 22
Spend the day exploring the Cabot Trail and fall in love with its rugged terrain and spectacular Atlantic Ocean views. We’ll stop for a fog walk in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, then take time in Cheticamp to stroll the streets of this traditional village steeped in the vibrant culture of the “Old World” French. We’ll stop for a visit to the Acadian Museum to learn about the Acadian culture and heritage. Other highlights include stops at fishing communities along the coast, including lovely Neil’s Harbour. We’ll return to Baddeck for dinner (on own) and overnight.

Friday, August 23
Depart Cape Breton for Sugar Moon Farm. Meet the family that runs the farm and learn about the unique organic methods they employ to produce maple syrup. Then sit back and relax in their “Sugar Shack” – a charming log cabin where you have a tasting, then enjoy a light lunch enhanced with maple. Later, return to Halifax for time at leisure to explore the city. Walk along the waterfront, indulge in some delicious fresh seafood, or simply enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of this charming Canadian seaport.

Saturday, August 24
After breakfast, we have a short ride back to the Halifax airport for our flights back home.

B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner; R=Reception

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Our Hotels

**Atlantica Hotel – Halifax, Nova Scotia**
The Atlantica Hotel Halifax offers dining, four-star guestrooms, a friendly staff, and the best Halifax has to offer. There are 230 guestrooms at Atlantica Hotel Halifax. They all share several comforts, from flat-screen TVs to reliable wireless internet.

**Crowne Plaza Moncton – Moncton, New Brunswick**
The Crowne Plaza is located in the heart of downtown Moncton. It is a great base to explore the attractions of the city including the Moncton Museum, Fundy National Park and the Magnetic Hill Zoo. The award winning staff provides exceptional service with attention to detail.

**The Resort at Cavendish Corner – Cavendish, Prince Edward Island**
The Resort at Cavendish Corner is a quality resort on the ocean, featuring 45 rooms and suites, all of which have been fully renovated. These rooms have wood laminate floors, air conditioning and all the modern amenities. There is a restaurant and gym at the resort as well.

**Inverary Resort – Baddeck, Nova Scotia**
Originally built in 1850, this 11-acre Nova Scotia vacation resort sits on the shores of Cape Breton's glorious Bras d'Or Lakes, and offers you a breathtaking view, beautiful landscape, and excellent accommodations. The Inverary Resort is the only resort with accommodations right on the waterfront of Baddeck, Alexander Graham Bell's beloved Cape Breton home, and the starting point of the world-famous Cabot Trail.

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
Deposit due with booking: $500 per person
Final payment March 31, 2013

**Cancellation Notice** - All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellation fees are as follows:
- After booking and until 90 days prior to departure: $500 per person
- 89-45 days prior to departure: 25% of tour cost
- 44-30 days prior to departure: 50% of tour cost
- Within 30 days: NO REFUND

Trip cancellation insurance is recommended and available through Glad To Travel.

We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express Cards.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS TOUR**
With enough travelers from one destination we can offer group air space for this tour. However you are free to arrange your own air flights, but please contact Glad To Travel to discuss your arrival and departure times in Halifax to ensure your transfer between the airport and the hotel as a group. If you would like assistance in making your air arrangements, please contact Glad To Travel and we will help you with this detail and see if we can arrange group airfare.

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**This outstanding value includes the following:**
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Halifax
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Moncton
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Charlottetown
- 2 nights hotel accommodation Baddeck, NS
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Four dinners
- One lunch
- Welcome reception in Halifax
- All touring as described in the brochure
- Pre-departure information
- Inclusive of taxes and service charges
- A $200 contribution to the Arboretum
- Tour escort from the Arboretum

**Not included in the tour:**
- Airfare to/from Halifax
- Gratuities to driver and guides
- Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, film, extra meals, etc.
- Anything not specifically listed as included in the itinerary
- Cost of passport, visa or other travel documents which may be needed for entry into Canada

**Tour Cost:** $2,895 per person, dbl. occ. land price
**Single supplement:** $650 additional
**Airfare extra**

Note: Non-members of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum add $100 to the tour cost. In order to qualify for the member’s price, each traveler must be a member of the organization.

For information on becoming a member of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, please contact the Arboretum membership at 952-443-1440