

"NOVA SCOTIA'S WINE, FOOD & CULTURAL DELIGHTS" HALIFAX, LUNENBURG & THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

Tuesday, September 6 – Sunday, September 11, 2016 6 days / 5 nights

An exciting food and wine scene awaits us in Halifax and the Annapolis Valley, hosted by Canada's premier wine journalist Tony Aspler and delivered in partnership with our friends at Pauwels Travel. This tour features visits and tastings at wineries producing amazing wines being made under the "Tidal Bay" Appellation in the beautiful Annapolis Valley; a visit to the UNESCO world heritage port town of Lunenburg, and time in the wonderful city of Halifax. You'll dine in acclaimed restaurants, and stay in boutique hotels. An experience not to be missed!



Our host, Tony Aspler, CM; Vineyards at Domaine de Grand Pré/Le Caveau (courtesy Wines of Nova Scotia)

Tony Aspler will be one of our tour leaders for this program. He has been writing, judging and educating about wine for over 30 years. He was the wine columnist for *The Toronto Star* for 21 years and has authored sixteen books on wine and food. Tony's articles have appeared in *Wine Spectator, Decanter, and Tidings* among many other magazines.

Tony is also the creator of the annual Ontario Wine Awards competition, an honorary governor of Cuvée and a director of the Independent Wine & Spirit Trust. In December 2007, Tony was awarded the Order of Canada.

We have created this exclusive itinerary which is sure to delight as we explore this wonderful part of Canada with visits to acclaimed wineries and restaurants, stays in boutique hotels, and a chance for you to unwind as well.

Our Tour Includes:

- Excellent accommodation in first-class hotels;
- Sightseeing, visits, and wine tastings as shown in the itinerary;
- Transportation while on tour to the Annapolis Valley, Lunenburg and into Halifax, as well as airport pickup and drop off;
- Breakfast daily and a <u>minimum</u> combination of *two* lunches and *three* dinners, with drinks included;
- Commentary and education from Tony Aspler about the wines and wineries we visit, and a copy of Tony's book "Canadian Wineries", full of magnificent photos and the stories of Canada's exceptional wine producers;
- Porterage of one suitcase per person;
- A gratuity for the coach driver.

PLANNED ITINERARY

<u>Day 1 – Tuesday, Sept. 6:</u>

Arrival and Annapolis Valley

Morning departure from Toronto International Airport direct to Halifax with Air Canada. (Other flight options available for people coming from another location.)

With a midday arrival, we'll make our way to Wolfville in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. Wolfville is the main home of the Nova Scotia wine industry and Acadia University. We'll check-in at the boutique *Blomidon Inn* (their restaurant has a Wine Spectator award). This will be our home for the next three nights. We'll have time to relax and then our first group dinner and tasting. <u>http://www.blomidon.ns.ca</u>

Days 2 & 3 – Wed. Sept. 7 & Thurs. Sept. 8:

Annapolis Valley

Over these two days we'll explore the wineries of the Annapolis and Gaspereau Valleys, and plan for a bit of free time too. These areas have been compared to Germany's Rhine and Mosel Valleys for the climate and quality of their wines. Award-winning wineries we plan to visit include:

- *Benjamin Bridge* "They are, without question, the best sparkling wines I have tasted in Canada," says Tony
- Luckett Vineyards with stunning views of the Gaspereau and Annapolis Valley
- Lightfoot & Wolfville Bio-dynamic farming and home to some great Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs
- *Grand Pre Winery* the oldest winery in Atlantic Canada. We also plan a meal at their acclaimed Le Caveau restaurant
- Gaspereau Vineyards fantastic aromatic whites such as Riesling.



The magnificent view at Lightfoot & Wolfville, courtesy Wines of Nova Scotia

Day 4 – Friday, Sept. 9:

Lunenburg and Halifax

A morning departure takes us from the Annapolis Valley to the Atlantic Coast and town of Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the southern shore of Nova Scotia. We'll stop for a taste of the handcrafted spirits produced at *Ironworks Distillery*, a micro-distillery located in an 1893 heritage building formerly home to a marine blacksmith. There will also be a chance to explore the beautiful home port of the famous Bluenose schooner, and the galleries showcasing fine artisans who capture the tradition of their maritime heritage in their work.

On the way to Halifax we'll plan a stop at the beautiful vistas and lighthouse at Peggy's Cove. A late afternoon arrival at the world-class *Prince George Hotel* in downtown Halifax. An optional night out will allow us to start exploring the amazing food scene in Halifax. <u>http://www.princegeorgehotel.com</u>



Beautiful Lunenburg at sunset, courtesy Tourism Nova Scotia; Citadel Hill, Halifax, courtesy Destination Halifax

Day 5 – Saturday, Sept. 10:

Halifax

A leisurely free day in Halifax, the provincial capital of Nova Scotia. Founded in 1749 by British General Cornwallis, it is a major business centre and known for its maritime history. It served as the base for privateers operating under the King's warrants in the 18^h and 19th centuries, and Citadel Hill, a National Historic Site, overlooks the downtown.

It is a bustling, colourful, cultural, and very walkable city. Halifax has often been compared to Boston and the two cities have a strong relationship, with Boston's downtown Christmas tree coming from Nova Scotia every year.

Optional activities include:

- A visit to the Canadian Immigration Museum at Pier 21 (the place where many new Canadians first arrived)
- Shopping at the boutiques on Spring Garden Road
- A tour of the fort at Citadel Hill,
- Visiting Alexander Keith's original Nova Scotia brewery in its' historic waterfront location
- The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, recognized as having the world's finest collection of wooden artifacts from the Titanic, among many other exhibits
- An Irish step dancing class!

We can also organize a trip to explore the other craft breweries who have made Halifax their home. Perhaps you want to take a walk down on the 3km Halifax Boardwalk at the waterfront, all within walking distance of our hotel. There is plenty to do in Halifax!

We'll finish off with a group dinner tonight at one of Halifax's top restaurants, and for those who are up for it, some great Celtic music at the Old Triangle Pub.

Day 6 – Sunday Sept. 11:

Halifax and departure

Another day to relax and explore the places you didn't get to on Saturday! Perhaps a leisurely brunch? We have a late afternoon transfer to the airport and head for home, back in Toronto mid-evening.

Tour Prices:

With airfare included (from Toronto to Halifax, return):

- **\$3160.00** (including airport fees and air taxes) + HST per person, based on **two people sharing a room** (Double Occupancy)
- **\$3620.00** (including airport fees and air taxes) + HST, for **a person with their own room** (Single Occupancy)

Without airfare (for people who want to use travel points):

- **\$2695.00** + HST per person, based on **two people sharing a room** (Double Occupancy)
- **\$3150.00** + HST, for a person with their own room (Single Occupancy)

Included in the price:

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Optional:

- Return airfare from Toronto to Halifax, airport taxes and security fees.

Not included:

- Extra food and beverages not included in meals mentioned above;
- All items of a personal nature;
- Travel Insurance, please contact office for rates.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure: 45 to 31 days before departure: Within 30 days prior to departure: 25% of tour cost 50% of tour cost 100% of tour cost

<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book seat(s) or	n the "Nova Scotia's Wine, F	ood & C	ultural Delights"	tour of Septembe	er 6 - 11, 2016.
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