

While You Are Here...



We invite you to experience the unique culture of one of the oldest cities in North America – the city “Where the new world meets the old”. A city unlike any other - cradled in a harbour carved from 500 million year old rock - surrounded by hills running down to the ocean with quaint side streets of a thousand colours. Friendly faces wait to greet you. Where old and new, city and nature, live as neighbours. Come take a journey to the City of Legends.



In walking distance:

Take the downtown area, for example: Walking down the cobblestone of **George Street**, you'll feel like you've stepped back into history. Visit **The Anglican Cathedral**,



which is said to be the best example of Gothic architecture in America, and **The Roman Catholic Basilica** which was built to be the largest church in the northern half of the New World in the 1840's.

For the history lover, a must-see is **The Cabot Tower** at Signal Hill. When you stand overlooking the ocean from its cliffs, you will be on the site where, in 1901, Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless transmission and where cannons defended the harbour many years ago.



Then, there is **The Commissariat House** and **The Colonial Building** and for a special treat, **The Rooms** (a state-of-the-art cultural centre opened in 2005) which houses the *Museum*, the *Archives* and the *Art Gallery*, where you can also enjoy the taste of traditional Newfoundland fare in a tearoom which offers a panoramic view of St. John's and its harbour. Not to be missed is the **Johnson GeoCentre**, a world-class geological interpretation centre with 85% of its 33,000 sq. ft. built right into the 550 million year old rocks that form the cliffs of Signal Hill.



For the art lover, St. John's is also home to some of the finest artists and artisans in North America and there are galleries and shops filled with crafts that are beautiful and unique. You won't want to miss **Devon House**, the provincial Craft Council Craft Shop, which is a short walk from the conference hotel.



St. John's also boasts the liveliest night life anywhere, with the streets, especially **George Street**, buzzing well into the early morning. Sip your favourite beverage or 'kick up your heels' while multi-talented local artists play everything from lively traditional Newfoundland music to the latest in rock music. If fine dining is your 'cup of tea', you will find local eateries and fine restaurants cater to the most discriminating taste and offer a wide variety of cuisines to delight the tastebuds.



If you enjoy walking, why not try a walking tour of St. John's. The city also has extensive walking trails that provide many hours of discovery and enjoyment. Or, step into a double-decker bus for a tour of the city to absorb the old world atmosphere, feel the history and enjoy the artistry of craftsmen of long ago.

St. John's has it all – and then some!