HALIFAX

NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA PORT GUIDE

DIY Waterfront + History + Seafood
— OR —
Peggy's Cove Adventure Day

WALKING • FOOD • HISTORY • MUSEUMS • SCENIC VIEWS • EXCURSIONS

1 CRUISE PORT HALIFAX SEAPORT



- Piers 20/22 principal berths; 23 also used.
- Other berths or tender arrangements may require transfers – confirm ship instructions.
- Shops, restaurants & visitor services
- Taxis & tour buses available
- Confirm gangway and tour access.

2 PIER 21 CANADIAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION



- National historic site
- Powerful immigration history
- Right beside the cruise terminal
- Check official admission and seasonal hours.

3 HALIFAX WATERFRONT



- 4 km waterfront boardwalk
- Shops, restaurants & patios
- Harbor views & public art
- Great for souvenirs
- Easy, flat walking from the ship

4 MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC



- Nova Scotia's maritime history
- Shipwrecks, naval history & the Halifax Explosion
- Right on the waterfront
- Check current discounts and free-entry sessions.

5 LOCAL FOOD



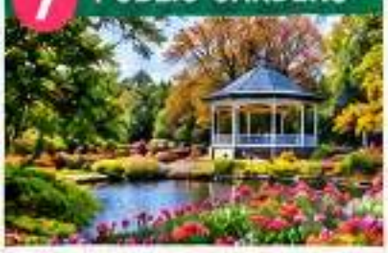
- Lobster roll (a must!)
- Fresh seafood & chowder
- Try a Halifax Donair (the city's official food!)
- Local beer & craft drinks
- Maple treats

6 HALIFAX CITADEL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



- Historic fort with guided tours
- Panoramic harbor views
- Famous noon gun
- It's uphill from the waterfront (or take a taxi up)

7 PUBLIC GARDENS



- Beautiful Victorian gardens
- Flowers, trees & walking paths
- Great for photos
- Relaxing stop after the Citadel
- Inland from waterfront; route includes hills.

8 PEGGY'S COVE



- Iconic lighthouse & fishing village
- Stunning coastal scenery
- Road excursion; traffic and weather vary.
- No regular public transit (most visit via tour or taxi)
- STAY OFF the wet/black rocks – waves can be extremely powerful. Stay well back from water even on dry rocks.

OTHER EXCURSION OPTIONS



LUNENBURG
Colorful UNESCO waterfront village

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY
Wine, farms & scenic drives

HARBOR CRUISES
See the city from the water

COASTAL SCENIC TOURS
Lighthouses, beaches & charming towns

FREE THINGS TO DO

- ✓ Walk the waterfront
- ✓ Explore the Seaport area
- ✓ Browse shops
- ✓ See the Old Town Clock
- ✓ Visit the Public Gardens
- ✓ Take harbor photos
- ✓ People-watch
- ✓ Explore downtown

GOOD TO KNOW

- Halifax is very walkable
- The city is hilly away from the waterfront
- Canadian dollars (CAD)
- Credit cards widely accepted
- Bring layers (weather can change quickly)
- Most ships dock, but some sailings may tender

GETTING AROUND

- Downtown is walkable
- Taxis readily available
- Tour buses at the terminal
- Use transportation for Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, Annapolis Valley, and farther attractions

BEST PHOTO SPOTS

- ✓ Halifax waterfront
- ✓ Pier 21
- ✓ Old Town Clock
- ✓ Halifax Citadel
- ✓ Public Gardens
- ✓ Peggy's Cove lighthouse
- ✓ Colorful downtown streets

IF YOU ONLY HAVE A SHORT CALL...

- ✓ Seaport + waterfront + lunch
- ✓ Choose a museum only if time allows
- ✓ Return with a buffer

WHEN TO HEAD BACK?

- ✓ Plan from your berth and ship all-aboard; add road, shuttle or tender time and generous delay buffer.
- Arrange a reliable return from Peggy's Cove.

KID-FRIENDLY?

- ✓ Yes! Easy waterfront walking
- ✓ Pier 21 and Maritime Museum are great for families
- ✓ Parks, playgrounds, and lots to see without a long excursion

MOBILITY NOTES

- ✓ Check step-free routes and current attraction access
- ✓ Maritime Museum has elevators & wheelchairs available
- ✓ Main challenge is the hills (consider a taxi to the Citadel)

SAFETY NOTE

- ✓ Stay in popular tourist areas
- ✓ Keep valuables secure
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings

Checked Oct 2026 – verify port, museum and excursion details.