



Nova Scotia's Celtic Colours

OCTOBER 7-13, 2026

A Milestone Festival by the Sea

NEW TOUR

Celebrate autumn in Nova Scotia during the 30th Anniversary of the Celtic Colours International Festival, a world-class gathering where music, story, and tradition come vividly alive. Explore Nova Scotia's storied coastline, from the lighthouse at Peggy's Cove to the colorful harbor town of Old Town Lunenburg. Trace the legendary Cabot Trail through Cape Breton Highlands National Park, where autumn hills meet the Atlantic. With multiple festival performances, coastal scenery, and warm Cape Breton hospitality, this journey blends natural beauty with a once-in-a-generation cultural celebration.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO HALIFAX!

Arrive in Halifax and enjoy an introductory tour of this proud seafaring city where historic citadels, working docks, and modern Atlantic energy blend seamlessly. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner and begin your Nova Scotia celebration. *D*

DAY 2: HALIFAX, SOUTH SHORE

This morning, travel to iconic Peggy's Cove, where the famed lighthouse stands sentinel against the Atlantic surf. Continue along the scenic South Shore to Mahone Bay, known for its picturesque "Trinity of Churches," and onward to UNESCO-listed Old Town Lunenburg, founded in 1763 as one of the first British attempts to settle Protestants in Nova Scotia. Visit the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic to explore the region's proud maritime heritage before returning to Halifax. *B, L*



DAY 3: HALIFAX TO BADDECK

Cross the Canso Causeway onto Cape Breton Island, where Gaelic roots and coastal traditions are alive and well. Visit the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site overlooking Bras d'Or Lake before arriving in the charming village of Baddeck for a three-night stay at homey Gisele's Inn. This evening marks the beginning of the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Celtic Colours International Festival, a milestone year for one of the world's most authentic Celtic gatherings. Enjoy dinner and your first unforgettable festival performance (TBD). **B, D**

DAY 4: CABOT TRAIL, CELTIC COLOURS

Travel the legendary Cabot Trail through Cape Breton Highlands National Park, where dramatic cliffs plunge into the Atlantic and autumn foliage ignites the hillsides in brilliant color. Pause at panoramic lookouts and enjoy a boxed lunch surrounded by extraordinary natural beauty. Tonight, immerse yourself again in Celtic Colours' 30th Anniversary festivities. In community halls, historic churches, and intimate theatres, world-class musicians share the stage with Cape Breton's finest fiddlers, Gaelic singers, dancers, pipers, and storytellers. Each carefully curated concert offers a rich sampling of living Celtic tradition. **B, L, D**

DAY 5: CELTIC COLOURS FESTIVAL

Today is devoted to the full Celtic Colours experience. With multiple performances scheduled throughout the day and evening (artist line-up to be announced), you will witness the very best of Cape Breton's living culture. From soaring bagpipes and driving fiddle tunes to step dancing and haunting Gaelic song, the Festival transforms villages across the island into vibrant cultural stages. To experience Celtic Colours is to be changed by it; not simply entertained, but welcomed into a community where music is heritage, storytelling is sacred, and tradition remains joyfully alive. **B, D**



Peggy's Cove

DAY 6: BADDECK TO HALIFAX

Bid farewell to Cape Breton and once again cross the Canso Causeway en route to Halifax. Reflect on the music, the landscapes, and the warm hospitality that define this island. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating an end to this extraordinary Celtic experience. **B, D**

DAY 7: RETURN HOME

Enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure before transferring to the Halifax airport. **B ***



Celtic Colours International Festival

TOUR DETAILS

7 Days • 6 Nights

Oct 7-13, 2026

Price Per Person:

DB \$4,499, TP/QD \$4,359, SG \$5,249

Depart/Return:



St. Louis

Kansas City

Springfield

Passport Required

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit iconic Peggy's Cove Lighthouse
- Explore the UNESCO-listed Old Town Lunenburg
- Experience the 30th Anniversary of the Celtic Colours International Festival
- Drive the Cabot Trail through Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- Discover maritime history at the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 1-2: Delta Hotel, Halifax, NS

Nights 3-5: Gisele's Inn, Baddeck, NS

Night 6: Delta Hotel, Halifax, NS

// The Celtic Colours International Festival is held during Cape Breton's most spectacular season when the leaves are turning colour and the vibrant reds, yellows, and oranges bring the breathtaking scenery to life as you travel from event to event...drive along the pristine shores of Bras d'Or Lake, Canada's largest saltwater lake and around the Cabot Trail, often called North America's most scenic drive. //

—Celtic Colours 30th Anniversary Committee