

# SAVOR A MOMENT IN Prince Edward Island

They say good things come in small packages, and that's certainly the case with Canada's smallest province.

## PLAY

In 2011, Prince Edward Island was named the Undiscovered Golf Destination of the Year. But don't expect it to stay a secret, since the island boasts 10 of Canada's 100 top courses — several of which also rank among the best in North America. Traditionalists will appreciate the classic feel of Brudenell River, one of the island's oldest and most popular courses, while Dundarave will appeal to players who favor a more modern layout, with tree-lined fairways and red-sand bunkers. If you're looking for a real challenge, the Thomas McBroom-designed Links at Crowbush Cove, situated along the dipping, curving, wind-swept dunes of the north shore, will oblige. And the Fox Meadow Golf Center has a staff of P.G.A. professionals offering instruction for all levels. Just be sure to always have your clubs on hand; with 26 courses scattered across the island (more per capita than anyplace else in the world), you're always within driving distance of a fairway.

## CULTURE

Prince Edward Island can lay claim to being the Birthplace of Canada. Nearly 150 years ago, officials from the provinces convened in Charlottetown, the island's capitol, to discuss forming a union. Today, you can tour the site of that meeting, Province House, then discover more through the thoughtful multimedia displays at the turn-of-the-century Founder's Hall. Look for the period-costumed Confederation Players who will lead you to historical sites, or discover the city's past on your own — perhaps walking along the Historic Charlottetown Waterfront, past the landmarked red-brick buildings of Victoria



Row and down quaint Great George Street. You might even stumble across an authentic ceilidh, an informal gathering of traditional step-dancers and folk musicians, whose cheerful, lively tunes encourage everyone to join the party. In addition to P.E.I.'s strong Celtic and Gaelic heritage, other communities contribute to its culture, including French-speaking Acadians and indigenous Mi'kmaq Indian tribes.

## FOOD

Lobsters, oysters, mussels — the waters surrounding Prince Edward Island are rich in these delicacies, expertly prepared by talented chefs who know how to complement their delicate flavors. In fact, P.E.I. is ranked as one of the best foodie getaways in the world, in large part because of its incredibly fresh seafood. But there are many more culinary delights to discover, including greens, heirloom tomatoes, potatoes and other produce grown by local farmers. And what would a nice meal be without wine? Rossingnol Estate Winery, on the island's south shore, bottles Chardonnay, Cabernet and lesser-known varietals such as Ortega (a German white) and Marechal Foch (an Alsatian red). If you'd prefer something stronger, Prince Edward Distillery makes artisan-crafted spirits, including Prince Edward Potato Vodka, Prince Edward Wild Blueberry and Prince Edward Gin.

Experience the breadth of cultural and culinary offerings — and discover the immense beauty and charm — of this tiny island. Order your free visitor's guide at [tourismPEI.com](http://tourismPEI.com). \*

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## FESTIVALS

### Island Fusion

June 14–July 1, 2012

Musicians, dancers, storytellers and artisans from all over the province display their talents during this 18-day festival showcasing the island's culture. It wraps up with a big celebration on July 1, Canada Day. Visit [tourismpei.com/fusion](http://tourismpei.com/fusion).

### Summerside Lobster Carnival

July 6–15, 2012

Now in its 57th year, this weeklong summer extravaganza celebrates all things lobster — especially eating them! There's also live music, rides and games, a parade, boat races, harness racing, and more. Visit [summersidelobstercarnival.ca](http://summersidelobstercarnival.ca).

### Fall Flavours

Sept. 7–30, 2012

Sample authentic Island cuisine and discover local culinary traditions at events all across the province. Also look for Food Network guest chefs to add flavor to the festivities. Visit [fallflavours.ca](http://fallflavours.ca).

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