



Delta St. John's Newfoundland Hotel & Conference Centre • June 6-8, 2012

## MCCARTHY'S PARTY OPTIONAL PRE & POST TOUR OFFERINGS

McCarthy's Party has a variety of local tours that run daily from the hotels and Bed and Breakfasts in the St. John's area. They feature the history, culture and spectacular scenery in St. John's and the surrounding area. All tours are lead by local guides who bring forth the history, current events and anecdotes that make this area so unique. Optional tours may be booked thRu McCarthy's Party for any day prior to or after the FEI Canada Confernce. Please contact one of our dedicated staff below to book your tour.

### Contact Information

McCarthy's Party Ltd., 566 Water St., St. John's, NL A1E 1B8 or Fax to (709) 579-1000. Direct registration enquiries to McCarthy's Party Tel: (888) 660-6060 Fax: (709) 579-1000. Email: [nfldinfo@mccarthysparty.com](mailto:nfldinfo@mccarthysparty.com)

### PRE & POST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

### MURRAY PREMISES HOTEL

Blending old world charm with new world comfort, Murray Premises Hotel, St. John's first boutique hotel, creates an ambience that is truly unique. Murray Premises Hotel is situated in the heart of historic downtown St. John's and is part of one of the city's most pre-eminent historic landmarks – the Murray Premises. The Hotel overlooks the picturesque entrance to St. John's harbour, the Narrows, and is only minutes from historic Signal Hill, the Mile One Stadium, and the exciting nightlife of George Street.



All guest rooms at Murray Premises Hotel have luxury items like electric fireplaces, oversized Air Massage Tubs and towel warmers. The Hotel's Executive Suites offer guests the ultimate in comfort with towel warmers, heated floors, full-body showers, stone fireplaces and 34" LCD televisions. Our most exciting news is the addition of Wireless High Speed Internet throughout the entire building as of August 2011.

Individuals can make their reservations directly by using the toll free number 1-866-738-7773 or by emailing [info@murraypremiseshotel.com](mailto:info@murraypremiseshotel.com). Reference the "**FEI Canada**" Room Block when making your reservation to access the group's rate.

**Rate is \$219.00 per night.**

**Available from Saturday, June 2, 2012 through to Sunday, June 10, 2012.**

## **HALF-DAY TOUR OPTIONS**

### **TOUR #1 - City of Legends and the Far East of the Western World**

Today we tour old St. John's with plenty of time to see such National historic sights as Cabot Tower, Signal Hill, the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and the Roman Catholic Basilica. Hear the legends of Dead Man's Pond, and Government House and the history surrounding the Colonial Building. En route, we will also see such modern edifices as the GEO Centre, Confederation Building and City Hall. This tour will orient you and give you a feel for the history, legend and lore of St. John's, the oldest community in North America. From St. John's we will visit the National Park at Cape Spear, the most easterly point of land in North America. Here the lighthouse has been restored to circa 1836. Explore the bunkers built by Canadian soldiers in the side of the cliffs here during the Second World War. Now you can say you have been to the other "Far East" where you can stand with your back to the Atlantic and face every other being in North America - or turn your back on them. The choice is yours.



**PRICE PER PERSON: \$50.00 includes transportation with guide, entrance fees, and taxes**

### **TOUR #2 - Birds, Bergs, and the Irish Shore**

Today begins with a drive down the Southern Shore to the historic Irish outport, Bay Bulls. Here we take a boat ride out to the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve Bird Islands. The Bird Islands are home to over 100,000 Atlantic Puffins that nest here every year as well as thousands of murres and kittiwakes. In the summer months Witless Bay is also home to many humpback and minke whales. The sight of a whale showing his tail on its terminal dive in a glistening bay is one to be remembered for years to come. Be sure to bring your camera and plenty of film.



**PRICE PER PERSON: \$95.00 includes transportation to and from Bay Bulls with guide, boat tour, and taxes**

## **FULL-DAY TOUR OPTIONS**

### **TOUR #3 - Outports, Lucky Rocks, and John Guy's Colony**

Today we will go "around the Bay" along the picturesque coastline of Conception Bay, the home of pirates of centuries ago. We will stop along the in Holyrood to search for 'Lucky Rocks' on the beach. We also stop for picture taking as we make our way to Brigus, one of the historic sailing ports of Conception Bay and home of the late, famous Captain Bob Bartlett who took Perry to the North pole. Here we have the opportunity to visit Hawthorne Cottage and take 'The Walk' around the community. Lunch today is in Cupids, one of the oldest settled communities in Newfoundland. This area is celebrating its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010 of John Guy establishing a colony in this area for the Merchant Venturers in Bristol England. Lunch is catered by Viola Wells of Skipper Ben's Bed and Breakfast and the local community. After lunch we would take a walk through the museum in Cupids and visit the archaeology site where the old colony is being rediscovered. Our guide will regale you with the history culture and language of the Newfoundland people.



**PRICE PER PERSON: \$125.00 includes transportation by motor coach, McCarthy's Party guide, entrance fees, lunch, and taxes**

## **TOUR #4 - Lighthouse Picnic at the Colony of Avalon**

Today we head south of St. John's on the Irish Loop. This driving route takes us along the southern shore through communities settled by Irish immigrants in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. Our destination today is the town of Ferryland. George Calvert, later Lord Baltimore, founded the colony in 1621. Most people have no idea that permanent European settlement in North America dates so far back, and that Newfoundland played such an important role. The Ferryland settlement was "forgotten", and its remains lay undisturbed for centuries. The site is now being excavated. Constructed of stone, the buildings have left substantial remains. Archaeologists have uncovered over a million artifacts to date – gold rings, Portuguese ceramics and other unusual objects – as well as a *smithy*, a stone-walled well, a sea-flushed *privy* and the "prettie street" described in very early accounts. We will tour the interpretation centre and the Colony of Avalon site. After touring the site the group will take the leisurely 35-minute walk to the Ferryland Lighthouse. The vista for us is far more peaceful and overlooks a quiet harbour, the Ferryland Museum and the Holy Trinity Church. At the lighthouse we meet Jill Curran, the proprietor of the Ferryland Lighthouse Picnics. Jill will set the group up on blankets on the hillsides overlooking the ocean and serve them individual gourmet picnic lunches. This location has been featured by MacLean's magazine, Canada AM, and En Route magazine. After lunch we have the opportunity to take a tour of the lighthouse before we head back to Ferryland for our trip back to St. John's.



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### **Tour Policy Information**

All tour prices include HST. Changes or cancellations may be made 24 hours prior to start of tour. If an individual does not show for the tour and has not contacted McCarthy's Party prior to 24 hours, refunds will not be given. Please note that all day tours are subject to cancellation if minimum numbers are not met. Upon cancellation, refunds will be given to those registered or payment transferred to an alternate tour.

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