

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

The capital city of Nova Scotia and the largest city on the Atlantic Coast of Canada. Also the site of the largest manmade explosion (in 1917) prior to the detonation of the atomic bomb.

KEY INFO

Currency: Canadian Dollar (1 USD = 1.36 CAD) **Languages:** English
Population: 440,070 (38.93 million Canada) **Drive on the:** Right
Emergency #: 911 **Pharmacy:** Shoppers Drug Mart, 5595 Fenwick St 🌐
Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable **Protection:** Sunscreen, insect repellent (in summer)
Time Zone: GMT-4 / GMT-3 (summer) **Wi-Fi:** Port, Halifax Waterfront, Halifax Public Gardens
ID Requirements: Govt-issued photo ID **Post Office:** Canada Post, 5665 Spring Garden Rd 🌐

PORT LOCATION

Ships dock at Halifax Seaport. The primary cruise piers are Pier 22 and 20, around 20-minute walk from the city centre.

Getting Around: While a little hilly, Halifax is a walkable city, especially along the waterfront where there is a flat and smooth promenade. Public buses are offered by Halifax Transit (Single: \$4.70). Pay in exact change on the bus, or use the HFXGO App ([Apple](#) | [Android](#)). [Click for map](#)

Taxis: Available. Base rate: \$4.70 + \$1.70/km. Pay in cash or card.

Tourist Bus: There is a [HO-HO Bus](#) in Halifax (\$76.80 | 10-stops | 90-min loop | every 30-mins | 9a-2:30p)

Tourist Information: In Terminal ([Click for Visitor Guide](#) | [Click for Kids' Guide](#))

Port Facilities: Toilets, Tourist Information, Shops, Excursions, Café

Port Address: Port of Halifax, 1031 Marginal Rd, Halifax, NS B3H 4P7, Canada 🌐

HALIFAX HIGHLIGHTS

Canadian Museum of Immigration: At Pier 21, the historic pier that served as Canada's primary immigration station, where nearly one million immigrants landed between 1928 and 1971.

9:30a-5:30p | \$16.25 | At Port | 🌐 | 🗺️

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic: The oldest and largest maritime museum in Canada, housing a collection of 30,000+ artefacts, including 70 small craft and a steamship, the CSS Acadia. The museum has interesting Titanic and Halifax Explosion exhibitions and presents a platform to the indigenous Mi'kmaw people to share their experiences and knowledge of these lands and waters.

9:30a-4:30p | \$9.55 | 2km from port (30-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

Fairview Lawn Cemetery: 121 Titanic victims are buried in this cemetery (include a J. Dawson), where interpretive signage tells their story. Pretty far out, but on the HO-HO Bus route.

8a-4p (Mon-Fri) | Free | 6km from port (15-min drive) | 🌐 | 🗺️


Art Gallery of Nova Scotia: Impressive collection, displaying over 18,000 works of art by local and international artists. One of Canada's nationally significant art collections.


10a-5p | \$8 | 1.5km from port (20-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

For more: www.discoverhalifaxns.com, www.novascotia.com



Halifax Citadel National Historic Site: Built as a British defence against the French in 1749, this is a great example of a colonial era citadel. Includes a fascinating museum about Canada's involvement in the two World Wars. Military personnel on duty wear kilts... it is 'New Scotland' after all.
9a-5p | \$13.25 | 2km from port (30-min walk) |  | 



FURTHER AFIELD



Peggy's Cove: One of Nova Scotia's most recognisable landmarks - this picturesque fishing village is home to the most photographed lighthouse on the east coast of North America. [View tourist map](#)
46km from port (50-min drive) | 



Lunenburg: Another gorgeous fishing village along the south coast of Nova Scotia. Founded in 1753, this is one of the oldest British settlements in the province. Today, home to Canada's largest second fish-processing plant. 101km from port (1-hr 15-min drive) | 

SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

The Bicycle Thief: This popular Italian/American restaurant has a wonderful waterfront position along the promenade leading between the port and Maritime Museum  | 

Waterfront Warehouse: A popular seafood restaurant in a former commercial warehouse. Great choice for sampling a range of local seafood.  | 

Alexander Keith's Brewery: One of the oldest breweries in North America, established in 1820 by Scottish immigrant Alexander Keith. Popular to tour and, of course, drink.  | 

The Fog Company: For the most Instagrammable soft-serve ice cream in town, head here. Creative flavours, where ice cream is wrapped in a cloud of cotton candy and topped with an inordinate number of toppings. Prepare to get messy as you tuck in!  | 

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Amos Pewter is a renowned artisan shop known for its handcrafted pewter jewellery and ornaments. The entire process, from designing to wax carving, mould-making to casting and finishing is completed in their open studio so you can watch on and learn more about this crafting tradition. For a large range of local souvenirs, head to **Jennifer's of Nova Scotia** on the main street (Spring Garden Rd), where the work of 250+ local artisans is available to buy. For something connected to Halifax's military or nautical stories, the shops at the **Citadel and Maritime Museum** are also good options for souvenirs.

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