

# Baddeck, Nova Scotia, Canada

A quiet Cape Breton village on the shores of a UNESCO-biosphere lake, Baddeck punches above its size with world-class history, eagle-dotted waters, and the Cabot Trail at its doorstep.

Docked (public wharf)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Canadian Dollar (CAD)

English / Gaelic heritage

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ships berth at Baddeck public wharf, steps from the waterfront

**Walk to center:** 2 min — village shops and waterfront are immediately adjacent

**Best For:** History buffs, scenic lake tours, Cabot Trail day trips

**Don't Miss:** Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

Getting around: **Taxi** Metered (short rides minimal) · **Rideshare** not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site** — The world's largest collection of Bell artifacts is right here in the village — a short walk from the wharf.
- Cabot Trail Scenic Drive** — Baddeck is the traditional gateway to the Cabot Trail, consistently ranked among North America's most scenic drives.
- Bras d'Or Lake Boat Tour** — Board the WinStar double-decker tour boat from the Baddeck wharf for a narrated cruise across the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve lake.
- Kidston Island Ferry & Beach** — A short passenger ferry from the Baddeck wharf drops you on Kidston Island with a sandy beach, walking trails, and a historic lighthouse.
- Cape Breton Lobster Supper** — Nova Scotia lobster suppers are a regional institution.

## BEST WALKS

- Waterfront & Village Loop** 1.5 km · 25-30 min · Easy — Start at the Baddeck public wharf and walk along the waterfront boardwalk toward the Bell Museum on Chebucto Street.
- Baddeck to Bell Estate Viewpoint** 1 km · 15 min · Easy — From the Bell Museum grounds, follow the lakeside path to the viewpoint overlooking Bras d'Or Lake and Bell's Beinn Bhreagh estate across the water — especially...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 44°  | 30° | 14d  |
| Jun |     | 63°  | 49° | 13d  |
| Aug |     | 72°  | 61° | 13d  |
| Sep |     | 66°  | 54° | 11d  |
| Oct |     | 56°  | 45° | 12d  |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:16AM–7:50PM · Jun 5:11AM–8:55PM · Aug 6:02AM–8:11PM · Sep 6:41AM–7:13PM · Oct 7:20AM–6:15PM

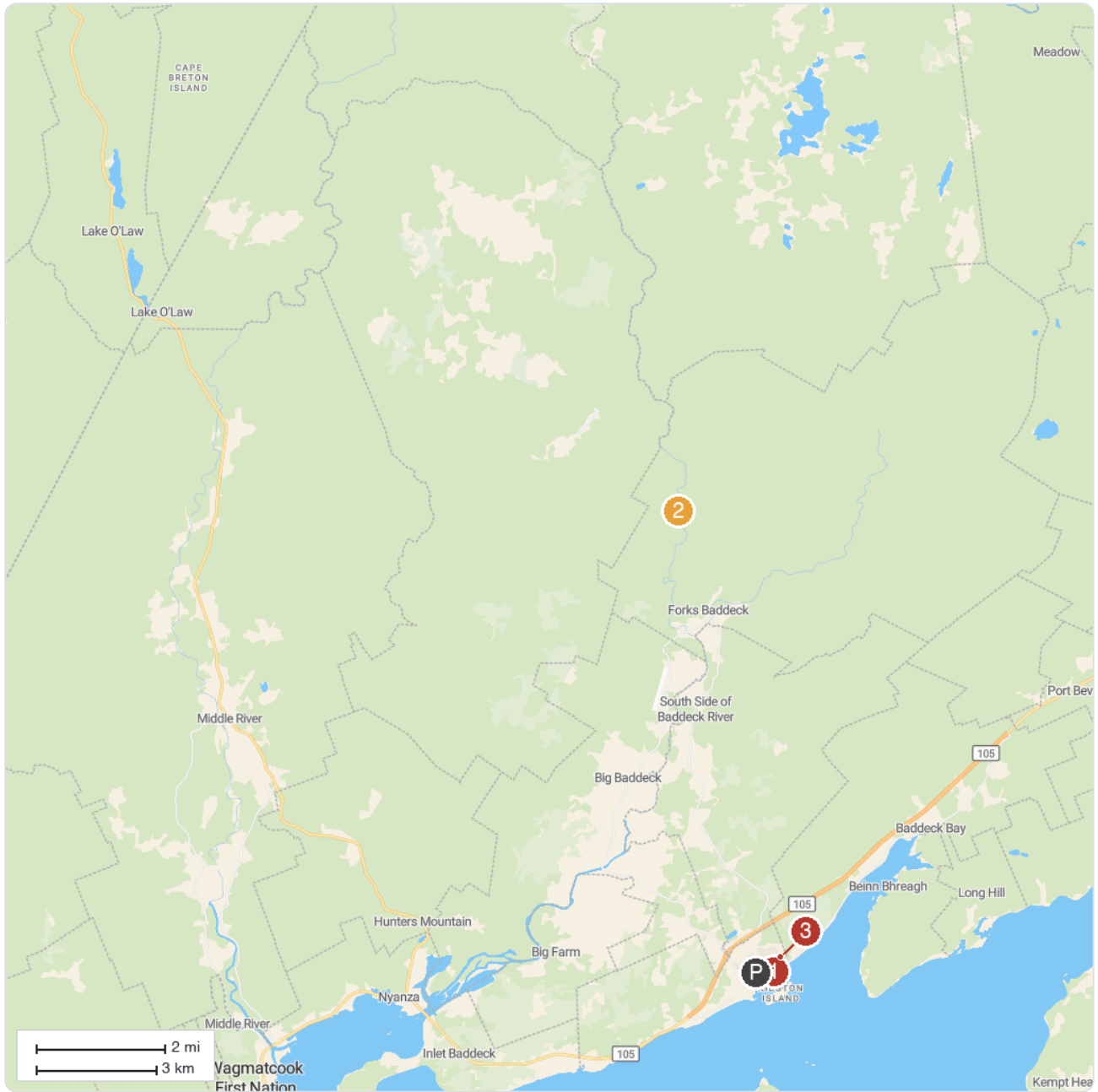
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book lobster supper early. Restaurants fill up fast on port days — reserve a slot as soon as you arrive or in advance online.
- Canadian dollars only. Most shops and restaurants accept credit cards, but carry some CAD cash for small vendors and tipping. (The Lions Club ferry to Kidston Island is free, summer only.).
- Cabot Trail needs planning. The full trail is 298 km — way more than a day allows. Book a half-day shuttle tour to hit the highland highlights and return comfortably before sail-away.
- Weather is variable. Cape Breton can be foggy or rainy even in summer. Pack a light layer — the lake breeze makes it cooler than it looks.
- Bell Museum is worth the time. Allow at least 90 minutes. The Silver Dart aircraft replica and hydrofoil displays are genuinely impressive, not just telephone trivia.
- Village is very walkable. The wharf, museum, main street shops, and waterfront are all within a 10-minute walk. No taxi or shuttle needed to see the highlights.

# Baddeck, Nova Scotia, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



**1 WinStar Cruises** It's a cruise line, not a Baddeck attraction.

**2 Uisge Bàn Falls Provincial Park**

A provincial park with beautiful waterfalls and hiking trails.

**3 Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site** A museum dedicated to Alexander Graham Bell's life and work.

**P Cruise port / terminal**