

Battle Harbour, Labrador, Canada

Once the cod-fishing capital of Labrador, Battle Harbour is a perfectly preserved 19th-century island outpost — no roads, no cars, no cell signal — just salt air, historic wharves, and the chance to spot icebergs drifting past.

Tender / Small wharf

Typical call: 4-6 hrs

Canadian Dollar (CAD)

English

National Historic Site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender or small expedition wharf; no large cruise terminal
Best For: History, remote wilderness, iceberg & whale watching

Walk to village: Steps from wharf — island is tiny, everything on foot
Don't Miss: Guided heritage walk, the historic Marconi wireless station

Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Heritage Village Walking Tour** — A guided tour of the restored outpost departs daily.
- Battle Harbour Footpath** — This 2 km easy-to-moderate trail winds past two historic cemeteries, a plane crash memorial, and Arctic vegetation — with open ocean views and...
- Great Caribou Island Traverse** — A 12 km moderate hike on nearby Great Caribou Island (speedboat transfer included).
- Iceberg & Whale Scenic Boat Tour** — Local operators run scenic boat tours around Battle Harbour and the Labrador coast in season (June–July peak for icebergs).
- Sea Kayaking** — Paddle the sheltered bay around Battle Island with expedition staff.

BEST WALKS

- Village Loop & Footpath** 2 km · Easy–Moderate · 1–1.5 hrs — Start at the wharves and walk through the restored merchant buildings and fish flakes, then pick up the Battle Harbour Footpath south through the island past the old...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		35°	26°	13d
Jun		52°	41°	15d
Aug		63°	52°	14d
Sep		56°	45°	14d
Oct		47°	38°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:14AM–8:10PM · Jun 4:50AM–9:35PM · Aug 5:56AM–8:35PM · Sep 6:47AM–7:26PM · Oct 7:38AM–6:16PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Iceberg season peaks June–July. If your ship calls in this window, scan the bay on arrival — bergs can drift within sight of the wharves.
- No cell service on the island. Download offline maps before you go. Free Wi-Fi is available at The Loft pub if you need to check in.
- Wear sturdy shoes. The island has no paved surfaces — boardwalks, bare rock, and gravel paths are the norm. Flip flops will get you nowhere.
- Bring some Canadian cash. The island store and pub may not have reliable card payment. CAD is the currency; nearest ATM is in Mary's Harbour on the mainland.
- Layer up even in summer. Labrador coastal weather is unpredictable — fog, wind, and cold snaps are common even in July. A windproof shell is essential.
- The free guided tour departs at 1:30 PM daily. Check with island staff as cruise calls may affect timing. It's the single best way to understand what you're looking at.

Battle Harbour, Labrador, 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 James the Apostle** Church of St. James. Consecrated in 1857, this Gothic Revival clapboard church is the oldest surviving Anglican church in Labrador.

- 3 Grenfell Hospital Site** The location of Dr. Wilfred Grenfell's first hospital outside St. John's, established in 1893 to serve Labrador's fishing communities.

- 2 Isaac Smith House** Battle Harbour's oldest residence, dating from around 1830, a classic 'biscuit box' outport dwelling preserved as part of the historic district.

- P Cruise port / terminal**