

Cartwright, Labrador, Canada

One of Atlantic Canada's most remote cruise calls, Cartwright opens a door to raw boreal wilderness, Viking-named beaches stretching 56 km, and a small-town warmth that few travellers ever encounter.

Tender port

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Canadian Dollar (CAD)

English

Wilderness destination

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to small craft harbour — no cruise pier

Best For: Wilderness hiking, Viking history, seabird watching

Walk to centre: 5 min from tender dock to town centre

Don't Miss: Flagstaff Hill trail and views to the Wonderstrands

Getting around: Taxi Varies — confirm on arrival

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Flagstaff Hill Trail & Viking Views** — A short but rewarding hike to the historic cannons atop Flagstaff Hill, with panoramic views over Sandwich Bay and a distant glimpse of the...
- Experience Labrador History & Culture Tour** — A locally-guided tour exploring Cartwright's Inuit, Métis, and settler heritage, including the Mealy Mountain Gallery craft shop and insights into...
- Boat Tour to Gannet Islands Ecological Reserve** — About 40 km northeast of Cartwright, the Gannet Islands host the largest seabird colony in Labrador — Atlantic puffins, common murre, and the...
- Kayaking Sandwich Bay** — Paddle the sheltered waters of Sandwich Bay surrounded by boreal forest and dramatic Labrador coastline.
- Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve Day Hike** — Canada's newest national park reserve (10,700 km²) is accessible from Cartwright by boat or outfitter.

BEST WALKS

- Town & Flagstaff Hill Loop** 2.5 km | ~1 hr | Easy-Moderate — From the tender dock, walk through Cartwright's small centre past the Mealy Mountain Gallery, then follow the Flagstaff Hill Hiking Trail (marked by Labrador flag rocks)...
- Waterfront Stroll** 1 km | 20 min | Easy — A short, flat walk along the Cartwright waterfront for views of the anchored ship, fishing boats, and the wide expanse of Sandwich Bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		35°	23°	12d
Jun		55°	40°	14d
Aug		65°	51°	15d
Sep		56°	43°	14d
Oct		46°	36°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:47AM–7:49PM · Jun 4:17AM–9:20PM · Aug 5:27AM–8:15PM · Sep 6:22AM–7:02PM · Oct 7:16AM–5:50PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (America/Goose_Bay). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender early:** Cartwright is a small community — if many ships call on the same day, tenders and local tours fill up fast. Get in the first tender wave.
- Layer up:** Labrador weather is unpredictable even in summer. Wind, fog, and rain can arrive quickly; bring a waterproof jacket even on sunny mornings.
- Cash is king:** Cartwright has very limited card payment infrastructure. Bring Canadian dollars (CAD) for the gallery, tours, and any local purchases.
- No reliable cell coverage:** Download offline maps (Maps.me or Google Offline) and any excursion confirmations before you arrive in Labrador.
- Seabirds in season:** The Gannet Islands boat trip is one of Labrador's great wildlife experiences, but capacity is tiny — book it months in advance through Experience Labrador Tours.
- Souvenir tip:** The Mealy Mountain Gallery at Experience Labrador Tours is the best place for local crafts and Labrador-made gifts. Small selection, authentic quality.

Cartwright, 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 Flagstaff Hill A hiking trail lined with Labrador-flag-painted rocks leads to a hilltop site with two 18th-century cannons placed by Captain George Cartwright to guard the harbour.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Fishing Point Municipal Park A small waterfront park near the harbour with walking paths and views over the bay.