

Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada

This is Labrador's inland hub: a working port at Terrington Basin, a major RCAF base, and a gateway to Lake Melville, Indigenous culture, and vast boreal country. Expect practical shuttles rather than a cruise terminal, and a shore day that feels far from the usual circuit.

- Working pier / possible tender
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Canadian Dollar (CAD)
- English
- Labrador wilderness

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Terrington Basin working docks; smaller expedition ships may dock

Walk to town: About 5-6 km; use the ship shuttle

Best For: Military history, Indigenous culture, boreal walks

Don't Miss: Labrador Military Museum and Birch Island trails

Getting around: Taxi CAD — Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Labrador Military Museum** — Visit the museum at 5 Wing Goose Bay to understand the town's WWII origins, the Atlantic ferry route, Cold War air operations, and the international...
- Indigenous Culture Program** — Cruise lines sometimes arrange performances, storytelling, craft demonstrations, or community visits highlighting Innu, Inuit, and Southern Inuit...
- Birch Island Boardwalk & Boreal Forest** — A low-key nature stop close to town, with boardwalks and trails through spruce, birch, wetlands, and Labrador plant life.
- North West River Scenic Outing** — Drive about 35 km northeast on Route 520 to the historic community of North West River, with its white sandy beach on Lake Melville, a waterfront...
- Mealy Mountains Flightseeing** — On long calls, specialty operators may offer scenic flights toward Akami-Uapishk^U-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve, a roadless...

BEST WALKS

- Birch Island Trail** 1-3 km | 45-90 min | Easy — Use the shuttle or a taxi to reach Birch Island, then follow the boardwalk and gravel paths through boreal forest and wetlands.
- Town Centre Stroll** 1.5 km | 30-45 min | Easy — If your shuttle drops near the commercial centre, walk between local shops and cafes around Hamilton River Road, then return to the shuttle point.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:01AM–8:02PM · Jun 4:33AM–9:31PM · Aug 5:42AM–8:28PM · Sep 6:36AM–7:16PM · Oct 7:29AM–6:04PM	
Apr	36°	22°	13d		
Jun	61°	43°	14d		
Aug	69°	53°	15d		
Sep	59°	45°	15d		
Oct	47°	35°	12d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use the shuttle: Terrington Basin is about 5-6 km from the town centre and has industrial traffic, dust, and limited pedestrian infrastructure.
- Pack serious insect repellent: Mosquitoes and blackflies can be intense from late June through August, especially near trails and wetlands.
- Dress for Labrador swings: Summer days can move from warm sun to cold wind or rain quickly. A windproof shell is worth carrying.
- Canadian dollars help: Cards work in town, but cash is useful for small vendors, local crafts, and backup if connectivity is slow.
- Download maps first: Cell service is generally fine in town, but it can fade quickly outside the community or on wilderness excursions.
- Respect wild country: Stay on marked trails, avoid carrying open food on nature walks, and follow local advice about black bear safety.

Happy Valley-Goose Bay, 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 Labrador Military Museum

Explore Labrador's military history and artifacts.

P Cruise port / terminal