

L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, Canada

Stand where Viking explorer Leif Erikson stood around 1000 CE — the first known European settlement in the Americas. This remote UNESCO site delivers wind-swept history, floating icebergs, and wild Newfoundland scenery with almost no tourist crowds.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Canadian Dollar (CAD)

English (Newfoundland dialect)

Iceberg Alley (June–July)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore, Zodiacs/tenders to local wharf

Best For: History buffs, expedition travelers, iceberg watchers

Walk to site: ~5 min walk from tender wharf to Parks Canada Visitor Centre

Don't Miss: Norstead Viking replica village; Norseman Restaurant wild game & seafood

Getting around: Taxi Varies

TOP THINGS TO DO

- L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site** — Parks Canada's flagship site includes the authentic archaeological remains of the Norse settlement, reconstructed sod longhouses, and costumed...
 - Norstead Viking Village** — Just 2 km from the Parks Canada site, Norstead is a living-history replica of a Viking port of trade circa 1000 CE.
 - Iceberg & Whale Watching Boat Tour** — L'Anse aux Meadows sits on Iceberg Alley — from late May through July, enormous bergs drift
- past the coast.

 - Coastal Hiking Trails** — The Birchy Nuddick Trail starts near the Parks Canada visitor centre and winds along dramatic Atlantic coastline, through wind-sculpted tuckamore...
 - Newfoundland Wild Food & Screech-In** — Dine on fresh Atlantic cod, wild moose, local scallops, and bakeapple (cloudberry) desserts at the Norseman Restaurant on the waterfront.

BEST WALKS

- Tender Wharf to Viking Ruins** 0.8 km · 10 min · Easy · Flat gravel path & boardwalk — A flat, well-signed walk from the local tender wharf to the Parks Canada Visitor Centre and then out to the actual sod-house remains and archaeological mounds.
- Birchy Nuddick Trail Loop** 3 km · 1 hr · Easy-moderate · Coastal cliffs & bog — Starting at the visitor centre, this loop trail traces the rocky Atlantic shoreline through tuckamore forest and boardwalk over bog to open cliff-top viewpoints, with...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		41°	26°	13d
Jun		63°	45°	12d
Aug		71°	55°	13d
Sep		63°	48°	12d
Oct		52°	39°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:22AM–8:04PM · Jun 5:10AM–9:16PM · Aug 6:07AM–8:26PM · Sep 6:50AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:33AM–6:22PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up, every time. Weather at the tip of Newfoundland changes fast — sunshine can flip to fog and 5°C in an hour. Windproof jacket, warm hat, and waterproof boots are essential even in summer.
- Sort transport before you tender. If your ship anchors in St. Anthony, the shuttle bus fills quickly. Book the ship excursion or arrange a taxi in advance — there is no public transit and very few taxis in the area.
- Best months: June–August. June and July are prime iceberg season. August is warmest and least foggy. Outside these months, many local attractions and the Norseman Restaurant may be closed.
- Reserve the Norseman Restaurant. It is the best meal on the peninsula and gets packed on cruise days. Try the bakeapple cheesecake and fresh-caught cod.
- Stop at the Dark Tickle Company in Griquet (on the road from St. Anthony) for free samples and jams made from cloudberry, partridgeberry, and wild blueberries — unique Newfoundland flavors you won't find elsewhere.
- Bring insect repellent. When the wind drops in July and August, blackflies and mosquitoes can be relentless in the bog and forest areas near the trails.

L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, 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.



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| 1 L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site | See authentic Viking settlement ruins and reconstructed longhouses. | 2 Norstead | Experience a living history Viking village with costumed interpreters. |
| 3 Pistolet Bay Provincial Park | Enjoy scenic coastal views, hiking trails, and picnic areas. | P Cruise port / terminal | |