

Sable Island, Nova Scotia, Canada

A sliver of sand 300 km from Halifax, Sable Island is one of the world's most restricted and otherworldly destinations — wild horses roam freely, grey seals haul out by the thousands, and every visit requires Parks Canada coordination.

 Tender / Zodiac (no pier)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Canadian Dollar (CAD)

 English

 Expedition only — small ships

🏖 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac or small boat landing — no pier or dock; weather-dependent

Best For: Wildlife lovers, photographers, bucket-list expeditions

Walk to center: No town; exploration on foot along open beach and dunes

Don't Miss: Wild horses on the beach and grey seal colonies at the haul-outs

 Getting around:  **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Wild Horse Encounters** — Roughly 500 feral horses descended from 18th-century livestock roam freely across the island.
 - Grey Seal Colony** — One of the world's largest grey seal breeding colonies calls Sable Island home — over 100,000 animals.
- Shipwreck Dunes & Beach Walk** — The 'Graveyard of the Atlantic' — over 350 documented shipwrecks around Sable Island.
 - Birdwatching** — Sable Island is a key stopover for migratory birds.

BEST WALKS

- South Beach & Seal Haul-out** 2-4 km | Easy | 1-2 hrs — From the Zodiac landing point, walk east along the wide south beach to reach the main grey seal haul-out areas.
- Parks Canada Station Loop** 1-2 km | Easy | 45 min — A short walk to the Parks Canada weather and research station — the only permanent human presence on the island.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	42°	37°	14d
Jun	54°	50°	11d
Aug	68°	65°	10d
Sep	65°	62°	9d
Oct	59°	54°	12d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:16AM–7:43PM · Jun 5:16AM–8:43PM · Aug 6:04AM–8:03PM · Sep 6:39AM–7:09PM · Oct 7:14AM–6:15PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Weather rules everything. Shore landings can be cancelled or cut short by swells — this is non-negotiable. Have a flexible mindset and pack layers.
- No touching the horses. Parks Canada strictly enforces a hands-off policy. Stay at least 20 metres away. Fines apply.
- Waterproof footwear is essential. Zodiac landings are wet. Wellies or waterproof hiking boots with good ankle support for soft sand.