



SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

Sydney is the largest city on Cape Breton Island, with a rich steel and coal mining history and surrounded by stunning scenery. As the island's main port, it's a convenient hub of the island. Famous for its 'Big Fiddle' - the largest fiddle in the world

KEY INFO

Currency: Canadian Dollar (1 USD = 1.36 CAD) **Languages:** English
Population: 30,960 (38.93 million Canada) **Drive on the:** Right
Emergency #: 911 **Pharmacy:** Shoppers Drug Mart, 254 Prince St 
Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable **Protection:** Sunscreen, insect repellent (in summer)
Time Zone: GMT-4 / GMT-3 (summer) **Wi-Fi:** Port
ID Requirements: Govt-issued photo ID **Post Office:** Canada Post, 254 Prince St 

PORT LOCATION

Ships dock at the Joan Harris Cruise Pavilion, a short (500m, 10-min walk) distance from the town centre

Getting Around: Walking is the easiest way to explore Sydney - turn right out of the port area and follow the Esplanade until you reach Pitt Street. One block up is Charlotte Street, which is the main street running through the town, with shops and museums. Public buses are available, served by [Transit Cape Breton](#) (\$1.25 per zone). [Click for map](#)

Taxis: Available. Some taxi drivers also offer tours. Pay in cash or card.


Tourist Bus: There is no Sightseeing Bus in Sydney

Tourist Information: In Terminal

Port Facilities: Toilets, Tourist Information, Shops, Excursions, Café

Port Address: Port of Sydney, 90 Esplanade, Sydney, NS B1P 1A1, Canada 

SYDNEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Big Fiddle: Right at the cruise ship terminal is the largest fiddle in the world - a nod to Nova Scotia's folk music heritage, this fiddle is 18m tall. [24 Hours](#) | [Free](#) | [At Port](#) | 

The Sydney Museum: In the old Bank of Montreal building on Charlotte Street, this regional museum tells the history of local society and offers a fun scavenger hunt for kids.

Jost Heritage House: Built in 1786, this house is one of the oldest buildings on the island. Now presented as a living museum, run by local volunteers.

9a-3p (Mon-Fri) | \$3 | 350m from port (5-min walk) |  | 

Cossitt House Museum: Another historic house museum in the old town of Sydney. Built in 1787 and staffed by local volunteers in period costume.

9:30a-4:30p (Tue-Sat) | \$2 | 280m from port (4-min walk) |  | 

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FURTHER AFIELD

Cape Breton Miners Museum: This Miners Museum tells the story of mining in the region and gives the opportunity to enter the former mining tunnels. To access via public bus, take Route 1 to Glace Bay.

10a-6p | \$17.39 | 21.8km from port (30-min drive) |  | 

Cape Breton Highlands National Park: Much of the island is gorgeous nature and the Cabot Trail is a wonderful scenic highway threading its way through the national park.

9a-5p (Visitor Centres) | \$9 | Starts 85km from port (1-hr drive) |  | 



Fortress of Louisbourg: An 18th Century French fortress (1713) on the coast, to the south of Sydney.

9:30a-5p | \$19.75 | 44km from port (50-min drive) |  | 

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site: A museum dedicated to the work of the famous inventor. Focusing on his prototypes and inventions that didn't necessarily work out. In Baddeck village.

9a-5p | \$9 | 78km from port (1-hr drive) |  | 

SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

Governor's Pub & Eatery: Waterfront pub with two dining rooms and an outdoor terrace. Live music over lunch, bringing an authentic Nova Scotian folk flair to the experience. Serves hearty pub grub, including **Poutine** and **lobster**.  | 

Island Folk Cider House: The only craft cider brewery in town. In the old town, close to the ship.  | 

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Charlotte Street is the main shopping street in town and there are several crafts stores along the road selling works by dozens of Cape Breton artisans. The **Cape Breton Centre for Craft & Design** is a good place to start. On cruise ship days, locals often put on a **craft fair in the terminal building**, so you don't have to go far to get your hands on some authentic locally made keepsakes.

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