



## Cultural Explorer

*You seek constant opportunities to embrace, discover, and immerse yourself in the entire experience of the culture, people and settings of the places you visit. Not content to just visit historic sites and watch from the sidelines, you want to participate in the modern-day culture as well. You often attempt to converse with locals, attend local cultural festivals, or go off the beaten track to discover how people truly live.*

You knew that Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, but what you see now is genius on an even larger scale! Looking up towards the large kites that hang down from the ceiling of “Air”, you find it hard to imagine that a structure only made of tetra cells and a bit of silk could lift a man into the Baddeck sky, but photos and videos are here to prove it!

Bell was actually in the race for the first powered flight, but he didn't want to risk the life of his pilots. He thought kites were safer, and tested them over the lake to cushion any fall. You like Bell even more for his humanity.

While talking with a guide, you learn that the inventor became a local benefactor. The guide explains that Bell's experiments employed many people in the Village of Baddeck. His wife also contributed a lot to the community, setting up a library and a women's club.

Also in the vanguard of education, Bell taught children to learn by experimenting. He and Mabel even founded Canada's first Montessori school on their Beinn Bhreagh estate!

**Speak to our Parks Canada staff to make the most of your visit!**  
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## For the **Cultural Explorer** we suggest...

**Beinn Bhreagh** - In a film, hear childhood recollections of Bell's daughters in Baddeck. A guide will tell you more about Beinn Bhreagh today. Did you know that Bell's great grandson still lives on the estate?

**Quirky Stories** - Ask one of our guides to tell you about Bell's quirky personality. Hear about his fear of the full moon, his animal-shaped balloons and how he revived a sheep!

**Bell's Aerial Experiment Association** - Bell couldn't have created his flying machines without the help of a squad of young engineers and pilots. Hear about the adventures of these aviation pioneers.

**The world's fastest boat** - Marvel at the huge reconstruction of Bell's hydrofoil boat and compare it to the remains of the original HD-4, which was created as a contribution to the war effort. Discover the beauty of a propeller that Bell designed with... Venetian blinds!

**It's your turn!** - Learn the principles of flight as you build your own kite. Then decorate it according to your taste – sometimes Bell gave them animal shapes – and fly it in Baddeck's sky!

**Your cup of Tea?** – Join us in our beautiful rooftop gardens for our Old Time Afternoon Garden Social, where you will step back in time and meet a special visitor from 1900s Baddeck.

At the **Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site**, you also might enjoy....

**A multicultural society** – Exhibits show the many faces of Louisbourg: nuns and soldiers, slaves and Mi'kmaq. They all lived here and took part in the prosperity of the colonial town.

