



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.

Seals and cod fish have always been staples in Newfoundland.

In Old Port au Choix you hear the life story of M. Gaslard, a French fisherman who jumped ship and settled here in 1904. For generations, the wind wafted the smell of cod that was drying on the wharves into the village. Now the fishermen you meet are into shrimp or halibut, and the fish is often processed at the local fish plant.

Like Dorset seal hunters did for hundreds of years, you climb up to Crow Head to get a good view. From this windswept headland, the grey and black coat of seals can be spotted against the white ice. In winter, that is. This place is so cold and windy in winter that if you were to come back you'll think about wearing sealskin boots and mitts. They are so soft and warm!

Feel the spirit of the drum as it echoes the unity and heartbeat of the People. Interact with an Inuit throat singer and drummer who connects cultures, past and present.



For the Cultural Explorer we suggest...

A Place Like No Other- Hike to Phillip's Garden, where Palaeoeskimos built a settlement 2,800 years ago. On the way, be on the lookout for rare flowers and fossils preserved in the limestone.



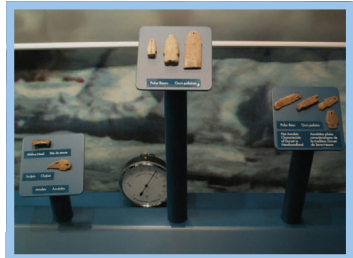
Seal, the great provider - Palaeoeskimos already hunted seals some 2,000 years ago in Port au Choix. Find out why seals have always been an important part of the local culture. Meet one of few remaining sealskin boot makers. You can even learn how to make boots or mitts with sealskin!

French Deserters - Hear the life story of M. Gaslard, who settled in Newfoundland after fleeing a French fishing boat. Hear how he avoided capture by hiding under a wood pile. Visit Old Port au Choix and view a Bread Oven and a replica of a French fishing boat, a Chaloupe.



Aboriginal Artist in Residence— Meet an Inuit throat singer and drum dancer and experience the hypnotic rhythm of her voice and drum. Immerse yourself in her heritage as she shares her traditional stories and crafts.

Nature's Food Basket! - Can you recognize the bakeapple? Or the partridgeberry? Locals pick them in the summer and fall. Taste one of their delicious sauces, syrups and jams!



Where the invisible is visible again- Connect with past cultures through artefacts that were hidden from sight for thousands of years. View a film about the archaeological work done over the years and see exhibits of beautifully presented artefacts.

