



Red Bay
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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.

In Red Bay Labrador, the dramatic history of 16th century Basque whaling has left behind a rich and unique heritage.

Journey into the past at Red Bay National Historic Site and discover how Basque men built one of the most important whaling industries of its time. Extensive archaeology has revealed artifacts that help to tell the tales of daily life and the struggle to survive. Follow in the footsteps of former inhabitants as you walk along the trail on Saddle Island. Hear their compelling stories based on original documents found in the Spanish Archives and relive moments when fishermen bravely ventured out to sea in pursuit of the highly prized right and bowhead whales.

While in the area take time to chat with local residents and enjoy some of their warm hospitality. Tea boiled over an open fire, some salt fish and homemade bread with jam accompanied by story-telling and music will give you a taste of a centuries-old outdoor tradition.

The beautiful natural landscapes, the fascinating history and the rich culture are guaranteed to captivate and satisfy you. It's an exceptional vacation you'll never forget!

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

Echoes from the Past- Prepare to be swept up into the 16th century when you take a brief boat ride to Saddle Island and walk the 1.7 km. trail. Along the way, you will encounter ghostly Basque figures, each with a story to tell of the daily life of the whalers.

A Whaler and His Wife- A Sad Farewell -Hear how women had to cope when their men left for months at a time on whaling expeditions. You will be moved as costumed interpreters at the Visitor Interpretation Centre give a dramatic portrayal of the hardships when a couple was separated.

Sunday Afternoon Tea - Enjoy featured guests and various special events along with tea and pastries every Sunday afternoon at the Point Amour Lighthouse.

Reflecting on the Past - Drop by the Labrador Straits Museum and view the many exhibits on life in the Labrador Straits in the 19th and 20th centuries. Enjoy demonstrations of traditional skills of the area and then choose a special item to purchase as a souvenir of your visit.

Tea and Toutons with Aunt Lou -Have a serving of tea and toutons with molasses, accompanied by stories from Aunt Lou, a midwife who delivered over 500 babies in her time.

Labrador Culture - Spend an evening experiencing Labrador traditions, crafts and remedies with Valerie and learn how to make Hazel's fabulous molasses candy

