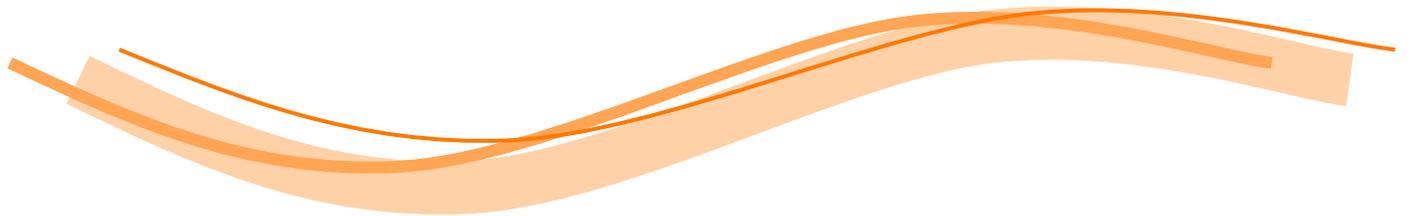




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Prince Edward Island is Canada's smallest and greenest province. Cradled on the waves of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Island is known for the vivid colours of its gently rolling landscape, surrounded by miles of sandy beaches and red sandstone cliffs. It's sized just right for touring!

This beautiful Island destination is made for relaxing beach vacations, but it's also wonderful for bicycling, hiking, kayaking, fishing, birding, cultural experiences, dining delights and of course, magnificent golfing opportunities.

Check out www.tourismpei.com and order your free Visitors Guide. Tourist can also access Prince Edward Island travel information with a mobile app for their iPhones, BlackBerries, and other mobile devices. Features include events calendar, restaurant listings, places to stay and what's around you.

Golf: PEI is the perfect golf destination with over thirty golf courses – including ten within Canada's top 100. The **Third Annual Couples Golf Tournament** will be held July 10-14, 2011 promising five days and four nights of world-class golf, out-of-this-world dining, unique Island Experiences, and a vacation that you'll both remember for a lifetime.

Cuisine: And after a round of golf, what better than to sample the wonderful **cuisine** of the island? PEI is a culinary dream come true with flourishing gourmet restaurants and distilleries. Experience mouth watering food first hand with authentic PEI culinary experiences. For instance - choose and cook your own lobster, or kayak to gather clams and then enjoy clam chowder on the beach. Tour the "PEI Flavours Culinary Trail" - your guide to some of the Island's most unique and exciting culinary attractions.

Food Festivals: There are two exciting food festivals - the "**PEI International Shellfish Festival**" September 17-19, 2011 and the Prince Edward Island "**Fall Flavours**" September 03-30, 2011 which will feature over 250 culinary and cultural events taking place in communities across Prince Edward Island. The event is hosted by Chef Michael Smith, an Island original and host of Food Network's series "Chef Abroad".

Festivals abound throughout PEI. Celebrate PEI traditions at "**Island Fusion**" which kicks off on June 16, 2011 and runs through July 03, 2011. All over the Island, musicians, dancers, storytellers, actors, and artisans will demonstrate their gifts

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	<p>and bring to life the rich culture that took root here long ago - and continues to flourish on Prince Edward Island.</p> <p>Highlights include the Rollo Bay Bluegrass Festival, Summerside Highland Gathering, PEI Fiddle Camp, Sunday Night Shenanigans, the Victoria Playhouse Festival, the Scotchfort Pow Wow, Canada Day festivities, and College of Piping Ceilidhs. Studio tours feature hands - on arts & crafts workshops and don't miss a brand new show "Come-all-ye!"</p> <p>The 3rd annual "Cavendish Beach Music Festival" is being held in July 7 - 10, 2011. Big headliners like Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, Johnny Reid and Trace Adkins will entertain large crowds.</p> <p>Of course for many, PEI is still the setting for Lucy Maud Montgomery's treasured novel, Anne of Green Gables - whose much beloved character gives readers a small, exquisite taste of an Island life that can be savoured first-hand by visitors.</p> <p>Check out the website at: www.TourismPEI.com</p>
Location	<p>Prince Edward Island is located in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on Canada's east coast and is separated from mainland Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, by the Northumberland Strait.</p>
Geography	<p>The Island is 224 km long and from 6 to 64 km wide and the total area is 5,660 square kilometers.</p> <p>No place in the province is more than 16 km from the sea.</p> <p>The highest point of land is located at Springton in Queens County (152 metres above sea level).</p> <p>There are three counties, Prince, Queens and Kings.</p> <p>The Island is formed from sedimentary bed rock of soft, red sandstone which produces the rich, red soil. The redness of the soil is due to the high iron-oxide content.</p>
Name	<p>The French called the land Ile Saint- Jean while to the British the Island was known as St. John's Island.</p> <p>On November 29 1798, Great Britain granted approval to change the colony's name from St. John's Island to Prince Edward Island to distinguish it from similar names in the Atlantic, such as the cities of Saint John and St. John's. The colony's new name honoured the fourth son of King George III, Prince Edward Augustus, the Duke of Kent (1767–1820), who was in charge of all British military forces on the continent as Commander-in-Chief, North America and was headquartered in Halifax. Prince Edward was also the father of Queen Victoria.</p>

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Population	The population of PEI is approximately 140,000. Around 56% of the population is rural and the majority of the population is of British ancestry.
Language	English, but approximately 11% of the population also speak French
Tipping	As the rest of Canada
Government	The Legislative Assembly is a unicameral Parliament responsible for the enactment of legislation, and contains 27 seats. The current Premier of the Province is the Honourable Robert Ghiz. There are four Members of Parliament who represent PEI in the House of Commons. The Province also has a Lieutenant Governor, who is the Queen's provincial representative.
Time zone	PEI is in the Atlantic Time (AST) zone
Health	Remember to ensure that you have out-of-province travel insurance
Safety tips	Beware over-eating! This is a seriously safe destination.

CLIMATE	
General climate	Spring is comfortable. Late May and early June are alive with colour and temperatures usually range from 8 to 22 degrees C. Summer is hot, but rarely humid. We wear short sleeves. Daytime temperatures are usually in the 20's and can go as high as 32 degrees C. Autumn is clear and bright. September afternoons can be quite warm, evenings cool. Temperatures range from 8 to 22 degrees C. Winter is crisp and clean. Temperatures usually range from -3 to -11 degrees C.
Today's weather	9 degrees Centigrade and sun/cloud mix (30 April 2011)
Best time to visit	May to October is perfect There are two lobster seasons. The first runs from approximately the 1st of May to the end of June on the north side of PEI from North Cape to East Point and along the east coast to Victoria. The second season runs from approximately mid-August to mid-October on the south side of PEI from west of Victoria to North Cape

GETTING THERE	
Flying time	90 minutes from Montreal with regular flights to Charlottetown with Air Canada Jazz
Cities	There are two cities in the province - Charlottetown (capital city) located in Queens County and Summerside located in Prince County. There are also 7 towns - Alberton, Cornwall, Georgetown, Kensington, Montague, Souris and Stratford. Charlottetown: It's not hard to figure out why early settlers put the province's political and cultural capital where they did... It's on a point of

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	<p>land between two rivers and within a large protected harbor. For ship captains plying the seas, this quiet harbor with ample anchorage and wharf space must have been a welcome sight. Of course, travelers rarely arrive by water these days (unless a cruise ship is in port), but the city's harbour-side location translates into a lovely setting for one of Atlantic Canada's most graceful and relaxed cities.</p> <p>Named after Queen Charlotte, consort of King George III, Charlottetown is home to some 40,000 people - nearly one of every three islanders. The city is famous for hosting the 1864 conference that 3 years later led to the creation of the independent Dominion of Canada. For this reason, you're never far from the word confederation, which graces buildings, malls, and bridges. (In a historic twist, PEI itself actually declined to join the new confederation until 1873.)</p> <p>Today, the downtown has a brisk and busy feel to it, with a pleasing mix of modern and Victorian commercial buildings, as well as government and cultural centers. Outside the business core, you'll find leafy streets and large, elegant homes dating from various eras, with the most dramatic from the late 19th century. Charlottetown is also blessed with a number of pocket parks, which provide a quiet respite amid the gentle clamor.</p> <p>Charlottetown is centrally located and serves admirably as a base for exploring the rest of the island (only the far western coast is a bit distant for relaxed day tripping). You can be touring Green Gables, relaxing on a north shore beach, or teeing off at Brudenell Provincial Park within 45 minutes of leaving Charlottetown. The capital has the island's best selection of inns and hotels, and a fine assortment of restaurants that ensure you can dine out every night for a week and still be pleasantly surprised.</p>
<p>Distances</p>	<p>Prince Edward Island is roughly 1600 km from Toronto and 1000 km from Montréal (approx 12 hours drive time)</p> <p>If you're driving to PEI, you'll arrive via the Confederation Bridge, which opened with justifiable fanfare in June 1997. Sometimes you'll hear it referred to as the "fixed link," a reference to the guarantee Canada made in 1873 to provide a permanent link from the mainland. The dramatic 13km bridge is open 24 hours a day and takes about 10 to 12 minutes to cross. Unless you're high up in a van, a truck, or an RV, the views are mostly obstructed by the barriers that form the guardrails along the sides. The bridge toll is \$40 round-trip for cars, \$45 for campers and RVs. No fare is paid when you travel to the island; the entire toll is collected when you leave.</p>

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Ferries	Ferry service from Wood Island, PEI to Caribou, Nova Scotia runs for 8 months of the year (May 01 to December 20) - weather and ice permitting. Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine : C.T.M.A. offers regular ferry service from Cap-aux-Meules, Îles-de-la-madeleine, Québec to Souris, Prince Edward Island.
Trains	There are none now, but the old rail tracks have been converted in to The Confederation Trail , a wonderful hiking and biking trail.
Car Rental	Most major car rental companies operate in PEI
Buses	The Shuttle provides daily service in the summer from Charlottetown to Cavendish

ACCOMMODATION TYPES	<p>No matter what your tastes in a place to stay during your vacation, you're sure to find what you're looking for on Prince Edward Island. The island is covered with a network of Visitor Information Centres and Island Welcome Centres where you'll always find friendly, knowledgeable Islanders ready to help you with your vacation needs. Start planning your vacation right away with Tourism PEI's Island Getaway Packages - visit www.bookpei.com for Anne packages or www.golfpei.ca/packages for golf packages and book your accommodations and activities yourself.</p> <p>Our prize hotel featured this year is The Hotel on Pownal, in the heart of Charlottetown (see section at end for details).</p> <p>Dalvay-by-the-Sea is a famous Tudor-style mansion built in 1895 and is now an intimate luxury inn.</p> <p>Camping: Prince Edward Island's network of Provincial Parks has 11 camping parks and 14 day use parks which offer spectacular beaches, beautiful scenery, nature trails and lots of outdoor recreation and interpretive programs. Campground parks offer facilities for overnight camping, as well as general recreational use and our day use parks are a wonderful place for swimming, outdoor sports, picnics and other outdoor experiences.</p>
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TARGET GROUPS	
Kids	<p>In the Get Together package section of PEI's website you will find some fantastic ideas for getting the gang together. They start with packages priced for families, then add cultural experiences and fun ideas for couples or groups.</p> <p>While most kids will insist that the vacation include at least one theme park visit, don't limit your vacation to fun parks; take a look at these suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take a ride on the mini-train at Elmira. - Learn all about windmills at North Cape. - Take a walk with an interpreter in PEI National Park.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy free Charlottetown Festival outdoor theatre at lunch time. - Play one of the many mini-golf courses on the island - Take a boat tour (kayaking, seal watching, deep-sea fishing, harbour tour...) - Enjoy the traditional sport of harness racing. - Climb to the top of a lighthouse. - Eat ice cream: the PEI variety is divine!
Teens	Windsurfing, biking, fishing, lighthouses, beaches – there’s plenty for the older kids on PEI.
Romance	Sea of Love: As you might expect, romance is on the agenda in PEI’s Sea of Love packages. PEI is the perfect place to reconnect with your partner. Guaranteed, there is no more romantic setting than a sandy beach with the sound of the surf as a backdrop. Or a cozy cottage with a fireplace, romantic movies and your own personal chef.
Honeymoons & Weddings	<p>Why does an Island wedding on an Island beach seem so much more romantic than the same event at a mainland location?</p> <p>There is a special magic associated with island destinations and Prince Edward Island can provide that magic for romantic couples planning a wedding, honeymoon or just a cozy weekend getaway.</p> <p>So maybe it is a cliché to choose walking hand in hand on a deserted beach to describe your favourite romantic moment, but let’s admit it, there are few more intimate experiences than doing just that. The sound of the surf and shorebirds, bare toes in the sand, collecting bits of driftwood or pebbles along the beach will combine to create a special memory of your romantic time together on the Island.</p> <p>Prince Edward Island can supply just the right mix of romance and convenience for couples planning a special event. They have wedding planning services and getaway packages; inns with fireplaces and fine dining; and of course PEI has miles of beaches for strolling hand in hand.</p> <p>Have you ever considered a wedding that includes: a tour around the Lake of Shining Waters in a horse-drawn buggy, a traditional lobster supper for the guests, a wedding party in a heritage inn or community ceilidh style?</p> <p>For assistance planning your special event contact the new Prince Edward Island Weddings Association toll free 1-877-430-3304.</p>
Genealogy	Many visitors are searching for their ancestors, and the island has many resources to assist with that process. There are sites such as the Dalton Centre Museum in Tignish, the Acadian Museum in Miscouche, the Alberton Museum and Genealogy Centre, the MacNaught History Centre and Archives in Summerside and the History Room in eastern PEI where visitors can research their roots, and the provincial headquarters are located at the Public Archives in Charlottetown.

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Seniors	PEI is a very senior-friendly destination: friendly, easy to get around, good accommodations, gentle scenery and excellent food.
UNIQUES	<p>Lucy Maud Montgomery, one of Canada's most famous authors, was born in PEI. The musical Anne of Green Gables opened in 1965 at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Anne of Green Gables was published in 1908. Sullivan Entertainment has produced movies and a television series based on L.M. Montgomery's novels. Green Gables House is one of PEI's most popular attractions.</p> <p>Here are five ideas from the PEI website for following Anne:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit Green Gables in PEI National Park, walk the haunted wood! 2. Take home a special Anne memory; shop at the Anne of Green Gables Store. 3. The Bideford Parsonage Museum, where Montgomery once taught school. 4. Avonlea Village, a fun day for the whole family. 5. The Lucy Maud Montgomery Birthplace in New London.
Surprising	<p>Geocaching</p> <p>Did you know that there are almost 500 Geocache sites in Prince Edward Island? So what exactly is Geocaching? Some might call it a modern day version of hide and seek. It's probably best defined as an entertaining adventure game for Global Positioning Device (GPS) users. Caches are set up all over the world and their locations (coordinates) are posted on the Internet and then GPS users get to hunt for the cache. Caches are typically water-proof containers which can range in size from a film canister to a bucket and often contain a log book and several trinkets from Geocachers who have been there before them. Help yourself to one of the trinkets but be sure and leave one of your own!</p> <p>And just how did this all get started? Well, it originated in Beaver Creek, Oregon, in 2000 with a small community of avid GPS users. It began with the idea of testing the accuracy of GPS coordinate units. The rules were simple - hide a container someplace, note its coordinates with a GPS unit, post these on the internet, and then challenge other GPS users to find the container.</p> <p>Visit the http://www.tourismpei.com/pei-geocaching site to learn more about Geocaching and to find the GPS coordinates for those hidden caches on the Gentle Island.</p>
History	<p>The Island was discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1534.</p> <p>The Island's first residents were the Mi'kmaq who called this beautiful Island Epekwitk, meaning resting on the waves. Europeans later changed the pronunciation of the name to Abegweit.</p> <p>The French called the land Ile Saint- Jean while to the British the Island was known as St. John's Island.</p>

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	<p>The Island renamed itself "Prince Edward", in honour of Edward, Duke of Kent (father of Queen Victoria) in 1799. Province House opened in 1847. The Charlottetown Conference of September 1, 1864, one of Canada's most historical events, was held to discuss a Canadian union. Canada became a nation in 1867 and PEI joined Confederation in 1873 and is the smallest province in Canada.</p>
Books	<p>Anne of Green Gables: it was an immediate success when it was first published in 1908. It went into ten printings in its first year and was translated into Swedish as early as 1909. It has since been translated into more than a dozen languages and is believed that more than 50 million copies have been sold worldwide.</p> <p>Frommer's Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island is very useful to ensure visitors get the most out of their vacation</p>
1000 Places to see before you die	<p>Prince Edward Island is noted in its entirety!</p>
Must Sees	<p>Green Gables House Prince Edward Island National Park Lobster Suppers Victoria: a village west of Charlottetown that has hardly changed in 100 years... The Confederation Bridge opened in 1997, connecting Borden-Carleton to Cape Jourmain, New Brunswick and is the longest bridge over ice covered waters in the world.</p>

SPORTS ACTIVITIES	
Golf	<p>It's no small feat when Canada's smallest province becomes Canada's Number One Golf Destination, but this tiny province has earned the distinction twice in a row with ScoreGolf magazine. Prince Edward Island has 10 of the Top 100 Courses in Canada as rated by the Globe and Mail and close to 5% of the top 350 courses in North America as rated by Golf Digest - all within 45 minutes of each other; Links-Golf, River-Golf, and rolling wood-land courses are distinctly available on Prince Edward Island.</p> <p>From the air, Prince Edward Island might appear to be one giant golf course; rolling greens, sand and water traps alternating with woodlots. From there it just gets better. Plan your vacation around the more than 30 Island courses, keeping in mind that, for real golf fans, it is possible to play more than one course per day. But for those who want to kick back between golf rounds, remember that Prince Edward Island is the perfect spot!</p> <p>Imagine a day that starts with an early morning game at one of the Island's top-rated courses, moves on to a pleasant seaside lunch and</p>

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	<p>includes an afternoon at the beach. But it's not over yet—a traditional PEI lobster supper is fuel for an evening at a concert or the theatre. Accommodations may be in a cozy cottage, or a five-star golf resort. Keep in mind that all this can be achieved with less than one hour of total driving time.</p> <p>Being surrounded by water can only be good news for golf course designers and the resulting spectacular views can distract from the pain or pleasure of your golf game. The compact nature of Prince Edward Island means that the courses are conveniently close to one another – it is perfectly conceivable to play them all if you are really ambitious. And now you can book online at many of the courses.</p> <p>Golf PEI publishes a booklet outlining the essentials of the 25 island courses. Request a copy from island information centers or from the provincial tourist information number (tel. 902/368-4653), or write 565 N. River Rd., Charlottetown, PEI C1E 1J7. The information is also available online at www.golfpei.com.</p> <p>International Couples Golf Festival is going into its 3rd year in 2011 and couples from all over the world come to take part in this event.</p> <p>The renovation of Green Gables Golf Course was completed in 2009. Nearly 70 years since Green Gables came to life in 1939 through the imagination of Stanley Thompson, another architect legend, Thomas McBroom, has blended his unique perspective with Thompson's original concept. McBroom has reinstated the old bunker designs, expanded the ocean views and stretched the course from 6459 to 7000 yards. Carved out of the rolling farmlands of Cavendish, Green Gables is set amongst the sand dunes of the PEI National Park. The tees, greens and fairways now feature new bent grass that give the course a lush carpet feel and look. There's also more bunkers. Her greens, deep bunkers, six water holes and ever-shifting ocean breezes make for a challenging course in a setting like no other.</p> <p>Visit www.greengablesgolf.com</p>
Fishing	<p>You will gain a whole new appreciation for fresh seafood after you take part in a deep-sea fishing excursion, cast your line into the deep blue waters off the coast of Prince Edward Island and catch your own fish. Whether you've set your sites on a fresh feed of mackerel, you'd like to do battle with a giant bluefin tuna, or you are lured by the mystery of shark fishing, boat captains around the province are anxious to share in your adventure on the high seas.</p> <p>The most common types of deep sea fishing charters in both the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait are for mackerel. Beginning in early July and continuing into September, charters can be booked from a number of fishing ports along the Prince Edward Island</p>

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	<p>coastline, including Naufrage, North Lake, Red Head, Savage Harbour, Covehead Harbour, Malpeque, New London Wharf, North Rustico, Rusticoville, Stanley Bridge, Alberton and Seacow Pond Harbour. Charters are typically 3 ½ hours in duration and are a fun and economical activity for the whole family. And when you have your feet planted back on shore, the captain will send you back to your cottage or campground with your catch of the day, freshly filleted and ready for the barbecue.</p> <p>Trout fishing holes attract inland anglers, although, as always, the best spots are a matter of local knowledge. A good place to start your inquiries is at Island Rods and Flies, 18 Birch Hill Dr., Charlottetown (tel. 902/566-4157), which specializes in fly-fishing equipment. Information on required fishing licenses can be had from any visitor information center, or by contacting the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Environment, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 7N8 (tel. 902/368-4820; www.gov.pe.ca/af).</p>
Horse riding	<p>Brudenell Riding Stables: 4.5 km trail ride along the Brudenell River beach and through a beautiful, wooded riverside trail, accompanied by experienced guides.</p>
Hiking	<p>The Confederation Trail, Prince Edward Island's tip-to-tip trail, was developed on abandoned railway lines and takes you into wetlands and hardwood groves, through quaint villages and along sparkling rivers. In August, 2000, Prince Edward Island became the first province in Canada to complete its section of the Trans Canada Trail. Since then Island communities have been working to complete various sections across the province.</p> <p>The trail is nearly flat due to its origins as a railway line, and the finely crushed gravel surface makes it very easy to negotiate both on foot and by bicycle. As it passes through villages and towns, trekkers have a chance to stop, shop, have a snack and dine out. Watch for bright plum-coloured gates which mark the various entry points. In winter the trail is turned over to snowmobilers, making an excellent tip-to-tip network that even connects to several motels for door-to-door adventure.</p> <p>The trail offers unlimited opportunities for nature lovers, artists, historians, photographers, berry pickers, birders and anyone looking for a nice quiet place to spread a blanket for an afternoon picnic.</p>
Cycling	<p>There's no better way to explore the natural beauty of Prince Edward Island than to cycle along the trails you'll find from tip to tip, tailor-made for outdoor adventure.</p> <p>Discover the Confederation Trail, which boasts close to 300 km of groomed trails that will take you through rolling farmlands and quaint villages, into wetland and hardwood groves, and provide you with some of the most picturesque scenery on the Island. Or, find solitude and</p>

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	<p>"walk through history" by exploring some of the scenic heritage roads. Learn about the natural history of PEI's woodlands while following the trails through the Island's six demonstration woodlots and don't forget to check out the numerous Community Trails across the Island, great for bird watching.</p> <p>When you're gently pedalling down a tranquil, historic road that was carved from the red clay and hardwoods well before the first bicycle was even invented, it's hard to imagine that over the next hill you could find a cross country trail that gives a whole new meaning to the word extreme. No matter what your game - quiet drives in the country that provide frame after frame of breathtaking photographs, day-long tours that test skill and endurance, or bone-shaking terrain that will challenge both bike and rider, PEI is the destination of choice for die-hard and casual cyclists alike.</p>
<p>Windsurfing and Kayaking</p>	<p>Windsurfing It's no secret that Prince Edward Island has sandy beaches and the warmest waters north of the Carolinas. It's no secret either that gentle summer breezes drift inland off the bays and harbours all summer long. But what has been a well guarded secret here is the fact that those warm waters and that prevailing wind combine to produce one of the best windsurfing destinations on the continent.</p> <p>Kayaking If adventure, education, getting close to nature and unforgettable scenery are in your vacation plans, then you don't want to pass up the opportunity to take a sea or river kayaking tour on Prince Edward Island. Kayaking offers participants a whole new perspective of the Island. Safe and comfortable in the cockpits of one- and two-seater kayaks, they are given a unique view of the regal red cliffs, beautiful sand dunes and pastoral landscapes that can only be found in Canada's smallest province. They also have the opportunity to travel with seals and porpoises, marvel over the spectacle of crystal clear shallows that are alive with activity, witness the grace of bald eagles and osprey, or be deafened by the chatter of a colony of cormorants.</p>

<p>CULTURE</p>	<p>Lennox Island Mi'kmaq Cultural Centre (Lennox Island): The centre is a community museum that aims to promote and revitalize Mi'kmaq culture on PEI and interpret Mi'kmaq history. While on the Island, hike the 10km "Path of our Forefathers", enjoy traditional foods or go deep sea fishing.</p>
<p>Arts</p>	<p>The new Arts & Heritage Trail is being developed by the Tourism Industry Association of PEI. This guide will showcase authentic Island arts and heritage tourism products. Visitors will be able to plan their itinerary around those features that interest them the most.</p>

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	<p>The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada (Summerside) is 100% authentic, heartfelt Celtic. A summer long Celtic Festival set amongst an institution that inspires excellence in Celtic performing arts through quality educational programming.</p> <p>Confederation Centre of the Arts Gallery and Museum is the largest arts gallery in Atlantic Canada.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Start your tour of the Prince Edward Island Celtic music scene with a visit to the Wednesday night ceilidh at Orwell Corner Historic Village. The College of Piping on Water Street in Summerside is a must. The College is well-known the world over for excellent instruction in the Highland arts of Celtic dancing, drumming and piping. Tours, mini-concerts and Come to the Ceilidh Concerts daily.</p> <p>The 3rd annual "Cavendish Beach Music Festival" is being held in July 7 - 10, 2011. Big headliners like Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, Johnny Reid and Trace Adkins will entertain large crowds.</p> <p>Anne of Green Gables - The Musical, marks its 45th season on stage at the Charlottetown Festival in 2011; quite a milestone for Canada's best-loved family musical. Anne & Gilbert, The Musical, the internationally celebrated musical about Anne of Green Gables in love is back on stage in Summerside.</p>
<p>Museums</p>	<p>Province House National Historic Site The birthplace of Confederation and the seat of Prince Edward Island's provincial legislature since 1847, Province House National Historic Site stands as a landmark in Charlottetown. Visitors can learn about the history of the site and the current Legislative Assembly through guided tours, displays and an audio-visual presentation. http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/pe/provincehouse/index.aspx</p> <p>Anne of Green Gables Museum: L.M. Montgomery named this home Silver Bush, and used it as the setting for her novels, Pat of Silver Bush and Mistress Pat. The Anne of Green Gables Museum at Silver Bush, Park Corner has a treasure around every corner. On this 110-acre property you will find a museum with beautiful flower gardens on the property, a gift shop with the finest licensed Anne of Green Gables products available, a view of the Lake of Shining Waters, Matthews Carriage Rides, a playground for the children and some of the most beautiful scenery on Prince Edward Island. http://www.annemuseum.com</p> <p>The Acadian Museum: Follow the fascinating odyssey of Island Acadians from 1720 to the present; discover treasures related to the</p>

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	<p>Acadians' three hundred year presence on Prince Edward Island. View a highly rated interpretive video and visit exhibits which showcase the multifaceted aspects of Acadian history and culture.</p> <p>Basin Head Fisheries Museum: Situated on the bluff overlooking the Northumberland Strait, Basin Head Fisheries Museum tells the story of PEI's historic inshore fishery through all new displays and exhibits that will help you travel back in time. Wander the boardwalk or stroll along the magnificent white "singing" sands.</p>
<p>Historic Sites</p>	<p>Orwell Corner Historic Village (Orwell): Experience the life and times of rural crossroads community in the 1890's. Stroll amongst the blacksmith shop, country store, church, school, farm buildings and community hall. Ceilidhs are offered at the Corner with traditional music, stories and dance</p>
<p>Lighthouses</p>	<p>Check out the Lighthouse Tour on www.gentleisland.com and here's a few specific suggestions:</p> <p>West Point (height: 20.6 metres) West Point Lighthouse, constructed in 1875, was the first of the second generation lighthouses on Prince Edward Island. The reconstructed gable-roofed lighthouse keeper's house with lean-to storage provides an example common among lighthouses of this style. Combining distinctive architecture, folklore, shipwrecks, and dramatic scenery on the western entrance of the Northumberland Strait, the West Point Lighthouse began a second career as a lighthouse museum, country inn, restaurant and craftshop in 1984.</p> <p>Victoria Rangelight (height: 10.7 metres) Victoria, once one of the Island's busiest seaports, has the only Island rangelight which houses two different lights. Built in 1879, it serves as both Leard's Front Range and the Palmer's Back Range. The Victoria Seaport Museum, opened in 1990, houses a collection of photographs outlining the development of the seaport and the history of former keepers.</p> <p>Wood Islands (height: 15.2 metres) This lighthouse, which began operation in 1876 to aid Marine traffic in the Northumberland Strait and fishing boats in and around Wood Islands, has an attached six-room, two-storey dwelling for the keeper and his family. It is adjacent to the Northumberland Ferries Limited docks, is open daily for tours and houses a nautical craft shop and the Fishery and Coast Guard Museum.</p>

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	<p>Cape Bear (height: 12.4 metres) The Cape Bear lighthouse was built in 1881 and houses one of seven Marconi Wireless Stations established by Marine and Fisheries in 1905-06. It was here that Thomas Bartlett heard the first distress signal from the Titanic as it sank off Newfoundland. Today, a museum stands on the original site of the Marconi Station.</p> <p>East Point (height: 19.5 metres) East Point Lighthouse is situated on the extreme eastern end of Prince Edward Island where the mighty tides of the St. Lawrence and Northumberland Strait meet to create a show of nature's force. As one of the Island's itinerant lighthouses, the East Point Lighthouse has been moved several times due to poor positioning of the light and continuing erosion of the coastline. Today, the old fog alarm building houses crafts and an interpretive centre.</p>
<p>Festivals</p>	<p>Island Fusion kicks off on June 16 and runs through July 3. This province-wide cultural celebration will get the summer started in a big way. Highlights include the Rollo Bay Bluegrass Festival, Summerside Highland Gathering, PEI Fiddle Camp, Sunday Night Shenanigans, the Victoria Playhouse Festival, the Scotchfort Pow Wow, Canada Day festivities, College of Piping Ceilidhs, and Charlottetown Summerfest. Studio tours feature hands-on arts & crafts workshops. The Lighthouse Spotlight shines with artisans and musicians at lighthouse locations. Culinary boot camps welcome you into the world of master chefs. The Festival of Small Halls presents well over fifty performances on stage in more than two dozen rural communities. And don't miss a brand new show "Come-all-ye!" All over the Island, musicians, dancers, storytellers, actors, and artisans will demonstrate their gifts and bring to life the rich culture that took root here long ago—and continues to flourish on Prince Edward Island http://www.tourismpei.com/fusion</p> <p>The 3rd annual Cavendish Beach Music Festival is being held in July 7th – 10th. Big headliners like Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, Johnny Reid and Trace Adkins will entertain large crowds. http://www.tourismpei.com/cavendish-beach-concert</p> <p>There are two major food festivals - PEI International Shellfish Festival in September and then Fall Flavours, also in September.</p> <p>PEI International Shellfish Festival - Sept 15 - 18, 2011 Historic Charlottetown Waterfront. Atlantic Canada's biggest kitchen party. A celebration of PEI shellfish including oysters, lobsters, mussels and clams. Featuring great entertainment, the PEI/World Invitational</p>

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	<p>Oyster Shucking Championships, the PEI/International Chowder Championships, culinary demos and much more. tel: (866) 955-2003 Web: www.peishellfish.com</p> <p>Fall Flavours - Sept 2 - 25, 2011 Visitors seeking authentic culinary experiences from the traditional to the gourmet, Island culture, and the opportunity to experience food from the source will be drawn to Fall Flavours. Enjoy over 250 culinary and cultural events across Prince Edward Island in six days. The event is hosted by Chef Michael Smith, an Island original and host of Food Network's series Chef Abroad. Tel toll free: 1-800-955-1864 Web: www.fallflavours.ca</p>
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ATTRACTIONS	PEI is best known as a scenic touring destination and with the small size and beautiful landscape it is ideally suited for touring.
Beaches	<p>Surrounded by sand, of course Prince Edward Island claims miles of beautiful beaches. And each one has its own distinct character. Looking for sand that sings? Try scuffing your toes at Basin Head. How about clam digging? Check out one of the south shore beaches like Pinette or Tea Hill.</p> <p>Prefer lots of company? Then stop by Cavendish or Brackley Beach in Prince Edward Island National Park.</p> <p>Need a campsite at the beach? Choose one of seven of the Provincial Parks – Cabot, Panmure or Red Point are some favourites.</p>
Wildlife	<p>Birding: Prince Edward Island has more than 333 species of birds, so it is a perfect place to come and update that checklist. Great Blue Herons are seen in almost every estuary and have come to represent the Island to many, but there are another 300 and some for you to find from rare shorebirds to common Blue Jays. Ask for the Field Checklist of Birds at Visitor Information Centres.</p> <p>Seal watching trips are run by Atlantic Marine Wildlife Tours in March by helicopter.</p>
Parks	<p>Prince Edward Island National Park of Canada is home to sand dunes, barrier islands and sand pits, beaches, sandstone cliffs, wetlands and forests. These diverse habitats provide a home for a variety of plants and animals, including the endangered Piping Plover. The National Park also features unique cultural resources, notably Green Gables and Dalvay-by-the-Sea National Historic Site. In 1998, six kilometres of the Greenwich Peninsula were added to the Park to protect unique dune formations, rare plants and animals, as well as archaeological findings dating back 10,000 years.</p> <p>Prince Edward Island's network of Provincial Parks has 11 camping parks and 14 day use parks which offer spectacular beaches, beautiful</p>

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	scenery, nature trails and lots of outdoor recreation and interpretive programs.
Gardens	<p>The Garden of the Gulf - Beginning with the first lupins of late June, Prince Edward Island is fairly awash with colour. Fans of flowering plants can plan an Island visit around the calendar, or around the geography, but they are guaranteed a visit to create brilliant memories. An earlier slogan described PEI as The Garden of the Gulf, and today that would refer to more than the extensive amount of agricultural activity—Islanders love to garden, and evidence of that is seen throughout. Keep your eyes peeled for spectacular efforts like what may be the world's longest garden in Flat River or charming tiny "pocket" gardens in front of Charlottetown's heritage buildings. A perfect way to get to know some local gardeners would be to contact one of the Island's garden clubs.</p> <p>The Summerside and Area Garden Club has weekend tours. Take your pick from locations such as the beautifully situated New Glasgow Country Gardens, the gardens surrounding charming miniature castles at Woodleigh Replicas, gardens specializing in roses at Caernarvon Gardens in western PEI, gardens built around amazing Bottle Houses and gardens specializing in day lilies at Red Lane in Iona.</p>
Castles/Forts	<p>Port-la-Joye-Fort Amherst National Historic Site of Canada: located 20 minutes from Charlottetown with a breathtaking view of Charlottetown Harbour, Port-la-Joye-Fort Amherst National Historic Site was an important site for the Mi'kmaq. Learn the history of the French regime on "Isle Saint-Jean" and the Acadian deportation of 1758 and explore the grounds and see where the earthworks of Fort Amherst remain.</p>

OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Shopping	<p>Inspired by the images of the PEI landscape, Island artists and craftspeople create hand-stitched quilts, pottery bowls, intricate woodworking and woven tapestries. Dozens of shops, from quaint to sophisticated, are dotted across the Island. If you are visiting in late September, you will certainly want to take part in the annual Studio Tour.</p> <p>There are many opportunities for antiqueing; top of the list perhaps is Homestead Antiques, Gifts & Gardens an 1855 Colonial Georgian property on the Historic Walking Tour, acclaimed as "One of the best shops on the Island" by Canadian Home & Country magazine. You can browse 10 captivating rooms and experience the surprising array of unique gifts and decor, antique furniture, glassware, collectibles and local works, Dept. 56, Williraye, Charming Tails, candles and garden</p>

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	flags. Stroll in one of the oldest continuously-kept gardens in North America. Address: 286 Fitzroy St., Summerside, PEI.
Markets	Drop by one of the Farmers' Markets located in Charlottetown, Kensington, Wood Islands and Summerside and enjoy the wonderful selection of local and organic fresh produce, flowers, arts and crafts as well as freshly made coffee and baked goods.
Nightlife	Saturday night go right up the stairs to the Dublin Pub on Sydney Street in Charlottetown. This place is sure to be hopping on a Saturday night, and the performers could come from anywhere in the Maritimes. Come early enough to get a good seat, have a bite to eat, but stay late enough to join in the fun as the pub heats up.

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Food	<p>PEI offers a wide range of restaurants featuring an array of Island delicacies. Renowned for fresh seafood, which is available across the Island, no visit to PEI is complete without enjoying at least one lobster supper. And remember, PEI is also home to Malpeque Oysters, Cultured Blue Mussels and world-famous PEI potatoes.</p> <p>From lobsters to chocolates, from jams and jellies to wines, and of course the famous PEI potatoes, there's so much to choose from. You could sample the chocolates at the Island Chocolates Company in beautiful Victoria by-the-sea, then travel north to New Glasgow and taste the wonderful array of jams and chutneys at the Prince Edward Island Preserve Company.</p> <p>The PEI website even has a special section for island recipes: go to http://www.tourismpei.com/recipes</p>
Drinks	<p>What used to be a secret creation, cooked up in a backcountry still, has joined the Prince Edward Island drinks scene - yes, moonshine PEI style is now available on the shelves of the local liquor stores and not only that, you can visit the Myriad View Distillery in Rollo Bay and check out their Strait Lightning and Gin as well.</p> <p>Nearby in eastern PEI, the owners of Johnson Shore Inn have developed another tasty Island spirit, in the form of potato vodka. Take the Island's most famous primary product, distill carefully and sip a vodka that is more silky and smooth than grain-based spirits. Visitors can tour the distillery located in beautiful Hermanville.</p> <p>Rossignol Estate Winery in Little Sands produces fruit wines, liqueurs and traditional grape wines. Imagine the fresh taste of apple captured in a delicious Liberty Blossom dessert wine, or the fruity bouquet of blackberry mead.</p> <p>Finally take a sip of history at the Gahan House brew-pub where the</p>

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	Sir John A's Honey Wheat Ale is only one of seven ales made on site with no additives or preservatives.
Restaurants	<p>The restaurant scene has been hot over the past year, with a dozen or more new dining establishments opening up. In the heart of Charlottetown, renowned chef Gordon Bailey just opened the doors to Lot 30. Near the Island's North Shore, the Pearl is a new café that serves a nice mix of affordable menu items - a great spot for brunch. Hurricanez by the Bay is newly opened in Darnley, while Grandma's Afternoon Tea Room is now open in Hunter River. Tucked away in Georgetown or Victoria are the Rusty Anchor and Ruthie's. These round out the perennial favourites like Dayboat, Inn at Bay Fortune and Flex, where mussels are served 47 different ways.</p> <p>There are also 13 lobster dinner venues listed on the PEI website – my personal favourite is the St. Ann's Church Lobster Suppers.</p> <p>For a food experience you'll never forget, sign up for one of the Culinary Institute's Boot Camps: half- or full-day courses where you'll work with an experienced chef in a state-of-the-art kitchen. Or set out on The Flavours Trail, a series of itineraries—complete with guidebook and map—designed around Prince Edward Island's many food related treasures. If your visit to PEI is in the fall, get there hungry. September is Culinary Month, with the International Shellfish Festival and more than a hundred culinary events at the annual Fall Flavours.</p>

MORE INFO	
Brochures	<p>PEI's 2011 Island Guide is available at all information centres on the island, or in advance by calling 1-800-463-4PEI (4734). You can also request it by fax (tel. 902-368-4438), e-mail (peiplay@gov.pe.ca), mail (P.O. Box 940, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 7M5) or via the website at www.tourismpei.com</p>
Websites	<p>www.tourismpei.com for all travel information www.golfpei.com for golfing information</p>
App	<p>Visitors can now access Prince Edward Island travel information from their iPhones, BlackBerries, and other mobile devices through a new App. Features include events calendar, restaurant listings, places to stay and what's around you. Your complete Prince Edward Island vacation planning App includes hundreds of restaurants, hotels, beaches, shops, golf courses, attractions and much more. You can learn about the Island, adventures and touring routes. Also take a look at the schedule for this year's Festivals & Events.</p> <p>http://www.tourismpei.com/mobile</p>

HOTEL PRIZE PARTNER	<p>Hotel on Pownal Address: 146 Pownal Street, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 3W6</p>
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	<p>Toll-Free Reservations: 1-800-268-6261 Local Phone: 902-892-1217 Fax: 902-566-1623 Direct Email: reservations@thehotelonpownal.com</p>
Location	<p>The hotel's urban location is in the heart of Charlottetown and steps from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Historic Charlottetown Waterfront • St. Dunstan's Basilica Church • Province House • The Confederation Centre of the Arts • Victoria Row • Confederation Landing Park • Founders Hall • Shops, Boutiques and Restaurants
Facilities	<p>Relax in the comfortable lobby and enjoy a cocktail, or perhaps one of their famous freshly-baked chocolate chip cookies. A deluxe season's best continental breakfast is served every morning. There is wireless high-speed internet, free parking and 24-hour coffee, tea, and treats service.</p>
Accommodation	<p>Modern in their unique designs, The Hotel on Pownal offers 45 guest rooms and suites, which include:</p> <p>Traditional rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Beds • Two Double Beds • Queen Bed • King Bed <p>Family rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Double's Beds with adjoining Queen Bed and Bar Fridge <p>Efficiency units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Room, Kitchen, Queen or Double Bed <p>Selection Suite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furnished with leather love seat or couch, large work space, & 40" Plasma TV <p>Adjoining rooms are available.</p>
Restaurants	<p>Your hosts Kevin and Kathy Murphy have been defining culinary experiences on Prince Edward Island for over 30 years. In addition to being Hoteliers and Heritage Tourism Developers, they are also owners and operators of the Murphy Group of Restaurants. Each of their independent locations will satisfy any taste.</p> <p>Sims Corner Steakhouse & Oyster Bar Sims Corner Steakhouse & Oyster Bar specializes in extraordinary cuts of steak, prepared using select Prince Edward Island Beef that has been aged to perfection. Our 'Sims Custom Cuts' are hand selected and</p>

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	<p>offered exclusively for preparation by the award winning culinary team. The charming atmosphere also incorporates a full Oyster Bar, complemented by an extensive wine cellar offering an impressive variety of New and Old World wines.</p> <p>Fishbones Oyster Bar & Seafood Grill Located in the heart of Victoria Row, Fishbones Oyster Bar & Seafood Grill is a summertime favourite on this cobblestone promenade. Serving only the freshest in local seafood and shellfish such as mussels and oysters, the lively atmosphere indoors or on its open air patio is casual and refined. Set to the tune of local jazz, blues, or traditional Island music, Fishbones offers a truly unique Charlottetown experience.</p> <p>The Gahan House Pub & Brewery Located in an historic downtown property, The Gahan House Pub & Brewery provides a memorable dining experience in a casual yet energetic setting. Within its brick walls, enjoy a host of signature dishes (including local favourite brown bag fish and chips) alongside a pint of our renowned Gahan Beer. Choose from a variety of these hand-crafted ales from PEI's only microbrewery, and enjoy a full guided tour of the on-site brewery following dinner. http://www.gahan.ca</p>
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<p>AIRLINE PRIZE PARTNER</p>	<p>Air Canada Jazz www.flyjazz.ca Reservations: see your local travel agent or phone 1-888-247-2262</p>
<p>Flight details</p>	<p>Air Canada offers direct flights from Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa and Toronto on a year-round basis. These cities have daily flights throughout the year with additional flights added during the summer. See www.aircanada.ca for current schedules, bookings, or more information.</p>

<p>CURRENT DEALS</p>	<p>Go to http://www.tourismpei.com/pei-contests for savings of 20% to 50% off - only available on the Tourism PEI website; many accommodations have specials and some are even available in peak season.</p> <p>Featured Hot Deals in June 2011: CNG Country Cabins up to 50% off select units Island Life Cottages up to 40% off select units The Hotel on Pownal up to 25% off select units Dreams to Sea Cottages up to 20% off select units Brackley Country Inn and Suites up to 20% off select units Inn at Bay Fortune up to 20% off select units</p>
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