

tidalArt: Painting Fogo Island Itinerary

FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2ND TO THURSDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2017

An island off the north east coast of Newfoundland, one of the four corners of the earth, according to the Flat Earth Society. A deep history of fishing for cod in the Labrador current right off it's shores. Where the flora and fauna abounds in both land and sea. A vibrant community where fishers, artisans, carpenters, musicians, historians, artists, quilters and nature lovers intersect. There is something for everyone on this beautiful island, filled with people who are innately hospitable. Come and paint some of nature's most beautiful and raw settings with the spray of the north Atlantic on your face!

DAY 1

Afternoon

Afternoon Arrival in Gander International Airport

Transfer from Gander arranged through Central Express, met there by your hosts from tidalArt, Janice Thomson and Anthony Cobb.

Enjoy the 1-hour drive to the ferry dock at Farewell, following the Gander River to the sea.

Farewell to Fogo Island is a 40 minute ferry ride aboard the newly built MV Veteran. While at sea keep your eye out for soaring seabirds and sea creatures. Dock on Fogo Island and let the island start to reveal itself on your drive through outport communities as you make your way home to your accommodations. Check in to your room and unwind from the day's journey as you familiarize yourself with your home for the next while.

Evening

Supper at Nicole's Café, Joe Batt's Arm. Enjoy locally prepared seasonal fare while overlooking the harbor.

Retire to your accommodations for the evening.

DAY 2

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodations.

Tour of Fogo Island – Enjoy a drive around Fogo Island with a local resident who will orient you to the wonderful towns, harbours, land, sea and lore!

Afternoon

Dinner (lunch) at tidalArt Studio, followed by lesson/orientation with Martha Johnson, Featured Artist.

Free time.

Evening

Welcome cocktail party outside on the deck of the Fogo Island Inn (or in the art gallery, weather permitting), a traditional yet contemporary masterpiece of modern architecture and design. The Inn was named to Condé Nast's Gold List for 2016. Cocktails infused with some of the islands 16 varieties of edible berries, ingredients from the shoreline and traditional preserving techniques, served over iceberg ice. If wine is your preference, there is also an extensive wine collection influenced by the best of Canadian wines and Fogo Island's traditional trading partners (Italy, France, Spain and Portugal).

Meet for Supper for a traditional Jiggs Dinner.
Retire to your accommodations for the evening.

DAY 3

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodations.

Travel to Oliver's Cove, Tilting, for a lesson with Martha Johnson, Featured Artist. Hike the Oliver's Cove Head trail. Take your camera to capture the vistas for future painting inspiration. Paint plein air in one of the islands most beautiful coves, with rolling rock beaches and staggeringly beautiful vistas.

Afternoon

Picnic Lunch at Sandy Cove Beach. Take a dip in the North Atlantic if you dare!

Paint plein air on Sandy Cove Beach, Tilting.

Return to your accommodations for free time.

Evening

Supper at Tilting Harbour Bed & Breakfast, Tilting.

Retire to your accommodations for the evening.

DAY 4

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodations.

Travel to Fogo Head, Frenchmen's Well, for a lesson with Martha Johnson, Featured Artist. Paint plein air at one of the four corners of the flat earth.

Afternoon

Picnic lunch at the base of Fogo Head, Frenchmen's Well.

Hike Fogo Head and take in the spectacular view from the top looking out towards Change Islands. Keep an eye out for sea birds and whales!

Meet artist M'Liz Keefe at her studio in the town of Fogo in the old Pharmacy. See her ambitious project of 11 6'X6' paintings of each of the towns on Fogo Island and hear about how the island inspired her to take on this amazing project.

Evening

Supper at Nicole's Cafe, Joe Batt's Arm.

Enjoy local musicians at the Ethridges Point Music Festival.

Retire to your accommodations for the evening.

DAY 5

Morning

Sleep in! Breakfast at your accommodations.

Free Time.

Meet at tidalArt Studio.

Afternoon

Picnic lunch at the Ethridges Point Music Festival.

Free time.

Evening

Supper at tidalArt Studio.

Retire to your accommodations for the evening.

DAY 6

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodations.

Meet at the Government Wharf, Joe Batt's Arm, to board the m/v Ketanja, with Captain Ane and his crew for a trip to the archipelago of Little Fogo Islands. In the midst of, and enveloped by, one of the worlds largest colonies of puffins and razorbills, surrounded by whales. Dock on Little Fogo Islands at Dean's Harbour, for a day of painting. Little Fogo Islands, once a thriving outpost, is now inhabited only in summertime. Take a short walk to St Anne's Catholic Church, a beautifully restored heritage site that was consecrated in 1867 – the year Canada became a country.

Set up for a lesson with Martha Johnson, Featured Artist. Paint plein air in this breathtaking spot. Take in the land, sky and sea and all that it has to offer. Watch humpbacks feeding off shore and sea birds flying over head.

Afternoon

Picnic lunch at the tables by the sea.

Continue with plein air painting.

Board the m/v Ketanja for the return trip to Fogo Island. Stop and hand-line some cod along the way.

Arrive at the Government Wharf, Joe Batt's Arm.

Evening

Supper at Nicole's Cafe, Joe Batt's Arm.

Retire to your accommodations for the evening.

DAY 7

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodations.

Travel to Seldom Come By, meet at the Fisherman's Union (FU) Trading Co. Take a tour of the facility and set up on the dock for a lesson from Martha Johnson, Featured Artist.

Afternoon

Picnic on the dock at the FU Trading Company.

Continue plein air painting in Seldom.

Tour the Wesley Church, Seldom, and view the collection of Newfoundland works from artist Terese Frere of Ottawa.

Free time.

Evening

Supper at the Fogo Island Inn, Enjoy the spectacular fare prepared with the freshest of local ingredients from the land and sea, overlooking the wild north Atlantic from the beautiful dining room with it's floor to ceiling windows.

Retire to your accommodations for the evening.

DAY 8

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodations.

Meet at tidalArt Studio for a lesson from Martha Johnson, Featured Artist.

Painting either in the studio or a place of your choice on the island.

Afternoon

Picnic either at the tidalArt Studio or at the site of your choice.

Painting at tidalArt Studio or site of your choice.

Free time.

Evening

Final night supper at the Cobb House, Joe Batt's Arm.

Retire when you will!

DAY 9

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodations.

Check out of your accommodations.

Depart Fogo Island on the MV Veteran for Farewell.

Drive to Gander International Airport

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