

Prince Edward Island 2020

A multi-day self-supported bike tour starting and ending in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Cycling an average of **65 km** per day for through rolling farmland visiting a lighthouse in each of the 4 corners of the province. We will have the opportunity to sleep in a working lighthouse! The only one in Canada where this is possible. Ride the shaded streets of Summerside and see the mansions built by the fabulously rich mink ranchers in the early 20th century. Stroll the streets of Charlottetown where the fathers of confederation met to create the Dominion of Canada.

The beaches of PEI are world renowned. Think of the Cavendish Beach or the “singing sands” near Souris where the beach actually sings to you as you walk along!

The route also takes us to the land of Anne of Green Gables, and the one time home of “Stompin” Tom Connors at Skinners Pond

Finally, a trip to PEI isn’t complete without mentioning and indulging in lobsters, oysters, scallops and all the other great seafood and local fare. September features the culinary Fall Flavours Festival. See the website for more information. <https://www.fallflavours.ca/events/>

The route will include quiet backroads as well as the famous Confederation Trail, a re-purposed rail trail that spans the province.

View the route on Elbow Valley Ride With GPS. Link below.

<https://ridewithgps.com/events/105080-pei-2020>

We will enjoy overnighting at local BnB’s, cottages and hotels, but riders must be prepared to carry luggage between stops. So get out those panniers! **No SAG Wagon.**

Accommodations in PEI are in great demand. Cycling at this time of the year often means reduced rates but the high season runs right to October so expect to pay a bit more than in other Maritime provinces . On the plus side, there is slightly less tourist traffic, so the roads are much quieter than during the peak summer season. PEI has an active cycle tourist industry that includes bike trails, but riders should be comfortable sharing the road with other traffic.

This is a “credit card trip” so everyone will pay as we go. The estimated total cost including airfare is estimated to be CAD **\$3180.** (Table 2)

Riders must have a well maintained bike; rear and front lights on bike in case of fog or poor visibility; panniers to carry necessary items such clothing, toiletries, tools, rain gear and occasionally food for lunch. A cell phone is not necessary but would be useful.

There will be an information / planning session early in January 2020 to discuss the trip. Every participant is encouraged to contribute to the planning. We will beginning booking flights and accommodations in January. If you are interested contact Peter Thurston (403-280-9478)

Table 1: Basic Itinerary

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	Dist. km	Elev. + m	ACCOMMODATIONS
	1	Calgary to Charlottetown	0	0	
	2	Charlottetown	^	0	Distance Optional
	3	Charlottetown to Montague	50	445	
	4	Montague Day Ride	82	572	SE Lighthouse. Optional distances
	5	Montague to Fortune	70	564	

	6	Fortune Day Ride	85	718	NE Lighthouse. Optional distances
	7	Fortune to Brackley Beach	82	411	
	8	Brackley Beach to Kensington	75	793	
	9	Kensington to Cape Egmont	43	172	
	10	Cape Egmont to West Point	68	333	SW Lighthouse. Lighthouse BnB
	11	West Point to Tignish	54	354	
	12	Tignish Day Ride	64	593	NW Lighthouse. Optional distances
	13	Tignish to Summerside	86	404	
	14	Summerside Day Ride	20	82	
	15	Summerside to Charlottetown	74	728	
	16	Charlottetown	0	0	Optional day in Charlottetown. Pack bikes.
	17	Charlottetown Calgary	0	0	
		TOTAL	853	6169	

Table 2: Estimated Expenses

ITEM	COST \$	INFO
Air Fare	~900	Return FLT: Fly - Tues. / Wed. / Thur.
Accommodations	~1050	Est \$70 / day. Estimated Avg. DBL Occupancy
Airport Shuttles	~100	Two Trips – Shared Cost
Meals	~900	Est. 60 / day Some breakfast incl. at BnB
Laundry	~30	Likely less – can share
Entertainment and gifts	~100	Personal choice
Happy Hour Incidentals	~100	– includes food beverages.
TOTAL	\$3180 approx.	**Includes Airfare

Table 3: Environment

In the month of September Charlottetown has average temperatures of **H 18 C / L 10 C**. High temperatures can reach into the mid 20 deg’s and lows can reach low single digits. On avg there are 9 days of rain or 30% probability.

