

Red Cliffs by Day, a Lobster Supper by Lantern Light

A 3-Day Prince Edward Island Road Trip — I-Journey

DURATION

3 Days

BEST TIME TO GO

June–September

warm days (20–25°C) for beaches and the Confederation Trail, with lobster season and the island's summer festivals in full swing

FROM

\$430 USD / person

for 2 people sharing hotels, a rental car, park passes & lobster suppers; excludes flights to Charlottetown (YYG)

Prince Edward Island packs red-sand beaches, lighthouse-dotted coastal drives and some of Canada's best lobster suppers into an island small enough to circle in a long weekend. This 3-day self-drive loop picks up a rental car in Charlottetown and stays close to the island's north shore, using real hotels, a national park day pass and a classic community lobster supper.

DAY 1

Charlottetown Arrival & Historic Downtown

Pick up a rental car at Charlottetown Airport and spend the afternoon in PEI's compact, walkable capital before a classic Island seafood dinner.

Rental Car: Charlottetown Airport (YYG)

~15 minutes into downtown · rental from \$50 USD / day

Pick up a rental car at Charlottetown Airport, a short drive from the historic downtown core.

Peake's Wharf & Province House

~2 hours · free to walk

A waterfront boardwalk of shops and buskers beside the harbor, a short walk from Province House, the sandstone building where the 1864 talks toward Canadian Confederation began.

Check-In: The Great George

From \$220 CAD (~\$160 USD) / night, for 2 people

A boutique hotel spread across a row of restored 19th-century heritage buildings in downtown Charlottetown.

Dinner: Water Prince Corner Shop

~1.5 hours · dinner ~\$30–\$45 CAD / person

A no-frills downtown seafood spot locals point visitors to first, known for lobster rolls and chowder made with the day's catch.

DAY 2**Cavendish, Green Gables & the North Shore**

A short drive north to Cavendish for Anne of Green Gables' farmhouse, red-sand beaches and a church-basement lobster supper with live fiddle music.

Green Gables Heritage Place

~2 hours · entry ~\$13 CAD (~\$9.50 USD) / adult

The green-and-white farmhouse that inspired L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables, with period-furnished rooms and trails through the Haunted Wood.

Cavendish Beach, PEI National Park

~2 hours · park day pass ~\$8.50 CAD (~\$6.50 USD) / adult

Red sandstone cliffs above fine white sand and dunes, part of a protected shoreline running along the island's north coast.

Check-In: Kindred Spirits Country Inn & Cottages

From \$190 CAD (~\$140 USD) / night, for 2 people

A country inn a short walk from Green Gables, run by descendants of the family whose farmhouse inspired the novel.

Dinner: Fisherman's Wharf Lobster Suppers

~2 hours · all-you-can-eat mussels from ~\$45 CAD (~\$33 USD) / person

A North Rustico institution since 1958, serving all-you-can-eat mussels and chowder alongside a whole steamed lobster in a lantern-lit harborside dining hall.

DAY 3**Victoria-by-the-Sea & Departure**

A morning at a working lighthouse and a chocolate-box seaside village before returning the rental car for departure.

Point Prim Lighthouse

~1 hour · lighthouse climb ~\$5 CAD (~\$3.50 USD)

PEI's oldest lighthouse, a round brick tower from 1845 on a narrow point looking out over the Northumberland Strait.

Victoria-by-the-Sea

~1.5 hours · free to walk

A one-street fishing village of candy-colored clapboard shops, a chocolate factory and a working summer playhouse.

Lunch: COWS Creamery

~45 minutes · ice cream ~\$6–\$9 CAD

PEI's best-known ice cream maker, churning small-batch flavors sold across the island since 1983.

Rental Car Return & Departure: Charlottetown Airport (YYG)

~30 minutes back to the airport

Drop the rental car at Charlottetown Airport and fly out, allowing at least two hours before a domestic flight.