

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Saint John Region is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi'Kmaq, and Peskotomuhkati Nations. This territory is covered by Peace and Friendship Treaties signed with the British Crown in the 1700s. The treaties did not surrender the territory and resources, but recognized Wolastoqiyik, Mi'Kmaq, and Peskotomuhkati title, and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency pays respect to the elders, past and present, and descendants of this land, and is committed to moving forward in the spirit of truth, collaboration, and reconciliation.

WHO WE ARE

Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency is an agile organization that excels at connecting people and activating strategic, data-driven growth, ensuring that the region is Always Moving Forward.

We are the backbone economic development organization helping to accelerate growth. Our role is to attract people, visitors, business, and investment to the Saint John Region.





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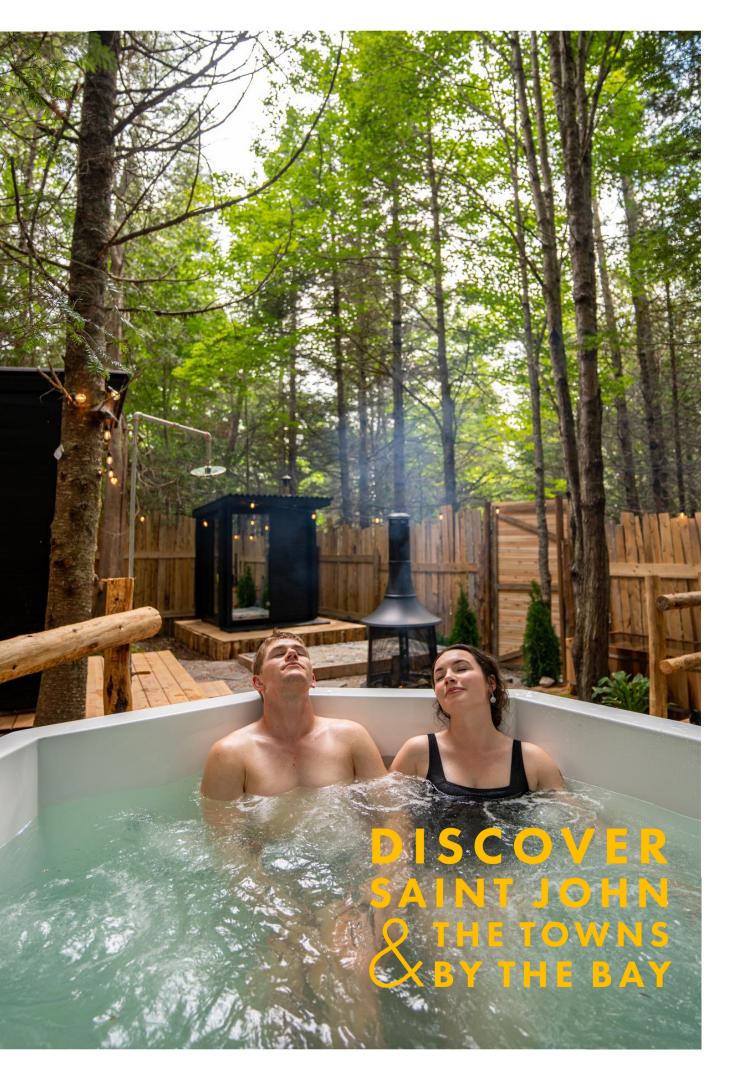


OBJECTIVE

Position Saint John and the Towns by the Bay as the destination of choice in the Maritimes for leisure travel, meetings and conventions, major events, and sport tourism.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Increased visitation from leisure, business events, major events and sport tourism.
- Strategic sales and marketing partnerships are developed and aligned to raise awareness of the Saint John Region and the Province of New Brunswick on a national and global stage.







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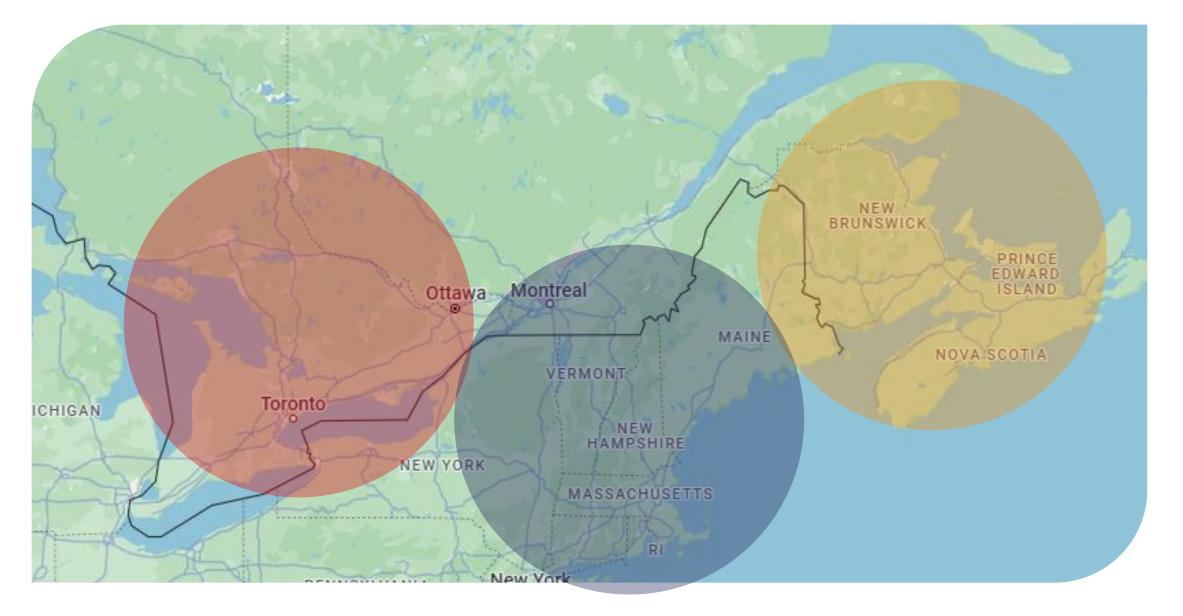
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STRATEGIC TARGET MARKETS

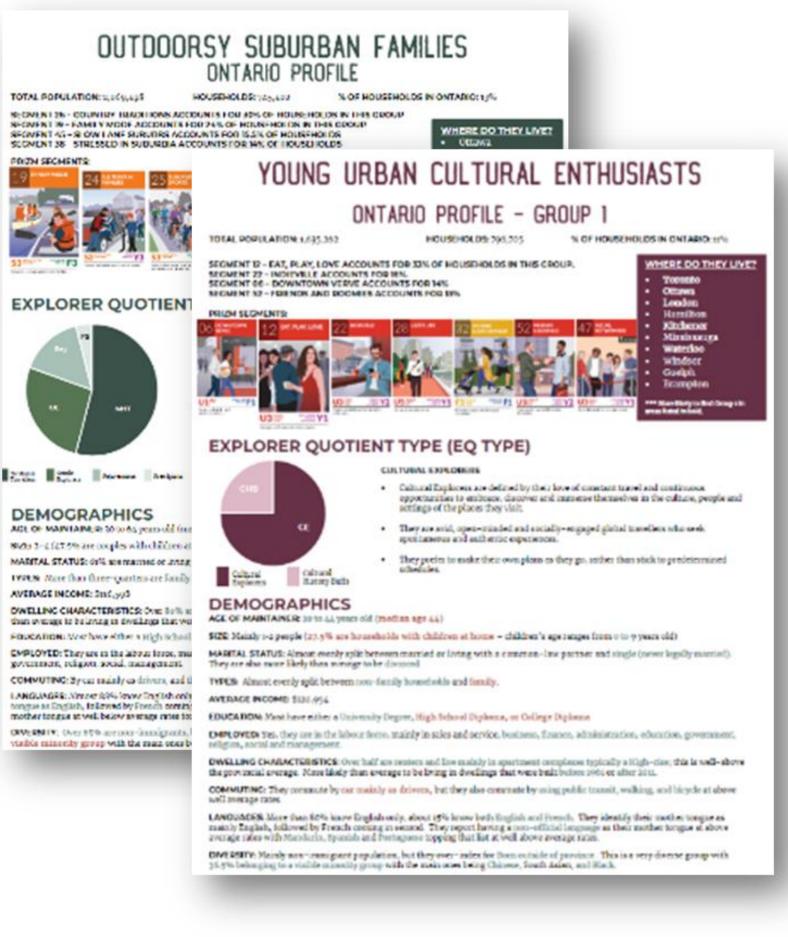
Primary Market: New Brunswick / Maritimes Secondary Market: Ontario NBTHC Partnership Market: USA (New England) Exploratory Market: Quebec



UISITOR PROFILES

- In alignment with NBTHC we are targeting the following two profiles:
 - Outdoorsy Suburban Families
 - Young Urban Cultural Enthusiasts
- Targeting the same Visitor Profiles in markets targeted by the province allows us to take advantage of the province's investments in those markets.





POSITIONING STATEMENT

From cool city vibes to waterside relaxation, Saint John and the Towns by the Bay is THE maritime bay-cation destination, located along a 100km stretch of scenic southern New Brunswick.

2024 INITIATIVES

Marketing Campaigns awareness & conversion

Social Media Campaigns

organic, event promotion, partnerships

Visitor Collateral

maps, visitor guide, walking tours, etc.

Strategic Sponsorships

major events, sport tourism, bid incentives

Sales

meeting & convention, sport tourism, major events, travel trade & cruise

Visitor Services

welcome centres, partnerships, welcome ambassador training & certification

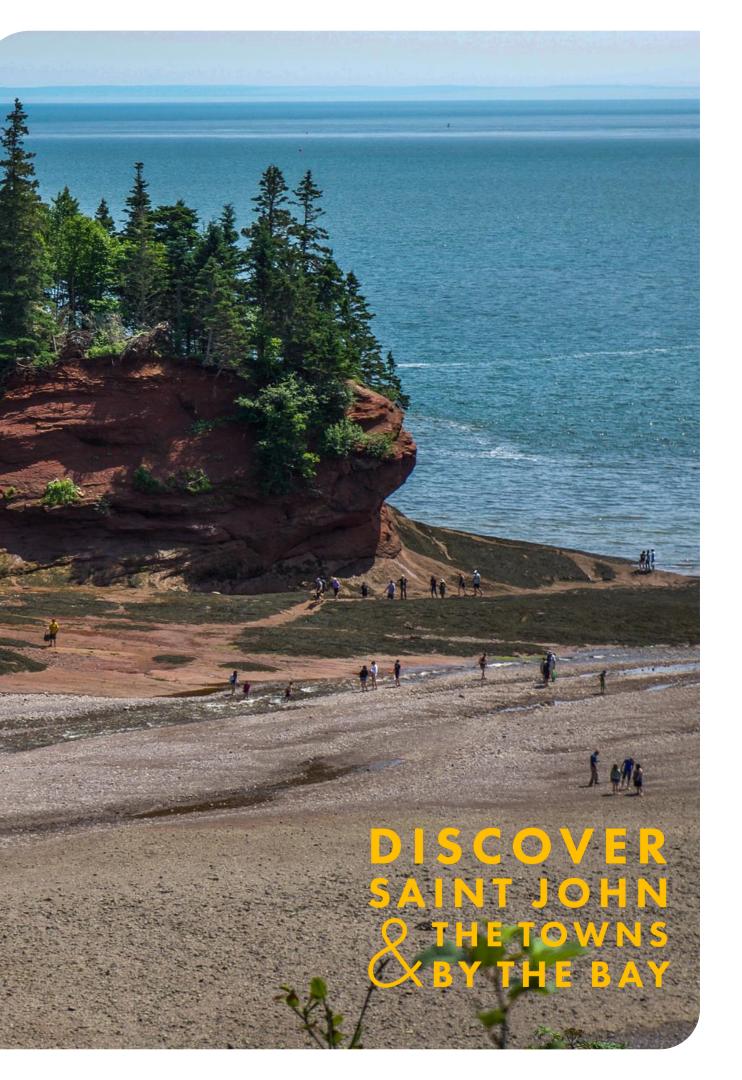
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BAY-CATION

Many have heard of the Bay of Fundy, but few have heard of the concept of a "bay-cation."

This campaign gets the idea of "bay-cation" out there in a big way and shows how different and valuable it is compared to the many other vacation options.

Why just vacation when you can bay-cation instead?



2024 CAMPAIGN BLOCKING CHART

MARITIME									
Platform	Objective	April		May		June		July	
			1-15 16-31	1-15	16-30	6-15	16-31	1-15	16
GDN	Traffic / Rmkt								
Meta	Traffic / Rmkt	Flight 1				Flight 2			
YouTube	Rmkt								
Google Search	Traffic								
Prog. Stories	Traffic / Rmkt								
Prog. CTV	Awareness								
TikTok	Awareness								
Cineplex	Awareness								
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VIDEO 365 - VERSION ONE



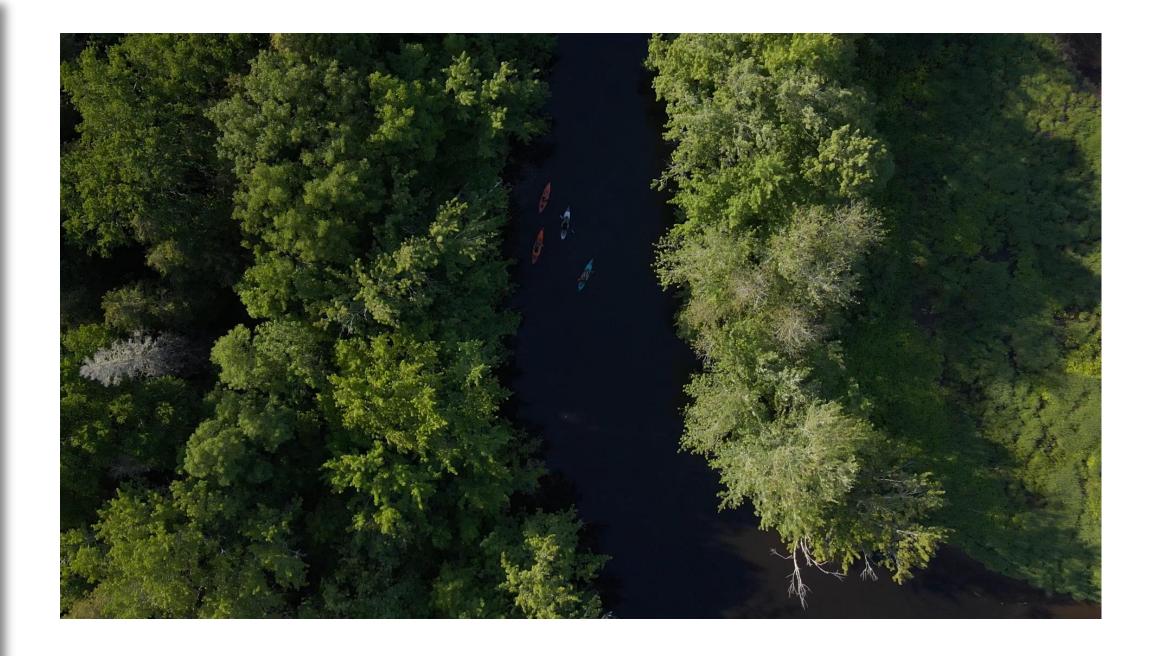
Discover Saint John – Découvrez Saint John Sponsored @

Why just vacation when you can bay-cation? Adventure any way you want in Saint John and the Towns by the Bay. #SJTownsByTheBay



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VIDEO 30s - VERSION TWO



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Just minutes from door-to-shore, a bay-cation in Saint John and the Towns by the Bay feels a whole lot like this. #SJTownsByTheBay

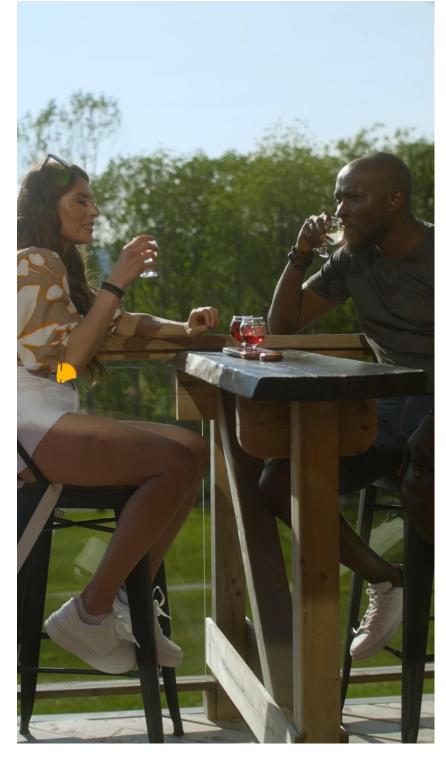


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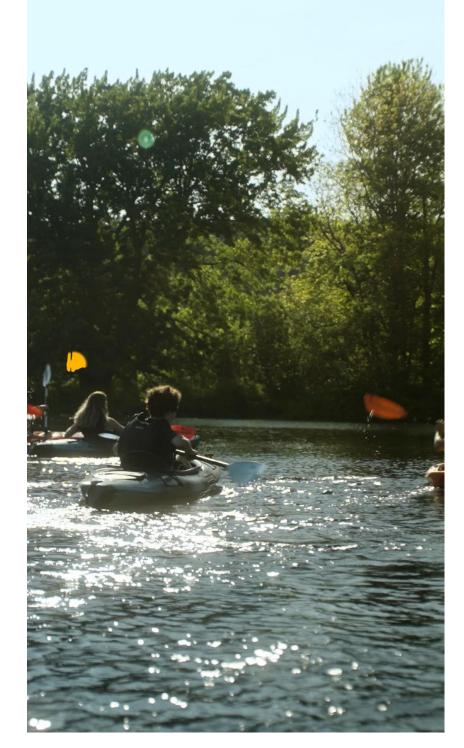
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STORIES



FOOD & DRINK



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



REMARKETING

STATIC NEWSFEED



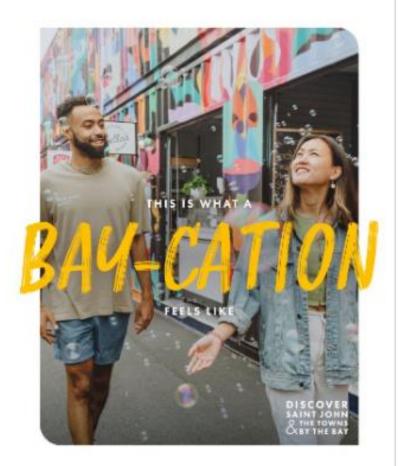
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Packed with unique urban experiences like outof-the-box shopping, out-of-this-world festivals, art, music, culture and more. #SJTownsByTheBay



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Savor the flavours of Saint John and the Towns by the Bay. We serve up delicious food and drink options for every palate. #SJTownsByTheBay



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See the world's highest tides, walk the ocean floor, paddle our river system and discover breathtaking water views. #SJTownsByTheBay



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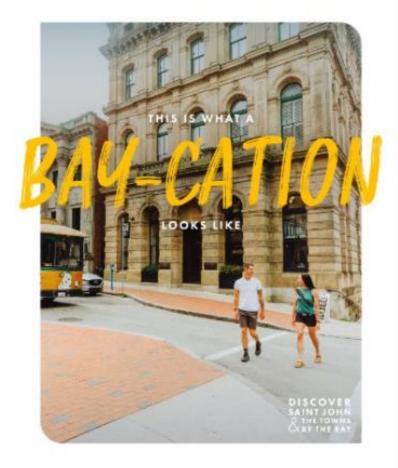
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Explore centuries-old architecture, billion-year-old sea caves, and storied streets in a region that's full of history. #SJTownsByTheBay



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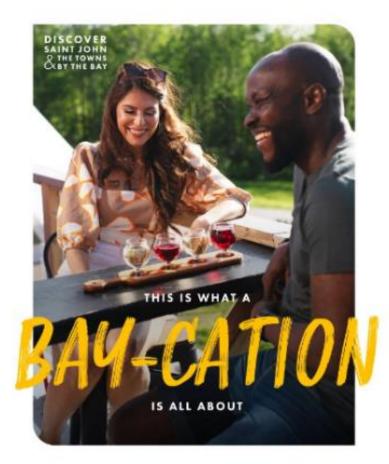
Go on a bay-cation and see for yourself why Saint John and the Towns by the Bay is one of CNN's top travel spots for 2024! #SJTownsByTheBay



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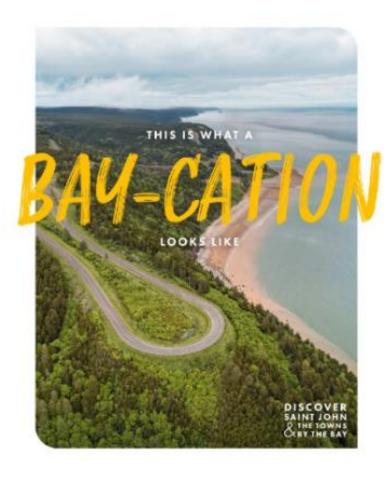
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It's time to bay-cation in Saint John and the Towns by the Bay on the world-famous Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick. #SJTownsByTheBay



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MATTY'S PATTY'S ACTIVATION

- Partnership with Matty's Patty's in Toronto to create a limited-time "Baycation Burger," featuring ingredients connecting to the region.
- Leveraging Matty's Patty's social platforms for promotion
- Contest: Win a trip to Saint John for the Area 506 Festival.



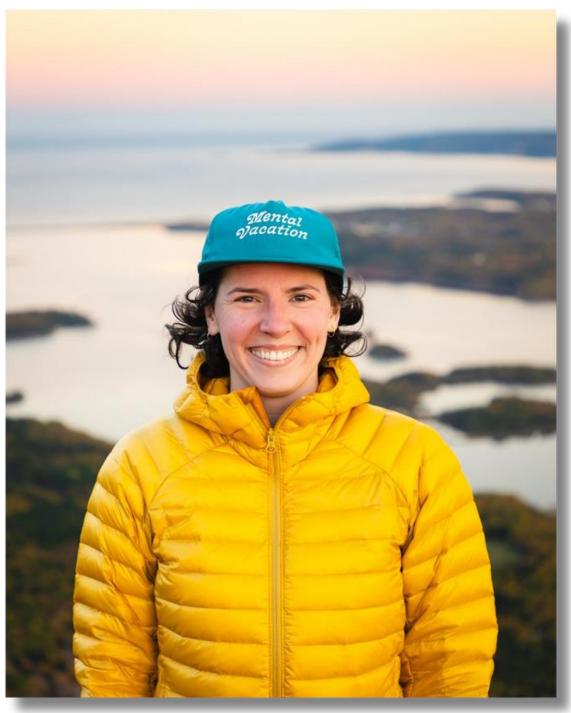




TIKTOK INFLUENCERS



Marie-Li Roy (@marieliroy) Quebec



Cape Breton Island

Ashley MacDonald (@lifeofashmac)

WEBSITE REFRESH



Get Started with our Trip Planner!

START PLANNING





Thrifting in #SJTownsByTheBay BLOG POSTS

When my friend and thrifting soulmate, Charlotte (@clothingreincarnated), proposed taking a thrifting road trip together I said YES before she...





READ MORE



24 Things to Do Down by the Bay in 2024 BLOG POSTS

CNN Travel named Saint John, New Brunswick as one of their top 24 destinations to visit in 2024 – and we couldn't agree more!

To help you...

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THE REGION

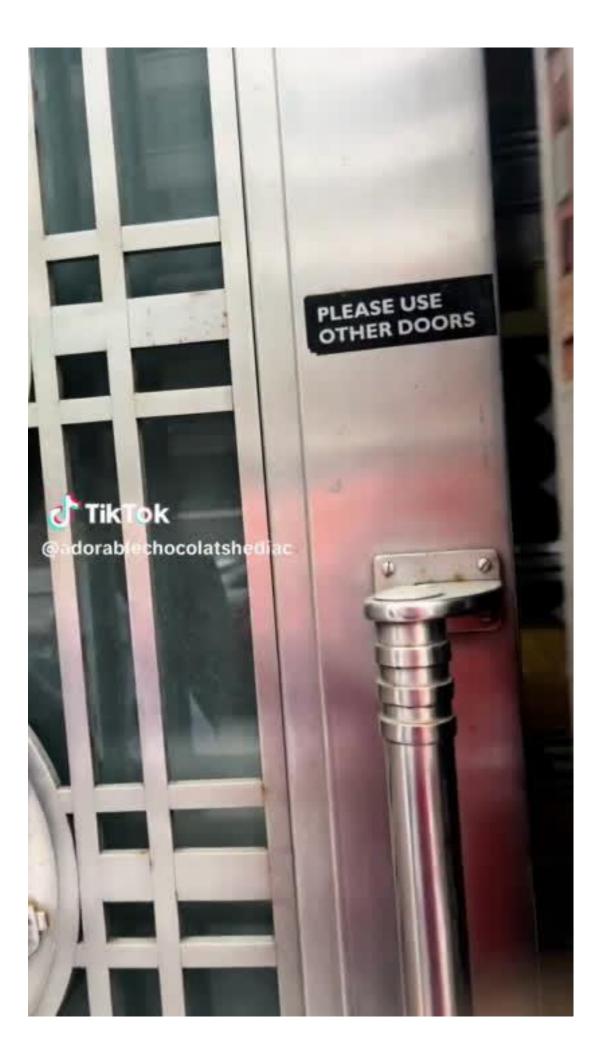
THE BEST OF THE BAY

Located in southern New Brunswick, Canada, the region includes a major port city on the world-famous Bay of Fundy and vibrant surrounding communities. This region is compromised of the City of Saint John, Quispamsis, Rothesay, Grand Bay-Westfield, Hampton, Fundy-St. Martins, and the Fundy Rural District.

LEARN MORE

"NATURESCAPE" ACTIVATION





TRAVEL MEDIA & INFLUENCERS

- Pitching, hosting and supporting media in the region.
- Working with NBTHC to pitch and host qualified media with common interests.
- Building regional itineraries with niche focuses, finding best-fit opportunities.
- Targeting influencers with engaged followers, to share authentic content.
- TMAC Annual Conference & Media Marketplace.



MEDIA EXAMPLES



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Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada



Tourists walk among the Hopewell Rocks at low tide along the Bay of Fundy. Eric Carr/Alamy

Not to be confused with St. John's, the capital of Newfoundland, Saint John is located in New Brunswick - also on Canada's east coast. This charming little city is an excellent base from which to enjoy the nearby Bay of Fundy, famed for having the world's highest tides.

The city itself is filled with historic architecture, including the Saint John City Market, a National Historic Site of Canada. Built from 1874 to 1876, it's filled with shops and food venues. A five-minute walk away is the Saint John Arts Centre. Set in the city's historic Carnegie Building, it's the only former Carnegie Library in eastern Canada.



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Saint John City Market, Saint John, New Brunswick



CHEFS & HOSTS

RECIPES

SHOWS

WHERE TO WATCH

GUY'S GROCERY GAMES

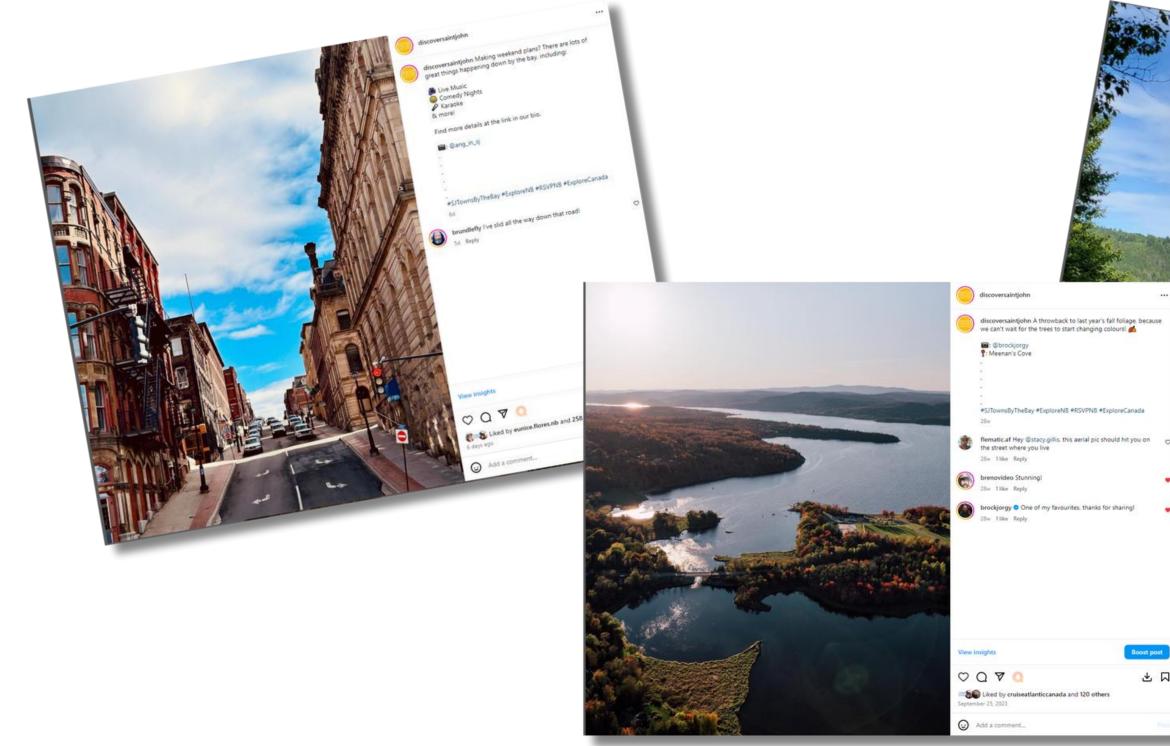
10 Canadian Grocery Stores and Food Markets That are Changing the Game

by LESLIE WU updated July 18, 2023



For those who want a plethora of choice, the Saint John City Market - a national historic site and the oldest continuing farmers' market in Canada - has a taste of a variety of smaller local vendors. From scratch-made fatayers at LebanOn on the Go to kimbap at Kim's Korean Food, the market is a community hub with over 20 vendors.

USER GENERATED CONTENT



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PARTNERSHIPS & SPONSORSHIPS

- Supporting local attractions, organizations and events to increase reach, raise awareness.
 - Bay Ferries
 - TBD
- Opportunity to elevate these opportunities and push a call to action.
- Encouraging visitation and improving visibility of the destination.



PARTNERSHIPS



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT FUNDY TRAIL PROVINCIAL PARK

August 13, 2023

What better way to celebrate 25 Years than with the top 25 things to do at the Fundy Trail!

The Fundy Trail boasts a 30km parkway hugging the southern coast of New Brunswick. Carved out of the Fundy escarpment, the park is one of the last remaining coastal wilderness areas between Florida and Labrador.

Construction of the Parkway officially began in 1995, after many years of planning and advocacy. The Fundy Trail Park officially opened its West Gate on August 29th, 1998, showcasing its first 10km phase. The Park opened its Eastern Entrance on May 15th, 2020, and the connector road to Sussex was completed in the spring of 2020.

August 29th, 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of the park! Celebrate this milestone by exploring our list of the top 25 things to do during your next Fundy Trail visit.



daveyandsky is in Saint John. Date night in Uptown Discover Saint John - Découvrez Saint John 🐕

41: Picaroons General Store A: Pomodori Pizzeria

🜿: Kings Square

Bay Ferries and Northumberland Ferries Limited New Brunswick / Nouveau-Brunswick #sjtownsbythebay #saintjohn #baycation #bayoffundy #fundyrose #explorenb #explorecanada #datenight #dogfriendlytravel #newbrunswick #canada







daveyandsky September 22, 2023 · 🕄

Bay-cation : an adventure within your vacation where you travel between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick / Nouveau-Brunswick across the world renowned Bay of Fundy. a: Bay Ferries and Northumberland Ferries Limited

Drive onboard, sit back, relax, and enjoy the views!

We loved taking MV Fundy Rose to Discover Saint John - Découvrez Saint John this summer and a few of our favourite things onboard included:

Se Viewing decks that showcase incredible views of the Bay of Fundy. Keep your eye out for seabirds, mammals, and whales! Hot tip, bring your camera or binoculars.

X Music on the Bay: onboard East Coast entertainment from local musicians. Nothing like some fiddle music to put you in the adventure mood!

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亏 3 different onboard dining & drink options from Tides & Valleys Eatery, Midship Café, and Crow's Nest.

2 movie lounges with family-friendly options too.

1 Visitor information services so you can learn more about MV Fundy Rose or the local attractions and events in New Brunswick / Nova Scotia.

J A gift shop called Fundy Treasures that has a lovely selection of local products and souvenirs from NS & NB.

A business centre with dedicated workstations and phone charging spots.

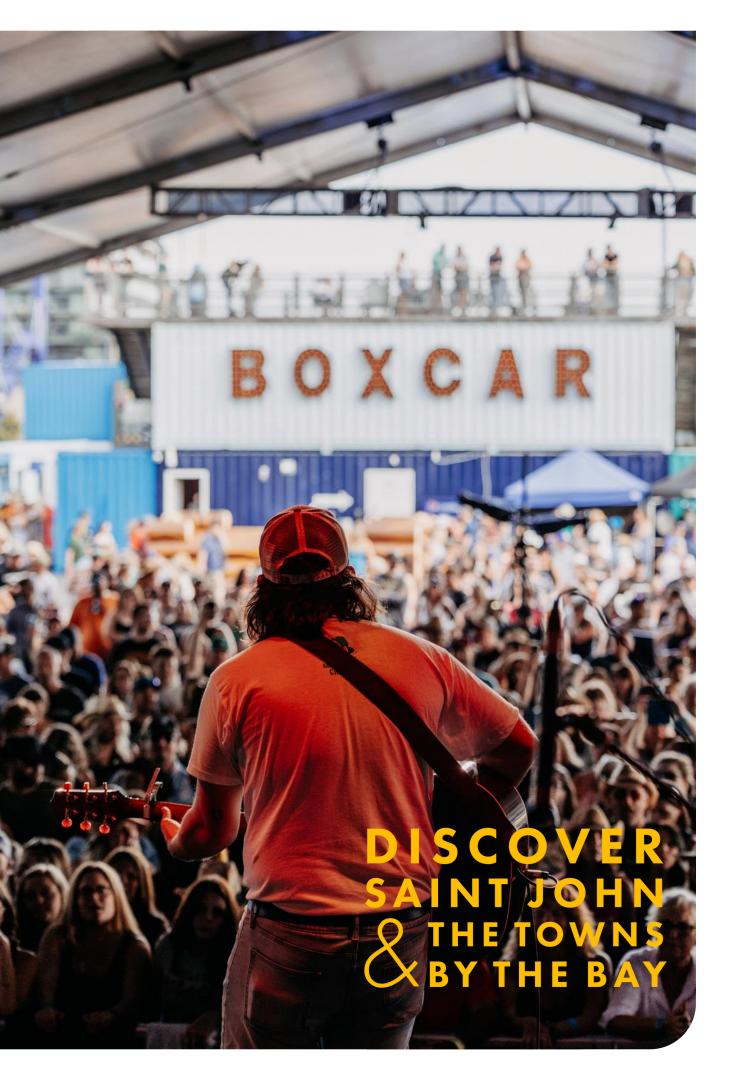
💰 Definitely add this experience to your Nova Scotia / New Brunswick bucket lists! 🤎

#bayferries #bayoffundy #novascotia #newbrunswick #explorenb #saintjohn #fundyrose #ferryride #explorecanada #canada #eastcoast #daveyandsky



SPONSORSHIPS

- Fundy Winterfest
- Violet Festival
- Port Days
- East Coast Games
- Area 506 Ribfest
- Boxcar Country Music Festival
- Area 506 Festival
- Culturefest
- Bricklin International
- Fundy Sea Shanty Festival
- KV Music Fest
- Moonlight Bazaar
- Saint John Seaglass Festival
- Saint John Powwow
- Dia de los Muertos





MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS

- Attending marketplaces and tradeshows with qualified meeting planners.
- Hosting annual Familiarization (FAM) Tours with qualified meeting planners (future business).
- Evaluation and submission of conference RFPs.
- Site Visits with organizations, planners, and selection committees to help with bid evaluation and final selection.
- Working with local champions to help bring conferences to the region.
- Developing a collaborative relationship with accommodation partners to best sell the region.
- Memberships with strategic planning associations.

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SALES EVENTS ATTENDING

- Destination Direct Hosted Buyer Program
- CSAE Tete a Tete
- Ottawa Meet Week
- CanSPEP
- MPI The Event
- Canadian Meetings & Events Expo
- MPI Pre-Prestige Event
- Canadian Innovation Conference



CONFERENCES

Anticipated Economic Impact of \$3M for 2024, including:

- Canadian Home Builders Association National Conference
- Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists
- Corps of Commissionaires Annual Conference
- RCL Dominion Convention
- Atlantic Planners Institute Conference



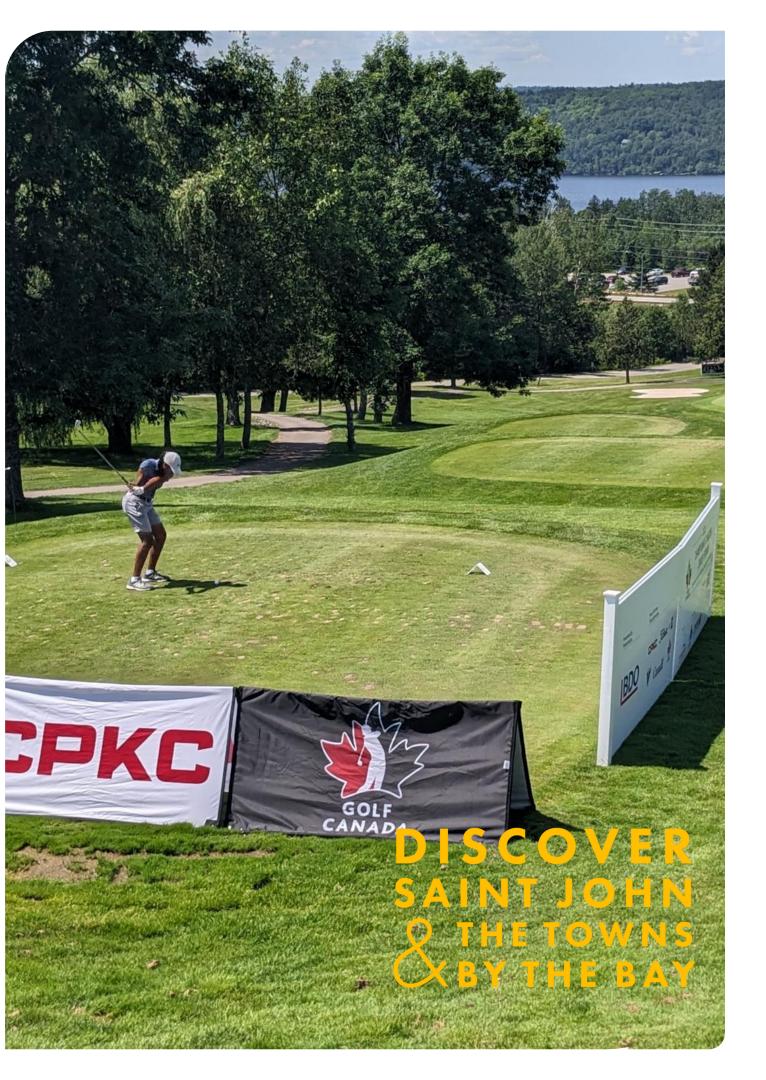
EXPLORE NB PARTNERSHIP

- **Objective:** Attract new out-ofprovince business events
- Partnership with Fredericton, Moncton, and NBTHC
- Coordinated and targeted approach
- Joint activations, sales missions, and FAMs



SPORTS & MAJOR EVENTS

- Attending marketplaces and association meetings with local, national, and international sport and event planners to sell the region.
- Hosting annual Familiarization (FAM) Tours with qualified sport planners (future business).
 Evaluation and submission of hosting RFPs for sports
- and major events.
- Site Visits with organizations, planners, and selection committees to help with bid evaluation and final selection.
- Developing a network of local champions for sports and major events.
- Supporting sports and events already in market, to help them achieve success.
- Memberships with strategic sport and event-based associations.



SALES EVENTS ATTENDING

- Sports Event Congress
- Event Atlantic Summit
- Music Tourism Convention
- NB Sports Hall of Fame
- 2024 Explore NB Open Golf Tournament with Golf Canada
- SPOHOX

Our Sales Manager, Lindsay Smith, is also a board member for Event Atlantic.

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SPORTS & MAJOR EVENTS

Anticipated Economic Impact of \$11M for 2024, including:

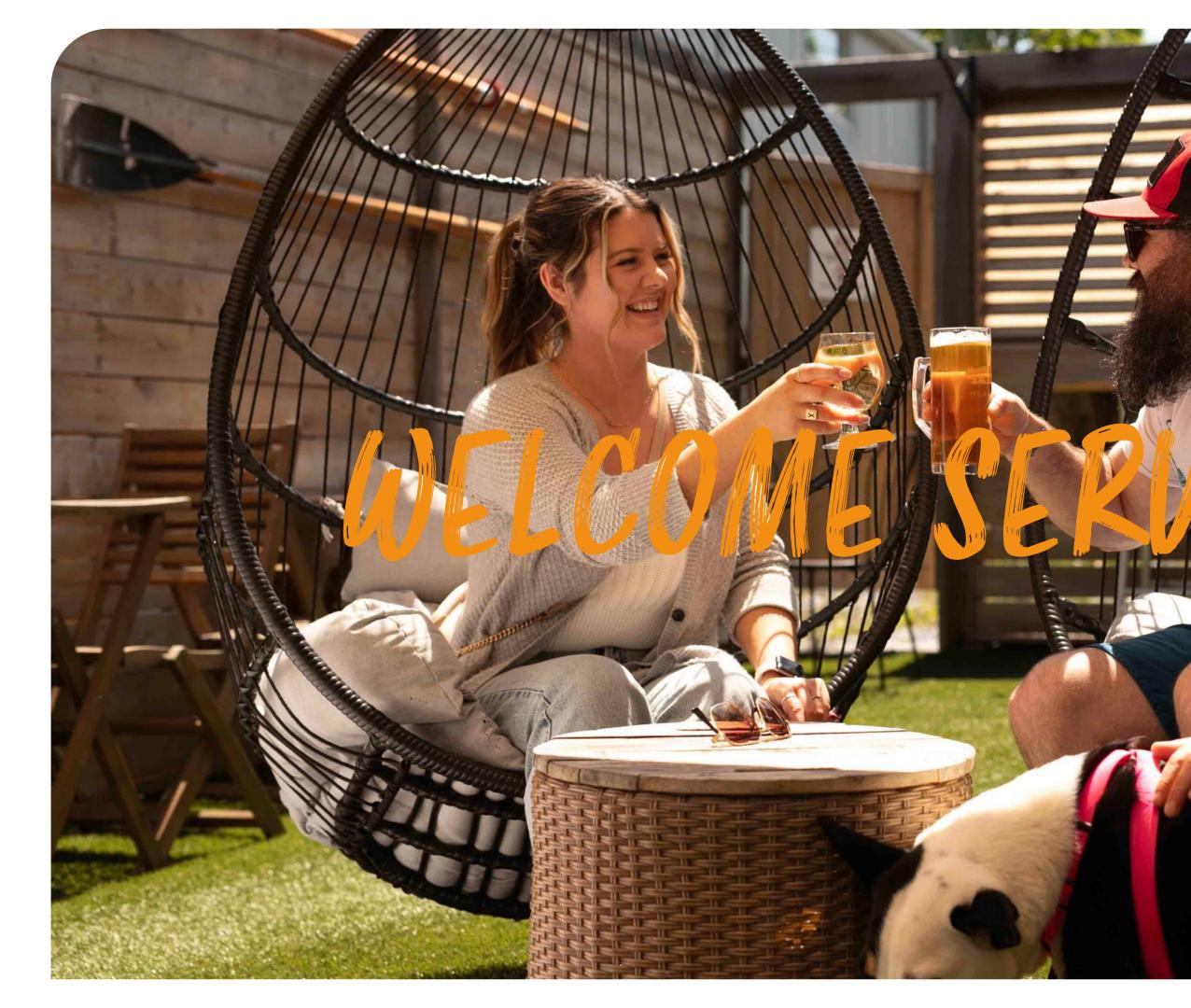
- TIDE Invitational Swim Meet
- Marianne Limpert Team Championships
- NBIAA Final 12
- ACAA Volleyball Championships
- NB Long Course Championships
- Area 506 Ribfest
- National Track & Field Tour
- East Coast Games
- Boxcar Country Music Festival
- Area 506 Festival
- Senior Men's Golf Championships
- Bricklin International 50th Anniversary
- Saint John Powwow



TRAVEL TRADE

- Attending strategic appointment-based marketplaces, selling to national and international travel trade operators:
 - Rendez-Vous Canada
 - Bienvenue Quebec
 - OMCA
- Collaborating with NBTHC to host key operators on FAM Tours to the Saint John Region.
- Hosting virtual destination training sessions with sales teams of select travel trade operators.
- Pitching new itineraries and itinerary additions to increase overnights and overall spend.
- Working closely with NBTHC to enhance trade travel readiness of regional operators.

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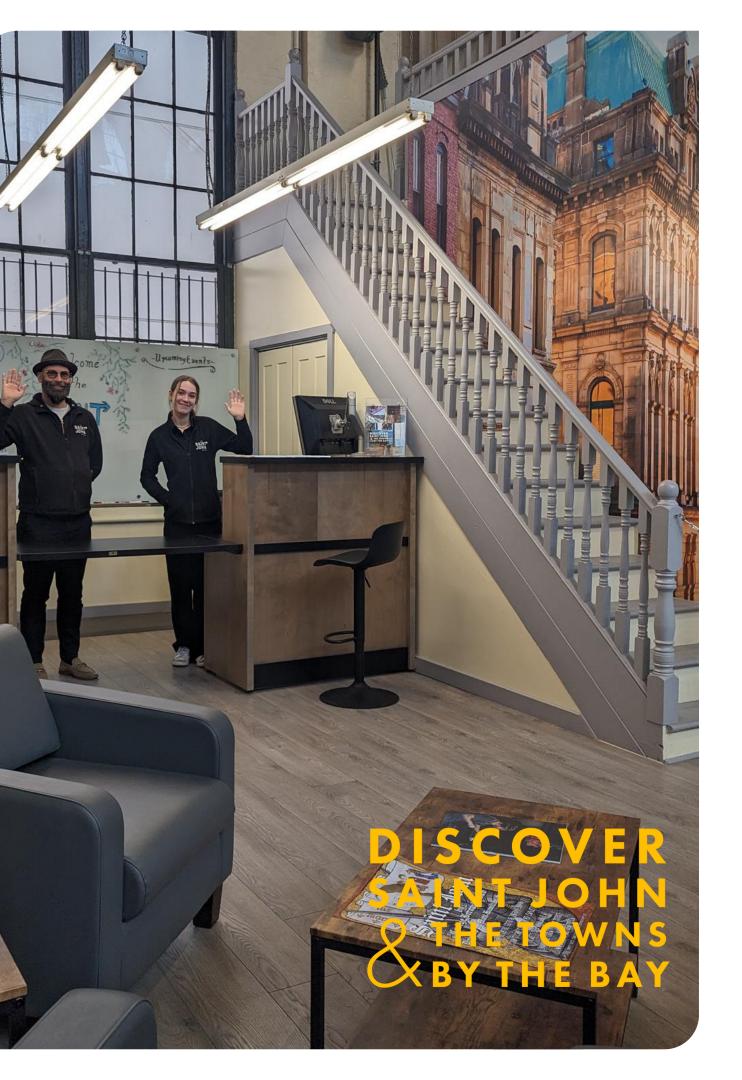
WELCOME SERVICES

- Operation of Welcome Centres
- Production of various printed pieces
 - Visitor Guide
 - Lure Piece
 - Map Pad
 - Three Historic Walking Tours
 - Art in Public Places Walking Tour
 - Reversing Falls Rapids Rack Card
 - Little Explorer's Guide
 - Selfie Spot Rack Cards
- SJTownsByTheBay.com
 - Operator Listings
 - Blogs
 - Events Calendar
 - Itineraries
- E-Newsletter

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WELCOME CENTRES

- Saint John City Market
- Collaboration with Port Saint John in the Area 506 Waterfront Container Village
- Welcome Ambassador partnership:
 Inside Out Nature Centre
- Future: The Eddy



RAINBOW REGISTERED

New for 2024: We are Rainbow Registered!

What does this mean?

- Recognition of agency adherence to the national standards of 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusivity through Canada's LGBT+ Chamber of Commerce.
- Formal way to show our Welcome Centres are truly welcoming for all.

@RainbowRegistered

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WELCOME AMBASSADOR TRAINING

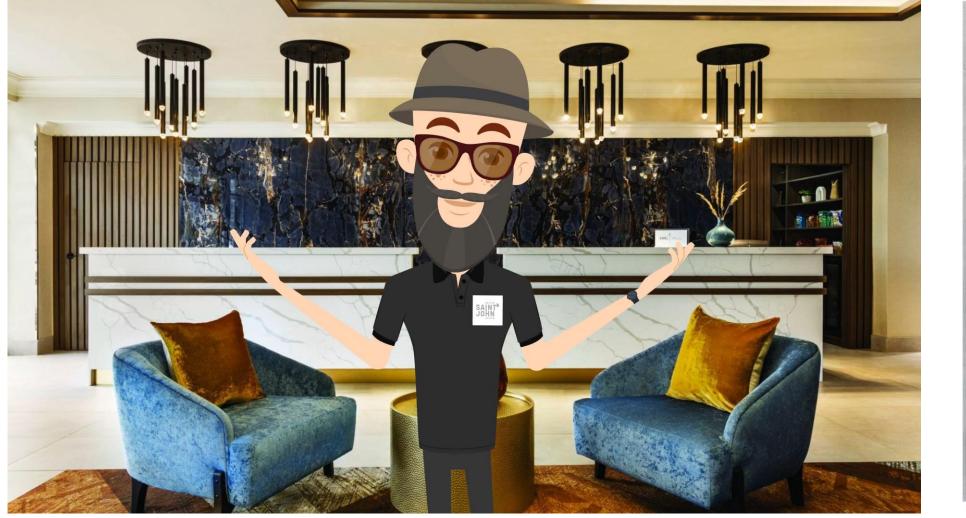
Saint John Region Welcome Ambassador Certification

- Multi-day in-person training throughout the Saint John Region for Agency and partner staff
 - Mix of site visits and classroom sessions
- Online Training Program (launching mid-May)
 - For front-line staff throughout the region
 - Self-directed
 - Open book, multiple-choice exam
 - Successful completion = certified for the current leisure tourism season

• Free

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WELCOME AMBASSADOR TRAINING





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TOURISM MASTER PLAN

- **Objective:** Shared vision for the development of the tourism economy for the Saint John Region
- Data-driven
- High stakeholder engagement
- Action plan with defined roles and shared responsibilities





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