Is Newfoundland one province you regret not having visited (yet)? RAQ has arranged an opportunity to remedy that:

Sign up for Collette’s “Wonders of Newfoundland” tour 
September 5 – 16, 2019

Most of us have seen the marvelously enticing ads Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism has run in print and on TV for the last several years. I was there in in 2013 and I can say, “It’s even better being there. There’s the history, the scenery and the people you’ll meet.”

The Collette tour leaves from Pearson International Airport on Thursday, September 5, 2019, for the flight to St. John’s on the easternmost peninsula on the island. There you’ll visit the famous tower on Signal Hill, where you’ll get a panoramic view across the harbor to the central city. In the city, you’ll see residential streets, where even mailboxes look like house fronts.

From St. John’s you’ll travel south to Cape Spear, “where Canada ends … or begins” (text on a government sign). In addition to the modern lighthouse, they have preserved the 1835 lighthouse and something from more recent history.
Leaving St. John’s you’ll stop in the village of Brigus, perhaps at the museum in historic Hawthorn Cottage which, in the early 20th century, was the home of Captain Bob Bartlett, sea captain and Arctic explorer.

In historic Trinity, marvel at the prices (and products) in a restored general store. In 1909 one could buy a suit of clothes for $2.70 and a pair of lady’s kid gloves for 66 cents! Wherever they go, chocoholics could look for signs like the one below in Trinity.

In areas prone to high winds, garbage cans are kept in specially built containers, this one in Twillingate next to the mailbox. And, of course, there are more lighthouses.
At L’Anse aux Meadows you can see evidence that proved Viking settlement and visit a modern reconstruction of what such a settlement might have looked like. Inside the longhouse try hefting a round oak shield and Viking sword. You’ll see why medieval battles were not drawn-out affairs.

On the ferry ride across the Strait of Belle Isle to Labrador, in some seasons you may encounter ice floes brought south from Greenland by the Labrador Current. In Red Bay, Labrador, you can visit the Red Bay Basque Whaling Station, a World Heritage museum showing the 16th century station for extracting whale oil for shipment back to Europe, a dangerous but very lucrative endeavour.

Newfoundland has so much to see and do that a few pictures cannot do it justice. The tour described below offers RAQeteers an opportunity to experience for themselves the Wonders of Newfoundland (and Labrador).

George Brandie, RAQ member (photo and text)
Join fellow RAQ members on the Collette Tour of Newfoundland
September 5—16, 2019

Book your trip with our local contact for this tour: Ms Jackie Lacey, Merit Travel Kingston, 186 Princess Street (corner of Princess & Montreal Streets), phone 613-546-5584. Ms Lacey can answer questions, accept payments, and arrange travel insurance (if required).

Details of the tour can be found online at https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/951544

A deposit of $ 500 per person is to be paid when booking the trip.

Final payment of the balance is due by July 7, 2019.

Book by March 22, 2019, to ensure the rates listed below:

Double occupancy $ 6,149 CDN per person
Single occupancy $ 7,549 CDN

Included in the above price: return airfare from Pearson International Airport, transfers to/from airports within NL, transportation and accommodation on the tour, 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners.