

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada

Cape Breton's harbour city greets ships with a giant steel fiddle and a main street that actually lives up to its name. From Celtic pubs to the wild Cabot Trail, this is Canada's east coast at its most authentic.

 Docked (pier)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Canadian Dollar (CAD)  English (Gaelic heritage)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Joan Harriss Cruise Pavilion, steps from downtown Charlotte Street

Best For: Celtic music lovers, Cabot Trail day-trippers, Canadian history

Walk to Centre: 2–3 min on foot to Charlotte Street shops, restaurants, and the Big Fiddle

Don't Miss: Photo with the world's largest Celtic fiddle at the pier, then live music at a downtown pub

 Getting around:  Taxi  CAD 15–30 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cabot Trail Highlights Drive** — The famous coastal highway loops through Cape Breton Highlands National Park.
- **Fortress of Louisbourg** — North America's largest reconstructed 18th-century French fortress sits about 40 minutes from Sydney.
- **Celtic Music & Downtown Sydney Walk** — Cape Breton is the heartland of North American Celtic music.
- **Cape Breton Miners' Museum** — In Glace Bay, 20 minutes from Sydney, retired miners lead underground tours of an actual coal seam.
- **Bras d'Or Lake Scenic Drive** — The vast inland sea of Bras d'Or Lake is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

BEST WALKS

- **Sydney Waterfront & Charlotte Street Stroll** 45–60 min | Easy | 1.5 km — Start at the Big Fiddle at the pier, walk the Esplanade boardwalk north to Wentworth Park, then loop back along Charlotte Street...
- **Cossit House & Historic Core** 30–45 min | Easy | 1 km — From the pier, walk a few blocks inland to Cossit House (c).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	72°	59°	10d
Jun	62°	49°	9d
Aug	64°	48°	7d
Sep	68°	51°	8d
Oct	72°	56°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:17AM–5:32PM · Jun 6:58AM–4:52PM · Aug 6:34AM–5:25PM · Sep 5:55AM–5:46PM · Oct 6:14AM–7:08PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Cabot Trail early. Shore excursions selling out is a real problem in Sydney peak season (July–September). If you want a guided Cabot Trail run, reserve before you sail.
- USD works, but poorly. Most downtown shops accept US dollars, but the exchange rate offered in-store is unfavourable. Use a no-fee debit card at an ATM on Charlotte Street instead.

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Membertou Heritage Park

Experience Mi'kmaq culture, history, and traditions at this heritage park.

3 Old Sydney Society

Discover Sydney's rich history through preserved buildings and exhibits.

5 Worlds Largest Fiddle

See the iconic giant fiddle sculpture celebrating Celtic music.

2 St Patrick's Church Museum

Explore local history in a beautifully preserved former church.

4 Baile Ard Trail

Enjoy scenic walking and hiking trails through beautiful woodlands.

P Cruise port / terminal