

Halifax Happenings



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Tall Ships return to Halifax

Halifax harbour will host the largest gathering of Tall Ships in North America during **July 16-20, 2009**. The Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 is a spectacular race around the North Atlantic Ocean of more than 7,000 nautical miles.

New in 2009: The Seaport Farmers' Market

The Seaport Farmers' Market will be an ecological and cultural showpiece on the Halifax Waterfront, alongside the Cruise Pavilion. The expanded, multi-day market will allow visitors to see artisans creating many of their wares. Open June 2009.

Folk Art of Nova Scotia

Show of Hands, exhibiting at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, highlights the imaginative creation of local folk artists, including Maud Lewis and Joe Norris. Until November 16.

Powerful performances on Halifax stages and screens

Offbeat, fresh and innovative theatre and film are on offer during two acclaimed Halifax festivals. The Atlantic Fringe Festival (August 28, - September 07) presents new work from emerging/established artists, with up to 225 performances. The Atlantic Film Festival (September 11-20) More than 700 delegates flock to the 200+ films, galas, parties and festivities.

Drum! The beat goes on in 2008

Experience Four Cultures...Four Rhythms...One Heart. Atlantic Canada's Musical Celebration. DRUM! is an innovative musical production featuring the four principle cultures—Aboriginal, Black, Celtic and Acadian—in a heart pumping spectacle of music, dance, rhythm and song. Sept. 12-Oct. 11, 2008

Supporting local produce at the Maritime Fall Fair

The fair brings country to the city, to celebrate the best of the best in agriculture, and promoting local agriculture through interactive displays. Check out the horse and cattle competitions and the rodeo.

Titanic at Maritime Museum

Find out more about Halifax's connection with the Titanic, as well as the fascinating Halifax Explosion at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Discover the Wines of Nova Scotia

From September 4 to October 26, discover the passion and artistry of Nova Scotia's winemakers and some of our province's finest chefs. Wine tastings, gourmet dinners, grape stomps, classes and food pairing events all await your palate.

On the sea & in the air

- Air Transat, Corsair, Condor, Thomas Cook and Zoom offer seasonal services to Frankfurt, Paris, Gatwick and Glasgow.
- Daily Air Canada year round non-stop London Heathrow service.
- Icelandair offers direct year round flights to Reykjavik 3X week.
- US direct service to Halifax continues to grow with over 15 flights a day from Boston, New York JFK & LaGuardia, Newark, Chicago, Atlanta, Detroit & Washington operated by Delta, American, Northwest, United, Continental & Air Canada.
- Canada-US pre-clearance now open at Halifax Stanfield Intl. Airport. Travelers to the US from Halifax will now be treated as domestic passengers upon arrival in the US.

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Hotel News & Updates

- **Hotel News: Holiday Inn Harbourview** ~ completely renovated; offering special 2008 FIT rates
- **Delta Halifax** ~ special rates for 2008 starting at \$116
- **Halifax Marriott Harbourfront** ~ \$12m Reno completed—now 153 dbl/dbl's out of 352 rooms
- **Four Points by Sheraton Halifax** ~ looking for weekend motorcoach business
- **Quality Inn Halifax Airport** ~ New ownership and renovated
- **Westin Nova Scotian** ~ \$8m room renovations completed
- **Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel** ~ now open
- **Ramada Plaza** ~ Room renovations completed
- **Holiday Inn Express Halifax Airport** - new 118 room property opened
- **Courtyard by Marriott** ~ now open
- **Cambridge Suites** ~ Renovations ongoing to convert more suites to dbl/dbls. 125-room
- **Best Western Hotel & Suites** ~ opens in Dartmouth June 2008
- **Future Inns** ~ room renovations to include new suites floor

Highlights From our online Upcoming Events list

For additional event and attraction information visit our website at destinationhalifax.com

2009 World Senior Canoe Championships (August 1-7, 2009) Watch this outstanding athletic display on Lake Banook, Dartmouth, NS just minutes from Halifax's city center. www.canoe09.ca

Mark your calendar for **Atlantic Canada Showcase**, the region's premiere travel trade marketplace to be held **October 7-9, 2008** in Moncton, New Brunswick.

2010 Canadian Navy—100th Anniversary (July 2009-2010) Celebrate 100 years of service with 18 months of events, including naval parades, concerts, fireworks, and a phenomenal display of warships in Halifax harbour. www.canadiannavy100.forces.gc.ca

2011 Canada Winter Games (February 11-27, 2011) Halifax is proud to host the Canada Winter Games in 2011, featuring 20 sports over 18 days. www.canadagames2011.ca

Titanic 100 (April, 2012) Halifax will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth and sinking of the Titanic 1912-2012. Watch for the website in April, 2008. www.titanic100.ca

