



From kissing cod to the annual cod wars, there's something fishy going on in Canada's easternmost province.

Newfoundland has a long-running romance with a very cold fish—the Atlantic cod. When Italian explorer John Cabot sailed the east coast of North America in 1497, he described fish so plentiful they could be scooped up with baskets; in the coming centuries, cod fishing in Newfoundland would draw fleets from Spain, France, Portugal, and England.

By the 1990s, though, the waters had been overfished for so long the cod population collapsed. In 1992, Canada called a stop to cod fishing in hopes of protecting the remaining numbers, ending a tradition that's helped define Newfoundland's culture and cuisine.

But in the last decade, the Atlantic cod has made a slow return to the coastal waters of Newfoundland. And if codfish flop back to prominence in the North Atlantic, they'll find a warm welcome in the province, where fishing history is celebrated in rituals that range from quirky to *extremely* quirky. Whether you're getting "screeched in," dining on cod tongues, or learning to fish yourself, here's how to plan a cod-themed getaway.



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Stay in a Traditional Saltbox House Worthy of a Cod Fisherman

WHERE: Newfoundland, Canada

With sharp rooflines and rows of seaward-facing windows, saltbox houses dot Newfoundland's most remote coastlines. The traditional architectural style is beloved, but many historic homes were abandoned as the island's population gradually migrated to towns. In an effort to preserve that history, the [Old Saltbox Co.](#) is renovating classic saltbox houses into modernized rentals, with locations from Fogo Island to the wild southwest coast, where many communities can only be reached by boat.

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