NSP Maymester Trip 2012 Itinerary:
Quebec City and St John’s Newfoundland

Saturday, May 12
11:30-12 -- Arrive in Quebec City. Meet up in the airport (after customs, by the baggage claim area), so that we can depart as a group to the hotel. Hotel: Loews Hotel Le Concorde Quebec (1225 cours du Général-De Montcalm, Québec City, Québec, G1R 4W6, 418-647-2222)
3:15 or 4:45 (whichever is better) – Attend Quebec Experience, 3D multimedia presentation on the history of Quebec City
Dinner on your own

Sunday, May 13
Meet at 9AM in lobby of hotel
9:30 AM -- Grand Tour, Les Tours de Voir Quebec – Tour of main historic sites of old city
12PM – Lunch at Aux Anciens Canadiens
2:30PM – Scavenger Hunt in Old City
Dinner on your own

Monday, May 14
Meet at 9AM in lobby
9:15AM – Battle of Quebec Historic Site, Plains of Abraham – Odyssey Multimedia Presentation
10:30AM – Guided tour of battlefield with Generals Wolfe and Montcalm
12:30PM – Lunch at Chez Ashton
Afternoon time on your own
3:15PM – Meet back at hotel for trip to Huron Reserve at Wendake
4PM – Guided visit of Wendake
5PM – Visit to handicraft boutique
6PM – Dinner at Wendake

Tuesday, May 15
Free time in morning
2PM – Meet back at hotel
2:30 PM – Food Tour, Les Tours Voir Quebec
6PM – Meet in hotel lobby for dinner
7PM – Dinner at Les Relais de Pins, Ile d'Orleans

Wednesday, May 16
Fly to St John’s
Dinner on your own
7:30 PM – Meet in hotel lobby
8PM – Haunted Hike

Thursday, May 17
Land and Sea Tour of St John’s and Vicinity
Morning (time TBA): Tour of St John’s, Ann’s Tours
Afternoon: Whale-Watching Trip, Bay Bulls, O’Brien’s Tours
Dinner on your own

Friday, May 18
Morning (time TBA): Discussion with local fishermen
2PM: Visit to Colony of Avalon, meeting with archaeologists
7PM: Dinner at Bacalao

Saturday, May 19
7AM – Meet in lobby for trip to Trinity
11AM – Tour of Trinity led by Trinity Historical Society
1PM – Lunch
2:30 PM – Rugged Beauty Boat Tour
Dinner on your own

Sunday, May 20
Fly home
Think Canada’s just a cleaner, nicer, colder version of America? Think it’s a frozen land of ice and eskimos, where everyone lives in an igloo and has a pet walrus?

Think again! Our two destinations are super-cool, offering history, natural beauty and plenty of opportunities for spotting amazing wildlife.

**QUEBEC CITY**

On the banks of the St Lawrence River, Quebec City is both beautifully set and the most historic city in Canada. Vieux-Québec (the ‘Old City’) is the only walled city in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with winding cobbled streets lined with houses from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It was also the place where the fate of colonial Canada – whether it would be British or French – was decided, in the Battle of Quebec during the Seven Years’ War in 1759.

**Potential Activities**

- a tour of the city’s numerous historic sites
- the site of the Battle of Quebec on the Plains of Abraham
- the Citadelle, a massive fortress built by the French but much expanded by the British
- the Musée de la Civilisation, with its global and Canadian exhibits
- the Cartier-Brébeuf National Historic Site, where Jacques Cartier spent the winter of 1535-6
- Wendake, the only Huron Indian reserve in Canada
NEWFOUNDLAND

Newfoundland did not become part of Canada until 1949, in a referendum that barely passed. It still seems in some ways a world apart, with dialects that retain hints of the speech of the English and Irish settlers who arrived centuries ago. The island boasts both historic and natural attractions; its landscape has a rugged beauty that is in keeping with the fierce, independent spirit of its inhabitants.

Potential Activities

- St John’s, Newfoundland’s lively capital, which boasts a number of historic sites as well as a vibrant Celtic music scene centered on George Street
- Witless Bay Ecological Reserve, home of the largest puffin colony in eastern Canada and the largest population of humpback whales in the world
- Ferryland, where George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, established a British colony in 1620
- Trinity, a charming historic fishing village
- Gander, the airport where planes from around the world landed on 9/11/2001
- Twillingate, the ‘iceberg capital of the world’
- Gros Morne National Park, which offers some of Newfoundland’s most beautiful scenery and opportunities to view moose, caribou and minke whales
POSSIBLE READINGS

- **Stephen Brunt**, *Gretzky’s Tears: Hockey, America and the Day that Everything Changed* – Tells the story of Wayne Gretzy’s trade from the Edmonton Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings in 1998 and its devastating effect on the Canadian nation.

- **Mark Kurlansky**, *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World* – Prominently featuring the Newfoundland fisheries, Kurlansky tells the story of cod and the fishermen who lived off it.

- **Jim DeFede**, *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander Newfoundland* – When 38 planes bound for the United States were forced to land in Gander on September 11, 2001, due to the closing of United States airspace, the citizens of this small community were called upon to come to the aid of more than six thousand displaced travelers.


- **Brian Moore**, *Black Robe* – A fine novel about relations between Jesuit missionaries and Indians in seventeenth-century Canada.

- **Frank McLynn**, *1759: The Year Britain Became Master of the World* – Called the "Year of Victories," 1759 paved the way for the global hegemony of the British Empire.

- **David MacFarlane**, *The Danger Tree: Memory, War and the Search for a Family’s Past* – Macfarlane weaves the major events of Newfoundland's twentieth century—the ravages of tuberculosis; the great seal-hunt disaster; the bitter debate over whether to become part of Canada; and above all, the First World War—into a saga of the ill-starred yet heroic fortunes of his family.

- **Robert Finch**, *The Iambics of Newfoundland: Notes from an Unknown Shore* – For nearly a decade, Robert Finch traveled around the “edge of North America” — the stunning yet seriously inhospitable island of Newfoundland. Here, he chronicles the people, geography, and wildlife of this remote and lovely place. In beautifully written essays, sketches, and stories, Finch roams from verdant valleys to the rocky cliffs of Cape Spear, from Sandy Cove to Squid Tickle, from the steep streets of historic St. John’s to the moss-covered tundra of the southern coast.

- **John Gimlette**, *Theatre of Fish: Travels through Newfoundland and Labrador* – John Gimlette’s journey across this harsh and awesome landscape, the eastern extreme of the Americas, featuring the “outporters,” the present-day inhabitants of these shores. Descended from last-hope Irishmen, outlaws, navy deserters and fishermen from Jersey and Dorset, these outporters are a warm, salty, witty and exuberant breed.

- **Wayne Johnston**, *Baltimore’s Mansion: A Memoir* – In this loving memoir Wayne Johnston returns to Newfoundland—the people, the place, the politics—and illuminates his family's story with all the power and drama he brought to his magnificent novel.