



## Local Sites and Attractions

We are so happy to be hosting the Survivor Conference in our home city again this year! St. John's is full of life, spirit and fun. Below are some tips, ideas, etc. that may help make your stay in our beautiful province a little better. Whether you are staying a few extra days, or you want to explore during your Conference free time, this document should give you some great ideas.

Please also note that we will be exploring the following locations with you throughout the Conference: Signal Hill; Cape Spear; Downtown (day time).

## Hotel and Surrounding Areas:

The Conference is being held at the **Comfort Inn Airport (106 Airport Road)**. The following amenities are **located at the hotel:**

- Complementary fitness facilities
- Free WiFi
- Free Airport Shuttle (24 hrs a day); you can request this at the Visitor Information Center (at arrivals) or call 753.3500 ext 1. Unfortunately, this shuttle is not wheelchair accessible. For individuals that are in wheelchairs you will need to contact the [Go Bus \(http://www.metrobus.com/ALF/gobus\\_info.asp\)](http://www.metrobus.com/ALF/gobus_info.asp), or get a taxi outside the airport.
- Free Parking for locals
- Clancy's Kitchen and Bar
- Wheelchair accessible rooms (*if you require a room like this please let Lesley know as soon as you can*)

## **In the Area:**

The Comfort Inn Airport is located near the St. John's International Airport. Near the hotel there is a local shopping district that has restaurants and shopping. The road is **Stavanger Drive** ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stavanger\\_Drive\\_Shopping\\_Area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stavanger_Drive_Shopping_Area)) and it is approx. 5 min by car, approx. \$15 by cab\* and approx. 40 min to walk. [*\*Note: all cab prices listed in this document are estimates based on advice from a local cab company, prices may vary*]

## **Local Transportation:**

**Taxis:** Below are the phone numbers of some local cab companies:

- City Wide – 722.7777
- Jiffy – 722.2222
- Newfound – 744.4444

**Bus:** The Metro Bus services the St. John's area. Here is the link to their site:

<http://www.metrobus.com/home.asp>

**GoBus Accessible Transit** is the St. John's area **para-transit system**. Its mandate is to provide persons with disabilities and those who are unable to access conventional transit equal access to a transportation system so as to enhance their participation in all aspects of community life. For more information on the GoBUs please call: 709-754-CITY (2489) ([http://www.metrobus.com/ALF/gobus\\_info.asp](http://www.metrobus.com/ALF/gobus_info.asp))

## **Weather:**

The weather in Newfoundland is VERY unpredictable. One must prepare for four seasons in one day! For early June it is best to travel with **warm layers** (temps can range between 5-15 degrees at this time of year) and **prepare for rain**. Keep an eye on the forecasts, but don't place any bets on them as they can, and do, change quite quickly.

## **Planning Your Trip:**

If you are planning on spending some additional time in our beautiful city/province, you should check out the following tourism sites. They are very user friendly and can be a big help in helping you plan your trip (rhyme was not fully intended there ☺)

NL Tourism: <http://www.newfoundlandlabrador.com/>;

Destination St. Johns: <http://destinationstjohns.com/>

## Fun Local Attractions:

**Middle Cove Beach:** [http://lbmcoc.ca/?page\\_id=208](http://lbmcoc.ca/?page_id=208)

If you want to see a 'traditional' Newfoundland beach, not too far from the city, Middle Cove Beach is it. It is about 12 min in car/\$25 by cab from the hotel.

**Downtown St. John's:** <http://www.downtownstjohns.com/>

Downtown St. John's isn't just about [George Street](#) (which is also fun!), but it is about traditional shops, restaurants, and more! The west end of downtown is about 15 min by car/\$20 by cab and the east end is about 12 min by car/\$15 by cab from the hotel.

**Avalon Mall:** <http://www.shopavalonmall.com/>

The Avalon Mall is the largest local shopping mall in St. John's and is located approx. 11 min by car/\$30 in cab from the hotel.

**The Rooms:** <https://www.therooms.ca/>

The rooms is Newfoundland and Labrador's museum and archives. The building itself is worth checking out and the exhibits focus on traditional Newfoundland and Labrador way of life. It is located approx. 10 min car ride/\$15 cab from the hotel.

**Ocean Science Center:** [http://lbmcoc.ca/?page\\_id=210](http://lbmcoc.ca/?page_id=210)

Memorial University's Ocean Sciences Centre is a major facility for marine research on the Atlantic coast. Dedicated to raising public awareness in marine sciences, the Centre opens its doors each June to the public, inviting visitors of all ages to experience the popular touch tank, harp seals, and much more.

The Ocean Science Center is located 8-10 min by car/approx. \$15 by cab from the hotel.

**Johnson's Geo Centre:** <https://www.geocentre.ca/>

The Johnson GEO CENTRE is a geological interpretation centre located on Signal Hill. It is about 13 min from the hotel by car/\$15-\$18 by cab.

**Boat Tour from St. John's Harbour:** Downtown St. John's, approx. 12-15 min drive/\$15-\$20 by cab from the hotel. Here are a list of a few options for boat tours within the city:

Ice Burg Quest: <http://icebergquest.com/tours/>

Dee Jay Charters: <http://www.deejaycharters.ca/>

**Boat Tour (away from the city): Captain Waynes: <http://captwaynes.com/>**

If you have a little more time and have the means to venture a little further from the city, we would recommend doing a boat tour with Captain Wayne. Captain Wayne is located in Bay Bulls (which is about 25-30min from the city of St. John's). Tell him you are a friend of Karine and he will make sure you have lots of fun on your venture!

**Quidi Vidi Brewery: <http://www.quidividibrewery.ca/>**

QV is a Newfoundland-based independent brewing company focused on producing world-class quality beers for the mainstream, specialty, and now the premium segment of the beer market.

Quidi Vidi is about a 10 min drive/approx \$15/\$20 in cab from the hotel. Quidi Vidi Village is also a great place to see the traditional way of life in Newfoundland. It is quaint and friendly, a great way to spend an afternoon!

**Jack Axes: <https://www.jackaxesinc.com/>**

This is the 'famous' Jack Axes that Jason Momoa introduced to the late night talk show circuit. It is located on the east end of downtown St. John's, approx 10 min drive/\$15 by cab from the hotel.