

# Grand Bank, Newfoundland (August 2018) – Hospitality on the Ocean



Tidbit: We had an amazing bike ride along the coast with an unobstructed view of Fortune Bay on a crisp Sunday morning on a newly paved road. Then, we decided to kayak from Grand Bank to Fortune that same day. So, we saw Fortune Bay from the road and water. An exhausting but satisfying day.



Our first stop in Newfoundland was the town of Grand Bank, in the Burin Peninsula. We stayed at a lovely bed and breakfast on the ocean. The beach had the smoothest rocks with so many colour variations. We enjoyed lots of excellent home cooking and viewed the harbor from the “widows walk” of a heritage home.

# Grand Bank, Newfoundland (August 2018) – Beauty of the Barrens



We decided to take a hike on the barrens that overlook the town (we had already kayaked in this area). This entire region is characterized by vast barrens and rocky shores. The vistas can be quite breathtaking. To our surprise, the surface of the barren is super spongy and wet with a dense carpet of moss and lichen.

# Burin, Newfoundland (August 2018) – The Prettiest Town



Of course we had to spend some time in Burin, the birthplace of Rhonda's mother. The scenery in Burin is just so beautiful. We were so happy to come back and see it once more. It was a treat to see this determined gang of geese as they waddled with impressive purpose through the town to the water.

# Burin, Newfoundland (August 2018) – Cook's Lookout



A highlight of our time in Burin was a hike to Cook's Lookout. This site was used by Captain James Cook as he kept an eye out for smugglers and privateers while charting the coast from 1763-1767.

# Burin, Newfoundland (August 2018) – House that Grandfather Paddle Built?



One day we took a road trip up the coast from Burin to Boat Harbour where we had the chance to tour a heritage home that we believe was owned by Rhonda's grandfather's cousin. The Paddle family lived on Flat Island, one of the islands whose inhabitants were forced to resettle about 50 years ago. This house was floated from Flat Island during the resettlement. The kitchen cabinets were very reminiscent of the ones Rhonda's grandfather built in the house she grew up in. It was interesting to wonder whether her grandfather had a hand in making these cabinets (he was a carpenter).

# Burin, Newfoundland (August 2018) – Petit Forte



Our tour guide in the Paddle House suggested we take a drive to the community of Petit Forte. Well worth it! There is also a ferry here that runs to the isolated settlement of East Bight – there are no roads in East Bight, so everyone parks their car in Petit Forte, at the ferry dock.