

A Crazy Quilting Experience at Fogo Island Inn

On Fogo Island, Newfoundland

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Fogo Island, NL., Friday, March 23, 2018— From Pack Ice through Spring Seasons, Fogo Island Inn highlights the rich history of Newfoundland textile-making in the form of **A Crazy Quilting Experience**. On now through May 2018, guests of all ages will put needle and thread to fabric alongside Fogo Island's gifted artisans, engaging with quilts which have been prized and beloved for centuries as objects that convey artistic beauty and a history of resourcefulness and survival.

The "crazy quilt," one of several traditional designs, is defined by its vibrant and spontaneous array of patchwork, usually accented with hand-embroidered, decorative herringbone stitching. Born from necessity and thrift, these quilts began as a patchwork of odds and ends, such as fabric remnants from pieces of clothing that had run their course combined with other patches to become something at once utilitarian and pleasing to the eye. Today, Fogo Islanders retain the knowledge and practice of quilting, and continue to produce an array of designs with heritage monikers such as "tea leaf," "nosegay-compass points," and "rob Peter to pay Paul."

Guests of all experience levels will be able to choose from a variety of immersions guided by a Master Quilter, who will meet them for tea and orientation, introduce them to the storied history of Fogo Island and Newfoundland quilting, and, dependant on the length of stay, teach them a range of quilting techniques.

The warm and cozy **Crazy Quilting Experience** itinerary is complemented by the many amenities of Fogo Island Inn, including meals imagined by Executive Chef Jonathan Gushue and his kitchen team, rooftop saunas and hot tubs, an in-house Cinema, a heritage library replete with non-fiction and regional literature, and the Fogo Island Gallery, currently exhibiting

Isa Melsheimer's "The Year of the Whale." And crazy quilters, known tea connoisseurs, will be pleased to unwind from a day of fabric-selecting and stitching in the Inn's newly-commissioned Tea Room, located on the first floor next to the Gallery.

For more information please contact Fogo Island Inn at reservations@fogoislandinn.ca, toll-free in North America at **1-855-268-9277**, or direct at **709-658-3444**.

ABOUT FOGO ISLAND INN

Travel + Leisure (T+L) readers recently voted Fogo Island Inn *Best Resort Hotel, Canada*, further naming it 12th on T+L's Best List for 2017. Fogo Island Inn made the Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List 2016 and 2017—the editors' choice list spanning six continents and 47 countries. This recognition from the US magazine comes on the heels of a place on the 2015 Gold List of its British sister publication, Condé Nast Traveller. Fogo Island Inn sits on an Island, off an Island, at one of the four corners of the Earth. Every one of the Inn's 29 guest suites has dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the wildest and most powerful ocean on the planet, located less than 100 feet from an organic natural-fibre dream bed. Most suites have a wood-burning fireplace stove; all are furnished with quiet luxuries and handmade furniture and quilts—a stimulating relief from the numbing uniformity of modern times. Built on the principles of sustainability and respect for nature and culture, the award-winning Inn was designed by architect Todd Saunders. The Inn is a community asset and all surpluses from the operation are reinvested in the community to help secure long-lasting resilience for Fogo Island, Newfoundland.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#).

ACCESS TO FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Gander, Newfoundland is the international gateway to Fogo Island. Commercial flights from Toronto with connections in St. John's or Halifax can bring travellers to Gander in just over four hours. The Inn offers a land-and-ferry pick-up and return service to Gander. Travel from Gander to Fogo Island takes two hours by car or around 30 minutes by charter plane or helicopter. All transfer logistics and accommodations can be arranged by the Inn's reservations team at: **855-268-9277** or reservations@fogoislandinn.ca.

More information on Fogo Island Inn's **Island Harvest Series** can be found [here](#) or by calling **1-855-268-9277** (toll free) or direct at **709-658-3444**.

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