

## The Little Boats of Fogo Island

***Available All Seven Seasons***



*"Newfoundlanders are the best small boat men in the world."*

- Sir Winston Churchill

Fogo Islanders have lived lives entwined with the sea for generations, and small wooden boats have been essential to the social and economic fabric of rural Newfoundland for centuries. The Little Boats of Fogo Island itinerary provides guests with the opportunity to spend time with Community Hosts, local boatbuilders, and fishers, becoming immersed in outport life by learning to split and dry cod, preserve berries and wild foods for colder months, and familiarizing themselves with traditional punt-rowing and boat-building techniques. This sharing of cultural knowledge will help deepen guests' awareness of place and self and broaden their perspective on the sometimes-precarious nature of an existence shaped by centuries of self-reliance and resourcefulness, weather and seasonal change, on this small island perched amidst the powerful North Atlantic Ocean. Participate in workshops, embark on a guided harbour row, and take in screenings in the in-house Cinema about punt racing; this little wooden boat was once used by all island people,

not just for fishing, but for communications, carrying water, and servicing social and other needs when no other transportation was available between communities. A little boat with deep significance and rich heritage.

**The Little Boats of Fogo Island** itinerary includes all meals, punt boat building demonstrations, a half day Community Host Island Orientation, excursions and all gratuities. *To reserve, call International Reservations at +1 709 658 3444, US & Canada Reservations at +1 855 268 9277, or email [reservations@fogoislandinn.ca](mailto:reservations@fogoislandinn.ca)*

## Sample 2-Night Itinerary

### DAY 1

#### AFTERNOON

Arrive on Fogo Island and allow the Island to reveal itself on the 30-minute drive through outport communities as you make your way off to your refuge, Fogo Island Inn. Take time to make time and revel in the natural beauty found around every bend. Look out for boats in every harbour...some old, some new.

Check into Fogo Island Inn, a traditional yet contemporary masterpiece of modern architecture and design. The Inn was named as Travel + Leisure's Best Resort Hotel in Canada in 2017 and 2018, as well as the Top Hotel in Canada in the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards 2017 & 2018.

Our welcoming staff will escort you to your room where you can observe one of the wildest and most powerful oceans on the

planet through your floor-to-ceiling windows. Breathe out. Unwind.

## LATE AFTERNOON

Join us in the lounge for traditional cocktails as we walk you through the cultural history of Fogo Island and its traditional trading partners. Ask about the story of the lost punt circa 1950, and you will hear about the two daughters who launched for a row, returned to tie off their boat, which later drifted away and was never to be found.

## SUPPER

Dine on the fresh flavours and the bounty of land and sea as supper is prepared by Fogo Island Inn's Executive Chef Jonathan Gushue and his culinary team in the Inn's Dining Room.

## LATE EVENING

Convene to the in-house Cinema for a screening of "*Cranky*," a documentary film produced by Christopher Richardson featuring the punts of Fogo Island and the Great Fogo Island Punt Race to There and Back.

## DAY 2

### DAYBREAK

Greet the sun as she rises and find a handmade wooden Daybreak Tray outside your door filled with coffee, tea and fresh pastries. Linger.

### MORNING

Breakfast is served in the Dining Room at your leisure.

### 10:00AM

Meet your Community Host in the lobby for your Island Orientation. Be prepared for fresh perspectives and insights; stories and laughter during your half-a-day outing with one of our Community Hosts. Allow yourself to be oriented to this “salty Narnia” by the people of the place - who have retained their wild heritage as well as their intellectual heritage; whose sense of self comes from a deep historical sense of landscape and seascape; people who are profoundly at home on this “edge of the known.” If the season and weather permit, embark on a guided harbour row in a traditional punt and deepen your understanding of the vernacular architecture of these fishing communities by seeing them from the open water.

### DINNER (LUNCH)

Lunch is an island boil-up, a meal cooked over an open fire that might include traditional staples like salt fish, cod cakes, lassy bread, blackberry cake, jam tart, and strong tea.

### AFTERNOON

It is said, “If you can build a boat, you can build anything.” So true. Meet a local builder who is keeping the tradition alive while entertaining you with not only his special building techniques but also his recounting of the experiences of life lived between wind and water. Time is short and it takes months to build a punt, still you’ll get the picture. You won’t leave with a punt, or as an expert builder, but you will leave with a lesson in self-reliance.

Or, meet with local fishers for the opportunity to understand Fogo Island’s fishing industry past and present, with a visit to a docked fishing vessel.

**SUPPER**

Supper is served in the Dining Room.

**EVENING**

Before retiring to your room, settle around the fire with a hot cup of tea, a deck of cards, and great company with new friends. Or, soak tired but contented muscles in our roof top sauna and hot tubs as you gaze up at the infinite starry sky.

**DAY 3**

**DAYBREAK**

Meet another day with your Daybreak Tray. Ease into the morning gradually.

**MORNING**

Fortify yourself with a farewell breakfast in the Dining Room.

**DEPARTURE**

Depart Fogo Island Inn for the journey homewards.

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