

## **The Luck of the Irish Meets Hockey Night in Fogo Island**

*St. Patrick's Day Celebrations 2018*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Fogo Island, NL., Monday, February 5, 2018** — Fogo Island Inn will celebrate all things Irish during the upcoming annual St. Patrick's Day Weekend by honouring its neighbouring community of Tilting, a people and place long-steeped in Irish culture and traditions. And, thanks to a wee dose of Irish luck, this year's celebrations coincide with a very memorable event: the Montréal Canadiens NHL Alumni will take on Fogo Island's hometown ice hockey team in a match-up at the Island's Iceberg Arena on March 17, 2018.

Fogo Island's Irish roots run four centuries deep, and are proudly reflected in both the family and place names populating the rugged landscape. Indeed, visitors who listen closely can hear the Irish brogue still discernible in the everyday speech of Tilting's residents. This Irish community, situated on the very northeast tip of Fogo Island, may be an ocean away from the Emerald Isle, but could very well be a parish on the tiny island of Inishmore, off the west coast of Ireland itself.

Throughout the weekend (March 16 – 18, 2018), visitors and Fogo Islanders will come together for an energetic mix of St. Patrick's Day festivities: from ice-skating on frozen ponds or strapping on a pair of snowshoes, to hopping on a sled or snowmobile to explore the Island's interior. Afterwards, allow the genuine Fogo

Island hospitality warm you up after your wintry diversion. Then, brace yourself for a spirited, once-in-a-lifetime hockey game planned especially for St. Patrick's Day: the Montréal Canadiens NHL Alumni face off against local favourites, the Fogo Islanders team. Root for the stars in the visitors' box box which will feature Canadiens alumni such as Steve Shutt, Chris Nilan, Stéphan Richer, Patrice Brisebois, Ric Nattress, and Oleg Petrov, or for Fogo Island's hometown team; either way, you'll be swept up in the spirit.

**Hockey Night in Fogo Island** features: a two-night stay at Fogo Island Inn; a traditional Irish supper; a St. Patrick's Day party; a half-day Island Orientation with a Community Host who will share the legacy of the Irish during a guided architectural tour of the National Historic Site of Tilting; and access to 2 VIP hockey game tickets, which includes a meet-and-greet with players from the Montréal Canadiens NHL Alumni and the Fogo Islanders at Fogo Island Central Academy, plus preferred seating at the March 17, 2018 hockey game at the Fogo Island Iceberg Arena.

From Fogo Island Inn to you: "Happy St. Patrick's Day and Sláinte!"

More information on Fogo Island Inn's **St. Patrick's Day Weekend** and **Hockey Night in Fogo Island** itineraries can be found [here](#) or by calling toll-free 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, and it was named 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 travelers 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.

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