Bras d'Or Lakes Cruise 2027

READING LIST

CAPE BRETON AND THE LAKES

Wind, Whales and Whisky: A Cape Breton Voyage, by Silver Donald Cameron

Cameron's account of sailing his home-built cutter around Cape Breton in the summer of 1990, through many of the same harbours we will visit, and probably the best narrative companion for this cruise.

The Highland Heart in Nova Scotia, by Neil MacNeil

A warm 1948 memoir of growing up in the 1890s in the Gaelic farming community at Washabuckt, on the shores of the Bras d'Or.

Reluctant Genius: The Passionate Life and Inventive Mind of Alexander Graham Bell, by Charlotte Gray

A lively modern biography of Bell and his wife, Mabel, that gives full weight to their decades at Beinn Bhreagh, where he turned to kites, flight and hydrofoils.

LOUISBOURG

Louisbourg: From Its Foundation to Its Fall, 1713–1758, by J.S. McLennan

The standard scholarly history of the French fortress, first published in 1918 and still the reference work.

A Half-Century of Conflict, Volume II, by Francis Parkman

The classic 1892 narrative of the 1745 New England siege of Louisbourg, Victorian in outlook but vivid, and free from Project Gutenberg.

Coastal Maine: A Maritime History, by Roger Duncan

A maritime history of Maine by a CCA member, whose Chapter Twelve gives a sailor's account of the 1745 siege of Louisbourg.

HALIFAX

Halifax, Warden of the North, by Thomas Raddall

The colourful, award-winning history of Halifax from its 1749 founding, told through its role as Britain's great naval base in the North Atlantic.

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