



Laurie & Craig's Wedding Guide

MAHONE BAY,
NOVA SCOTIA



About our Wedding

In November 2024, Craig proposed to Laurie at the Puritama Hot Springs in Atacama, Chile. Now, after eight years together, we are finally taking the time to celebrate our union with our closest family and friends.

Our wedding ceremony will take place at 3pm on October 31st at our oceanfront property which is located about 10km southwest of Lunenburg. The ceremony will take about an hour and will be outside so dress appropriately!

We will then all return to Mahone Bay for a celebration at our Magnolia Inn in Mahone Bay. Expect cocktails, fresh oysters, delicious food, lively music and, of course, a lot of wine, And yes, since it's Hallowe'en, expect tricks and treats.

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About this guide

We have put together this guide to help our 'from away' guests to plan their travels and for our family and friends to plan for the wedding. You will find detail on our plan for the day, weather, the location, travel logistics and activities you might be interested in while in the area.

About our area

Mahone Bay is located about an hour from the airport, an hour south of Halifax and 10 minutes away from Lunenburg - a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized as the best preserved British colonial town in the world. This region is known as the 'South Shore' of Nova Scotia.



LOGISTICS

Getting to Mahone Bay

Halifax's international airport offers car rental in terminal from Enterprise, National, Hertz, Alamo, Avis, Budget and Thrifty. Hotwire.com usually offers the best deals on rentals and there is plenty of availability for the last week of October. Maritime Bus provides daily service to the South Shore. A Taxi to Mahone Bay or Lunenburg will cost around \$200 one way.

Local Transportation

Local transit service does not yet exist in the South Shore. We recommend three local taxi companies:

SS Cabs: 902-277-2772

Cab Spot: 902-333-1366

EZ Taxi Service: 902-298-4505



ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed & Breakfasts

We recommend several B&Bs which are located close to us in Mahone Bay:

- Fisherman's Daughter
- Miller House by the Bay
- Black Forest Cabins

Hotels

There are few hotels in the area however we can recommend the well-rated Lunenburg Arms which features an in-house spa. This is a ten minute drive away from Mahone Bay.

AirBnBs

There are a large number of cabins, houses and condos for rent right in Mahone Bay including the Mahone Bay B&B and Ships Inn rooms which can be found on AirBnB's site.

THE WEDDING

Location

The wedding will take place on our oceanfront lot at 123 Fire Cove Road, Feltzen South. We wish to get married in front of our cherished family and friends at a place that will hold meaning for us into the future. We have contingency plans for inclement weather (eg. a wedding tent). We have plenty of parking on site.

Dress

Prepare for an outdoor coastal wedding in late October! Our dress code for the wedding ceremony is casual dressy. We prefer earthy tones (blues, greens, browns) instead of yellows and reds.



THE RECEPTION

Location

The reception will take place at our Magnolia Inn located at 610 Main St in Mahone Bay. We will welcome you after 6pm with sparkling wine, cocktails, charcuterie and an array of other beverages and delicacies lasting through the evening. We will not be serving a sit down dinner, rather we encourage mingling, dancing and laughter throughout the Inn. And plenty of chairs scattered throughout for those needing them!

Dress

We are leaning into Hallowe'en while aiming for a classy, elegant event. We encourage tasteful costumes and will provide accessories for those who need them.





Local Dining

Rebecca's Restaurant

Tasty and colourful dishes, perhaps our favourite lunch spot in Town.

902-531-3313

249 Edgewater St, Mahone Bay

Mateus Bistro

Seasonal menu featuring local products, a must try.

902-531-3711

533 Main St, Mahone Bay

Mug n Anchor

Our beloved local pub! Catch live music on Thursdays and sometimes the weekend.

902-531-3019

643 Main St, Mahone Bay

Betty's at the Kitch

Gluten free fire roasted pizza & wine bar, beautiful ambience.

Celtic sessions on Thursday's.

902-624-0797

Main St, Mahone Bay

Naked Oyster

A wonderful selection of seasonal seafood and thoughtfully prepared meat dishes.

902-531-3323

567 Main St, Mahone Bay

Reservations are recommended for dinner!

Breakfast, brunch, lunch....

ELI & TRIX

Traditional breakfast/lunch.

902-333-8143

123 Main St, Mahone Bay



COZY GULL CAFE

Breakfast wraps & coffee. Walking distance.

902-624-0303

590 Main St, Mahone Bay



FAMOUS TOWN PIE SHOP

Delicious handheld pies, pastries & coffee. Walking distance.

902-531-2292

16 Orchard St, Mahone Bay



MATEUS BISTRO

Amazing weekend brunch. 10/10!

902-531-3711

504 Main Street, Mahone Bay

THE BARN

Our beloved coffee shop. Pastries, quiches and other savory treats are a must! Walking distance.

902-531-2499

458 Main St, Mahone Bay



HUNGRY TRAVELER

Halal cafe and the best beef bacon around!

902-518-2535

15 King St, Lunenburg

DORYS MATES

Fantastic breakfasts, brunch, lunch! Our favourite breakfast spot in Lunenburg.

902-521-7067

242 Lincoln St, Lunenburg

FUN THINGS TO DO

For the outdoorsy type!



Expedition Nova Scotia – Zodiac coastal tours

Expedition Nova Scotia offers unforgettable, guided experiences that showcase the very best of the province's natural beauty and coastal charm. Blending adventure with local knowledge, they provide immersive outings—from scenic boat tours to wildlife encounters—designed to connect guests with the ocean, the landscape, and the stories that make Nova Scotia so unique. With a focus on authenticity, safety, and personalized service, Expedition Nova Scotia creates memorable moments for both visitors and locals alike.

Address : 29 Tanner Road, Lunenburg

FUN THINGS TO DO

For the outdoorsy type!



Pleasant Paddling in Lunenburg

One of our favorite local activities, this sea kayak tour takes you on an unforgettable journey through the picturesque islands surrounding Blue Rocks and Stonehurst, showcasing why this area is considered one of the best paddling destinations in Nova Scotia. With so many islands to explore, it's a true sea kayaking haven!

Launching from Blue Rocks, a charming fishing village known for its stunning coastal beauty, this tour leads you into the heart of a rugged, island-dotted landscape. As you paddle, you'll feel like you've entered a world untouched by time. The narrow canals and winding passageways provide a sheltered route through the islands, giving you a chance to experience nature from a truly unique perspective with every twist and turn.

This is more than just a kayaking trip; it's an adventure into the wilderness, with incredible views and the peace of being surrounded by the open ocean.

Address : 245 The Point Road, Blue Rocks

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Hirtles Beach & Gaff Point Trail

Hirtle's Beach is a popular spot for both locals and visitors. It serves as the "gateway" to the Gaff Point Trail system, which is managed by the Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. The District of Lunenburg maintains the parking area and washrooms during the summer months. Hirtle's Beach is great for families, featuring two small lakes where kids can swim, ideal for those who prefer calmer waters over the cold Atlantic ocean waves. If you would like to complete the hike, this 6.6-km out-and-back trail begins at the beach, winding into the woods and out onto a peninsula with stunning coastal views. It's a moderately challenging hike with 75m of elevation gain, taking about 1 hour and 25 minutes to complete.

Address : Lunenburg, NS B4V 6K6

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Ovens Natural Park

Take a scenic 1-hour self-guided tour along the cliffside nature trail to the famous Ovens Sea Caves, where you'll explore the park's gold rush history, unique geology, and coastal environment. Key highlights include Tucker's Tunnel, the Indian Cave overlook, and the dramatic Cannon Cave, where you can hear waves booming inside. Guided tours will also be available during the 2025 season.

This can be paired with Hirtles Beach & Gaff Point.

Address : 326 Ovens Rd, Riverport, NS B0J 2W0

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Kejimkujik National Park Seaside

Experience the true Atlantic at Kejimkujik Seaside, where a hike through thick shrubs leads to breathtaking views of the coastline, with headlands, islands, and bays unfolding before you. From the observation deck, you'll be captivated by the stunning Saint Catherines River Beach, a crescent of white sand bordered by turquoise waters.

At the water's edge, adventure continues with seals lounging on nearby islets, rare piping plovers nesting, seabirds soaring, and waves crashing against rugged granite headlands.

Discover a rich natural beauty, with orchids in bloom and remnants of the historic Saint Catherines River sheep farm.

Address : 3005 Kejimkujik Main Parkway, Maitland Bridge

Our favorite beaches

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CRESCENT BEACH

1 Crescent Beach Road, Crescent Beach, NS B0R 1G0
39 km from Mahone Bay

2/

CARTERS BEACH

89 Carters Beach Rd, Port Mouton, NS B0T 1T0
83 km from Mahone Bay

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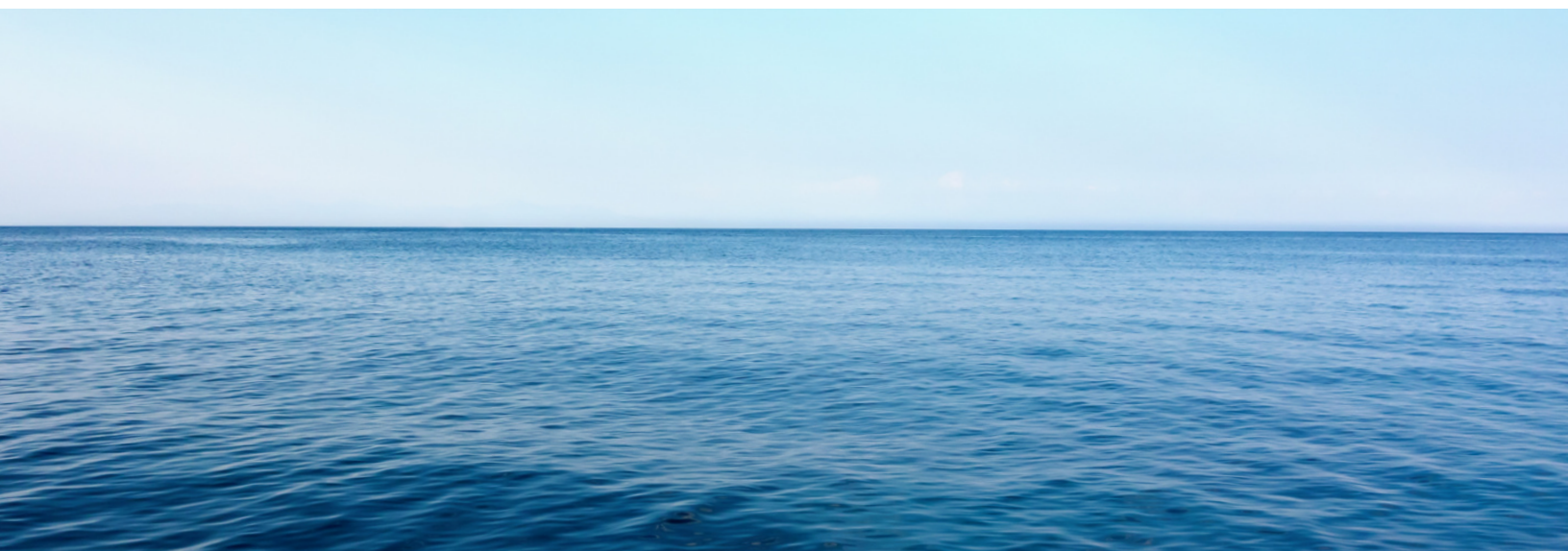
HIRTLES BEACH

Hirtle Beach Rd, Kingsburg, NS B4V 6K6
28 km from Mahone Bay

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RISSERS BEACH

5366 NS-331, Petite Rivière Bridge, NS B4V 3L5
44 km from Mahone Bay



The Best Shopping

THE PEARL SHOP

BEAUTIFULLY HANDCRAFTED PEARL PIECES BY MICKEY—CRAFTED WITH CARE AND SUBTLE ELEGANCE.

902-521-8337

504 Main St, Mahone Bay

OAK & FERN HOME

DISCOVER A CHARMING HOME GOODS STORE OFFERING A CURATED MIX OF VINTAGE TREASURES AND MODERN FINDS.

4 Longhill Rd, Mahone Bay

MAHONE BAY TRADING CO

A THOUGHTFULLY CURATED COLLECTION OF CONSTANTLY EVOLVING FOOTWEAR FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

902-624-8425

544 Main St, Mahone Bay

AMOS PEWTER

SINCE 1974, AMOS PEWTER ARTISANS HAVE HANDCRAFTED ORIGINAL JEWELRY, ORNAMENTS, HOME DÉCOR, AND TABLEWARE.

800-565-3369

589 Main St, Mahone Bay

NORTHERN SUN

AN EXQUISITE COLLECTION OF ART, JEWELRY AND FASION.

902-531-3000

8 Edgewater St, Mahone Bay

THE TEAZER

JEWELRY, APPAREL, AND THOUGHTFUL GIFT IDEAS - PLUS A CHARMING SECTION JUST FOR CHILDREN.

902-624-9097

21 Edgewater St, Mahone Bay

COSMIC HIPPIE

A CONSCIOUS RETAIL SPACE FEATURING SUSTAINABLY MADE, NATURAL FIBER APPAREL AND MORE.

902-624-1400

498C Main St, Mahone Bay

SUTTLES & SEAWIND

A BELOVED CANADIAN ICON FOR OVER 40 YEARS.GREAT SELECTION OF SEASONAL ON-TREND FASHIONS.

902-624-6177

466 Main St, Mahone Bay

The Best Shopping

SPILL THE TEA

HAND-BLENDED LOOSE-LEAF TEAS AND GIFTS FOR TEA LOVERS.

902-624-0566

503 Main St, Mahone Bay

LIGHTHOUSE MARKET

SOUVENIRS INSPIRED BY THE SEA, LOCALLY CRAFTED IN THE HEART OF NOVA SCOTIA

902-212-0411

617 Main St, Mahone Bay

PEARL'S VINTAGE & THRIFT

A VINTAGE CLOTHING SHOP WITH A SERIOUSLY RAD VIBE.

16 Orchard St, Mahone Bay

HW WOOLWORKS

HANDCRAFTED YARNS AND TEXTILES, LOVINGLY CREATED BY THE TALENTED OWNER, HEIDI.

902-531-2059

92 Keddy Bridge Rd, Mahone Bay

EMCOMPASSING DESIGNS

A COZY RUG HOOKING STUDIO OFFERING CLASSES AND CRAFT SUPPLIES.

902-624-0370

498 Main St, Mahone Bay

BLUE STONE MAGIK

A METAPHYSICAL SHOP OFFERING A DIVERSE SELECTION OF GIFTS.

902-624-9022

587 Main St, Mahone Bay

TIMELESS TRANSFORMATION

A CHARMING BLEND OF ANTIQUES AND HANDMADE. CRAFTS. CLASSES OFFERED.

902-930-3695

249 Edgewater St, Mahone Bay

KELIZA HOLISTIC LIVING

A HEALTH STORE OFFERING WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS. DELICIOUS FRESH-BAKED GOODS.

902-531-2780

3 Edgewater St, Mahone Bay