



KELTIC LODGE

AT THE HIGHLANDS

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Keltic Lodge at the Highlands is nestled high on the cliffs of Middle Head Peninsula. This premier destination resort is located in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, on the world-famous Cabot Trail. Keltic Lodge in the Highlands has all the prerequisites for a memorable and successful meeting, in a unique and picturesque environment.

Comfortable meeting and function rooms on our spacious grounds can accommodate 10 to 250 delegates. The Main Lodge, Corson House and our rustic Cottages offer 109 guest rooms that suit a variety of tastes.

Enjoy a drink in the Highland Sitting Room Lounge; a superb gourmet dinner in the Purple Thistle Dining Room or a mouth-watering chowder lunch in the more casual atmosphere of the Aduaine Restaurant.

Recreation in abundance includes golf at the world ranked Highlands Links, an 18-hole Stanley Thompson designed golf course, heated outdoor pool, fresh and salt water swimming beaches, National Park hiking trails and whale watching.

The Highlands Links Golf Course is consistently rated in the top 10 golf courses of Canada.

The Spa at Keltic offers a full range of treatments with the nurturing touch of our spa therapists using Éminence handmade organic skin care products from Hungary.

How to Find Us

FROM SYDNEY AIRPORT:

Exit airport left onto highway. Turn left onto the #125 highway. Continue and follow the signs for North Sydney and Baddeck. Connect onto Highway #105, just outside of North Sydney following the road signs for Baddeck and Ingonish. Take Exit 12 (Englishtown-Highway #312). You will cross a small cable ferry (it crosses on demand and costs \$7.00) Once you disembark, travel north about 40 minutes. You are now in Ingonish Beach - and the Cape Breton Highlands National Park - turn right for the entrance to the Keltic Lodge Resort & Spa and the Highlands Links Golf Course.

FROM HALIFAX AIRPORT:

Take highway #102 from Halifax until you reach Truro. Take Exit 15 to Highway 104 & proceed to Cape Breton. As you cross the Canso Causeway entering Cape Breton, follow Highway #105 until you reach Exit 11 or 12. Exit #11 is a beautiful drive but a little longer. As you approach this exit you will see a sign to notify you of the status of the ferry. If the amber lights are flashing you must take this exit to Ingonish. If the lights are not flashing you may wish to proceed to Exit #12, Englishtown. You will cross a small cable ferry (it crosses on demand and costs \$7.00) Once you disembark, travel north about 40 minutes. You are now in Ingonish Beach - and the Cape Breton Highlands National Park - turn right for the entrance to the Keltic Lodge Resort & Spa and the Highlands Links Golf Course.

Let us help make your meeting successful and memorable at the Keltic Lodge at the Highlands



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MEETING FACILITIES

Meeting rooms with seating capacity theatre style 10 to 250 and banquet style 10 to 200.

Meeting Aids: Complimentary Wi-Fi, Flip Charts, Lecterns, Black/White Boards, PA System, Microphones, Easels, DVD's, TV Monitors, Screens and LCD projectors.

	Ceilidh Hall	Arduaine Restaurant	Ocean Room	Highland Sitting Room	Purple Thistle Dining Room	Corson Room
Dimensions	80' x 40'	50' x 40'	30' x 30'	36' x 70'	92' x 36'	28' x 50'
Square feet	3,200	2,000	900	2,520	3,312	1,400
Height	9'6" - 12'	Cathedral	Cathedral	9'	9'	7'6" - 8'6"
Theatre	200	90	30			50
Classroom	100	60	20			35
Reception	225	150	60	200		80
Dining	175	110	40		200	40

General Facilities

Total Guest Rooms:	109
Single	06
Double	75
Queen	13
King	64
Total	158 beds

Electric Power: 120 volts
 Parking: Outdoor complimentary
 Sales Tax HST 15%
 Check In Time 3:00 pm
 Check Out Time 11:00 am
 Satellite TV, complimentary Wi-Fi,
 non-smoking rooms

Driving time from:

Sydney	1.75 hours
Halifax	5.0 hours
Truro	4.0 hours
New Glasgow	3.25 hours
Fredericton	7.5 hours
Moncton	5.5 hours
Charlottetown	5.5 hours

Nearest Airports:

Sydney, Nova Scotia	143 km
Halifax, Nova Scotia	458 km

Average Temperatures:

Spring	10-16 Celsius
Summer	20-25 Celsius
Fall	12-20 Celsius

Special Attractions/Points of Interest:

Cabot Trail
 Cape Breton Highlands National Park
 Alexander Graham Bell Historic Site: 87 Km
 Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site: 160 km
 Marconi National Historic Site: 144 Km
 Glace Bay Miner's Museum: 144 Km
 Nova Scotia Highland Village: 140 Km



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THE STORY

Shortly before the 20th century began, Alexander Graham Bell took his friend Henry Clay Corson of Akron, Ohio, on a journey by horseback from Baddeck northwards past St. Ann's, where the travellers negotiated the steep narrow road which skirted the plunging ravines and clung precariously to the long expanse of steep cliffs along the northeast coast.

On one occasion, while stopping to rest their horses on the long climb over Cape Smokey Mountain, the two friends gazed out from the summit towards Middle Head thrust out majestically into the North Atlantic and dividing the two Ingonish harbours below them. It was Corson's first view of this peninsula with its soft covering of evergreen and hardwood foliage contrasting with the sheer red cliffs and the lacy surf whitening the rocks far below.

It may have been at that moment that he decided to build a summer home at Middle Head, although the final decision was made a short time later when he was advised that his wife suffered from lung disease. Her doctor recommended a healthier climate than the suffocating atmosphere of a Midwest industrial area. Whatever the reason, Mr. Corson and Dr. Gerald Morgan, who may in fact have recommended Mrs. Corson's need for clean air, purchased the peninsula in 1904.

Mr. Corson proceeded with his plans for a substantial summer home, a large house for their personal comfort and with adjacent guest cottages and farm buildings for livestock and for the cultivation and storage of field crops. The summer home

was called Keltic Lodge in honour of Cape Breton's Scottish heritage.

Mrs. Corson's health benefited from the clean air and pleasant surroundings of Ingonish and she was to outlive her husband, although in later years she was unable to make the journey from Ohio to her beloved Cape Breton.

The property was not in use for several years leading up to 1938 when the Province of Nova Scotia purchased Middle Head from Mrs. Corson. Middle Head was included in lands conveyed to the government of Canada for the development of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

In February of 1940, the Nova Scotia government approved construction of a tourist lodge at Ingonish Beach. The project presented some difficulties, not the least of which was the transportation of building supplies and the engagement of skilled tradespeople required to restore the Corson property and provide necessary services.

The original Corson lodge was refurbished and augmented by construction of a number of cottages in several sizes, access roads were improved, and the resort complex opened in the last week of June 1940.

The Lodge drew considerable interest from tourists in spite of wartime conditions which reduced the availability of supplies and amenities. By the end of hostilities in 1945, it was apparent that post-war tourism could be developed into a vital

industry that would create job opportunities through direct and spin-off benefits to neighbouring communities.

The Province decided that a new Keltic Lodge should be built to meet the needs of the tourism industry. Following discussions with technical advisers and consultants to the industry, the provincial architect, Welsford West, prepared plans for the structure. As a descendant of the family that owned the historic West House in Halifax, he was fully conscious of the Nova Scotia heritage. As well, he drew on his understanding of northern European architecture to create a structure that would not be out of character in the Swiss Alps or the mountains of Norway or Sweden. His design gained the full approval of the Government and by 1951, Keltic Lodge was completed. In subsequent years, significant renovations and expansions have been completed.

Corson House, formerly known as The Inn at Keltic and as the White Birch Inn, was added to the Keltic property in 1968. A more contemporary designed building it was fully renovated in 2016.

In June of 2005, the Keltic proudly opened the doors of The Spa at Keltic. The 5,000 square foot Spa was added to keep current with industry expectations for health, wellness and relaxation. The spa features Éminence products for all services.

The Keltic Lodge is owned by the Federal Government of Canada and is currently managed under a long term lease to Golf North Properties Inc.



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INGONISH

Ingonish is a seaside settlement visited over the centuries by mariners on voyages of exploration to the New World. In the 16th century, fishermen from Portugal, Spain, Brittany and Normandy summered here to dry their catch in preparation for the long voyage home across the Atlantic Ocean.

Permanent settlements were established by people from the United Kingdom, including the Scots, who came here after the highland clearances to make their homes and livelihood in this magnificent setting.

At the beginning of the 20th century, summer visitors came to the villages of Lake Bras d'Or. The more adventuresome braved the narrow trails along the cliffside to explore the beckoning mountains and the seaward vistas of Cape Smokey.

Cape Breton Highlands National Park protects 950 square kilometers (366 square miles) of breathtaking highlands and coastal wilderness. It was established in 1936 as the first national park in the Atlantic Provinces.

Sightsee along the world-famous Cabot Trail that runs through the Park. Explore some of the last remaining protected wilderness in Nova Scotia. See whales, bald eagles and moose. Stroll through the picturesque valleys and ocean coves and enjoy the rich Acadian, Scottish and Irish heritage.



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