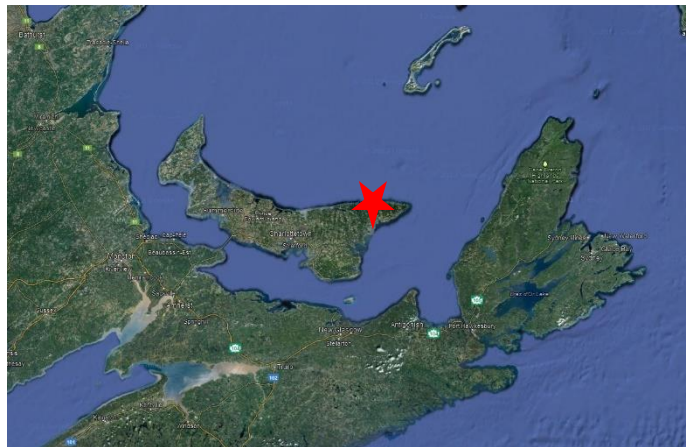
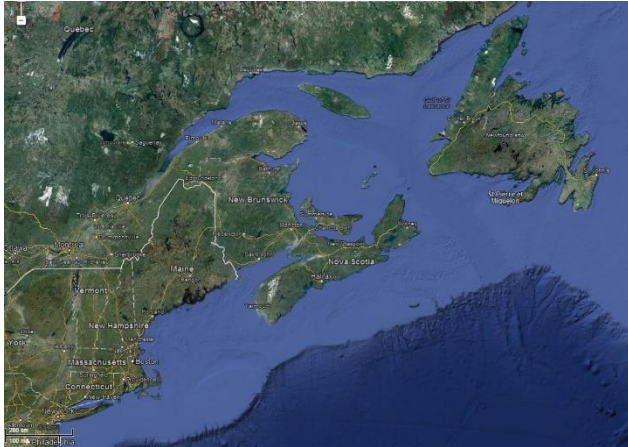




# BLUE FIN TUNA IN NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

## Area

Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island. This is the location for this exceptional fishing trip. It remains a cliché but the nature is amazingly beautiful, the people are friendly and the service is perfect. Here they understand how it works. This is where life is good and the bluefin tuna are smiling at you.



Famous because of the series 'Wicked Tuna' on National Geographic but now you just book your own fishing spot for these top predators. They will really put you to work! Prince Edward Island is over 5500 km<sup>2</sup> and only 150,000 inhabitants live there. The island itself is mainly focused on tourism and of course fishing.

There is a warm Gulf Stream that flows along the islands group of Newfoundland and that is why there is a continuous supply of food. In their annual migration, the bluefin tuna come here to forage extensively in late summer. The large schools of mackerel and other baitfish that are present here make sure that for their further migration, they are well fed. The fish are in top condition during this period. And that is why they call this region "The Land Of The Giants" and "Bluefin Capital of the World!".

The world record for bluefin tuna is 1496 lbs and caught just south of Nova Scotia. But a fish of just half this weight is already an extreme spectacle. It is about the same feeling as if you have hooked a small truck that drives off full throttle. But that is not strange with a top speed of up to 90 km/h and a weight up to and over 1,000 lbs.

One thing's for sure. This is going to be an adventure you will never forget!





There are three comfortably built holiday homes available at this location. They are fully equipped and have two bedrooms, one with a double bed and one with two single beds. The kitchen is, of course, fully equipped and equipped with all modern conveniences. They are just a few minutes from the North Lake base.



The kitchen is fully equipped and has a dishwasher, oven, microwave, coffeemaker and a BBQ should not be missing. The holiday homes are all that we as fishermen require for such a week of fishing.



Besides the possibility to take care of your own meal in the small town of Souris you can also find three restaurants, but also bars, a liquor store and some smaller shops.

However, if you want to 'go out' for an evening, it is advisable to drive to Charlottetown. This is the capital of Prince Edward Island and there is a lot to do in terms of tourism and nightlife. It has a wide choice of bars and restaurants. It is about a 50 minutes drive from the holiday homes.



And when you prefer to stay in a hotel, bed & breakfast or another location just let us know and we will fix it for you. There are ample options we can assist you with.





## Fishing

The day begins with catching fresh mackerel. They are kept in the fish bun so they stay alive. This usually happens right outside the harbour. Depending on where the tuna is, it is 20 to 60 minutes sailing to the fishing grounds. Arriving at the right spot the tuna are attracted by chumming. The bait is cut into small pieces and then thrown into the water. Because of the smell of the bait, after a certain time the bluefin tuna will arrive.

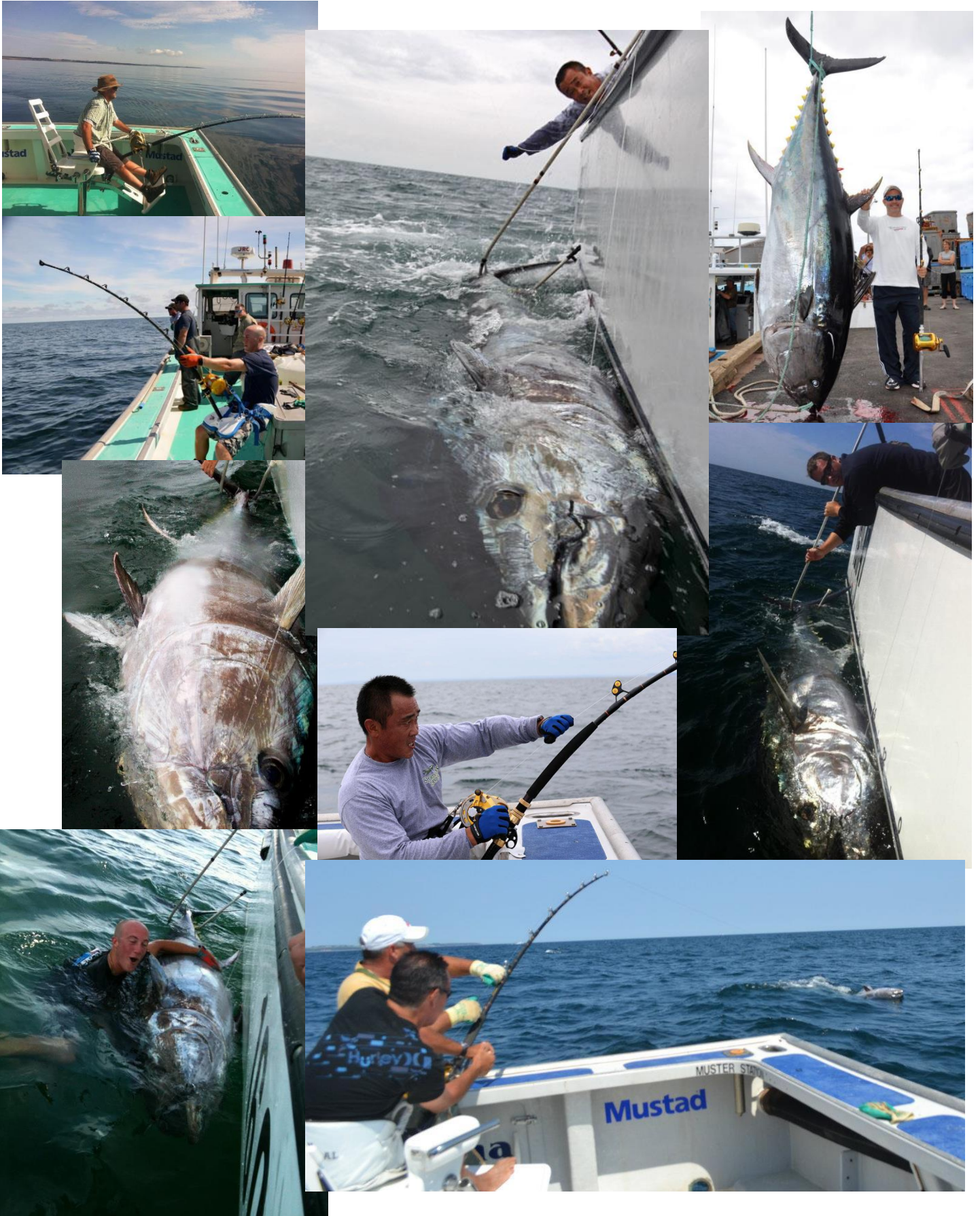


Often the tuna are only fed at first, because the sight is so impressive to swim they shoot under the boat like torpedoes. After that it is a matter of dropping a live mackerel on the large circle hook and wait but... which usually doesn't take long. The hookup often follows within a few seconds and then it is a matter of holding on tight!. The average size of the fish varies from 400 to 1,000 lbs. So the length of the drills also vary in time. This ranges from 1 to sometimes as much as 4 hours! So be well prepared!



The strikes are so intense that some runs take up to 700 meters (!) of line in one pull. These are by far the biggest, most powerful and absolutely strongest fish in the oceans.

The fishing here is Catch & Release. By Law! All fish have to be released and the captain is allowed to take 1 fish only per year for commercial purposes. This is strictly supervised.





## Material



In the port of North Lake there are no less than five boats available for this crazy type of fishing. All of them are local boats and captains who know these waters like the back of their hand. L'il Miss Maddy, Princess Nova, Frayed Knot, Shelling it out again and Boo Boo. All the boats are around 30 feet in length and have powerful engines. It goes without saying that all boats have been tested and meet all the strict Canadian guidelines and have the necessary permits and safety equipment.

The boats are suitable for up to 6 people. However, we recommend a maximum of 4 people per boat. The reason for this is that you do not have to wait too long for your turn and everyone gets their fish. In addition to the captain, there is also a deckhand who assists with the preparation of rods and assists during the drill (if necessary).



It is possible to drill the fish stand up with a full harness or from the fighting chair. But whatever choice you make, it will be a very tough challenge that requires a lot of physical effort from you. The stand up rods are handmade (Salty Dawg Custom Rods) especially for this fishing in combination with Okuma Makaira 80 W reels. These are filled with no less than 1800 meters of dyneema of the strongest kind. At the end there is a leader of an extremely strong nylon and a Mustad Tuna hook. All the best materials to get you hooked up!





## Season / Weather

Fishing here takes place from mid-July to mid-October. Prince Edward Island is at the same latitude as northern Spain but as it gets later in the season, the need for good water and wind resistant material increases. Sturdy boots, a good cap and sunglasses are also a must.

It sometimes also happens that a fishing day can not take place to the nature of the weather. It goes without saying that when you can not fish you do not pay the boat and you will be reimbursed by us. So keep in mind that the chances are likely to miss out on one day during a week due to the weather so the disappointment will be less strong. There are plenty of other things to do on the island and an alternative day of fishing from the beach is also a lot of fun.



No vaccinations are required for this location and to charge your mobile phone and (film) camera, it is recommended to bring a electrical adapter. Keep in mind that the voltage in Canada is only 110 Volt and that charging all your materials takes twice as long as in European countries.

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february	0	-9	4	11	☔☔☔☔	0
March	3	-5	5	13	☔☔☔☔	0
April	8	0	5	12	☔☔☔☔	1
May	13	4	6	13	☔☔☔☔	4
June	18	9	7	12	☔☔☔☔	9
July	22	13	7	11	☔☔☔☔	14
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september	19	10	6	10	☔☔☔	15
october	13	5	5	12	☔☔☔☔	12
november	8	1	4	14	☔☔☔☔	8
december	2	-6	3	15	☔☔☔☔	4

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## Travel & Price

Icelandair offers fast and economical flights with 1 stopover in Reykjavik to Halifax. There we will make sure that a comfortable rental car is waiting for you. This way you can travel the last 350 km to the holiday homes on Prince Edward Island comfortably. From Halifax the journey takes about 3.5 hours. You will drive through very impressive surroundings with overwhelming nature and beautiful impressions.



You can spend a week with 4 people in one of the three holiday homes and fish for 5 full days on one of the five available boats. All equipment, guidance etc is included. Then end your week with a delicious lobster meal and all in all you will have an unforgettable fishing trip. The target price for this package is around 3450 euro per person excluding flight to Halifax. Additional costs are fuel for the rental car, breakfast and dinners. Of course it is also possible to set up a special program with for example three days of tuna fishing, two days of general fishing or extending the trip in this beautiful area. Everything is possible.



Also particularly useful is that no vaccinations are required. A visa is necessary which can be easily arranged online for a few Canadian dollars. But one thing is important: A good physical condition! It may sound strange but to start untrained on a drill of three hours with one of the biggest and strongest fish of these oceans is perhaps not very wise. Furthermore, a valid passport and the journey can begin.

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