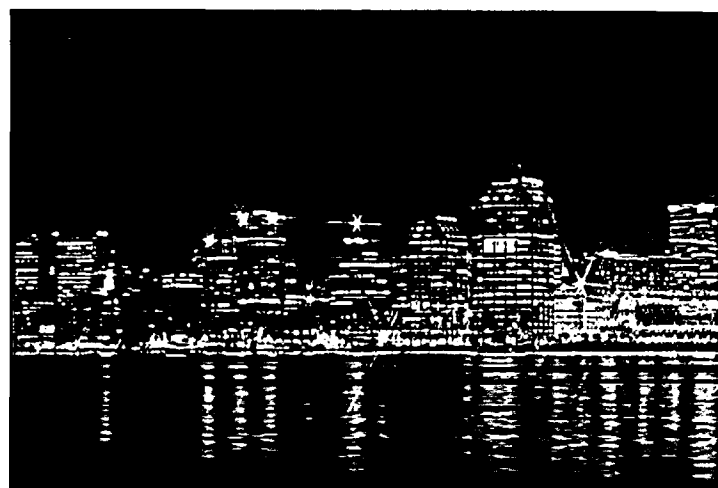
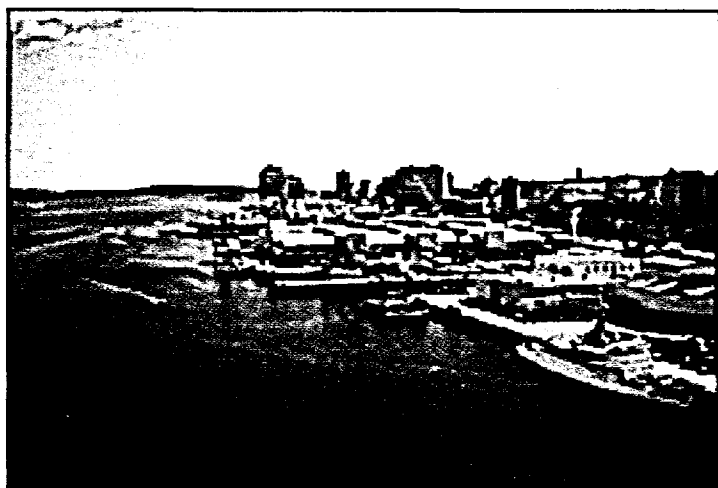


HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

TOP FIVE PLACES



Dating back to 1749 and oriented around a huge natural harbour, Halifax has much to offer thanks to its historic period architecture, cultural events and lively social scene. Here are just five spots that Allison Trenholm suggests visitors shouldn't miss.

Pier 21 National Historic Site—Canada's Immigration Museum

Take a trip through "Canada's front door" on the historic Halifax waterfront—the last remaining ocean immigration shed. Pier 21 received more than one million immigrants from 1928 through 1971, including wartime evacuees, refugees, and war brides and their children. Interactive exhibits and multimedia presentations allow you to retrace an immigrant's steps into Canada.

Harbour and Waterfront

Halifax harbour is one of the largest natural harbours in the world. Depending on how you measure—by volume or surface area—it is either the largest natural harbour in the world or the second largest. Either way, it's big! To get a quick and cheap (\$2) look at the harbour, join the local commuters and ride the metro ferry from the Historic Properties heritage buildings on the Halifax waterfront over to Dartmouth's Alderney Landing.

Hydrostone District

On December 6, 1917, two ships—one carrying wartime munitions and the other relief supplies—collided in the crowded Halifax harbour. The ensuing explosion, which at the time was the largest man-made explosion ever seen, destroyed a large part of Halifax's north end. The Halifax Relief Commission was formed to lead rebuilding efforts, and influential town planner Thomas Adams designed the new communities. A testament to good planning, the Hydrostone area remains a vibrant

neighbourhood that draws both residents and visitors to its boulevards and to its commercial row of boutiques and restaurants.

Halifax Farmers' Market

Shop where Halifax's best chefs do! Saturday morning in Halifax should include a visit to the oldest farmers' market in North America. More than 100 vendors offer farm-fresh produce, meats, fish, deli and baked goods, and an almost endless variety of products and crafts from the fields, waters, kitchens and workshops of Nova Scotia.

Halifax Citadel and the Noon Gun



Many a visitor has been startled by the noon gun. Fired daily from the Halifax Citadel, the cannon's boom resonates through the downtown area. Completed in 1856 after 28 years of construction, the Citadel is a massive, star-shaped masonry fortification overlooking the harbour. The fort was originally built to guard against a land-based attack from the United States, which never occurred, and was garrisoned by the British army until 1906. During the Second World War, the Citadel served as temporary barracks for troops headed overseas and was also an anti-aircraft operations centre.

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