

20 ways to warm up your **WINTER** *in* **St. Andrews by-the-Sea**

Photo by Cindy Kohler

With the arrival of winter, Saint Andrews begins to unwind after another bustling tourist season. But what you might not realize is there's still plenty happening around town. Here's our list of the Top 20 things to see and do during this magical time of year.

Seaside Seasons Greetings

The festive season kicks off in grand style with the immensely popular Christmas by-the-Sea. Get into the spirit at the annual Lobster-Trap Christmas tree lighting, a warm and cozy stop at one of several outdoor fireplaces, listening to local carollers, doing some gift shopping and taking in the decorative displays at shops, restaurants and residences.



Walking the Walk

What better way to learn some fascinating facts of our town than by taking the Saint Andrews Civic Trust Online Walking Tour? Bundle up, grab your mobile device and stroll through history, featuring the many heritage buildings and sites awaiting on almost every corner.

Tea for Two (or More)

The time-honoured tradition of afternoon tea doesn't get better than in the Algonquin Resort's gallery and Braxton's Restaurant & Bar. Gather up a few friends and savour freshly brewed teas with finger sandwiches, scones, clotted cream, jam and exquisite cakes and pastries.



It's a Shore Thing

It's especially peaceful walking along the scenic shores of Passamaquoddy Bay in the wintertime. You can search for sea glass on the beaches at low tide or just take in the spectacular sunsets. You can also find a nice selection of dog-friendly trails and easily walkable roadways inviting you to come for a hike.

Enjoy a Water Street Warmup

After a bracing walk in the cool sea air, you can recharge with a warm beverage and a tasty treat at one of the cozy favourites dotted along Water Street. You'll want to make a point of visiting Honeybeans Café, McGuire Chocolate Company and Café Drewhaven to get your java fix.



Music to Your Ears

There's no shortage of live music during the Winter Warmer Festival. Not only can you enjoy spirited performances by some of the Maritimes' most talented artists, it's one of the best ways to experience the genuine warmth of our community at this frosty time of year.

Make it a Snow Day

Snow just sparkles a little more by the sea. So why not get out your cross-country skis or snowshoes and enjoy it? You'll find an abundance of trails suitable in and around Saint Andrews, including the Chamcook Mountain Trail, Caughey-Taylor Nature Preserve and Simpson Hill.



Love is in the Air (and the Air BNB)

Forget the heart-shaped box of chocolates. If you want to impress that special someone this Valentine's Day, book a romantic weekend getaway at one of the many unique accommodation options.

We Had You at Beer, Didn't We?

The craft brewpub scene has exploded in New Brunswick. You'll find one such place right here in town at the [Saint Andrews Brewing Company](#). And if you think their beer is great, you're not alone. Winning three national awards this year, Saint Andrews Brewing Company has become New Brunswick's most awarded brewery on the national stage in 2025.



Unleash Your Inner Polar Bear

Anyone can do a hot and cold circuit at a spa. For hardcore plungers, nothing matches a dip in the icy waters of the bay. At high tide, you'll find ideal spots next to the lighthouse at Pendlebury Point or near the historic Saint Andrews Blockhouse.

We Have Winter Down to a Fine Art

With exhibitions that change every six weeks, there's always something new to see at [Sunbury Shores Arts & Nature Centre](#). Or if you'd prefer to flex your own art muscle, bring your own materials and create with others at open studio sessions that take place twice a month.



Let's Do Brunch

Can't decide between a big breakfast or lunch? Do both. In Saint Andrews, you have some amazing options to choose from, and each puts its own spin on brunch. Check out the tasty offerings at [Braxton's](#), the [Herring Pub & Kitchen](#), [Café Drewhaven](#), [Lumberjacks Café](#) and [Noble by the Sea](#).

Get Your Game On

For those who prefer a lively board game with friends over staring at a tiny phone screen, there are lots of places in town that offer the perfect setting. In addition to a roaring fireplace, some will even supply a selection of games.

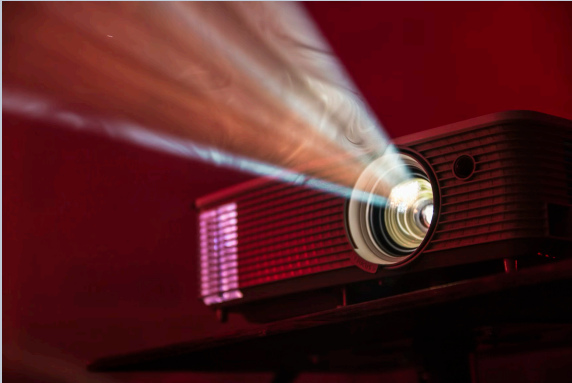


The World is Your Lobster

No trip to Saint Andrews would be complete without partaking in a traditional lobster dinner. One of our favourite places to enjoy the famously succulent lobsters of Fundy Bay is at [Maison Kennedy House](#), featuring three side dishes and dessert.

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Crave the KÖV

Want to unwind while enjoying the majesty of the great outdoors? Treat yourself to New Brunswick's first private Nordik spa experience at KÖV. Featuring sessions for you and up to 7 of your closest friends, it's a truly unique way to reduce stress, boost immunity and increase mental alertness.



Dining with a Difference

Every restaurant in town is special in its own way. William & Water embraces the philosophy of "East meets East", combining local ingredients and global flavours.