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Fox Harb'r Golf Resort & Spa

FOX HARBOUR, NS

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Delivering that perfect mix of business and pleasure, the 445-hectare Fox Harb'r Resort in Cumberland County, NS, is a stately luxury hideaway. Created by Tim Hortons co-founder Ron Joyce, it's an ocean-side golf course, conference centre, hotel, spa and sporting playground with solid business-event and incentive potential.

Guests relax in 88 comfortable, town-house-style suites and congregate at the new Joyce Centre, which offers 37,000 sq. ft. of meeting space. This includes the stunning Nova Scotia Ballroom, expansive outdoor terraces, state-of-the-art AV facilities and an art collection that includes works by Christopher Pratt and Alex Colville.

EXHILARATING GOLF

One of the top golf courses in Canada is about to double in size. The resort recently embarked on what will be an ongoing, multimillion-dollar upgrade, beginning with a redesign of the golf course by noted Canadian golf architects Doug Carrick and Tom McBroom. Slated for completion in 2025, it will be split into two separate courses—a links course and an adjacent parkland course—each including half of the original course.

ABUNDANT RECREATION

Fox Harb'r is also proficient at post-meeting diversion. The Dol-ás Spa, also soon to be reimagined and expanded, offers massages, facials, body treatments and aesthetics. It is adjacent to a fitness studio and a junior Olympic-sized pool. Tennis and pickleball courts augment the

wellness agenda along with e-bikes and fat bikes, but even more activity awaits at the rustic hunting lodge, a base for archery, axe-throwing and sport shooting.

The variety of things to do carries out onto the water, anchored to a 25-slip deep-water marina, where boats up to 25 metres long can pull in for a round of golf or a business luncheon. The 19-metre Ferretti yacht is perfect for sunset cocktails on the Northumberland Strait, and a smooth pontoon boat sets off to visit the seals that dot the coastal waters. Sea kayaking and paddle boarding on a protected tidal bay on the opposite side of the peninsula provide even more chances to spot local wildlife.

NO AIRS ALLOWED

Though its guestbook reads like a Who's Who of people from the worlds of politics, sports and business, "Luxury without the attitude" is the slogan at Fox Harb'r. The amazing golf and full roster of things to do is fortified by multiple dining venues—indoors and out—that champion fresh seafood-forward menus, and an international wine list includes bottles from the resort's own winery. It may just be time to add a lobster boil by the Lighthouse at sunset to your list of action items.

WHEN YOU GO

Fox Harb'r is an easy drive from Halifax, Moncton and Charlottetown. A private airstrip and hangar services the jet set, with private air charters available through Jetport at Hamilton International Airport.

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