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About Us

The first Canadian company to offer land & water experiences in solar-powered vehicles, Ride Solar has reclaimed & rebuilt a CDN Heritage Vessel from the 1967 Montreal Expo into North America's LARGEST solar boat (the world's FIRST solar dinner cruise boat) & the world's FIRST solar "Pedal Buses" (Party Bikes) in Charlottetown & Halifax. Ride solar offers bespoke, diesel-free, quiet eco-tours with food & drinks to those who like to have fun while saving the planet.



World's Firsts

Solar Boat

You can't have an experience like this anywhere else on the planet. With a licensed kitchen serving everything from ice cold local drinks to Caesar salads & PEI Blue Mussels to chicken, grass-fed rib eye & fresh PEI lobster, the Isola Solaretto provides the only solar-powered dinner cruise in the world where food is cooked fresh on the boat for your enjoyment - and it is far closer than you thought.

See the beautiful red sand, bays & inlets on "Canada's Food Island" or a sunset with the "birthplace of Confederation" skyline while cruising gently in the sheltered waters of the Charlottetown Harbour on our stable, fully enclosed, comfortable, 34 passenger boat with social booth seating, large re-stroom, opening roof hatches & large opening windows by every seat.

Enhance your solar boat experience with optional guided sight-seeing, technology overview, PEI history, video commentary in English, French & Italian, trivia with prizes and get your photo taken steering the boat with the captain or choose live entertainment from our local lineup of musicians, comedians & drag queens for some music & laughs to make your experience complete.



Tweak your experience on the boat with our 4 video monitors, bluetooth speakers, LED floor light-show & Karaoke set for lunch & learn events, team building, weddings, birthdays, bachelor/bachelorette parties, dancing & more. Keep it casual and relaxing or rock the boat - this vessel can do it all.

- Departs from Port Charlottetown cruise ship terminal
- 1.5 hr to 2 hr tours
- Licensed bar for alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks
- 3 tables for six people & 4 tables for four people = 34 seats (option for up to 38 people using our jump seats)
- Large bathroom, space to walk around, high ceilings, opening roof hatches, large windows by every seat
- WiFi, USB charging ports, Bluetooth speakers, Karaoke machine, audio-visual displays for our programming or yours
- Discounted base rate for groups/private tours
- Daytime lobster/chicken option: Braised ¼ chicken supreme or ½ PEI lobster (served Island Style - chilled with drawn butter) with Caesar salad (house made dressing), jalapeño-infused pickled onions & fresh dinner roll available as optional upgrade
- Evening surf & turf option: Caesar salad (house made dressing), Island Blue Mussels with basil cream dipping sauce, fresh dinner roll, ½ PEI lobster served warm with drawn butter & ¼ lb rib eye with seasonal vegetables, choice of 2 fresh-made cheesecakes, tea/coffee. Gluten free & vegetarian option available.
- Live entertainment options:
 - Music: [Margarita Wayne](#), [Jorge Pena](#) - Cuban music, [Chad Matthews](#)
 - Comedy: [Shawn Hogan](#)
 - Drag Show: [Miz Majestix](#) (Shawn Collins)



Solar Party Bikes

For something completely different, hop aboard our Party Bike (rolling bar) where up to 14 people can enjoy a trip along the beautiful Charlottetown or Halifax waterfront. These 4-wheeled Pedal Buses have 2 electric motors, a covered roof with 1.2kW of solar panels, deployable rain shields, USB charging ports, a cooler for ice-cold drinks & a bluetooth speaker to play your music.

Pedal or not, this Party Bike is for all ages & fitness levels. Choose to sit on a bike seat on the sides or a bench seat at the back & inside - no matter what you choose, you will have a blast on this slow-moving, fun, attention-grabbing vehicle. Not for wallflowers - you can expect people on the sidewalk to wave, take photos & cheer you on as you pedal your way easily along the waterfront.

The Charlottetown bike is licensed so you can enjoy alcoholic drinks right on the bike & both bikes stop at 2-3 restaurant/pub venues where riders hop off for 30 min to enjoy some local flavours & drinks. Go a-la-carte or have choices of set food/drink items included with your tour.

Charlottetown Party Bike

- 2.5 hr tour including restaurant stops
- Pedal or not with 2 electric motors
- Begins & ends at Founder's Hall on the waterfront
- Comfortable bench seats or bike seats
- Licensed to serve local craft beer, cocktails & mixed drinks as well as non-alcoholic drinks
- Slow, covered for any kind of weather & fun!
- Two 35 min stops at The Olde Triangle Irish Pub & Peakes Quay, Hunter's Ale House or the Lobster Trap Lounge for a-la-carte food/drink specials or set menu options + a trip through Victoria Park
- See/learn about St. Dunstan's Basilica, Confederation Centre, the 3 churches, The Haviland Club and enjoy photo stops in beautiful Victoria Park, the cannons at Fort Edward, Government House (the birthplace of Canada), Beaconsfield House & more.

Halifax Party Bike

- 2.5 hr tour including restaurant stops
- Pedal or not with 2 electric motors
- Begins at the rear parking lot of the Westin Hotel Nova Scotian & ends at Garrison Brewing Co
- Comfortable bench seats or bike seats
- Cold non-alcoholic drinks on board & alcoholic drinks available at the stops
- Slow, covered for any kind of weather & fun!
- Three 25 min stops at Sabori Italian Street Food, The Seaport Social & Garrison Brewing Co for a-la-carte food/drink specials or set menu options
- See/learn about Pier 21, The Canadian Museum of Immigration, Halifax's official Irishtown, Historic Properties, The Halifax Explosion of 1917, the Titanic connection, The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, the (in) famous Westin Hotel Nova Scotian & more.





Tourism Refined

Tours are better with food & drink! They are also better when you are not choking on diesel fumes, not having to shout over a loud engine & can go to the bathroom. Ride Solar has transformed standard tours into a complete experience by adding 4 important elements:

- 1 Food & drinks available on every tour
- 2 Comfortable, social seating for conversation & more
- 3 Washrooms, because when you gotta go, you gotta go
- 4 Environmental sustainability with no diesel fumes or noise



Unique Gathering/ Meeting Venues

A far cry from traditional meeting venues like conference rooms & hotels, these bespoke vehicles provide a different and unique experience for your group by tying your event space with the outdoors and nature, while still having all the amenities required for your function.

Hosting an event with Ride Solar means that your group is moving slowly with beautiful changing views in the backdrop while remaining comfortable with social, face-to-face seating, food/drink & washrooms available.

Your event will also have access to high speed WiFi & audio-visual for presentations, lunch & learn meetings, songs, fun & even dancing!

Enjoy beautiful harbour, sunset & quaint downtown city views with your group. Ride Solar not only gives you the venue space you want with all the amenities you require, but also a complete tour/cruise experience at the same time. When you add the diesel-free, quiet eco-tour element, Ride Solar provides an event experience like nothing else on the planet.



Our Commitment to the Environment

Ride Solar is a privately-led initiative that aligns with and supports the ongoing commitment of the government to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Atlantic Canada. By providing an innovative and sustainable tours & transit solution, Ride Solar contributes to the region's broader environment goals while providing customers with a world-class experience they cannot have anywhere else.

(Click the thumbnail below to watch UPEI Climate Sense video on Ride Solar)





Our custom catering and entertainment services are designed to create unforgettable experiences tailored to your unique needs. Whether you're planning an intimate gathering, a corporate event, or a grand celebration, we offer a diverse menu crafted with fresh, high-quality ingredients to suit any taste or dietary preference. Our expert chefs and dedicated team ensure every dish is prepared to perfection, while our entertainment options – ranging from live music to interactive performances – set the perfect ambiance for your event. With a commitment to excellence and personalized service, we bring your vision to life, making every occasion truly special.

Contact us today for pricing and to start planning your perfect event!



Testimonials

“Ride Solar provides a very unique experience in a manner that is quite difficult to accomplish. Tours available for up to 34 people in a zero emission vehicle with food & drink and entertainment options is something unheard of – not just in the Maritimes, but anywhere in the world. In my position, we have organized hundreds of meeting events, staff parties and gatherings over the years and Ride Solar remains as the only group event venue which can provide so much while impacting the environment so little. We want to have fun, food & drinks while accomplishing our meeting goals and with my position, being a responsible environmental steward is extremely important. I would not hesitate to recommend Ride Solar’s group experiences to anybody looking to host a special event in PEI or NS and wants to sleep soundly with a restful environmental conscience”



Dr. Adam Fenech

Provost, Canadian University Dubai & Associate Professor, Climate Change and Adaptation - UPEI Climate Lab

“Both the Ride Solar boat and the solar bike in Charlottetown are experiences that group, business event and conference attendees thoroughly enjoy. The team at Meet PEI have experienced both the boat and the bike with our familiarization tour attendees and it is always a highlight of the itinerary. It is vitally important to our destination to be able to access authentic experiences such as these, that also help build our sustainability initiatives. Ride Solar is key to us in our sector.”



Susan Freeman

Executive Director Meet PEI



About the Founder & the Company

Steve Arnold likes to do things differently. Growing up in Dartmouth, NS and spending his summers in PEI, Steve graduated with his BComm from Saint Mary's University and has worked in the tourism industry for over 40 years. Leveraging his interest in “all things cool” combined with East Coast hospitality Steve built Canada's Rotating House (www.rotatinghouse.ca) in North Rustico, PEI where his wife & two children live on the upper level and entertain guests from around the world looking for a unique stay experience in 4 luxury condos which rotate slowly overlooking the ocean.

Ride Solar was a labour of love for Steve since purchasing the last remaining “Vaporetto” (water bus) from the famous 1967 Montreal Expo in 2015. This 58 yr old reclaimed CDN Heritage Vessel then underwent an extensive 8 yr, \$1.3M renovation to become North America's largest solar-powered vessel and the world's first solar-powered dinner cruise boat.

Sporting 6kW of solar-panels on the roof, a 20kW electric motor & NiCd batteries under see-through glass hatches in the floor, the Isola Solaretto was finally re-commissioned in 2023 to do harbour cruises for groups of all sizes in Charlottetown, PE - the birthplace of Confederation.

Together with our two solar-powered party bikes in Halifax & Charlottetown, Ride Solar offers unique food & drink experiences while taking in the beautiful sights of these two port cities. Who said saving the planet can't be fun?



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