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Large windows allow plenty of light into the kitchen. White cabinets provide space for tea towels, tablecloth and bowls to add color to the room.

# Anchors *Away*

A SEASIDE COTTAGE RECEIVES A COMPLETE RENOVATION TO REVIVE ITS HISTORIC-QUALITY ARCHITECTURE AND CULTURAL RELEVANCE.

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Styling by Sharon Nisbet

**THE ANCHOR HOUSE ON THE BONAVISTA PENINSULA IN NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA**, offers gorgeous views across a nearby cove and out into the ocean. But the two-story home was not always a soft blue color, nor did it have its current elegant interior. CapeRace Newfoundland Adventures restored the old home from top to bottom to return it to its historic roots and act as a cultural center for visitors staying in the area.

Founder Ken Sooley and the team were committed to keeping Anchor House culturally relevant, historically accurate and enjoyable for its guests. At over 100 years old, it was due for a restoration. In 2010, it underwent a year-long restoration process.

“The goal was to restore the house as close to the original as possible while allowing for mandatory guesthouse building codes as well as convenience,” Ken says. The restoration was quick and successful, and CapeRace used local labor and materials to provide economic benefits to the surrounding community.

Sharon Nisbet oversaw the interior designer for Anchor House. With a keen eye for cottage country style, Sharon filled Anchor House with period paint colors that brought the home back to its roots. Today it is adorned with greens, blues, browns and beiges with the occasional splash of red. Soft tones create a warm environment—perfect for the coastal home.





Soft tones dominate the interior of Anchor House. The pastel green and blue work well together and create an inviting bedroom. A white curtain blows in the shore breeze.



The paint colors are period appropriate and Sharon made a point of decorating the house using local art, Ken says.

The furnishings are simple, in line with the historic nature of the home, yet each piece contributes to the overall cottage ambience, from the charming blue dresser in the bedroom to the cozy kitchen table and simple farmhouse-style chairs. In the kitchen, butcher-block counters sit atop whitewashed cabinets and open shelves display pops of color through the dishes and teapots.

In keeping with its quaint surroundings, Anchor House invests in the community and creates an enriching experience for its guests. 🍷

## A Newfoundland Adventure

THE COMPANY THAT RESTORED ANCHOR HOUSE CAN TAKE YOU ON A CULTURALLY RICH VACATION.

At CapeRace Newfoundland Adventures the emphasis is adventure and spontaneity. The boutique travel company specializes in experiential travel through self-guided tours on the island of Newfoundland. Why self-guided? They believe in seizing opportunity, taking risks and really getting to know the land by your own means.

"We want to encourage adventure tourism in the form of authentic exploration of coastal areas," owner Ken Sooley says.

CapeRace offers tourists a variety of homes to stay in and a diverse selection of trips from which to choose. Their goal is to break down cultural barriers and give vacationers a new kind of experience. Each home is styled to fit right into its surrounding areas, which include coastal towns, fishing villages and meadows. The cottages are unique and distinct, offering a fun array of options and experiences, including the opportunity to stay in Anchor House.

The team at CapeRace writes an annual travel guide for Newfoundland. A large part of the book encourages interaction with local people as a way of inviting cultural conversations. And with options for hiking, eating, wandering, shopping and even sleeping in, CapeRace offers something special for every kind of vacationer.

For more information, visit [caperace.com](http://caperace.com).

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Anchor House is situated by the harbor and has beautiful views of the ocean. It is the perfect residence for those who love the beach and the seaside life.



The bedrooms in Anchor House are warm and welcoming. This bedroom features muted colors, minimal patterns and a single, bright accent piece for a classic cottage feel—the red bedside table is a striking accent piece.

