

# CANAL BOAT RIDES IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

If you will be traveling around the eastern half of North America, you may want to visit one of the many canal boat concessions. Here is a partial list for 2018.

## MICHIGAN

**Soo Locks Boat Tours and Dinner Cruises at Sault Ste. Marie** – Soo Locks Boat Tours is one of Michigan's top attractions. The 2-hour sightseeing cruise has many departure times available. Tours include views of all four U.S. Locks, St. Mary's Rapids, giant hydro-electric plants and Historic Canadian Lock. Visitors experience "locking through" from Lake Huron and Lake Superior. Dinner cruises are featured in the evenings, and themed dinner cruises are offered on selected dates. Fireworks Cruises and Fireworks Dinner Cruises fare offered for Canada Day on July 1 and Independence Day on July 4, plus many other Special Event Cruises.

St. Mary's River Lighthouse Tours: Passengers explore a number of navigational markers and lighthouses, some of which are accessible only by boat. Although their powerful lights were dimmed by satellite-assisted navigation and other technology, these structures have unique architecture and historic importance that has not been forgotten.

Soo Locks Boat Tours, P.O. Box 739, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Dock #1, 1157 East Portage Ave. Dock #2, 515 East Portage Avenue, 906-632-6301; sales@soolocks.com; www.soolocks.com, www.facebook.com/Soo-Locks-Boat-Tours-Dinner-Cruises-142998785746841/



Soo Lock Boat Tours – [www.soolocks.com](http://www.soolocks.com)

## ILLINOIS

**Wendela Boats**, Wendella Sightseeing Boats is Chicago's Original Architecture Tour®, offering a variety of distinctive narrated tours, all focusing on Chicago's rich architectural heritage and history. Whether you're looking for an in-depth tour or a brief overview of Chicago, Wendella has many tour options to choose from.

Tours are offered seven days a week, March through November.

Tours depart from the Wendella Dock at 400 N Michigan Avenue and from the Wendella Dock at Trump Tower, located West of the Wrigley Building at the lower level of Kinzie and Rush.

400 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611; [www.wendellaboats.com](http://www.wendellaboats.com); 312-337-1446

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Take a journey back in time aboard the **Volunteer**, a 70-passenger, mule-pulled 1840's replica canal boat, as it coasts gently up and down the **I&M Canal**. Bring your camera, grab a snack and something to drink at the Lock 16 Cafe & Visitor Center, and climb aboard for an hour of peaceful, historical fun! Every trip begins with "Mule Tending 101" as our period dressed guides introduce the passengers to their intrepid canal mules, Moe & Joe. The tour guide regales everyone with tales of the canal while the deck hands guide the boat a mile up the canal to the Little Vermillion aqueduct and back.

April 5th – October 29th, 2018 Advance purchase recommended.

Adults: \$15; Seniors: \$13; Youth 16 and under: \$8; Children Under 3: free Family Pack: 2 adults and 2 youth \$38. Customized group tours & lunches also available! All tickets must be picked up in the Lock 16 Visitor Center. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure. 815-220-1848.

754 First Street, LaSalle, IL 61301.

[www.lasallecanalboat.org](http://www.lasallecanalboat.org);

Canal Corridor Association:

[www.iandmcanal.org](http://www.iandmcanal.org)

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Volunteer – [www.lasallecanalboat.org](http://www.lasallecanalboat.org)

## INDIANA

Come to Metamora, Indiana and take an excursion on the **Whitewater Canal** aboard the **Ben Franklin III**. The **Ben Franklin III** seats 75 people and is pulled along the canal by two Belgian draft horses. After an extensive study of the old canal boats, the Ben Franklin III was built in 1989 to look like one of the original canal boats that used to travel along the Whitewater Canal. Open May 16 through October, Wednesday through Sunday. Runs on the hour from noon through 4 p.m. Adults, \$6; seniors, \$5; children 3-17, \$3; under 3 free; In-State Student – Free, Out-Of-State Students – \$1.50 (Group of 15).

19083 Clayborn St. Metamora, Ind. 47030, 765.647.6512, email: [white-watercanalshs@indianamuseum.org](mailto:white-watercanalshs@indianamuseum.org); Web site: [indianamuseum.org/white-water-canal-state-historic-site](http://indianamuseum.org/white-water-canal-state-historic-site).

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## OHIO



*Ben Franklin III – www.indianamuseum.org*

Step aboard the **Delphi** for a trip down the **Wabash & Erie Canal** in Delphi, Indiana. The boat runs on Saturdays and Sundays from May 12, 2018 through Labor Day at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Public rides are \$7 per adult, \$4 per child. Special arrangements are required for our chartered tours. Prices for chartered tours are \$150 for the first ride and \$100 for each additional ride. The **Delphi** holds approximately 30 people. Rides last approximately 40 minutes.

1030 West Washington St., 12 blocks north of the Court House, Delphi, IN; 765-564-2870,

[www.wabashanderiecanal.org](http://www.wabashanderiecanal.org).

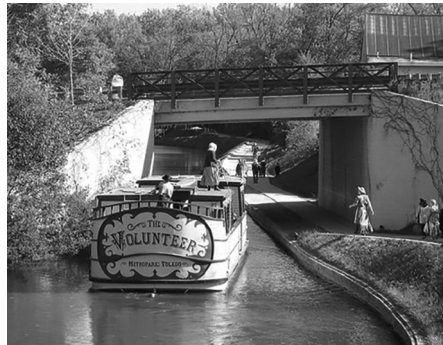
Facebook @wabashanderiecanal



*Delphi – www.wabashanderiecanal.org*

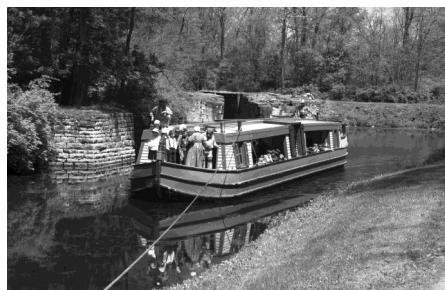
The Johnston Farm & Indian Agency is proud to own and operate one of Ohio's working canal boats still drawn, as it was nearly two centuries ago, by a team of mules. Guests may enjoy a ride aboard the **General Harrison of Piqua**, a replica 70-foot-long canal boat often used for transportation of passengers and cargo in the 19th century. Costumed guides direct the mule-drawn boat to provide an authentic and memorable experience for all. For hours of operation and events visit us at [www.johnstonfarmohio.com](http://www.johnstonfarmohio.com) or by calling 937-773-2522. Johnson Farm & Indian Agency, 9845 Hardin Rd, Piqua, Ohio 45356.

Step back in time at the Canal Experience and get a taste of life on the Miami and Erie Canal in 1876. Providence Metropark is located in what was once the canal town of Providence, Ohio. Today, the Metropark has one of the greatest concentrations of canal era features in the country, including **The Volunteer**, a reproduction of a mule-drawn canal boat. May–October; check website for hours. Canal boat tickets: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (60 and over), \$4 children (3 to 12), 2 and under free. 13827 S. River Road, Grand Rapids, Ohio. 419-407-9700. Check the website for times. [metroparkstoledo.com/features-and-rentals/canal-experience/](http://metroparkstoledo.com/features-and-rentals/canal-experience/) Facebook @MyMetroparksPage



*Volunteer – www.metroparkstoledo.com*

The **St. Helena III** canal boat is pulled by two Percheron horses, Dan & Willie, and departs from the Port of Canal Fulton in St. Helena Heritage Park for a one hour ride down the Ohio & Erie Canal. A historian on board provides information on the history of the canal, the boat and the area. The **St. Helena III** canal boat operates weekends only in May, September & October and Tuesday through Sunday June through August. Boat rides are at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call to confirm schedule.



*General Harrison of Piqua – www.johnstonfarmohio.com*

We recommend arriving 30 minutes prior to your ride time in order to purchase tickets and view the DVD presentation entitled “Our Canal Heritage” before you board the canal boat. For more information: 330-854-6835; 125 Tuscarawas St, Canal Fulton, Ohio. [canalway@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov](mailto:canalway@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov); Web site: [cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov/departments/canal-boat-operations/](http://cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov/departments/canal-boat-operations/) Facebook @DiscoverCanalFulton



*St. Helena III – www.discovercanalfulton.com*

Set aboard the **Monticello III** and you'll feel like you are actually gliding right into Ohio history! Relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the canal as it once was. Watch the hoggee lead the huge team of draft horses as they pull the canal boat gently along its way. As you listen to old canal tales from the captain describing 1800's life on the canal, you'll feel like you actually have stepped back in time to the 1830s! Group rates and charters available. Memorial Day–Labor Day\* Tuesday–Friday 1, 2, & 3 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 1, 2, 3, & 4 p.m. After Labor Day through the 3rd weekend of October:

Weekdays - Charters only  
 Saturday & Sunday-1, 2, 3, & 4 p.m.  
 \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 seniors (ages 60+), \$6.00 for students (ages 6 - 18) and children 5 and under are free.  
 23253 State Route 83, Coshocton, Ohio 43812-9601; 740-622-7528; 740-622-3415; 800-877-1830.  
[www.roscoevillage.com/attractions-activities/horse-drawn-canal-boat-rides](http://www.roscoevillage.com/attractions-activities/horse-drawn-canal-boat-rides)  
 Facebook @historicroscoevillage



*Monticello III – www.coshoctonlakepark.com*

The *Sandpiper* is a 100-passenger cruise vessel located on the **Maumee River** in Toledo, Ohio. The boat is available for private and public rides from May through October.

J&M Cruise Lines are the operators of *The Sandpiper*. Public cruises include the Picnic Lunch Cruise, Discover the River, Friday Night Family Cruise, Sunset Cruise And City Lights, Musical Dinner Cruise, 4th of July Fireworks Cruise, Cigar Cruises, Lighthouse Cruise, Fall Color Cruises, and a Halloween Boo Cruise.

The *Sandpiper* was built in 1984 in Maumee, Ohio. She has spent her entire career plying the waters of the Maumee River, however she has paid a visit to Monroe, Michigan, and many Detroit River locations. Constructed of welded steel and The Sandpiper is inspected annually by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Season: May–October.

J&M Cruise Lines, PO Box 266 Toledo, Ohio 43697; 419-537-1212.

sandpiperboat@aol.com;

www.sandpiperboat.com.

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*Sandpiper* – [www.sandpiperboat.com](http://www.sandpiperboat.com)

## NEW YORK

We welcome you to beautiful Mohawk Valley and Erie Canal Cruises. **Erie Canal Cruises** tour boats *Lil' Diamond II* and *Lil' Diamond III* are docked at Gems Along the Mohawk, the Official Mohawk Valley Visitor Center. Located at 800 Mohawk Street in Herkimer, NY, we are directly across from the New York State Thruway Exit 30.

We invite you to join us on one of our *Lil' Diamond* vessels for a fun and historically fascinating cruise, back to a time when the canal was just a vision and the barges were pulled by mules and horses. Travel thru a hundred year old lock, relax and enjoy – you'll be glad you did.

315-717-0350.

eriecanalcruises@aol.com;

www.eriecanalcruises.com

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*Lil' Diamond III* – [www.eriecanalcruises.com](http://www.eriecanalcruises.com)

## Authentic Sternwheel Paddle Boat Tours in Upstate New York.

The *Caldwell Belle* provides tours along the upper **Hudson River and Champlain Canal** waterways. Her home port is located next to Lock C5 on the Champlain Canal near the Village of Schuylerville and in the town of Saratoga. Providing a variety of excursions and cruises that are sure to please, the M/V *Caldwell Belle* is an authentic chain-driven sternwheel riverboat able to navigate in waters as low as three feet! Mooring at Lock C5, 130 US 4 N, Schuylerville, New York; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 95, Schuylerville, NY 12871; 518-636-6146; mohawkmaidencruises@gmail.com; www.mohawkmaidencruises.com. Facebook @MowhakMaidenCruises



M/V *Caldwell Belle*

**Mid-Lakes Navigation.** Daily Cruises On Skaneateles Lake. **Skaneateles Lake** cruises depart from Clift Park in the heart of the picturesque walking village of Skaneateles, about 35 minutes from Syracuse. Board your cruise at our dock in Clift Park on Rt. 20 in downtown Skaneateles. Skaneateles Lake cruises feature crystal waters, shoreline beauty and village amenities. Depending on the length of the cruise, passengers may see: The Sherwood Inn, operating since 1807; Roosevelt Hall, historic Greek revival home; and Glacier-carved hillsides, crystal clear water. Options include dinner cruises, lunch cruises, sightseeing cruises and special events.

**Self-Skippered Rentals.** You're the captain aboard our comfortable, easy-to-operate Lockmaster canalboats. No experience? Don't worry! The boats are simple and the canal system is boater-friendly. Our courteous and skilled crew will be ready to answer any questions you may have on your journey.

Our Lockmasters depart from Mid-Lakes Marina in the town of Macedon near Rochester. 1125 Marina Parkway, Macedon, NY 14502

Designed and built by Mid-Lakes for the New York State Canals, your Lockmaster Canalboat blends rugged steel construction with a thoughtful interior design for a sturdy and comfortable vessel.

Mid-Lakes Navigation, 11 Jordan St., PO Box 61, Skaneateles, NY 13152

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www.midlakesnav.com

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Experience "Life in the Past Lane" when you get on board for your cruise on the historic Erie Canal, a 363-mile waterway between the Hudson River with Niagara River and the Great Lakes and an important part of American history. Your fun and informative cruise will take you past five of the original 1800's locks. Three million gallons of water will fill Locks 34 & 35, the only double set on the Erie Canal, and raise the boat 50 feet. You'll pass under Lockport's "Upside Down Bridge," Lockport's "Big Bridge" (the widest bridge in the U.S. at 299 feet wide), through the "deep rock cut" and under lift bridges. The lively narration by the Coast Guard Licensed Captains is also accompanied by crowd-pleasing canal music, popular during the 1800's. Call us to schedule a cruise!

Public Daily Cruise  
 \$18.50, adult; \$10, ages 4-10.  
 210 Market Street,  
 Lockport, NY 14094  
 716-433-6155 or 800-378-0352  
 info@lockportlocks.com  
 www.lockportlocks.com  
 Facebook  
 @LockportLocksErieCanalCruises



Lockport Cruise – [www.lockportlocks.com](http://www.lockportlocks.com)

The **Lockport Cave & Underground Boat Ride** in Lockport, NY, along the Erie Canal offers an exciting, 70-minute guided tour through America's past. You will explore the historic **Erie Canal Locks 67-71**, constructed in 1838, view ruins from an earlier industrial age, and walk safely through a water tunnel that was blasted out of solid rock in the 1850s, viewing stalactites, flow stone, various geological formations, and artifacts left behind by the men who built the tunnel in the early days of the Erie.

Marvel at artifacts left by miners on the Erie Canal over a century ago. And view cave formations in their early stages of development. Visitors are awestruck as they take a ride that has been described as both "peaceful and eerie" as the boat glides through the lifeless water, illuminated only by small, sporadically placed electric lights. 5 Gooding Street, Lockport, NY, 14094; 716-438-0174; [www.lockportcave.com](http://www.lockportcave.com). Ticket Office: 5 Gooding Street, Lockport, NY, 14094. Rates: Adults: \$16.00, Children (6-13): \$10.25 Children 5 and under: \$3.25  
 Facebook @LockportCave



Lockport Cave and Underground Boat Ride - [www.lockportcave.com](http://www.lockportcave.com)

The **Colonial Belle** has been providing **Erie Canal** boat cruises from mid-May through October for over 20 years. Come aboard in Fairport, NY, just 20 minutes from Rochester.



Colonial Belle- [www.colonialbelle.com](http://www.colonialbelle.com).

The Colonial Belle's narrated tour will familiarize you with the rich history and many traditional landmarks along the scenic Erie Canal traveling west between Fairport and Pittsford. Our three-hour cruise includes lock passage at Canal Park in Pittsford, located at Clover St. and Jefferson Rd. 400 Packett's Landing, Fairport, NY 14450; 585-223-9470. 3 tours daily, Tuesday-Saturday; 2 tours on Sunday. Visit web site for rates. [www.colonialbelle.com](http://www.colonialbelle.com). Facebook @ColonialBelle

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**Corn Hill Navigation** operates the historic Erie Canal replica packet boat **Sam Patch** on the Erie Canal from early May through October 31. Daily Erie Canal Cruises leave from 12 Schoen Place, Pittsford, N.Y. Daily cruises offered at noon, 2, and 4. Please see website for wine and dinner cruise dates. Adults – \$16; Seniors 65+ and Active Military – \$13 Students 13-22 – \$13; Children 3-12 – \$8; Children 2 and under – Free. 585-662-5748 for information and reservations. [www.sampatch.org/](http://www.sampatch.org/). Facebook @sampatch.org



Sam Patch - [www.sampatch.org](http://www.sampatch.org)

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At **Camillus Erie Canal Park**, from May to October, Sundays, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Historic Canal Boat Rides aboard our turn of the century excursion boat, the *Ontario*, and a pontoon boat, the *Camillus Erie* (wheelchair accessible), are entertaining as well as educational with music and historic narration available. These trips are approximately 2 miles (45minutes) round trip with an optional short walk to the historic Nine

Mile Creek Aqueduct. The 1844 Nine Mile Creek aqueduct reconstruction is now completed.

Dinner Cruises leave from Sims Store aboard our spacious new Iroquois (wheel chair accessible). While enjoying this scenic cruise, you'll be served a delicious meal of Prime Rib (alternative menus of Stuffed Breast of Chicken and Vegetable Primavera with Red Sauce are available upon request at the time of your reservation). This cruise will travel from Sims Store towards route 173 and back, passing over the Aqueduct.

Reservations required for Dinner Cruises. Please call Vickie at 315-487-7895 to make your reservations. 5750 Devoe Road, Camillus, NY 13031; 315-488-3409

[www.eriecanalcamillus.com](http://www.eriecanalcamillus.com).

Facebook: Camillus Erie Canal Park



Ontario – [www.eriecanalcamillus.com](http://www.eriecanalcamillus.com)

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Lowell National Historical Park** offers a wide variety of tours and programs throughout the year. Tours themes include *Working the Waterboat*, *Engineering Innovation*, and *Transforming Landscapes*.

Boat tours are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (62+), \$8 for students (age 6–16), and free for children 5 and under. Spaces for tours, especially for boat tours, are limited and reservations



Lowell National Historical Park - Courtesy NPS

are suggested. To make a reservation, call (978) 970-5000. Visitors should arrive at the Visitor Center, 246 Market Street at least 30 minutes before tour start time to buy tickets. Boat tours are on an open-topped boat; rain or shine. 978-970-5000; [www.nps.gov/lowe/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lowe/index.htm), Facebook @lowell.NPS

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Josiah White II** operates on the **Lehigh Canal** in Hugh Moore Park, Easton, PA. The park is also home **National Canal Museum**, which interprets the history, science, and technology of canal construction and navigation, through exhibits and hands-on activities. 2018 hours:

June 2–June 10 Saturday–Sunday

June 13–Sept. 30 Wednesday–Sunday

Oct. 6–Oct. 28 Saturday–Sunday

Nov. 3–Dec. 23 Saturday–Sunday (Museum Only)

Opening Hours 11:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.  
Boats at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 p.m.

General Admission (includes canal boat ride and museum admission)

Adults: \$12 Children (3-15): \$9

Seniors: \$11 Children under 3: Free  
Family Pack (2 Adults & up to 3 Children): \$39

In addition to the 45-minute cruises, we also offer special longer cruises throughout the season including themed dinner cruises with live entertainment.

Visit our website at [www.canals.org](http://www.canals.org).  
2750 Hugh Moore Park Road, Easton, PA 18042; 610-923-3548.

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[www.instagram.com/dl\\_trail/](https://www.instagram.com/dl_trail/)



Josiah White II – [www.canals.org](http://www.canals.org)

**Union Canal Tunnel Park.** Park located at 25th & Union Canal Drive, Lebanon, PA (North of Lebanon Valley Mall). Narrated canal tours each Sunday, June through October 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. \$8/Adult, \$4/Child (6 – 18). Children under age of 6 ride FREE. Weather Permitting. Group rides are offered for parties with a minimum of 10. Tours should be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance. Please contact the Historical Society at [office@LCHSociety.org](mailto:office@LCHSociety.org) or call 717-272-1473 to make your reservation. [www.lebanoncounty-historicalsociety.org/canal-tunnel](http://www.lebanoncounty-historicalsociety.org/canal-tunnel)

## MARYLAND

Experience the **C&O Canal** of the 1920's at the Williamsport Visitor Center. The Visitor Center itself is an historic building that pre-dates the building of the canal. You can borrow a bike and explore the downstream section of the canal towpath, watch the restoration of the Conococheague Aqueduct, visit the historic Trolley Barn, or walk down to Lockhouse 44. More information about things to do at the park can be found at [www.nps.gov/choh/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/index.htm).

Free launch boat tours run Memorial Day through Labor Day. Discover canal structures and their functions that made the C&O a water highway, while also learning about lives of the people that worked on and along the canal during a one hour boat trip. Tours



C&O Canal Launch Boat – Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

leave from the Williamsport Visitor Center, 205 West Potomac Street, Williamsport, MD 21795. Tours run Wednesday-Friday at 1:00 and 2:30, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30, 1:00, and 2:30. Inclement weather cancels. Reservations are recommended and can be made up to 7 days in advance at the Visitor Center or by calling 301-582-0813.

More information is available at [www.nps.gov/choh/playourvisit/williamsport-launch-boat-program.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/playourvisit/williamsport-launch-boat-program.htm).

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The *Charles F. Mercer*, a reproduction packet boat that normally operates at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center of the **Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park**, is not in operation during 2018. An extensive project to restore and improve the waterway of the C&O Canal is underway, and will improve the boating experience when it is completed. Plan to visit Great Falls in 2019 to see the restored waterway and ride the boat.

## VIRGINIA

Join the **Richmond Canal Cruises** for a 40-minute, historically narrated tour of the **James River and Kanawha Canal** along Richmond's Canal Walk. Boats depart on the hour from the Turning Basin on Virginia Street between 14th and Dock, April & November, Friday-Sunday; May-September, Monday-Sunday; October, Thursday-Sunday. Adults: \$8; Children (5-12): \$6; Seniors (65 years and older): \$6 Children under 4: Free.

[www.venturerichmond.com/experience/canal/rides.html](http://www.venturerichmond.com/experience/canal/rides.html);

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800-649-2800; 804-788-6466.



James River and Kanawha Canal – [www.venturerichmond.com](http://www.venturerichmond.com)

## GEORGIA

Explore Augusta Canal on a guided Petersburg Boat tour of the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area. Well-informed, entertaining guides narrate the open-air trips, highlighting the area's history and abundant wildlife. Departures several times daily, Tues. through Sat in summer and winter, 7-days-week in spring and fall. Full schedule at [augustacanal.com](http://augustacanal.com) or call 706-823-0440

Augusta Canal National Heritage Area, 1450 Greene Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901; 706-823-0440; [www.augustacanal.com](http://www.augustacanal.com).  
Facebook @AugustaCanalNHA



Petersburg Canal Cargo Boat – Courtesy of Rebecca Rogers, Augusta Canal Authority

## ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, CANADA

There are two types of cruises, overnight, and daytime. Daytime cruises may offer sightseeing, lunch or dinner, or sunset cruises. As not all prices and timings were current as this was compiled we have chosen to not list that information. Therefore, we encourage you to either check the appropriate website, or call ahead. Besides the cruises listed there are also harbour cruises in Hamilton and Toronto. There are numerous cruises through the Thousand Islands in the St Lawrence River, and there are departures available from Kingston, Gananoque, Rockport and Brockville. There are cruises not listed that are available on the Niagara River and around Georgian Bay, check with the local Tourist Information Office.

If your preference is to be at the helm yourself there are a number of boat and houseboat options on the Rideau

Canal, Trent-Severn Waterway and the St Lawrence River in the 1,000 Islands. Thanks to Bob Sears, President, Canadian Canal Society, for his assistance in updating this section.

## Canada Overnight Cruises

**St. Lawrence Cruise Lines – The Canadian Empress** provides a selection of tours ranging from 5 to 8 days.

Points of departure/destinations are Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City.

800-267-7868; 613-549-8091; [info@StLawrenceCruiseLines.com](mailto:info@StLawrenceCruiseLines.com)  
St. Lawrence Cruise Lines Inc., Suite 200, 253 Ontario Street, Kingston, Ont, Canada K7L 2Z4;  
[www.stlawrencerivercruise.com](http://www.stlawrencerivercruise.com)

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**Ontario Waterway Cruises** – The Kawartha Lakes and the Severn River are very busy in the summer with a wide range of boaters, due to their proximity to the greater Toronto area. Kawartha Voyageur cruises showcase a great diversity of engineering, including the Peterborough Lift Lock, the Kirkfield Lift Lock, and the Big Chute Marine Railway. Of the 22 locks we travel through, some are manually operated “heritage” locks and others are modern hydraulic locks built to service the areas of heavier boat traffic.

The Rideau Canal offers a time capsule of quiet history as it was on completion in 1832. Of the 35 locks we travel through, all but 3 are constructed of hand-cut stone and are manually operated by the lock staff. The Rideau Canal was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007.

On the southern portion of the Trent-Severn Waterway, between



St. Lawrence Cruise Lines – [www.stlawrencerivercruise.com](http://www.stlawrencerivercruise.com)

Peterborough and Trenton, there are 19 locks, including the large flight locks at Healey Falls and Ranney Falls.

The popular sailing waters of the Bay of Quinte, Long Reach, and the North Channel are for the most part protected from Lake Ontario by Prince Edward County and Amherst Island. And there is the incredible beauty of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River. So which cruise should you take first?

Let timing be your guide, and we are confident you will return later for the other two. Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 to 4:30. Phone monitored until 8 p.m. on boarding days. 800-561-5767 [www.ontariowaterwaycruises.com](http://www.ontariowaterwaycruises.com)

**Canada Daytime Cruises**

**Lift Lock Cruises.** Cruise the Trent-Severn Waterway and experience the Peterborough Lift Lock. Mid-May to mid-October. Check the website for times. Two-hour, narrated sightseeing cruises aboard the *Island Princess*, a double-deck replica side-wheeler, lunch, dinner and cocktail cruises available.

888-535-4670;  
[info@liftlockcruises.com](mailto:info@liftlockcruises.com),  
[www.liftlockcruises.com](http://www.liftlockcruises.com).



*Peterborough Lift Lock*  
[www.liftlockcruises.com](http://www.liftlockcruises.com)

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**Orillia Boat Cruises.** We offer sightseeing, lunch and dinner cruises. Join us in the fall for our All-day Fall Color Cruise: This 6½- hour cruise sails from the Orillia Town Dock on Lake Couchiching, through Lock 42, up the



*Island Princess* – [www.obcruise.com](http://www.obcruise.com)

Trent System on the Severn River into Sparrow Lake. Includes continental breakfast and hot lunch buffet. Free coffee all day. Experience fall's splendour on board the *Island Princess*. No children, please.

Orillia Boat Cruises. PO Box 2207, Orillia, ON L3V 6S1, Canada; 705-325-2628. [www.obcruise.com](http://www.obcruise.com); [capt@obcruise.com](mailto:capt@obcruise.com)

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**Stoney Lake Boat Cruises** offers scenic cruises on Stoney Lake in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario. Cruise aboard the *Kawartha Spirit*, the largest Canadian Coast Guard-approved vessel serving the Kawarthas, with a capacity of 200. Join us as we cruise this picturesque lake winding through the narrow channels amidst some of the many islands. Enjoy breathtaking scenery while viewing palatial waterfront homes and quaint island cottages. A live commentary provides the fascinating history and local points of interest in this beautiful area. Lunch and Dinner Cruises are also offered. For more information:

800-461-1946 or 705-654-5253  
[www.kawarthalakescruises.com](http://www.kawarthalakescruises.com),  
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Offering sightseeing, lunch, and dinner cruising June through October, this is the real Muskoka experience. Muskoka Steamships, 185 Cherokee Lane, Gravenhurst, Ontario P1P 1Z9. For information on reservations and cruises, please call us toll-free at 866-687-6667 or 705-687-6667 or [info@realmuskoka.com](mailto:info@realmuskoka.com). (This address is monitored regularly only May through October.)

(Bob Sears, President, Canadian Canal Society highly recommends the dinner cruise, take the second seating and the table is yours until the boat docks.) [www.realmuskoka.com/index.html](http://www.realmuskoka.com/index.html).

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[www.paulsboatcruises.com/ottawa\\_riv.htm](http://www.paulsboatcruises.com/ottawa_riv.htm); office: 613-225-6781; dock: 613-235-8409; [paulcruises@aim.com](mailto:paulcruises@aim.com)  
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The Rideau Canal offers a time capsule of quiet history as it was on completion in 1832. Of the 35 locks we travel through, all but 3 are constructed of hand-cut stone and are manually operated by the lock staff. The Rideau Canal was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007.



*Kawartha Voyageur – [www.ontariowaterwaycruises.com](http://www.ontariowaterwaycruises.com)*

On the southern portion of the Trent-Severn Waterway, between Peterborough and Trenton, there are 19 locks, including the large flight locks at Healey Falls and Ranney Falls.

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Let timing be your guide, and we are confident you will return later for the other two. Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 to 4:30. 800-561-5767; [www.ontariowaterwaycruises.com](http://www.ontariowaterwaycruises.com)

The **Rideau King**, a fifty-foot steel tour boat, sails Monday–Thursday every week between Ottawa, Merrickville and Westport, Ontario on the historic Rideau Canal. Constructed in the early 1800s, the Rideau Canal has served Canadians as a military, commercial, and vacation thoroughfare for almost 200 years. Recently designated a World Heritage Site, the Rideau Canal stretches from Kingston to Ottawa. Take our tour and discover one of the most beautiful and scenic waterways in North America. Friday through Sunday, the Rideau King is host to personal charters like weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and corporate events. This is a daylong trip and the price includes a motor coach return to your vehicle. Contact us by phone anytime between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. EDT 1-613-269-9342; **Rideau King Tours**, P.O. Box 201, Merrickville, Ontario, Canada K0G 1N0; [rideauking@bell.net](mailto:rideauking@bell.net); [www.rideaukingtours.com](http://www.rideaukingtours.com).



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Be Your Own Skipper. This year **Le Boat**, Europe's largest self-hire boat company is establishing a base in Smiths Falls, Ontario. From this central location you can cruise north to Ottawa or south to Kingston. Shorter trips can be made to Merrickville or Westport. 800-734-5491, [www.leboat.ca/en](http://www.leboat.ca/en).

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