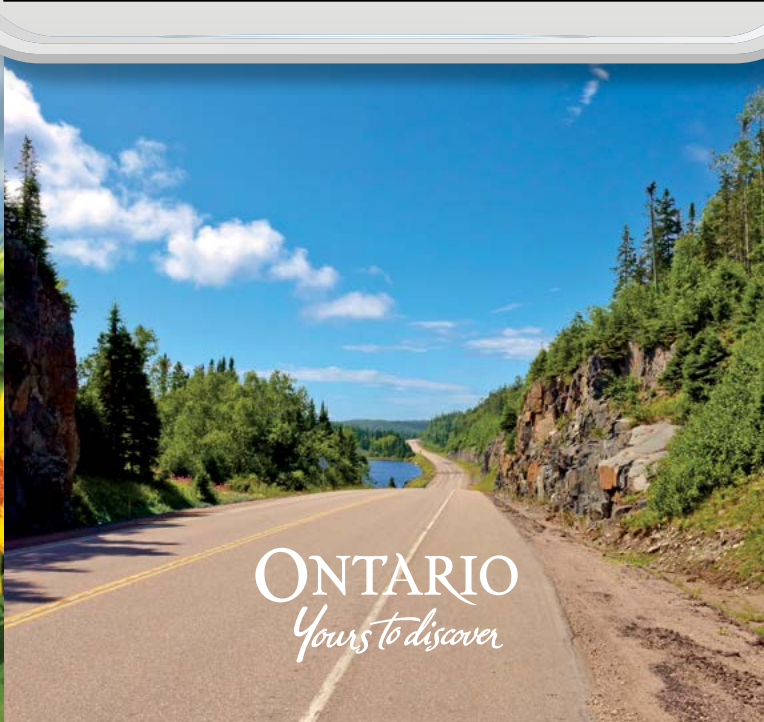




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JUNE

Festival franco-ontarien Ottawa

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SALSA at Blue Mountain The Blue Mountains

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June 25 – August 24
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JULY

1000 Islands Regatta & Festival Brockville

June 30 – July 3
Catch all the high-speed action at Canada's premier hydroplane boat races.

Canada Day Ottawa

July 1
Don your best red and white and celebrate Canada's 149th birthday.

World Heritage Sunset Ceremonies Kingston

July 6 – August 31
Big cannons and mock battles highlight this spectacular show at Fort Henry.

TD Sunfest London

July 7–10
World musicians and jazz artists headline a global festival in Victoria Park.

Festival of the Sound Parry Sound

July 15 – August 7
Canada's classical music festival brings timeless sounds to the shores of Georgian Bay.

33rd Annual Hillside Festival Guelph

July 22–24
Music workshops and a food bazaar make the nature-rich Hillside come alive.

Mattawa Voyageur Days Mattawa

July 22–24
Rock out at Northern Ontario's biggest summer festival – Vince Neil of Mötley Crüe headlines.

Harbourfest Kenora

July 29–31
Northwestern Ontario's largest music festival is packed with concerts and family fun.

AUGUST

Island Unplugged Music Festival Pelee Island

July 30, 31
Get a taste of island life at this family-friendly music and arts fest.

Wikwemikong Cultural Festival Manitoulin Island

July 30 – August 1
Celebrate Aboriginal culture at Eastern Canada's longest running Pow Wow.

Sauble Beach Sandfest Sauble Beach

August 5–7
Soak up the sun with children's activities, sandcastle building and more.

Festival de la Cudr St-Albert

August 17–21
Bring your appetite to this multi-day festival – live entertainment, a giant maze and lots of cheese curds.

The 25th Annual Dockside Festival of the Arts Gravenhurst

August 19–21
Browse over 100 arts, crafts and food vendors at Muskoka Wharf.

Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) Toronto

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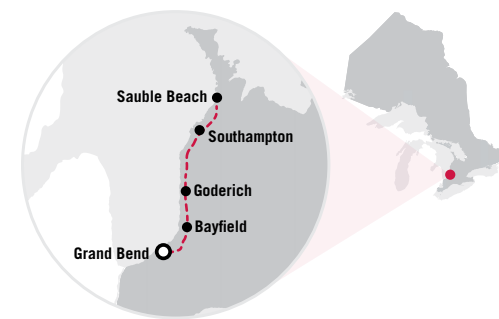
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BEACH BOUND

ON LAKE HURON

Grand Bend to Sauble Beach

8 STOPS • 165 KM (100 MI.)



Sip and sun on the sand and cruise down main street – get a taste of the beach life on Lake Huron.

DAY 1

Start your trip in **Grand Bend** with a hike through the rare Oak Savanna forests of The Pinery Provincial Park – leading to the soft sands and coastal dunes of Lake Huron's shoreline. Settle in your beach chair to watch the sun paint the sky – sunsets on Lake Huron rank among National Geographic's "Top 10 Best in the World."

DAY 2

Grab your shades for a relaxing day at one of two blue flag beaches in the Grand Bend area – kids will love the all-ages wakeboarding and paddle boarding lessons. Spend the evening at the Huron Country Playhouse in **South Huron**, featuring lively summer theatre performances minutes from the beach.

DAY 3

Continue along to the picturesque village of **Bayfield** – enjoy historic Main Street lined with boutique shops, art galleries and fine dining. Go north to **Goderich** for its must-see beaches and take a laid-back stroll on the 1.5 kilometres (1 mile) boardwalk. Head north to **Point Clark** to take in the view from the top of a 19th-century lighthouse.

DAY 4

Follow the coast northwards to **Port Elgin** and take a train ride around the harbour on an authentic 1836 American Steam Engine. Next, take a guided tour through silver maple swamps and cattail marshes at MacGregor Point Provincial Park – birdwatchers will love spotting various migratory birds, nesting warblers and songbirds. End your day checking out classic and custom cars at Cruisers Cruise Nites in **Southampton**.

DAY 5

Cruise north to **Sauble Beach**, rated one of the top five beaches in Canada – perfect for kids as the unique sandbars keep the waters shallow and warm. Don't miss Family Movie Nights where you can watch a flick under the stars, and stay for Sandfest in August for three days of entertainment, children's activities and sandcastle building.



PLACES TO STAY

- Oakwood Resort, Grand Bend
- Deer Park Lodge, Bayfield
- Inn at the Harbour, Kincardine



PLACES TO EAT

- Black Dog Village Pub and Bistro, Bayfield
- The Walker House Restaurant, Southampton
- Watercress Bistro, Kincardine



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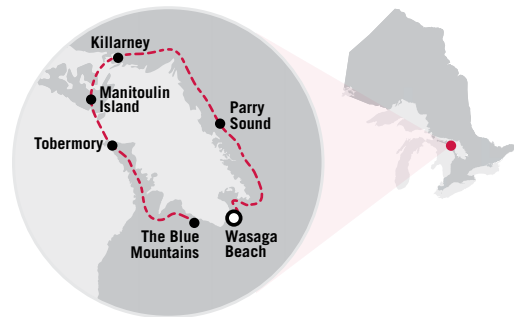
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Flowerpot Island, Fathom Five National Marine Park

GEORGIAN BAY LOOP

Wasaga Beach to The Blue Mountains

6 STOPS • 835 KM (515 MI.)



Get in touch with the natural beauty and rich heritage of scenic Georgian Bay.

DAY 1

Prep your playlist and pack your sandals for a full day on the shores of **Wasaga Beach** – the world’s longest freshwater beach. Build your appetite with a stroll on the boardwalk before picking up fresh local fare at the all-new Wasaga Beach Market (scheduled to open July 1).

DAY 2

Go north to **Parry Sound** for a two-hour morning cruise around Georgian Bay’s 30,000 Islands aboard the Island Queen. Get back on the road and travel north to **Killarney Provincial Park** – take in the white quartzite mountains and blue waters of the region that inspired the famous Group of Seven’s iconic landscape paintings. Hike up the picturesque La Cloche Mountains for a bird’s-eye view.

DAY 3

Make your way along the Bay to the largest freshwater island in the world, **Manitoulin Island**. Experience First Nations culture firsthand – watch a Pow Wow

or go horseback riding in the serene wilderness of the Great Spirit Circle Trail. Go on a riverside walk to Bridal Veil Falls before taking a break to enjoy the sunset from the beach at Providence Bay.

DAY 4

Ride the morning ferry, the MS Chi-Cheemaun, south to **Tobermory**. Embark on a glass-bottom boat tour of Big Tub Harbour, where you can marvel at two 19th-century shipwrecks. Head to Bruce Peninsula National Park, a preserve highlighted by a grotto that showcases the turquoise waters of the bay. Don’t leave without a stop at the Sweet Shop in Tobermory for some fudge and sweet brittle.

DAY 5

Rise early and head to the Blue Mountain Village in **The Blue Mountains**, an outdoor adventurer’s wonderland. Ride a gondola, take a treetop trek, soar on a zipline, or twist and turn on the Ridge Runner Mountain Coaster. Enjoy kid-friendly summer events including the PedalFest bike festival, World Music Weekend and the Famarama Children’s Festival.



PLACES TO STAY

- Killarney Mountain Lodge, Killarney
- Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, Little Current
- The Westin Trillium House, The Blue Mountains



PLACES TO EAT

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TORONTO & NIAGARA GRAND TOUR

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Toronto to Niagara Falls

5 STOPS • 260 KM (160 MI.)



Adventures wait at every turn on this journey from the big city to the Falls.

DAY 1

Kick off your **Toronto** excursion with a trip to the top of the CN Tower – push your limits on the EdgeWalk. Explore the mysteries of the ocean at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, which features North America's longest underwater viewing tunnel. Take in an afternoon ball game with the Blue Jays at the Rogers Centre.

DAY 2

Spend your morning at the Royal Ontario Museum and get up close and personal with a bat cave, Egyptian mummies and dinosaur skeletons. Next, go to the Ontario Science Centre and check out KidSpark, a hall designed for children to learn, explore and create.

DAY 3

Prepare for a full day at Canada's Wonderland amusement park just 30 minutes north of Toronto in **Vaughan**. Earn your wings with Skyhawk – their newest ride allows you to take control of the cockpit and test your piloting skills. Stay cool at Splash Works – take a relaxing trip down a Lazy River or splash around Canada's largest outdoor wave pool. Don't forget to grab some shade in your very own VIP cabana with a view.

DAY 4

Make your way west for an outing at African Lion Safari in **Cambridge**, where you'll see over 1,000 animals and exotic birds from around the world – don't miss the daily Elephant Swim. Continue on to **Burlington** for a tour of the flora-filled Rock Garden at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Arrive in **Niagara Falls** just in time for an evening cruise on the Hornblower Niagara Cruises, where you'll see stunning fireworks and the Falls light up in every colour of the rainbow.

DAY 5

Begin with a Journey Behind the Falls and stand in the mist where the mighty Horseshoe Falls cascades from 13 storeys above. Continue your adventure by soaring over the racing Niagara River on the century-old Whirlpool Aero Car. For more thrills, check out the new aerial adventure course at Thompson Point and zipline at Grand View Marketplace (scheduled to open July 1). Catch the evening sky from the Niagara SkyWheel, a towering ferris wheel with breathtaking 360-degree views.



PLACES TO STAY

- Delta Toronto Hotel, Toronto
- The Monte Carlo Inn – Vaughan Suites, Vaughan
- DoubleTree Fallsview Resort & Spa by Hilton, Niagara Falls



PLACES TO EAT

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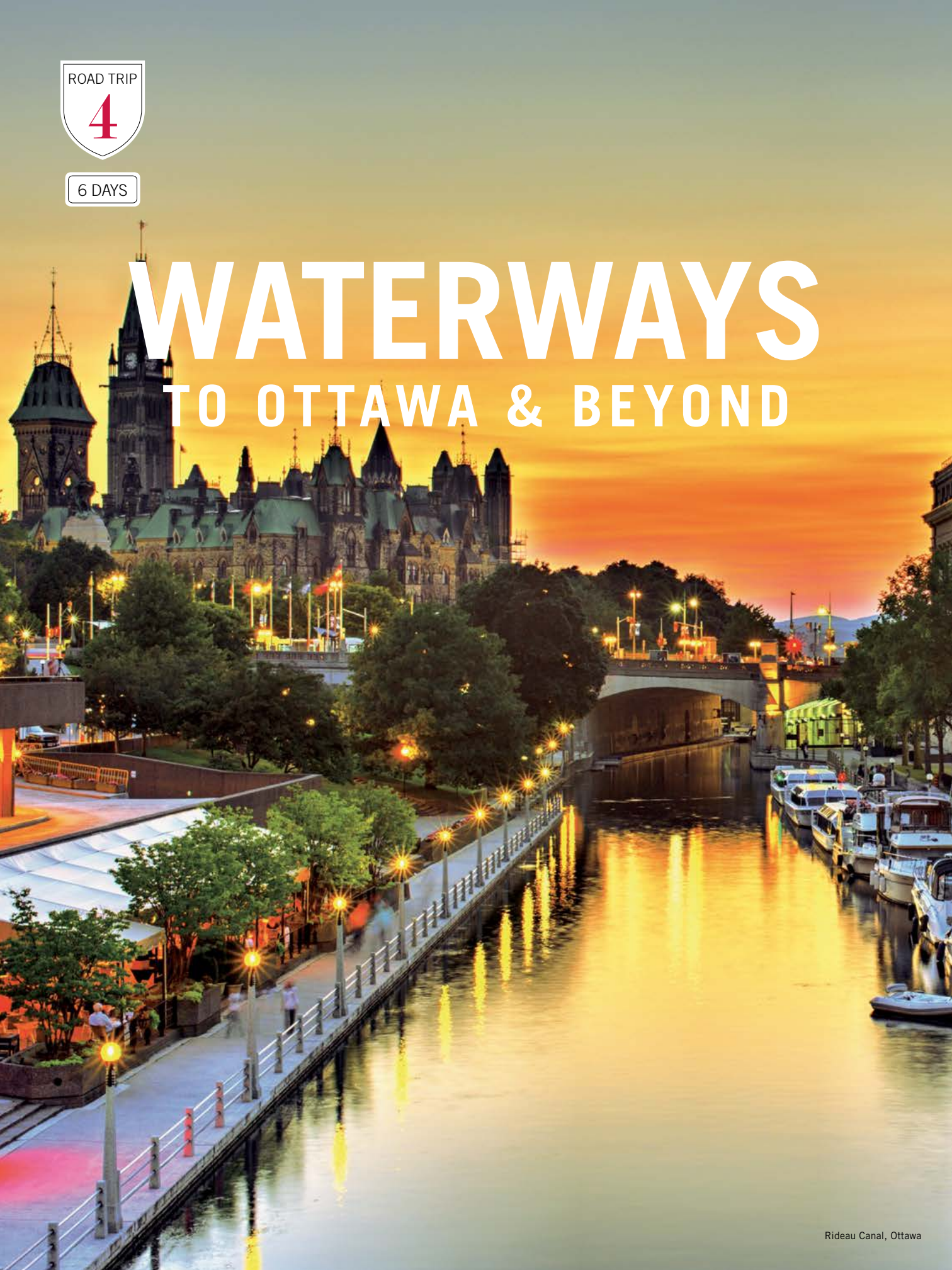
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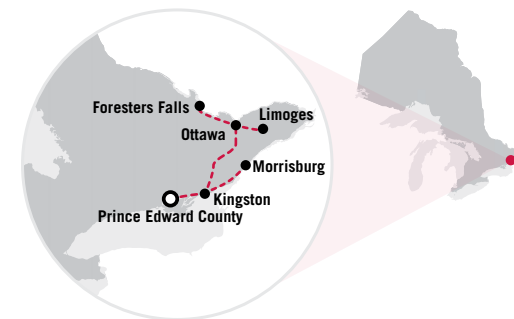
WATERWAYS TO OTTAWA & BEYOND



Rideau Canal, Ottawa

Prince Edward County to the Ottawa Valley

8 STOPS • 545 KM (335 MI.)



Follow the waterways through a region steeped in history from Prince Edward County to Ottawa.

DAY 1

Start your trip at the beach. Dig your toes in the sand at Sandbanks Provincial Park in **Prince Edward County**, featuring the world's largest baymouth barrier dune formation. Next, board the free Glenora Ferry to the mainland and continue along on the picturesque Loyalist Parkway to Kingston.

DAY 2

See all of the city's landmarks on a 'hop on, hop off' ride with **Kingston Trolley Tours**. Enjoy a warm cinnamon bun at Kingston Public Market and visit City Hall, a heritage site built from limestone in neoclassical style. Step back in time at Fort Henry, a 19th-century museum alive with history. Stay for the award-winning Sunset Ceremony, an action-packed evening show featuring drill demos and battle re-enactments.

DAY 3

Embark on a cruise of the **1000 Islands** from Kingston, Gananoque or Rockport and experience the majesty of the St. Lawrence River and Millionaire's Row. See the grandiose Boldt Castle – a magnificent century-old manor set on Heart Island. Spend the afternoon in **Morrisburg** and visit the 19th-century mills, farms, trade shops and churches of historic Upper Canada Village. Get back on the road to Ottawa via the **Rideau Heritage Route** – discover charming villages and see working locks along the way.

DAY 4

Begin your day in **Ottawa** with a free tour of Parliament Hill and don't miss the Changing of the Guard, a ceremony filled with music and colourful marching drills. Take a short cruise on the Rideau Canal to build your appetite before heading to ByWard Market, with over 100 restaurants to choose from. Pick up a Canada's Capital Museums Passport to visit one of seven participating museums. Take in the sights and sounds of the Northern Lights on Parliament Hill, a free evening show that brings Canada's rich history to life.

DAY 5

Pack your swimwear and head east to **Limoges** for a full day at Calypso, Canada's biggest theme waterpark. Descend down Canada's tallest water-slide tower or splash around a zoo-themed lagoon. Make sure to check out the VIP cabanas, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of the park.

DAY 6

Take the whole family on a whitewater adventure down the Ottawa River with OWL Rafting in **Foresters Falls**, just west of Ottawa. Enjoy a BBQ on the pontoon cruise back and a video presentation of your trip. Check out their 10-hectare (25-acre) resort, which features rustic cabins, waterfront camping, and a sandy beach with kayaks, canoes and pedal boats.



PLACES TO STAY

- The Residence Inn by Marriott Kingston Water's Edge, Kingston
- The McIntosh Country Inn & Conference Centre, Morrisburg
- Les Suites Hotel, Ottawa



PLACES TO EAT

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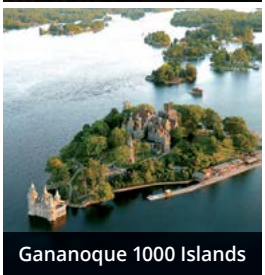
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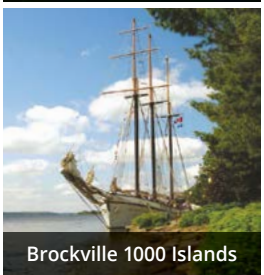
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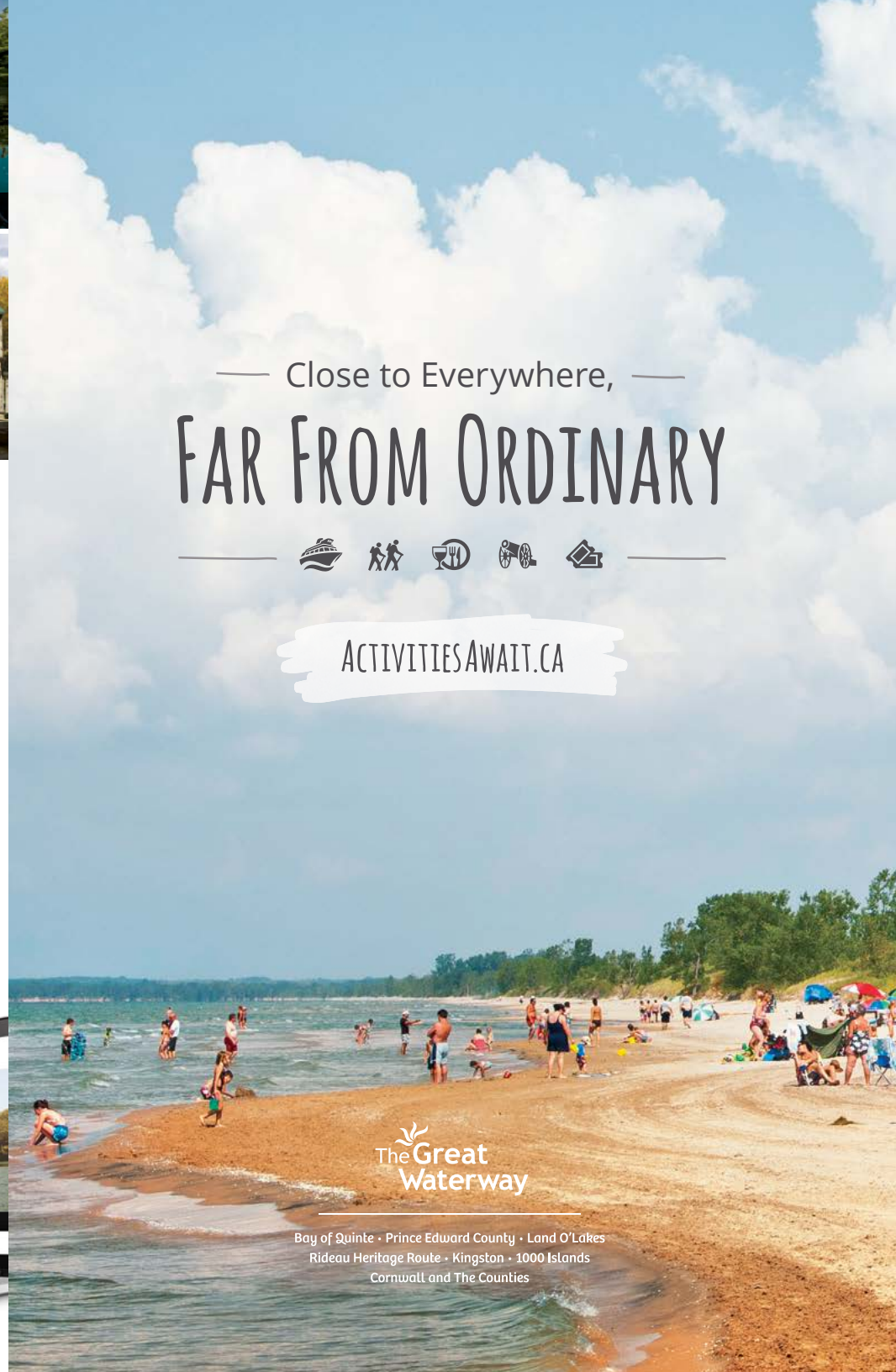
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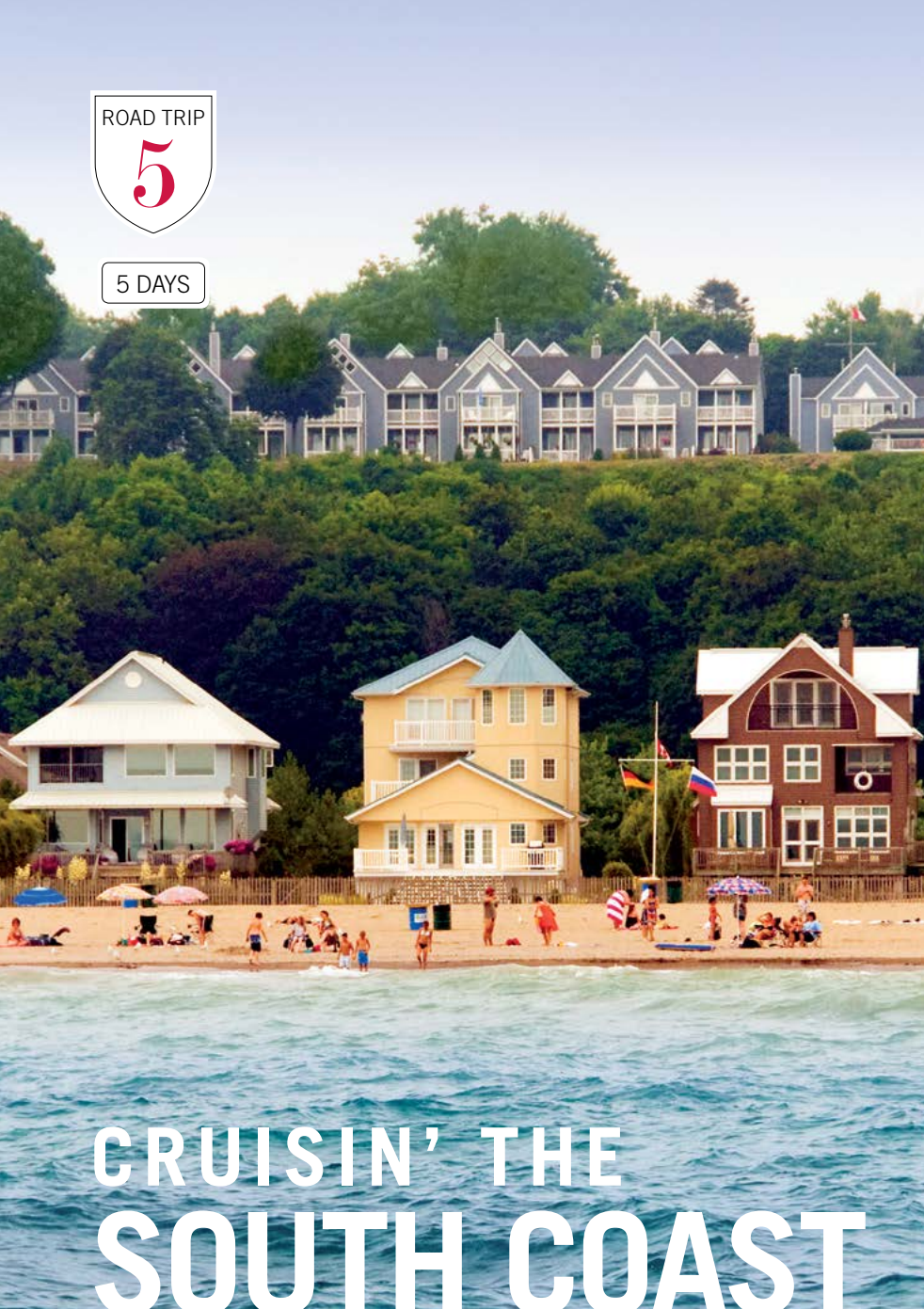


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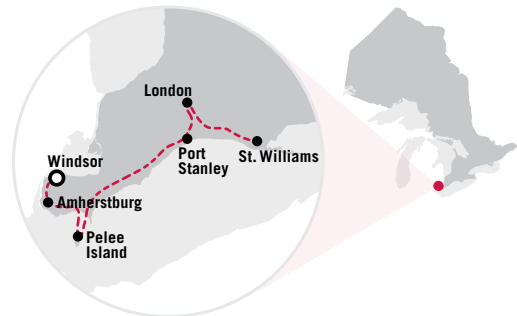


County of Elgin

CRUISIN' THE SOUTH COAST

Windsor to St. Williams

7 STOPS • 450 KM (280 MI.)



BEST PLACES TO STAY

- Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, Windsor
- Best Western Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre, London
- Wilderness Suites Luxury Glamping, Long Point Eco-Adventures, St. Williams

Take the scenic route to the picturesque villages and historic landmarks of Southwestern Ontario.

DAY 1

The coast is clear for fun at Adventure Bay Family Water Park in **Windsor** – an indoor tropical paradise featuring a wave pool and FlowRider, an adrenaline-filled surfing experience. Finish off the day with a gourmet burger at vintage-inspired Motor Burger.

DAY 2

Travel south to the Amherstburg Freedom Museum – a national historic site that commemorates the Underground Railroad. Visit Fort Malden, another historic landmark in **Amherstburg** before strolling through the immaculately landscaped King's Navy Yard Park.

DAY 3

From Kingsville or Leamington, hop on the ferry to **Pelee Island** and spend the day in Canada's southernmost populated point. Rent a bike to explore the trails lined with lush forests and secluded beaches. Discover rare plants and wildlife along the Lighthouse Point Provincial Nature Reserve trails, which lead you to a restored 1833 lighthouse.

DAY 4

Back on the mainland, follow the scenic Talbot Trail up the coast to **Port Stanley** to catch a summer performance at the Festival Theatre. Head north to **London** and marvel at the wonderful woodcarvings on a Tree Trunk Tour.

DAY 5

Start the day at the **Port Burwell** Marine Museum & Historic Lighthouse – visit one of the oldest wooden lighthouses serving the Great Lakes. Continue to Long Point Eco-Adventures in **St. Williams** and glide through the Carolinian forest on a zipline and canopy tour. Cap the day off with spectacular views of distant galaxies at the Long Point Observatory.

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5 DAYS



Huntsville. Photo: Deerhurst Resort

LAKE SIDE LEISURE

Gravenhurst to Peterborough

7 STOPS • 410 KM (255 MI.)



BEST RESORTS FOR FAMILIES

- Severn Lodge, Port Severn
- Rocky Crest Golf Resort, MacTier
- Sandy Lane Resort, Haliburton

Wind your way through the rugged Canadian Shield to the lakeside resorts of the Muskoka, Haliburton and Kawarthas regions.

DAY 1

Begin your journey in **Gravenhurst** with a Lake Muskoka cruise aboard the heritage steamship RMS Segwun or the Wenonah II, celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Follow it up with a visit to Santa's Village Family Entertainment Park in **Bracebridge** to see where Santa spends his summers. Travel north to **Huntsville** and stay the night lakeside at Deerhurst Resort – voted one of Ontario's best family resorts by *City Parent* magazine readers.

DAYS 2 – 4

Hit the road and follow the Group of Seven Outdoor Gallery Tour throughout Muskoka and **Algonquin Provincial Park**, featuring over 90 mural replicas of the group's enduring masterpieces. Take the next couple of days to get in touch with nature on a fully outfitted canoe trip in Algonquin Provincial Park – you're bound to meet the locals, including moose and beavers. Stop by the park's visitor centre in August for a moonlit wolf howling expedition.

DAY 5

Make your way east to **Bancroft** and climb Eagle's Nest Lookout for a panoramic view of the Madawaska wilderness. Continue to **Haliburton** Forest and Wild Life Reserve – a 32,000-hectare (80,000-acre) forest featuring a host of outdoor activities. Go on a Walk In The Clouds tour and explore the canopy 10–20 metres (32–65 feet) above the forest floor. Extend your trip and rent a houseboat in the **City of Kawartha Lakes** to navigate the scenic lakes and canals of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

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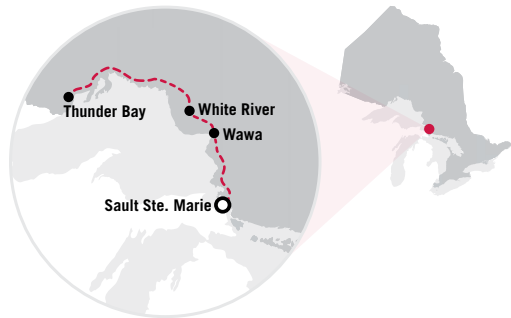
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A SUPERIOR JOURNEY

Little Pic River, Neys Provincial Park

Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay

8 STOPS • 680 KM (420 MI.)



Daily flights available to Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay from Toronto.

From ‘the Soo’ to the Giant, there’s no better way to experience the Lake Superior coastline than on the open road.

DAY 1

Make your first stop **Sault Ste. Marie** (known as ‘the Soo’!), a city set in the heart of the Great Lakes and surrounded by nature. Learn more about the area’s pioneering past at the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre – kids big and small will love climbing inside the vintage aircraft. Head north to Treetop Adventures in **Goulais River** to climb and swing on the elevated obstacle course among the trees.

DAY 2

Get an early start and board the Agawa Canyon Tour Train for a breathtaking one-day wilderness excursion. Take in the pristine beauty of the Canadian Shield as the train winds its way past crystal-clear lakes, giant rock formations and endless forests. Stretch your legs at the bottom of the Agawa Canyon and take a scenic walk past four waterfalls to a lookout perched 76 metres (250 feet) above the canyon floor.

DAY 3

Roll down your windows and cruise northwards along the **Lake Superior** shoreline. Take a dip in the Caribbean blue waters of Pancake Bay. Stop to pick up a

handmade dreamcatcher souvenir from Agawa Crafts & The Canadian Carver. Continue to Lake Superior Provincial Park and see history up close as you walk along the Agawa Rock Pictographs trail.

DAY 4

Continue on to **Wawa** to say a quick hello to the famous Canada goose landmark, then snap a family photo with the Winnie the Pooh statue in his hometown of **White River**. Visit Ouimet Canyon in **Dorion**, featuring two lookout platforms with spectacular panoramic views of the deep rocky gorge and rare Arctic greenery. Get back on the road and end your day in **Thunder Bay**.

DAY 5

Take a short trek or rise to the challenge and hike to the top of the Sleeping Giant – you’ll be rewarded with 360-degree views of the surrounding landscape. Next, enter the captivating world of fur traders and voyageurs at Fort William Historical Park, the world’s largest reconstructed fur trade post. Head west to **Kakabeka Falls** and take in the 40-metre (131-feet) high falls, often called ‘Niagara of the North’. Finish your day with a visit to the inspirational and scenic Terry Fox Memorial and Lookout in Thunder Bay.



PLACES TO STAY

- Algoma’s Water Tower Inn and Suites, Sault Ste. Marie
- Rock Island Lodge, near Wawa
- Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel & Suites, Thunder Bay



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DAY 1

Kick start your expedition in **Ottawa** and let the kids get hands on with history at the Canadian Children's Museum and the Grand Hall in the Canadian Museum of History. Grab your camera and head outdoors to Nepean Point for a great photo op with the Samuel de Champlain statue.

DAY 2

Begin your day with an exhilarating ride down the **Ottawa River** with Wilderness Tours' guided day trips. Relax and unwind in one of the resort's cozy log cabins with a great view of the Ottawa River.

DAY 3

Head north to Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park in **Mattawa**. Visit the Canadian Ecology Centre's outdoor exhibits and rent one of their onsite cabins nestled in nature. Embark on a one-day guided paddle with Algonquin North Wilderness Outfitters on the Mattawa River.

DAYS 4 & 5

Indulge in famously delicious fries at one of **Sturgeon Falls**' chip stands before continuing your journey along the French River – the first designated Canadian Heritage River. Don't miss the award-winning French River Visitor Centre's "Voices of the River" exhibit. Visit Crane's Lochaven Wilderness Lodge in **French River** for an incredible fishing experience – stay the night at this secluded private island lodge.

DAY 6

Travel south to Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in **Midland** and immerse yourself in history at this reconstructed 17th-century French Jesuit mission. Celebrate the bond forged between the early French settlers and First Nations at Champlain-Huron/Wendat Legacy Park, which features a playground, arboretum and more.

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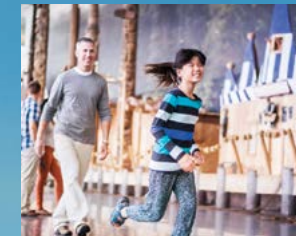
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