

CRUISES

ON THE
RIDEAU CANAL
AND
TRENT SEVERN
WATERWAY



2020



38 Years of Cruising!

From an idea on a rented houseboat in 1981, Lloyd and Helen Ackert and their family created Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. Success has flourished due largely to the personal interest and enthusiasm of a family operated business.

In 1993, Lloyd and Helen retired. Two of their sons, Marc and John alternate as captain aboard ship.

Marc/Robin and John/Joy share the various responsibilities of managing the business. Robin manages the hospitality functions and Joy manages reservations.

The history of this successful cruise operation for older adults can be found in the ship's library. Passengers enjoy browsing the albums which trace its development from the time that this former farm family from Bruce County first "put to sea"!

Helen's ten year legacy of ship's menu and recipes has been printed in her cookbook, and is available to passengers on board ship.

Welcome Aboard!



MARC



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Welcome Aboard!



Canal Cruising

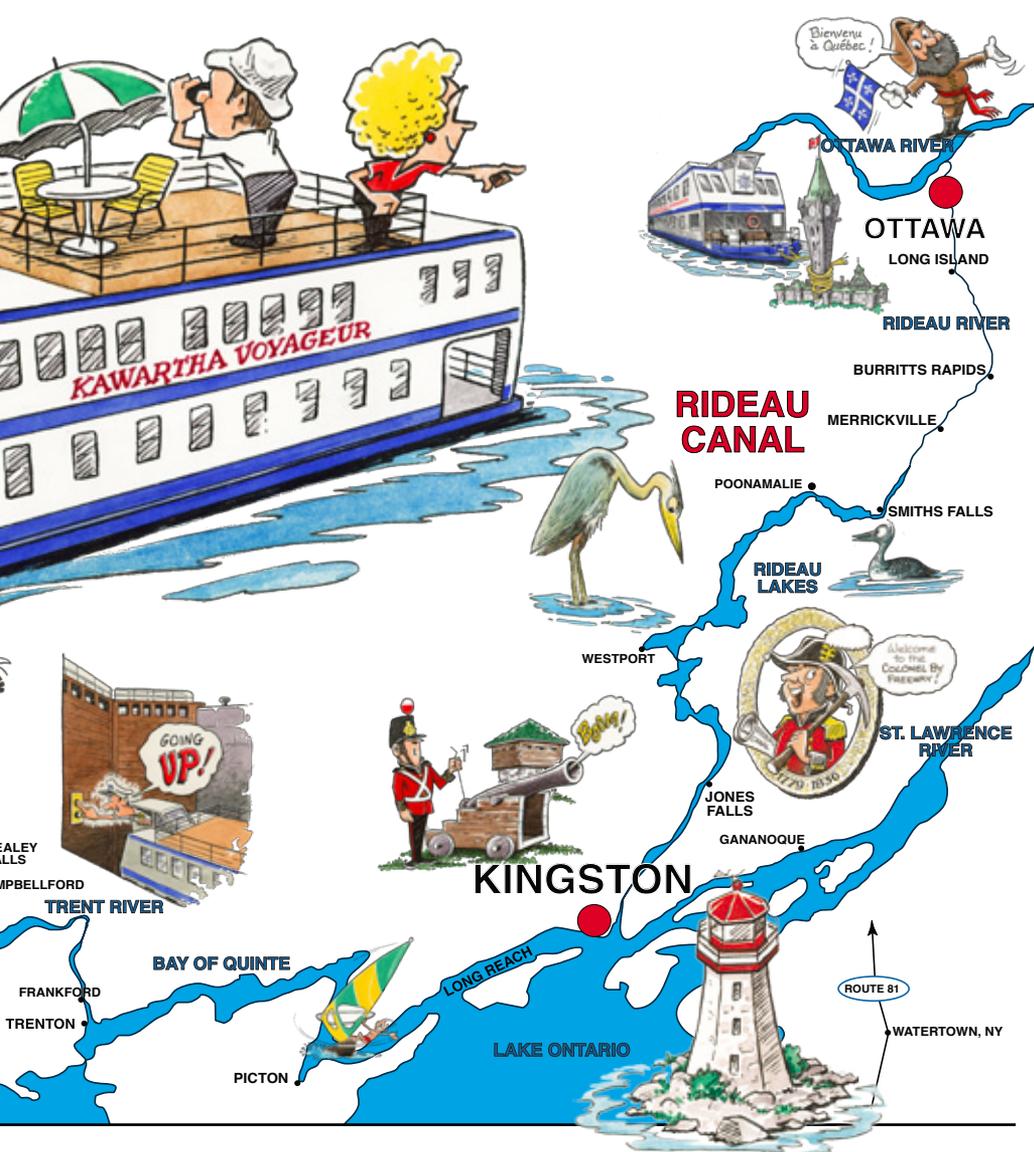
Ontario is blessed with 435 miles of spectacular inland waterways: the Trent-Severn Waterway from Georgian Bay to Trenton; the Bay of Quinte and Long Reach from Trenton to Kingston; and the Rideau Canal from Kingston to Ottawa.

Ontario Waterway Cruises provide canal cruising on the Kawartha Voyageur covering these waters in three 5 day segments:

- Big Chute to Peterborough 240 km (150 miles) and 22 locks;
- Peterborough to Kingston 370 km (231 miles) and 19 locks;
- Kingston to Ottawa 199 km (124 miles) and 35 locks.

The comfortable and spacious “Kawartha Voyageur” glides through a panorama of lakes and rivers with their connecting man-made channels and locks. Each day brings new appreciation of our forefathers’ legacy - these incredibly beautiful waterways.

The atmosphere is uniquely friendly and casual with conversations and laughs among new friends. Passengers enjoy cards, other table games and a library of books



and magazines including a fine collection of historic books about the canal. There is free wireless internet aboard. Other evening activities may include a game of bocce ball, a guest nature speaker, a canal video and a fun night with skits and readings by the crew. Overnight docking sites at scenic locks and dams invite leisurely strolls.

The Ackert family, owners and operators of Ontario Waterway Cruises, is proud to be part of the history of these scenic waterways having pioneered scheduled passenger cruises with sleeping accommodation and meals on the Trent-Severn Waterway in 1982 and extending these services to the Rideau Canal in 1985.

We are most anxious for this brochure to honestly depict your cruise experience. The selected passenger comments accurately reflect what most passengers enjoy on the "Kawartha Voyageur".

Be sure to remind those with uneasy stomachs that our waterways are calm. We do our best to keep it smooth and easy.

Perhaps you have a club or group that would enjoy hearing more about our cruises. We would be happy to send you a DVD to assist in your presentation.

A CHOICE OF SIX GLORIOUS TRIPS

KAWARTHA SUMMER

PETERBOROUGH TO BIG CHUTE

★ **Embarkation starts at 8:00 p.m. behind the Peterborough Holiday Inn. Free car parking behind the Holiday Inn. The “Kawartha Voyageur” remains docked at the Holiday Inn for the night.**

Day 1 Peterborough to Buckhorn

Departing at breakfast the “Kawartha Voyageur” ascends seven locks on the Otonabee River between Peterborough and Lakefield including the great Lift Lock. Entering the first of the famous Kawartha Lakes, Katchewanooka, just after lunch we continue up to historic Young’s Point then through Clear Lake, Hell’s Gate, with its lonely Church on the Rock standing guard and Stoney Lake to Burleigh Falls. After Burleigh we cross Lovesick and Lower Buckhorn Lakes to the village of Buckhorn where we dock for the night.



Kirkfield Lift Lock

Day 2 Buckhorn to Kirkfield Lift Lock

Departing Buckhorn at breakfast sets a relaxing pace as we serenely cruise through another five Kawartha Lakes and the villages of Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls. Our day’s journey ends at Kirkfield Liftlock following a transit of the man-made Kirkfield channel.

Day 3 Kirkfield to Orillia

From Kirkfield Lift Lock at the summit of the Trent-Severn Waterway, we go downstream through Canal Lake and the Talbot River passing through five locks and several swing bridges before we enter Lake Simcoe. A mid afternoon crossing of 15 miles rewards us with an attractive overnight docking at Orillia.



Looking through Picturesque Lovesick Lock

Day 4 Orillia to Port Stanton

After a morning of shopping or a visit to the Stephen Leacock home we sail up Lake Couchiching to enter the Severn River at Washago. This section of the Severn down to Sparrow Lake offers a fine display of lovely homes and cottages. Overnight docking is at Port Stanton on Sparrow Lake.



Talbot Lock and Dam

Day 5 Port Stanton to Big Chute

A final spectacular day cruising down the Severn River with its rocky grandeur, through the mighty Swift Rapids lock and then on to our destination at Big Chute Marine Railway. After lunch there is time to view the marine railway before boarding a chartered bus to return to Peterborough with arrival about 5:00 p.m.

KAWARTHA SUMMER

BIG CHUTE TO PETERBOROUGH

- ★ **Passengers board our chartered bus by 6:00 p.m. behind the Peterborough Holiday Inn. Free car parking behind the Holiday Inn. Bus arrives at Big Chute by 8:30 p.m. for embarkation on the “Kawartha Voyageur” which will remain docked for the night at Big Chute.**

Day 1 Big Chute to Orillia

After viewing the Big Chute Marine Railway we depart about 9 a.m. up the Severn River with its rocky gorges and islands. Our first lock is the highest mitre lock on the system, Swift Rapids. Then through Sparrow Lake, the upper Severn River to the shallow aqua waters of Lake Couchiching, and then to Orillia’s lovely downtown waterfront.



Big Chute Marine Railway

Day 2 Orillia to Kirkfield

A morning crossing of beautiful Lake Simcoe places us by noon at the Game-bridge entrance to a series of locks and canals above the level of the adjacent farms. Then on through man-made Canal Lake with its tiny “marble-arch” bridge - a must for photographers as we pass through. We reach our overnight stop at the massive Kirkfield Lift Lock in a tranquil rural setting.

Day 3 Kirkfield to Bobcaygeon

From Kirkfield we journey through several miles of narrow man-made canal to Balsam Lake which is the highest point of the Waterway between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario. Across Balsam, through Rosedale Lock, and across Cameron Lake we come to Fenelon Falls with its scenic waterfall and rocky gorge. Then on through Sturgeon Lake to Bobcaygeon, a particularly pleasant setting for the night.

Day 4 Bobcaygeon to Lakefield

This day is a progression of beautiful Kawartha Lakes and their joining locks and villages: Pigeon Lake through Gannon Narrows into Buckhorn Lake; Lower Buckhorn Lake into Lovesick Lake with its legend of unrequited love; then Burleigh Falls into Stoney Lake and its thousand islands; Hell’s Gate with its Little Church on the Rock standing guard; then Clear Lake, Youngs Point and finally Lake Katchewanooka to our overnight stop at Lakefield.



Top Side at Fenelon Falls

Day 5 Lakefield to Peterborough

Our final day is a busy journey down the Otonabee River through a series of seven locks including the great Lift Lock to our base at Peterborough Holiday Inn about 2:00 p.m.



Peterborough Lift Lock

QUINTE SUMMER

PETERBOROUGH TO KINGSTON

★ **Embarkation starts at 8:00 p.m. behind the Peterborough Holiday Inn. Free car parking behind the Holiday Inn. The "Kawartha Voyageur" remains docked at the Holiday Inn for the night.**

Day 1 Peterborough to Healey Falls

Leaving before breakfast we head down the scenic Otonabee River; a Georgia-like setting of giant willow trees and adjoining bayous with their lily pads and sleeping turtles. Entering Rice Lake, famous for fishing, its domed islands are a scenic reminder of ice ages past. Passing through Hastings we head down the Trent River to our overnight stop at beautiful Healey Falls - one of the most scenic attractions in the area.



Healey Falls Flight Locks

Day 2 Healey Falls to Frankford

Continuing on down the Trent we pass through two double flight locks, the fine town of Campbellford with its dyke walls and waterfront parks and several more attractive locks to Percy Reach. Our overnight stay is near Frankford. A reach is a widening of a river, and Percy Reach is a most remarkable widening - a reed studded lake with an incredible fish and wildfowl population.



Ranney Falls Lock

Day 3 Frankford to Picton

Locking through a series of old locks on the lower Trent we reach the southern terminus of the Trent-Severn Waterway at Trenton. Leaving Trenton we cruise the beautiful Bay of Quinte to our night docking at Picton. Along these protected waters Bob Hayward amongst others raced their fast Rolls Royce powered hydroplanes for the coveted Harmsworth Trophy. The peaceful harbour at Picton provides an attractive moorage for many sailboats.

Day 4 Picton to Gananoque

Today we leave the Bay of Quinte and cruise along Adolphus Reach and Long Reach behind Amherst Island. Passing by Kingston we enter the St. Lawrence River for an afternoon cruise via the Canadian Middle Channel down to our overnight docking at Gananoque in the heart of the Thousand Islands.



Common Terns

Day 5 Thousand Islands to Kingston

From Gananoque, we cruise down through the islands past Boldt Castle and then back up the river to Kingston. Passengers board our bus about 2:00 pm. for arrival back at Peterborough Holiday Inn parking lot about 5:00 pm.

QUINTE SUMMER

KINGSTON TO PETERBOROUGH

★ **Passengers board our chartered bus by 6:00 p.m. behind the Peterborough Holiday Inn. Free parking behind the Holiday Inn. Bus arrives at Kingston about 8:00 p.m. for embarkation on the "Kawartha Voyageur" which will remain docked for the night in Kingston.**

Day 1 Thousand Island Tour

Casting off at breakfast, we head down the St. Lawrence into the heart of the Thousand Islands past Boldt Castle and then back up river to Gananoque. Following a waterfront stroll of this charming town we cruise back to Kingston by way of Howe Island and the Bateaux Channel.



Great Blue Heron

Day 2 Kingston to Trenton

The harbour area of Kingston is perfect for an early morning stroll. Sailing before breakfast we head west through Adolphus Reach and Long Reach where we enter the Bay of Quinte. These historic waters carried the United Empire Loyalists seeking freedom and settlement in Upper Canada circa 1784. Overnight docking is at Trenton.

Day 3 Trenton to Campbellford

We ascend a series of locks on the lower Trent with a final lift of 48 feet through the double flight lock at Ranney Falls which brings us to our overnight stop in the delightful town of Campbellford.



Day 4 Campbellford to Hastings

After a morning walkabout in Campbellford, we embark on another day of beauty and relaxation as we continue up the Trent River through a series of 6 locks. A stop at Healey Falls flight lock with its 54 foot lift, adjacent dam and cascading water provides a great photo opportunity. Our overnight docking is in the village of Hastings at the head of the Trent River. In the fall, sometimes we continue to Gores Landing on Rice Lake to avoid the potential for heavy morning fog on the river.

Day 5 Hastings to Peterborough

Our final day takes us through two major waters. Rice Lake is a long shallow lake noted for excellent fishing and glacial till islands. From the west end of Rice Lake we enter the Otonabee River with miles of serenity and beauty cruising upstream to Peterborough where we dock at the Holiday Inn about 2:00 p.m.



Leisure on the Top Deck

RIDEAU SUMMER

KINGSTON TO OTTAWA

★ **Embarkation starts at 8:00 p.m. in Kingston. Free car parking is available. The "Kawartha Voyageur" will remain docked at the Crawford Wharf for the night.**

Day 1 Kingston to Jones Falls

Sailing before breakfast the "Kawartha Voyageur" enters the Cataraqui River and proceeds upstream to Kingston Mills locks for the first lockage. This is one of the flight locks for which the Rideau is so famous. For the rest of the day we traverse numerous lakes and locks before we reach our overnight docking at one of the most beautiful sites on the canal, Jones Falls.



Hand Swung Bridge at Lower Brewers

Day 2 Jones Falls to Poonamalie

This second day passes through the heart of Rideau Lakes. A mid morning stop at Chaffeys Lock, home of the renowned Opinicon Lodge. At lunch, we stop at the historic village of Westport for shopping or a hike to Spy Rock. Our picturesque overnight stop is at Poonamalie, a lock named by one of the builders for a romantic memory from India.



Jones Falls Flight lock

Day 3 Poonamalie to Merrickville

This third day we enter the Rideau River and stop in the mid-morning at Smiths Falls. Continuing on down the river we pass through Old Sly's lock, as well as Edmond's and Kilmarnock. Our overnight stop is at Merrickville, a lovely historic town with a guide book to direct you past the many old homes from the early nineteenth century.

Day 4 Merrickville to Long Island flight locks

A day of tranquil cruising down the river with constantly unfolding vistas of this lovely countryside. We lock through at Clowe's, Nicholson's and Burritt's Rapids locks before docking for the night at the Long Island lockstation, another remarkable setting that helped create the fame of the Rideau Canal.



Big Rideau Lake

Day 5 Long Island flight locks to Hartwell locks

On our final day, we pass beautiful private homes as we near Ottawa. A stop at Hog's Back lock to walk over to the cascading falls before entering the man-made channel that leads us down to our final dockage at Hartwell locks beside Carleton University. Passengers board our chartered bus about 2:00 pm and arrive back in Kingston by 5:00 p.m.

RIDEAU SUMMER

OTTAWA TO KINGSTON

★ **Passengers board our chartered bus by 6:00 p.m. at the parking lot in Kingston. Free parking is available. Bus arrives at Hartwell locks in Ottawa about 8:00 p.m. for embarkation on the "Kawartha Voyageur" which will remain docked for the night at Hartwell locks.**

Day 1 Hartwell locks to Burritt's Rapids

Sailing after breakfast the "Kawartha Voyageur" follows the canal's winding route out of Ottawa to commence the cruise up the Rideau River past Hog's Back, Black Rapids and Long Island locks to Burritt's Rapids for overnight. This segment of the Rideau passes miles of beautiful country estates along the river.



Block House

Day 2 Burritt's Rapids to Smiths Falls

A pleasant day of tranquil cruising along the Rideau River to Smiths Falls. We pass numerous locks - each one different but with its own legends - and all fastidiously maintained by Parks Canada. The highlight of the day is a stop at Merrickville, one of Ontario's oldest towns. Overnight is at Smiths Falls.



Day 3 Smiths Falls to Westport

Our third day introduces us to the Rideau Lakes with all their legendary beauty. From Poonamalie we cross Lower Rideau, then past Rideau Ferry to Big Rideau and through the Narrows to Upper Rideau Lake, the highest elevation of the Rideau Canal. By mid-afternoon, we arrive at the charming village of Westport.

Day 4 Westport to Jones Falls *

Canada's northland of water, granite and greenery is nowhere better viewed than this day's journey downstream through a series of lakes and rivers connected by captivating lock sites that defy casual description. In particular a morning stop at Chaffeys Lock home of the renowned Opinicon Lodge. Overnight is at beautiful Jones Falls with its spectacular arched stone dam and four flight locks.



Blacksmiths Shop by the Turning Basin, Jones Falls

Day 5 Jones Falls to Kingston *

An early morning departure on our last day continues to amaze us with the beauty of Whitefish and Cranberry lakes. From the picturesque Upper Brewers lock, we enter the Catarqui River and its locks which include Washburn and the flight of four locks at scenic Kingston Mills. After lunch, we cruise the lower reaches of the Catarqui River to our 2:00 pm destination in Kingston.

* In September, we dock for the night at Upper Brewers due to the potential for early morning fog on the water.

SPRINGTIME PLUS

Springtime Plus Cruises offer an extra night of accommodation and additional sightseeing for the same fare.

Spring cruising on Canada's historic waterways is just plain delightful. The colours and smells and sounds of spring are truly a festival for the senses. Days are longer and normally warm and sunny.

Look for the details of our cruise schedule on page 22. These Springtime Plus Cruises are very popular so be sure and book early!



AUTUMN COLOUR

Ontario has long been noted for the annual carnival of autumn colour that nature produces so enthusiastically each fall.



The silent lakes become sequined with fallen leaves. Departing geese, a questing osprey or a lonely loon break the evening stillness. Even a whiff of distant woodsmoke enchants. A great boulder on a rocky shoreline resembles a granite haggis seasoned with sumac.

Our colour cruises present all this beauty through five exhilarating days. In the comfort and warmth of the ship's lounge or in the crisp autumn air on the sun deck you follow the identical itineraries of the Summer cruises.

Then of course you enjoy genuine old fashioned cooking, cozy evenings to relax with the family atmosphere created by the Ackerts and their helpful crew, and finally a great night's sleep in your own heated cabin.

Return to the 19th Century

Courtesy excerpts from Parks Canada publication "Rideau Canal"

The Rideau Canal is a chain of beautiful lakes, rivers and canal cuts. Winding its way through varying landscapes, the Rideau Canal stretches a distance of 202 km. from Kingston, at the head of Lake Ontario, to Ottawa, Canada's capital city.

The Rideau Canal was conceived in the wake of the War of 1812. It was to be a war-time supply route to Kingston and the Great Lakes. If the Americans had attempted another invasion, the international border along the St. Lawrence River would not have been safe. The canal provided a secure water route for troops and supplies from Montreal to reach the settlements of Upper Canada and the strategic naval dockyard at Kingston.

In 1826, England sent Lieutenant Colonel John By of the Royal Engineers to supervise canal construction. Thousands of Irish immigrants and French Canadian labourers pushed the canal route through the rough bush, swamps and rocky wilderness of Eastern Ontario. Stonemasons cut the limestone and sandstone blocks for the locks. Much of this original work can still be seen and is in use today.

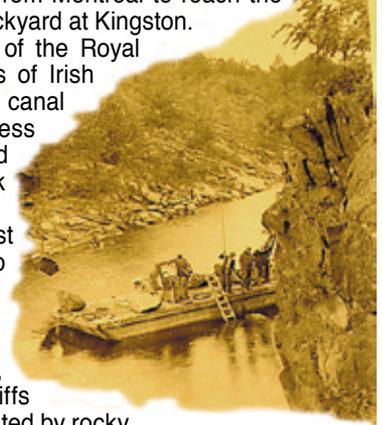
Completed in 1832, the canal was one of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century. From Lake Ontario at Kingston, the Rideau Canal begins its ascent of the Cataraqui River system. On its way, it passes through the Cataraqui Marsh, an extensive wetland in the St. Lawrence Lowlands. At Kingston Mills, the most southerly lockstation, boats climb the flight of locks past towering granite cliffs onto the Frontenac Axis. This rugged landscape, dominated by rocky outcrops and sculptured valleys, is part of the Canadian Shield. From lake to lake, the canal rises to its highest point in Upper Rideau Lake.

At the summit, the scenery changes. The canal begins its gentle descent through the Rideau Lakes and the Rideau River. It passes through the farmlands of the Smiths Falls limestone plain and meanders peacefully through shallow marshes, alive with birds and other wildlife.

Equally inviting are the towns and villages along the canal. The historical and architectural heritage of these settlements reflects the 188 year history of the canal. These towns offer unrivalled country hospitality and numerous festivities to entertain visitors.

The remaining portion of the canal provides a pleasant transition from rural Ontario to the urban setting of the nation's capital. From Hog's Back to the Ottawa River, the canal forms the heart of Ottawa's parkland, culminating in the majestic staircase of eight locks at the foot of Parliament Hill.

Today, the early history of the Rideau Canal is carefully maintained. It is presented by canal staff who illustrate the different periods of canal growth - military, commercial and recreational. Explore and learn more about this **World Heritage Site** by way of exhibits, museums, restored historic buildings and other publications.



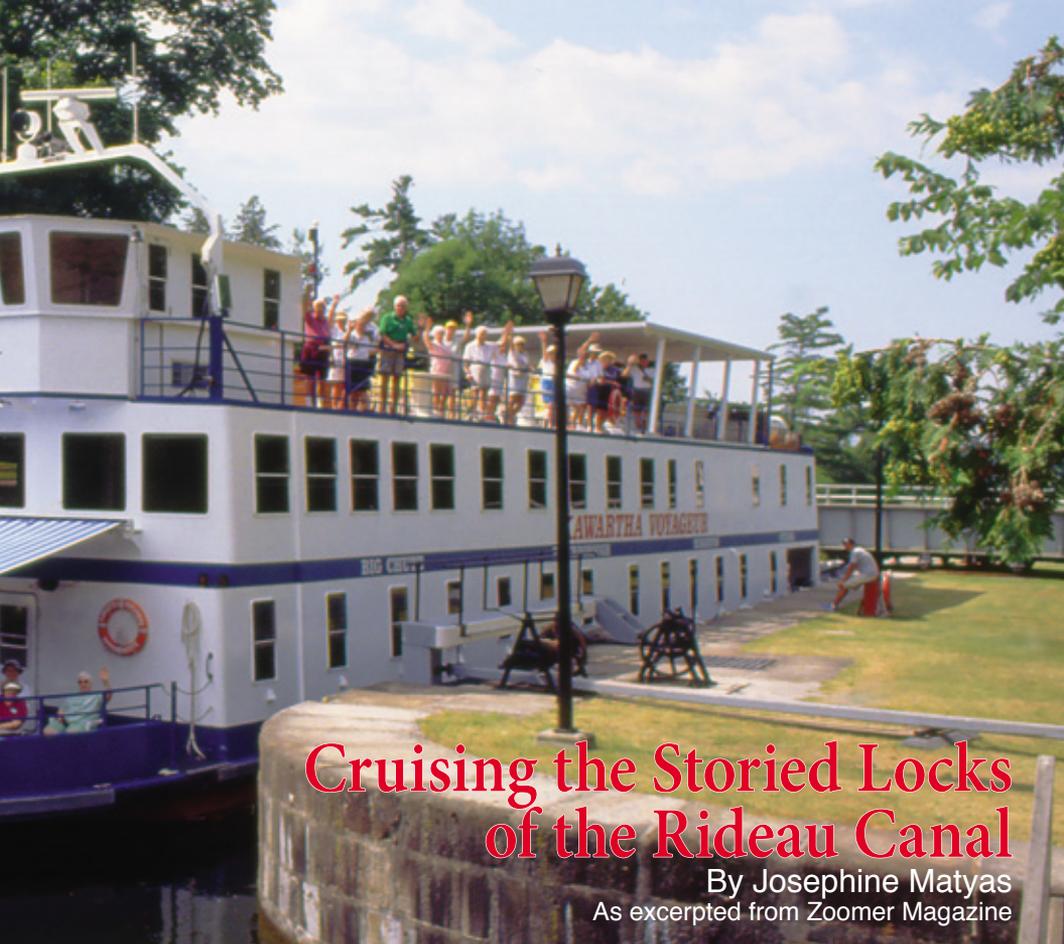


It's just past nine, and we are running right on time, with inches to spare. Five-and-a-half inches to be exact. That's the wiggle room afforded the Kawartha Voyager once she's snugly slipped into any one of the 47 locks on the Rideau Canal. From my cabin window, I see the stone walls as we float upwards in the lock; then the white clapboard and the green trim of the lockmaster's house comes into view.

Our boat is in the very spot where, almost 190 years earlier, Lt. Col. John By peered through a surveyor's transit, jotting down calculations needed to build his masterpiece, the 202-kilometre Rideau Canal, Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, connecting Ottawa to Kingston. The gated chamber of a lock works like a set of balancing scales, raising or lowering water levels to allow boats to navigate around obstacles like waterfalls or rapids. Parks Canada staff operate the original hand-cranked to open and close most of the chambers. On the Rideau Canal, vessels rise 85 metres from the Ottawa River to the summit of the canal at Westport and then descend 50 metres to Lake Ontario at Kingston.

With a size and design specifically built to go through the Rideau Canal, the Kawartha Voyager clocks in at 38 metres in length but shrinks to 33 metres when the hydraulic bow is folded up to fit into the locks. Her three decks (two are connected by elevator) feature 23 sleeping cabins and a maximum of 45 passengers, all served by 13 staff members.

The sun is high in the sky as we glide south out of Long Island Locks where the hand-cut stones of the dam hold back 42 kilometres of river. The air is still and warm, the waters are calm. Several passengers climb up to the top sundeck to watch the world go by. Others sit in the second level lounge where there's a jigsaw puzzle on the go.



Cruising the Storied Locks of the Rideau Canal

By Josephine Matyas

As excerpted from Zoomer Magazine

Of course, the stakes were considerably higher when Col. By was charged with building the canal. After the War of 1812, it was clear that the St. Lawrence River – Britain’s only supply route between Montreal and the Great Lakes – was vulnerable to attack. But by the late 1800s, the Rideau Canal had lost its military significance and, soon after, surrendered its commercial use to the expanding railway. Pleasure boating followed, and the canal blossomed as a recreational waterway.

The stonemasons who built the canal route stayed and built the historic villages along the Rideau – Merrickville, Burritts Rapids and Smiths Falls all flourished at the lock stations. Blockhouses and heritage buildings have been transformed into Parks Canada museums, telling the history of British North America and the building of the canal.

The Kawartha Voyageur always docks overnight at one of the lock stations, so we never miss scenery, and it creates the perfect opportunity for a late afternoon stroll. There’s always something going on in the evening – a bocce tournament dockside, a film about Col. By, or an interpretive talk by a local naturalist. The meals are based on many Ackert recipes and are served dining room-style, with a seat-where-you-please approach that encourages fellow passengers to trading stories of grandchildren, travels and careers. There are shopping stops and exploring local museums at Merrickville, Smiths Falls and Westport.

The Kawartha Voyageur has been at the heart of the Ackert family business for three decades. Think of it as a giant houseboat – with private cabins for 45 passengers. It’s slow-paced travel on a system of inland waterways and canals steeped in history. Scenery slips by luxuriously, which turns out to be just the way the mostly senior crowd likes it.

SHIP DESIGN FEATURES

The “Kawartha Voyageur”, has been meticulously maintained, upgraded and expanded over the years with a current capacity of 45 passengers in 23 cabins. A crew of 12 and the Captain are your hosts.

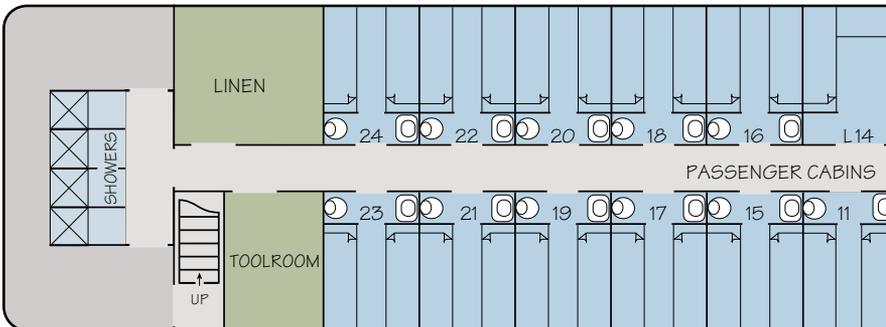
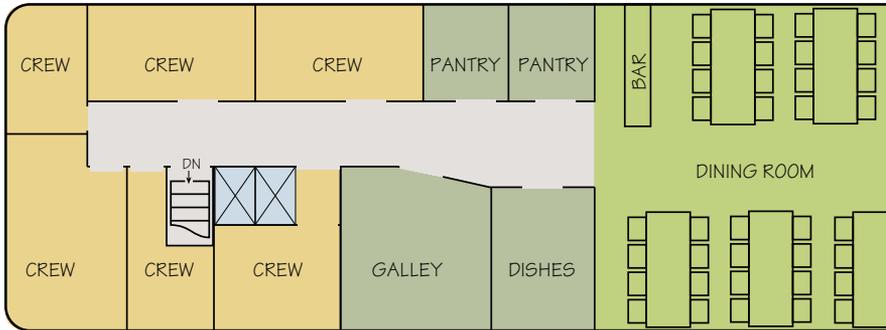
The ship is constructed of steel with an overall length of 120 feet. It conforms to Canadian Coast Guard safety regulations, and is inspected and licensed by Transport Canada for passenger service. Diesel generators provide electricity for heating, central air conditioning and lighting with AC 110 volt outlets.

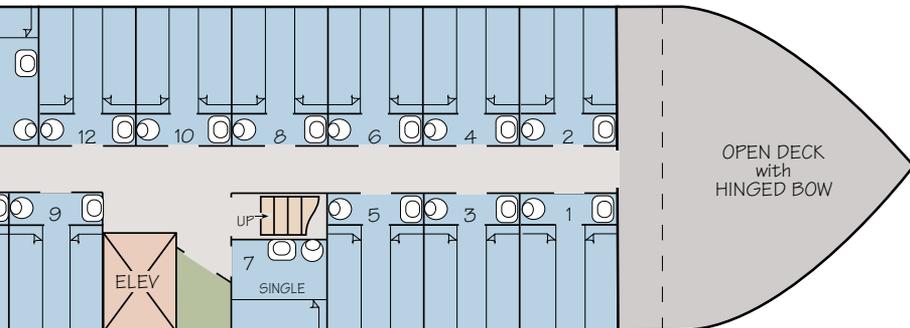
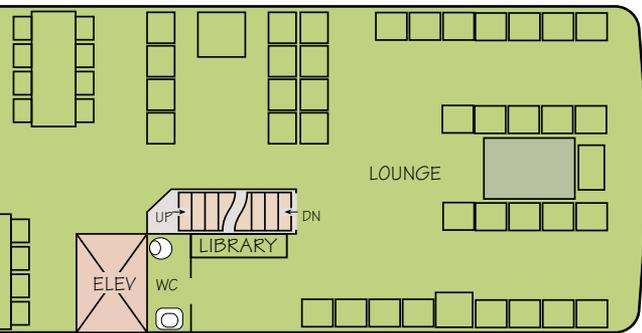
An elevator between the cabin deck and the dining room provides all passengers an opportunity to avoid the stairs between these two levels if so desired. The dining room seats all passengers at one sitting.

The lounge offers comfortable arm chairs and large windows. The popular sun deck (with shaded area) provides spectacular viewing and spaciousness to sit back and repose. The foredeck provides a proximity to the water that many enjoy. Sleeping cabins are compact, but comfortable, with toilet, sink, two lower berths, vented window, air conditioner, clothes hangers and a set of shelves over each bed. There is 12” clearance under each bed to stow your luggage.

The ship is equipped with one cabin to accommodate a person with a walker. The ship is not wheelchair accessible.

Cabin #7 has a single lower berth. The single supplement of 75% does not apply to this cabin.





Farm Meals on a Ship?

When Lloyd and Helen started the cruises in 1982 there was concern about what kind of meals to serve in competition with traditional cruise ships.

Back on the farm Helen had been cooking for farm vacation guests for several years so Lloyd suggested we serve old-fashioned farm meals on the ship.

Since 1982 the menu has remained largely the same. Meals are served at one seating. All food and baked goods are prepared in the ship's galley. A Bruce County abattoir, the Beefway, provides our meat, and we are particularly proud of their cured bacon and sausages

To sum up dining on the "Kawartha Voyageur", our meals are hearty, old-fashioned, and quite sinful by current standards. But for a five day cruise our passengers want them just the way they are, "down-on-the-farm good!"

NB: If you have any dietary restrictions, please discuss with our office prior to booking.

Our galley does not provide alterations to our SET MENU



A Morning Gab Fest

This was written as a result of a conversation with Earle Swank, from Pennsylvania. Earle had cruised with us a number of times on all our routes. We had been enjoying a final coffee after breakfast and in the comradeship of the moment we asked Earle a question - "Why do Americans like these cruises so much?"

Much later, when one of our servers shooed us away from the table so she could prepare for lunch, we had a breakfast placemat full of notes. In a condensed version here are the principal reasons concluded by Earle why Americans enjoy these cruises.

1. An opportunity in the company of knowledgeable Canadians to explore the scenic waterways of a neighbouring country mostly known as a paragraph in history or a page in a geography book.



2. An opportunity to integrate one's American identity with another view of history. For example, an understanding that the War of 1812 was the incentive for the British to construct the Rideau Canal from Ottawa to Kingston to circumvent potential hostilities with the Americans along the St. Lawrence River.

3. An opportunity to study the feats of early 19th century engineering and design in overcoming barriers of nature. The Rideau Canal with its locks (built 1826-1832) is a virtual time capsule of history, still operative, and preserved with care and respect by Parks Canada.

4. An opportunity to enjoy a carefree idyll reminiscence of earlier days, whether it be meals based on farm recipes, the natural

environment of the lakes and rivers, unhurried days afloat, or the lack of pretension aboard this small ship.

5. An opportunity to enjoy the integration of two cultures, Canadian and American, relaxing together, exchanging viewpoints, and learning and growing together.

We know Earle's insight and sharing will help you decide if these cruises are for you. A sophisticated, catered service this is not, but if you seek personal growth opportunities combined with scenery, relaxation, comfort and fellowship, then we welcome your phone call.

Comments from our 2019 Passengers:

We are amazed at the upkeep and updates of the vessel and all structures. Cabins, toilet facilities, showers are all in sparkling state of clean. Taps, handles, switches, shelves, even window crevices. Wonderful holiday for locals who have lived their lives in the area. Seeing the region from the waterway revealed a whole new understanding.

Gladys & Gordon

Excellence everywhere! Comfort, friendliness, attention to detail. Cheerful service.

Roberta

What a lovely week...rest, relaxation, visiting, sharing excellent food and hospitality by a wonderful caring and enthusiastic staff.

John & Norma

Another wonderful cruise. Sad to get off but looking forward to next year.

Cathy

Fantastic combination of friendship, hospitality and enlightenment. All aspects of tourism service have been covered to the ultimate degree.

Marilyn & Denton

Well that was fun! Thank you. We ate like queens, we made new friends, we laughed and laughed...

Jill

First time cruisers. Had a great time. Much admiration for the "system". So many little details that make for an enjoyable time. It has been much better than I anticipated or dreamed it could be. Don't ever lose the family hands on effect.

Lorna

This trip was wonderful and opened our appreciation for this eastern part of Ontario. We are in awe over the engineering of this canal system almost 200 years old.

Gregg & Dotty

Excellent all around, beautiful scenery, perfect holiday, hospitality. We understand why people come back.

Richard & Paulien

This was an amazing trip – loved the locks, the landscapes, the food and especially the staff.

Judith

We want to thank you for all the years Mom and I have cruised with you and tell you what a great outfit you run. We loved the scenery, history, cleanliness and efficiency with which you run the cruises.

Susan & Mary

DEPARTURE AND RETURN

Departure Bases

Kawartha Cruise - Peterborough
 Quinte Cruise - Peterborough
 Rideau Cruise - Kingston
 Free Parking - subject to conditions of parking lot owner.

Chartered Bus

When the ship is at the departure base at the start of the cruise, we return you by bus to your car by 5 p.m. at the end of your cruise. This would apply to the following cruises:

- Peterborough to Big Chute
- Peterborough to Kingston
- Kingston to Ottawa

When the ship is not at the departure base at the start of your cruise, we bus you to the ship and then you cruise back to your car arriving by 2 p.m. at the end of your cruise. This would apply to the following cruises:

- Big Chute to Peterborough
- Kingston to Peterborough
- Ottawa to Kingston

Boarding Time

8:00 p.m. when boarding ship at base
 5:45 p.m. when boarding bus at base to be taken to ship

Overnight Accommodation

- Our list of recommended motels is sent out with every confirmation to assist those passengers seeking accommodation in Peterborough or Kingston.
- Summer motel accommodation can be very limited. If you are considering an overnight stay, reservations should be made as early as possible.

Public Transportation

- 1-800-661-8747 for Greyhound service to Peterborough. For bus service to Kingston call Coach Canada at 1-800-461-7661
- VIA Rail is available to Kingston (call 1-888-842-7245)
- Direct airport transportation by van between Toronto International Airport and Peterborough is available.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Luggage

- If necessary, luggage may be stored for a few hours at the Holiday Inn in Kingston and Peterborough. Both locations are adjacent to our docks and parking.
- On request we provide free luggage transfer between our parking lot and ship.

Housekeeping

During the cruise passengers care for their own cabin. Towels and bedding are provided on board.

Clothing

Casual clothes chosen for the season. (dinner jacket and tie may be left at home but bring a bath robe ...showers are down the hall).

Age Restriction

Children under 13 are not eligible.

Personal Health

It is very important that all passengers are in good health and do not present undue problems for our crew or fellow passengers. Passage may be declined at any time before or during the cruise as per our Terms and Conditions.

Bar

Our small bar has a limited selection of the more popular alcoholic beverages at \$3.75 plus tax per drink. Juice and pop are free.

No Gratuities

Our company has a **No Tipping** policy. We request that all passengers abide by this.

Smoking

Smoking is **not** permitted on board ship.



WEATHER

EXPECTATIONS

30 Year average maximums

Cruising can be the most pleasant when waterways display their greatest beauty in spring and fall.

	°C	°F	mm	in	Hours
MAY	18	64	78	3.08	220
JUNE	23	73	83	3.25	240
JULY	26	79	73	2.88	270
AUG.	25	77	85	3.33	240
SEPT.	20	68	91	3.55	170
OCT.	13	55	81	3.18	150

RESERVATIONS

Fares

- All fares per person double occupancy.
- Single occupancy 75% over regular fare (Except cabin #7 single).
- Total fare includes your room, all meals and snacks aboard ship, luggage handling, bus transportation to depart from or return to cruise bases in Peterborough or Kingston, free parking, cancellation refund plan and all sales taxes.
- **We do not accept credit cards** but personal cheques are fine.
- First meal served is breakfast on morning following embarkation. Snack will be served on boarding night.

Cdn/US Exchange

You may send your final balance in \$Cdn as shown on your confirmation. Most banks in the USA can sell you a \$Cdn draft drawn on a Cdn bank made payable to Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. If you would like to pay your final balance in US funds, you must call our office one week before it is due to obtain the figure.

Reservations

Reservations should be made by telephoning us to arrange a date and then sending the enclosed reservation form together with a personal cheque for \$200 per person per cruise to Ontario Waterway Cruises. Confirmation will be mailed on receipt of your reservation deposit. The balance of the fare is due 60 days before departure.

If your booking is within sixty days of departure the full fare is required at time of booking.

Due to the popularity of these cruises and the limited space, many reservations are made in the fall to ensure choice of cruise. However reservations made later usually can be accommodated if choice of dates is flexible.

Cancellation Refund Plan

The total fare paid less \$88 will be refunded if you must cancel due to a physical illness or injury, death of a family member, a disaster which renders your principal residence uninhabitable or jury/witness duty. Details with confirmation of booking or on request.

Other Reasons for Cancelling

Cancellations for reasons not covered in the above mentioned plan are handled as follows:

- Prior to 60 days before departure - full refund less \$200. per person per cruise.
- Prior to 30 days before departure - half refund of the total fare.
- 30 days and under - no refund.

Medical Emergencies

While certain members of the crew are trained to provide first aid, emergency medical assistance will not be immediately available or accessible in some areas.

Border Crossing

When entering Canada or returning to the United States, US citizens will require a passport.

Passengers from outside of Ontario should review their medical plan to determine if additional insurance is needed to cover medical expenses in the event of an emergency while you are in Ontario.



For More Information on Ontario Travel
call: 1-800-ONTARIO
web site
www.ontariotravel.net

Coming From:	To PETERBOROUGH		To KINGSTON	
	Miles	Km	Miles	Km
London	190	306	275	443
Toronto	85	137	160	290
Montreal	300	483	180	258
Detroit	320	515	395	636
Buffalo	185	298	260	418
Syracuse	250	402	135	217

CRUISE SCHEDULE

PLAN YOUR CRUISE NOW FOR 2020

DATE	CRUISE	ROUTE	NIGHTS
May 10-16	Rosedale to Kingston (6 nights aboard)	◆ From the "summit" of the Trent-Severn (parking in Peterborough)	6
16-22	Kingston to Ottawa (6 nights aboard)	◆ Provides free time for sightseeing in Ottawa and includes the flight of 8 locks	6
22-28	Ottawa to Kingston (6 nights aboard)	◆ Provides time for sightseeing in Ottawa	6
28-02	Kingston to Ottawa (6 nights- 5 aboard)	◆ Includes overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Kingston Waterfront on June 2	6
June 02-07	Ottawa to Kingston (6 nights- 5 aboard)	◆ Includes overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Kingston Waterfront on June 7	6
		◆ Spring Plus cruises are same price	
07-12	Quinte Summer	Kingston to Peterborough	5
12-17	Kawartha Summer	Peterborough to Big Chute	5
17-22	Kawartha Summer	Big Chute to Peterborough	5
22-27	Kawartha Summer	Peterborough to Big Chute	5
27-02	Kawartha Summer	Big Chute to Peterborough	5
July 02-07	Kawartha Summer	Peterborough to Big Chute	5
07-12	Kawartha Summer	Big Chute to Peterborough	5
12-17	Quinte Summer	Peterborough to Kingston	5
17-22	Rideau Summer	Kingston to Ottawa	5
22-27	Rideau Summer	Ottawa to Kingston	5
27-01	Rideau Summer	Kingston to Ottawa	5
Aug. 01-06	Rideau Summer	Ottawa to Kingston	5
06-11	Quinte Summer	Kingston to Peterborough	5
11-16	Kawartha Summer	Peterborough to Big Chute	5
16-21	Kawartha Summer	Big Chute to Peterborough	5
21-26	Kawartha Summer	Peterborough to Big Chute	5
26-31	Kawartha Summer	Big Chute to Peterborough	5
31-05	Quinte Summer	Peterborough to Kingston	5
Sept. 05-10	Rideau Summer	Kingston to Ottawa	5
10-15	Rideau Summer	Ottawa to Kingston	5
15-20	Rideau Summer	Kingston to Ottawa	5
20-25	Rideau Autumn	Ottawa to Kingston	5
25-30	Quinte Colour	Kingston to Peterborough	5
30-05	Kawartha Colour	Peterborough to Big Chute	5
Oct. 05-10	Kawartha Colour	Big Chute to Peterborough	5
10-15	Kawartha Colour	Peterborough to Big Chute	5

2020 FARES

Per Person (double occupancy)

Cdn Funds

Fare	\$1,992
Cancellation Refund Plan	88
Tax*	266
Total	\$2,346

* 13% HST on Fare, 8% RST on Refund Plan

US Funds

You are welcome to pay the deposit in US funds. It will then be converted to Canadian funds at the current exchange rate and your confirmation will show your balance due in Canadian Funds.

If you prefer to pay your final balance in US funds, you must call our office one week before it is due to obtain the figure.

**For Reservations
CALL:
1-800-561-5767**

*Please refer to
Cancellation Refund
Policies
on page 21.*

Office Hours

Mon. to Fri. 9 to 4:30

CLOSED

DEC. 14TH. TO JAN. 6TH.



THE FINE PRINT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. reserves the right to cancel any cruise or to change without prior notice, the cruise route (Rideau, Quinte, Kawartha or any part thereof), cruise location, boarding location, itinerary, schedule, location of overnight stops, tours, excursions or accommodations and to commence, conclude or continue the cruise by bus at any time for reasons of inclement weather, canal congestion, mechanical failure, order of government authority, labour disputes, acts of God or any circumstances beyond the control of the cruise operator without obligation or liability to the passenger. As stated in our cancellation refund plan (which forms part of these Terms and Conditions), a partial refund of fare in the event of the cruise being cut short will be made for unused full days. All monies paid toward the passage fare will be refunded without interest if the entire cruise is cancelled by Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc.

Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. reserves the right to decline any person as a passenger at any time before or during the cruise should such person's health or presence be determined as detrimental to the interest, comfort and enjoyment of the other cruise passengers or present undue problems for the crew. Such determination is the absolute discretion of Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. staff or representative and there shall be no refund or partial refunds payable in this circumstance.

While our cancellation refund plan provides cover for certain applicable medical cancellations prior to departure, there is no provision for any refund of fare for a passenger who becomes ill during the cruise and is unable to complete the cruise. In this regard, the purchase of additional third party travel/medical insurance may provide some benefit.

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The ship does not staff a doctor or a nurse and is not equipped with a pharmacy. All passengers must bring sufficient medication to last the duration of their cruise. Non-residents should ensure they have adequate health insurance for traveling to Ontario. Passengers with special dietary needs or limited mobility must advise Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. at the time of booking to determine if the ship's facilities and/or our menu will be able to meet their needs. We do not make any alterations to our SET MENU. The ship is not wheelchair accessible. Please refer to our Accessibility Customer Service Policy at www.ontariowaterwaycruises.com

It is expressly understood and agreed by all passengers that Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc., their operators or agents shall not be held responsible for –

1. any delays, misconnections, loss, damage, death or injury to persons or property, or for mechanical defects or failures however caused, or for any substitution of carrier equipment beyond the control of the cruise operator or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.
2. any inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, distress, or frustration whether physical or mental however caused.
3. any additional costs incurred such as additional transportation and accommodation costs or any ancillary loss sustained such as flight or train cancellations as a result of a cruise cancellation, cruise route or cruise location change, boarding location change or delays of cruises caused by inclement weather conditions, acts of God, or any other event including mechanical failure, which result in one or more persons being unable to board, continue or complete the cruise through no direct fault of the cruise operator.
4. any delays, misconnections, loss, damage, death or injury to persons or property arising out of the acts, omissions or negligence of any other party which provides accommodation, foodservice, transportation, entertainment or any other service to passengers.

Any hotel or restaurant recommendations, directions or any other transportation arrangements such as calling a taxi or ambulance are made solely for the convenience of the passengers and on the condition that such recommendations are at passengers' own risk and expense. Passengers are advised to confirm all arrangements directly with the provider.

Where a passenger suffers any losses not excluded by the Terms and Conditions herein and the loss does not arise from personal injury or death attributable to negligence on the part of Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc., compensation for any losses shall be limited always to the amount of monies paid by the passenger for the cruise without interest.

Fares will not be reduced for services or portions of the cruise declined by the passenger. The reservation may not be transferred to any other person in the event of the passenger declining to or being unable to complete the entire or any part of the cruise.

Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. has the right to utilize any photo, video, recorded audio or comments of any passenger for the sole purpose of promoting its cruises by way of any advertising media including printed brochures without any claim from or compensation to any passenger or related persons who may or may not be identified in such materials. The use of these materials to represent Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. and its cruises does not create any warranty or obligation with respect to how any passenger or related persons are depicted or represented therein.

These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

These Terms and Conditions constitute the entire agreement among the parties and contain all of the representations and warranties of the respective parties. There are no verbal representations or warranties among the parties of any kind. These Terms and Conditions may not be amended or modified in any respect except in writing and signed by both parties.

These Terms and Conditions may be assigned by Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. but shall not be assignable by any passenger and shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, successors and assigns.

If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is determined to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, such invalidity or unenforceability shall attach only to such provision or part thereof and the remaining part of such provision and all other provisions hereof shall continue in full force and effect.

