

River Cruises - CANADA



Majestic St. Lawrence: History and Nature Cruise

6 Days | 5 Nights
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Tour Operates: June to September 2024 & 2025

This tour is not customizable.

Experience the beauty and history of the St. Lawrence River on this enchanting 5-day cruise. Uncover hidden gems, witness stunning fall foliage, and explore charming riverside towns. Enjoy personalized service, gourmet dining, and engaging activities aboard the elegant Canadian Empress. From Ottawa to the Thousand Islands, immerse yourself in Canada's diverse landscapes and rich heritage.

Reserve your spot on this exclusive Intimate Canadian Empress Cruise now for a truly magical river adventure!



Highlights

- Travel through time from aviation history to fur trade era
- Experience diverse wildlife at Omega Park
- Discover charming towns like Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
- Indulge in leisurely afternoon tea with breathtaking views
- Learn about Canada's rich heritage at multiple historic sites
- Relax with nightly entertainment and scenic cruising

Embark on this Historical St. Lawrence Waterway Exploration today!

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Includes:

- ✓ 5 - nights onboard accommodation.
- ✓ Captains' welcome reception.
- ✓ All meals & snacks.
- ✓ Domestic beer and wine with meals.
- ✓ Shore tours, transportation & attractions.
- ✓ Daily maid service.
- ✓ Deck and parlour activities.
- ✓ Nightly entertainment & closing ceremony.
- ✓ Taxes, GST.

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Map



Day 1 – Ottawa to Kingston Riverboat Adventure: Capital Sights and Culinary Delights Await.

Embarkation at Hull Municipal Dock marks the start of an enchanting voyage. Safety briefings precede a captivating harbour tour of Ottawa's treasures. Passengers savour a gourmet dinner before returning to port. The evening invites relaxation on deck with sweet indulgences and soothing melodies, offering a unique perspective of Canada's capital city. Enjoy your trip!

Day 2 – Historical St. Lawrence Waterway Exploration: From Aviation to Wildlife and Engineering Marvels.

Highlights

- Discover aviation heritage at Cumberland Museum
- Observe diverse wildlife in natural habitat
- Witness impressive Carillon Lock engineering
- Savor onboard dining and evening activities

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The tour starts with a museum visit in Cumberland, showcasing Canada's aviation history. Sailing to Montebello, travellers experience a wildlife adventure at Omega Park. The day concludes at Carillon Lock, a testament to Canada's engineering prowess. Onboard, guests enjoy meals, safety information, and evening entertainment, all while witnessing the river's changing scenery.

Day 3 – St. Lawrence River Cruise Adventure: From Carillon Lock to Lachine's Fur Trade Past.

Highlights

- Witness engineering feat at Carillon Lock
- Discover fur trade history at Lachine Museum
- Wander quaint streets of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
- Cruise through picturesque Lake St. Louis waters

Today, guests experience the engineering marvel of Carillon Lock, descending 65 feet. The journey continues to Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, passing through another lock into Lake St. Louis. After lunch, travellers explore the Lachine Fur Trade Museum, then enjoy free time in charming Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. Evening entertainment concludes this historical day.

Day 4 – St. Lawrence River Cruise Adventure: Locks, Lakes, and Leisurely Afternoon Tea.

Highlights

- Marvel at lock system's ingenious design
- Indulge in afternoon tea with scenic views
- Sail across picturesque Lake St. Lawrence
- Enjoy evening entertainment at serene marina

Departing Lachine, the Canadian Empress navigates impressive locks, showcasing engineering marvels. Onboard activities provide entertainment throughout the morning. Guests savour afternoon tea while passing through American locks into Lake St. Lawrence. The day ends peacefully at Chrysler Park Marina, with evening entertainment enhancing the intimate cruise experience.

Day 5 – Historical St. Lawrence Waterway Exploration: Locks, Forts, and Island Wonders.

Highlights

- Experience 19th-century life by horse-drawn wagon
- Cruise through engineering marvels on the river

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- Explore Canada's military past at Fort Wellington
- Enjoy festive night in 1000 Islands' crown jewel

Begin the day with a charming horse-drawn wagon ride to Upper Canada Village. Explore this historic site before cruising to Prescott. Pass through the Iroquois Lock and the Old Galop Canal. Visit Fort Wellington National Historic Site. End the day in Brockville, the city of 1000 Islands, with a celebratory evening.

Day 6 - Scenic Fall Foliage River Cruise: 1000 Islands, Museums & Memories

Sail past Millionaires' Row in the 1000 Islands. Explore Gananoque's heritage at two fascinating museums. Enjoy a farewell lunch with closing ceremonies. The journey ends in Kingston, where travellers disembark with memories of hidden gems, stunning vistas, and newfound friendships.

End of St. Lawrence River Cruise Tour.

Exclusions

- × Transfers from Ottawa to the Pier in Hull, QC – this service is offered as an optional add-on.
- × Port fees.
- × Additional bar purchases.
- × Onboard gratuities.
- × Souvenirs.
- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Porterage.
- × Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note - If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.

Accommodations Featured

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- All above the waterline staterooms, with opening windows to the fresh river air.

Deposit & Payment Policy

- CA\$ 500 per person at the time of reservation.
- Full payment 60 days prior to sailing.
- Booking made within 60 days of sailing full payment required.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- **More than 60 days** - refund will be made in full less CA\$ 125. Of this \$125, clients will receive a future travel credit of CA \$100 per person valid for two years from date of the cancelled cruise. CA \$25 will be retained as an administration fee.
- **60 – 45 days** - 75% refund will be applicable
- **45 – 16 days** - 50% refund will be applicable
- **Less than 21 days** - forfeit 100% of package cost
- No Show – 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services - non-refundable.
- Connecting rail & hotel requirements should be finalized prior to final payment (no later than 60 days prior to departure. Clients are encouraged to avoid making changes beyond this date.
- When confirmed arrangements are altered within 60 days prior to departure changes may be subject to **CA\$50** towards administrative fees plus necessary courier charges

NOTES:

- The Canadian Empress is only equipped with stairs between decks. Persons with mobility issues should inquire with reservations staff about stateroom accessibility and potential accommodations
- **HEALTH & SAFETY** Masking and physical distancing are no longer required in Ontario and Quebec, but masks and sanitizing stations are available for all passengers on board the Canadian Empress. For the safety of all passengers and crew, you are requested to notify your cruise director if you experience any flu like symptoms.
- **MEALTIMES:** 0730 - 0900 Breakfast 1030 Morning bouillon (When applicable) 1200 & 1315 Lunch (at the call of the bell) 1530-1630 Afternoon tea - Grand Saloon (When applicable) 1730 & 1915 Dinner - (at the call of the bell).
- All staterooms are above the waterline and include daily maid service.
- Limited WIFI services are available throughout the ship, however the quality of connection will vary.

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- The provider reserves the right to cancel any cruise.
- If cancellation is due to influence of outside forces such as an act of God or interference by authorities, then a credit of full value will be issued for future travel with the same duration and in the same stateroom. This credit will be available to use for a term of 2 years.

FAQ

- **Is this tour customizable?** No.
- **Are there fixed dates of departure for this tour?** Yes. Please refer to departure schedule.
- **What should I bring to wear?** Comfort and relaxation are watchwords with river cruising. Men's clothing may include a sport shirt and slacks, but sport coats are optional. Women will find resort wear (sweaters, slacks, skirts, and blouses) most appropriate. Dinner attire is informal, although on the final celebration evening some guests prefer to dress up to smart or dressy casual. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

You will want to be cool and comfortable during the day and warm on some cool evenings. An iron and ironing board are available for your use. For activities above decks and touring on shore, sun hats and comfortable walking shoes are good choices. Tailor your needs to the season and the kinds of activities you'll be enjoying on board. Don't forget your cameras and binoculars!

- **Can I book St. Lawrence Cruise Lines with confidence?** Yes, because we know the river – the St. Lawrence River is our home. Our personal care and attention, along with more than 40 years of cruising experience and knowledge will ensure you receive full value for your cruise.
- **Why are your river cruises so special?** River cruising is all about the experience. Our cruises allow you to experience the beauty and history of Canada's rivers. All of our staterooms are outboard (river-facing) and our Grand Saloon has expansive windows for spectacular, intimate views of the the ever-changing scenery along the river.
- **What is there to do on a cruise?** Our passengers are never without beautiful scenery to watch from our on-deck chaise lounges. Additionally, there are on-board group activities, individual puzzles and games, evening entertainment including a dance, interesting shore excursions, and some of the most magnificent natural scenery in the world. There is also the delight of meeting fellow passengers from many different places around the world. On our ship you are the happy master of how you spend your time. You do what you want to do. It's your vacation and the officers and crew will do everything they can to make it a comfortable, happy and memorable one.
- **What is the tone or atmosphere on board?** Relaxation and comfort are key to a great river cruise. When it comes to shipboard activities, informality is the watchword for riverboat travel, unlike the sometimes regimented and rigid traditions for ocean voyages.
- **Will I get seasick?** It is not likely. That is one of the reasons calm water cruising has become so popular. There is none of the "heave-ho" of ocean, open-lake or coast-line cruising in our sheltered waters. We make it a point to avoid large bodies of open water.

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- **Can I board early?** Unfortunately, no. The crew are very busy preparing the ship and cannot accommodate early arrivals. Boarding commences at 4:30 p.m. and extends for one full hour.
- **Are passports required? What language is used on board?** As the voyage is entirely in Canadian waters, no additional ID is required en route. However, it is now considered advisable to carry Passports or photo ID. Homeland security measures in North America are exercised along the river. English is the standard language on board.
- **What about children, pets, and other cruising details?** The minimum age for cruising on board is 12 years. Pets are not allowed unless it is a certified service animal. After you book your cruise with deposit, you will receive a confirmation and a Pre-boarding Booklet. Upon final payment you will receive maps and additional information answering many supplementary questions you may have.
- **What currency is used on board?** The preferred currency and pricing on board is Canadian dollars, but U.S. currency is also accepted. VISA and MasterCard can be used for on-board purchases.
- **Will we receive information about the history of the region?** During your cruise there is a virtual cornucopia of information available about the river and its history and attractions. A splendid souvenir "SHIP'S LOG" will give you a precise and thorough account of every stop and every part of the journey. In addition, you will hear cruise commentary through the public address system at appropriate locations on your journey. Orientation information is abundant and useful. The daily newsletter will keep you right up to date on each day's activities.
- **What rules govern smoking aboard ship?** In the interest of safety and good health, and as a courtesy to non-smoking passengers, smoking by passengers is permitted on the upper sundeck only and downwind of other guests and crew
- **Do you have a cannabis policy?** While cannabis has been legalized in Canada, it is illegal to transport cannabis across borders in or out of the country, and transported is restricted on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Therefore, St. Lawrence Cruise Lines prohibits cannabis products on board.
- **Can we expect to see wildlife on these tours?** While there is always a chance to spot wildlife during our tours, and such sightings are not uncommon, we must clarify that seeing wildlife is not a guaranteed aspect of our tours. Our guides possess extensive knowledge about the animals in the park and will gladly share information about them, should you see any wildlife or have questions about the local fauna.
- **Is it safe to approach or touch wild animals based on their behavior?** Absolutely not. Under no circumstances should you approach, touch, or exit your vehicle to photograph wild animals, regardless of their apparent calmness or friendliness. Interacting with wild animals poses significant risks to both humans and the animals themselves.
- **Is it mandatory to present Service Vouchers received from DMCI for availing confirmed services during our tour, including hotel accommodations and tours?** Yes, it is mandatory. To avail of the services confirmed for your tour, including hotel accommodations and tours, you must present a digital or printed copy of the Service Voucher provided to you by DMCI or your travel agent at the time-of-service confirmation. Failure to present this voucher may result in denial of services. Please note that in such circumstances, no refunds, substitutions, or alternative tours or services will be provided.
- **Do clients need a Credit Card for Hotel Check-Ins?** It is mandatory for clients to provide a credit card under their name when checking in at hotels, lodges, and inns. The hotel typically places an authorization hold of

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\$500 to \$750 on the card for incidental expenses and possible damage. This hold is released within 72 hours after check-out, deducting any incurred charges.

- **Can we use Cash or a Debit Card instead of a Credit Card at Hotel Properties?** It is important to note that most of our hotel properties do not accept cash or debit cards as a substitute for a credit card. Guests are strongly advised to ensure they have a valid credit card available for use during their stay.
- **Do guests need to provide a Photo-ID during Hotel Check-In?** Absolutely yes. At the time of check-in, clients are required to present a government-issued photo-ID, such as a passport or driver's license. Please be aware that other forms of government-issued photo-IDs, like a Social Insurance Number card, health card, citizenship card, etc., may not be acceptable.
- **What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons?** – Stars & Maple Holidays, our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. Stars & Maple Holidays is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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