

GREAT LAKES CRUISING COALITION

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GLCC Mission Statement



The Great Lakes Cruising Coalition is an organization which advocates passenger cruising on the Great Lakes. It represents the publicly owned assets and is comprised of American & Canadian Port Cities and towns, various significant Port Authorities, several U.S. States, the Canadian Province of Ontario and the St Lawrence Seaway. We have been in existence since 1997 and our members represent important destinations around the Great Lakes.

The GLCC was formed as a result of imaginative thinking, which envisaged world class cruise ships "steaming" along the St. Lawrence Seaway, navigating the fascinating system of locks, thereby "climbing the Niagara Escarpment"... and cruising into the Great Lakes.

We believe the Great Lakes, which resemble "Inland Seas", have yet to be discovered by the world wide cruise community and we also believe they represent the last un-cruised waters in the world. Our mission is to create an atmosphere, which will attract the world-wide cruise industry and impress upon them how magnificent and rewarding that cruising the Great Lakes can be for their guests.

The GLCC has several goals, which are designed to pave the way for cruise ship owners and operators to bring their vessels into our magnificent lakes.

Activity:

- We work with ship owners and operators, furnishing them with technical information, to assist their Marine Operations, making them aware of what they are required to do when entering this region.
- We know where the best marine handling agents are in our Great Lakes port cities and we make these available to ship owners and operators.
- We introduce regionally knowledgeable GLCC members who can bring valuable local resources to their attention.
- We work with the regional Travel Industry, making them aware of passenger cruise opportunities on the Great Lakes.
- We are in touch with local media in each region of the Great Lakes and our members are encouraged to spread the news of passenger ship movements in their cities.

Technical Expertise

A technical manual designed to assist ship owners and operators with maritime planning from their entry point in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and through all five Great Lakes. This manual allows prospective ship operators to plan for their entire North American operation, including such items as water level monitoring, air draft changes, fuel supplies and effluent disposal, plus availability of dock space and anchoring locations.

GLCC Members

Our members represent important towns, cities, ports and port authorities on both the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway system. We are active in bringing Great Lakes information to the shipping companies and to their itinerary planners for a first hand look at what we have to offer.

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The cruise adventure of a lifetime on
North America's five mighty inland seas



See it all

From the rugged wilderness of Superior to the pastoral splendor of Erie, from some of the world's most famous cityscapes to the charming grace of heritage towns from yesterday

*That's not a lake
that's an ocean !*

That's a very common response from visitors when first gazing out toward the distance horizons of the five inland seas that form the Great Lakes in the heart of the North America continent. They comprise 20 percent of all of the fresh water in the world. They include the largest freshwater lake in the world, the longest freshwater beach in the world and the largest concentration of lighthouses. In fact more ship traffic passes through the locks between Lake Superior and Lake Huron than through the Suez Canal.

A European freighter going from the mouth of the St. Lawrence River to Duluth Minnesota at the Western end of Lake Superior will have traveled as far as it did in its trans-Atlantic crossing. The lakes are so large that they experience a small but measurable tide and their legendary storms dug watery graves for many men in the smaller freighters of yesteryear.

Some of the most ancient bedrock on the planet cradles portions of the Great Lakes, approaching three billion years in age and at the North end of Lake Superior, the earth's crust is still recovering from the last glaciers, rising in some areas at a rate faster than any of the active North American mountain ranges.

The upper lakes regions are home to moose, elk and wolves. Other parts of the Great Lakes serve as Sweetwater entrances to some of the greatest cities in the world. Chicago – Detroit

and Toronto: And to deep harbour port cities like Sault Ste Marie Ontario, Thunder Bay and Duluth, to shoreline towns like Parry Sound, Little Current on Manitoulin Island, Toledo and Kingston.

There are very few places on earth where land meets water as dramatically as it does along the Niagara Escarpment on Georgian Bay. "The Bay", a part of Lake Huron, is home to the four season towns of Parry Sound and Sault Ste Marie with vibrant communities and traditions of exploration dating back to Etienne Brule in 1687. These towns offer an opportunity to go ashore and explore the unique flora and fauna of the region and mingle with the locals as they go about their business.

At the South end of Georgian Bay, historic Midland reflects the story of the development in Upper Canada at Sainte Marie among the Huron's, featuring the Martyrs shrine and a fascinating look at an early, fortified settlement. This is the same escarpment which 600m kilometers to the south, separates lake Erie from Lake Ontario at Niagara Falls and 100 kilometers to the north, gently declines into the waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, only to re-emerge several islands later as Manitoulin Island.

Manitoulin Island is the largest freshwater lake in the world and is home to the deep water port of Little Current and a thriving and vibrant Ojibwe native Indian culture. Nearby on the

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mainland is Parry Sound, where more than a hundred years ago, the Huron First Nation recognized the shores of Georgian Bay as a "holiday land" and came here for their summer hunting and fishing. Today Parry Sound is a wonderful splash of civilization on a canvas of forests, lakes and streams and the rugged beauty of the pink granite of the Canadian Shield. Further along the shore in Sault Ste Marie Ontario, with the Roberta Bondar Park and Tent Pavilion named after Canada's first woman astronaut, and Sault Ste Marie native. This is located in the heart of downtown Sault Ste Marie, and displays a colorful art mural tracing the history of the Sault back to the 1600's. The mural is Canada's largest public artwork and the world's largest backlit mural, an absolute must-see for every visitor.

Another must-see lies to the south, and looms high above Toronto, in Canada's largest city. The famous CN tower, one of the seven wonders of the modern world lets you experience breathtaking panoramic vistas and see the city and Lake Ontario from a bird's eye view. Toronto has been called the planet's most multi-cultural city and there is a different world around every corner, from the refreshing waterfront on Queens Quay to the energetic Greektown on the Danforth to haute couture in Yorkville and the multinational mix of Kensington market. In fact Toronto has two markets and St Lawrence Market makes an interesting comparison in this most international of cities.

Across the Friendly Border

Across the friendly border lies Oswego, the first U.S. port of call from the magnificent St. Lawrence Seaway. It is the picturesque gateway to the New York State Barge Canal system and the Atlantic inter-coastal waterway system. Nearby is historic Sackets Harbour and Clayton – home to the magnificent Antique Boat Museum. Opposite on the Canadian side is 19th century Kingston, so called the Limestone city and home to Canada's first parliament. This is the southern end of the national historic Rideau Canal, a 19th century engineering marvel with hand-operated locks and an inland waterway route to Ottawa, Canada's capital city.

From Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, ships traverse the Welland Canal in which they actually climb over the Niagara escarpment. Niagara is home to a prolific number of excellent wineries as well as historic Niagara-on-the-Lake and the twin towns of Niagara Falls Ontario and New York State. Southwest on the southern shore of Lake Erie, is Erie Pennsylvania. Once a lumber town, Erie is now an important tourist destination with its seven miles of sandy beaches at Presque Isle State Park and its fabulous waterfront development complex. Bay Commons, which incorporates the New Erie Maritime Museum, is the home berth for the Brig Niagara. Further southwest, Cleveland's busy metropolitan skyline comes into view. Cleveland is home to the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, the Great Lakes Science Center and some of America's most diverse neighborhoods and cultures. Nearby is Toledo on the Maumee River, where the waterfront is full of small boat docks, fountains, sculptures and flying flags. Toledo's waterfront has been re-invented, with an eclectic blend of old and new, a user-friendly promenade peppered with shoppers, strollers and folks just watching the river go by.

Home of the Automobile

Detroit is home to the Automobile. It was Henry Ford's establishment of the Ford Motor Company in 1903 and the roll out of the Model T in 1908, that forever changed the image of Detroit. At \$275 the Model T made motoring affordable, and started America's love affair with wheels. Not far from Detroit is the lovely town of Port Huron, gateway to the upper lakes and the boyhood home to Thomas Edison the famous American inventor. Once a bustling lumber town, Port Huron is now a renaissance town with luxury hotels, superb cuisine and excellent museums.

The Great Lakes Heritage Coast is one of nine signature sites identified by the Government of Ontario, as part of the province's living legacy. This magnificent coastline covers 1.46 million hectares of land, and 2,900 kilometers of shoreline, stretching from Port Severn, north past Thunder Bay to the U.S. border. It includes

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Manitoulin Island, Cockburn and the St. Joseph islands of Georgian Bay. This rugged and magnificent shoreline hosts Woodland Caribou, Aboriginal rock-paintings, many fascinating communities and a history dating back 10,500 years !

Far to the West

Far to the west is Thunder Bay, Canada most westerly Great Lakes destination. "The City By The Bay", as it is often referred to, is home to an enthusiastic community dedicated to the preservation of Thunder Bay's fascinating past and its wonderful built heritage. Nearby Fort William Historic Park depicts activities of the Northwest Fur Company Between 1803 and 1821. Thunder Bay has a thriving cultural community, which supports a symphony orchestra, art gallery, a craft community and several agritourism attractions. A deepwater port, Thunder Bay has enjoyed an active and thriving role in Great Lakes shipping.

Even further west – as far as you can travel on the Great Lakes, brings you to Duluth Minnesota. Founded as a trading post over 300 years ago, Duluth became one of the gateways through which European settlers moved into America's farming heartland. Today Grain flows through its elevators and bulk cargoes are trans-shipped to world markets. At certain times, as many as 5000 people a day came through the port of Duluth to take one of seven railroads to their inland destinations. Many of these settlers were of Scandinavian origin and Duluth still celebrates it's Norwegian and Finnish heritage in annual festivals.

Chicago, located at the southern end of lake Michigan is one of the most interesting and historic Great lakes cities. It has a thriving cultural community which supports a vast selection of Theatres, galleries, Broadway shows, Symphony concerts, Dance and Film Festivals and the culinary arts. Visitors to Chicago are impressed with the magnificent architectural landmarks and a tour of Chicago, inevitably leaves an unforgettable impression on visitors to this inland city.

Beyond the Magnificent Scenery

The Role of Cultural Tourism in Cruising The Great Lakes



A revolution has been taking place in the tourism industry and similar to most revolutions, even if you are not part of the movement, you need to know more about it. This revolution concerns the world-wide tourism industry, which over the past 20 years has been rapidly segmenting into a far more interesting industry than ever before.

In many respects we are living in the Golden Age of tourism with a vast array of travel opportunities and a wide selection of experts catering to our every whim. Visit your average magazine store and look down the racks of specialist periodicals. You can indulge your fantasies as a model train maker, basket weaver, private pilot, wilderness hiker and biker, art connoisseur, snow boarder, wooden boat enthusiast, medieval costumer, wannabe backwoodsman, green thumb...you name it and it is probably there...linked to this phenomenon of segmentation and provided by a savvy publishing industry.

The tourism industry is virtually the same. Years ago we referred to this industry as the "Holiday Business" and our customers were "Holiday Makers", happily and passively, wandering across the landscape, gazing through the window as the scenery passed by. What a change,what a revolution this industry has experienced, driven by the availability of information on the Web, by specialist television programs and those magnificent National Geographic magazine images and articles.

Just like those ubiquitous magazine racks we now have an amazing variety of segmented travel opportunities, including Eco Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Sports Tourism, Singles Tourism, Cultural Tourism, believe it or not Volunteer-Tourism, and of course the phenomenal growth of Cruise Tourism. Tourism has been benefiting from the fusion of enterprising

minds, the growth of disposable income, the explosion of communications and of course the trend towards segmentation.

Never before could we enjoyed such an extraordinary variety of creative well researched vacations catering to every conceivable passion and... two of the most fascinating and powerful segments of this Industry ...Cultural Tourism and Cruise Tourism can take this creativity to another level.

Cultural Tourism is motivated by an interest in other peoples, other places and other cultures. Typically it focuses on museums and art galleries, arts events, cultural festivals, historic sites and heritage attractions, architecture, local customs and cuisine, indigenous peoples and their culture. Please note "typically"...because culture varies from region to region.

Think about it...if we were discussing Pittsburgh, we could not do so without considering how the steel industry shaped Pittsburgh's society. If we were discussing Atlantic Canada or New England we could not discuss their culture without considering how the sea has shaped their unique maritime heritage. If we were discussing the state of Michigan, we could not do so without discussing it's fascinating Maritime history. The culture of every region has unique and differentiating features, and, accordingly, unique opportunities with respect to cultural tourism.

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The Role of Cultural Tourism in Cruising on The Great Lakes



So just who are these cultural tourists? Well they tend to belong to mature age cohorts i.e. the baby boomers and the 55+ market. They tend to be more highly educated and a large number are university graduates. They tend to be managerial or professionals, they take longer trips and (drum roll for \$\$\$) they spend about 50% more than any other segment.

In 2000, 65% of the entire U.S. population (92.7 million) included a cultural element in their travel. 61 million people visited a historic site or re-enactment, 42 million visited a museum, 32 million included a live theater and 30 million spent time in an art gallery. These represent millions of dollars for the cultural sector, and even more for support sectors of the tourism industry.

And so to Great Lakes Cruising on the world's last un-cruised body of water where cultural tourism can play a huge part in the growth of this industry. Those of us who work in the Great Lakes Cruise business can attest to the popularity of what we call "enrichment Cruising"...cruising with a series of lecturers on-board, returning home with an enriched knowledge of where we have travelled. "Swan Hellenic" based in the U.K. have been one of the world leaders in this field and "The Great Lakes Cruise Company" based in Ann Arbor Michigan have achieved similar successes. From here it is short distance to the emergence of cultural tourism as a major element in the planning of the cruise industry.

In many ways this is a natural path for Great Lakes cruising to navigate (if you will pardon the pun). The Great Lakes offers many superb opportunities for cultural cruises on both the U.S. and Canadian side of the border. Renaissance cities such as Chicago, Toronto and Detroit, possess world-class cultural institutions while Duluth, Cleveland and Toledo have sharply defined cultures of their own. Intimate ports-of-call such as Erie, Goderich, Little Current, Port Huron and Parry Sound offer cruisers their own distinct heritage and arts traditions. The Great Lakes has a variety of expansive wilderness coastlines, an abundance of wildlife, vibrant indigenous cultures, multi ethnic traditions, festivals and artisans along with great heritage attractions from one end to the other. Michigan has superb maritime history and Ontario has the celebrated Legacy Coast and surprising Georgian Bay.

Cultural Tourism and Cruising on the Great Lakes is a great marriage waiting to happen.

*Stephen Burnett
Executive Director
Great Lakes Cruising Coalition*

History of Great Lakes Cruising

Cruising in the Wake of Charles Dickens and Mark Twain

It is April 24, 1842 and Charles Dickens on his grand tour of "North America" cruises across Lake Erie en route to Buffalo. Dickens records in his diary. "She was a fine steamship, four hundred tons burden, named the Constitution, with very few passengers aboard and has bountiful and handsome accommodation".

Later that century, on July 17, 1895 Mark Twain traveling on his "At home around the world" tour, boards the S.S. Northland in Cleveland bound for Mackinac. Twain wrote "All that has been said of this fine ocean ship on the Great Lakes is not exaggerated. Across Lake Erie to the Detroit River, Lake St Clair and the St Clair River is a most charming trip".

Cruising...perhaps more accurately described as using the Great Lakes for transportation by indigenous North Americans, had been happening long before this. But in 1865 it took on a more formal aspect when Anchor Line, formerly Erie & Western Transportation co, was formed. Then in 1868 Detroit & Cleveland Navigation was conceived and not long after, in 1883, Canadian Pacific expanded into this business with the building (in Scotland) of the Alberta, the Algoma and the Athabasca.

From this time until the early 1970's Great Lakes cruise and transportation lines emerged, merged, failed and succeeded, much in the same way that we currently see the cruise giants of the 2000's...merging, failing and succeeding elsewhere. Many cruise ships were built and names from the past still resonate on the mooring walls of Great Lakes ports, where ships such as the Noronic, the Northland, City of Cleveland, Sandbee and the Cape Eternity arrived... decked out in bunting, bands playing and thousand waving from nearby vantage points.

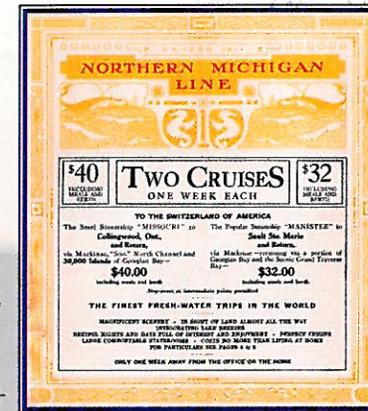
Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower officially opened the Seaway in 1959 allowing ships to transit, which are no more than 740 feet in length, 78 feet beam, with a water draft of 26 feet 3 inches and an air draft of 116 feet six inches. This precludes many of the larger high capacity cruise vessels from transiting the locks, but it does leave about 60 ships which could...if they comply with the regulations...cruise the Great Lakes.

Now spring forward to the early 1990's when several commercial ports on the Great Lakes funded an initiative to revive the long dormant international cruise industry on the same Great Lakes which Charles Dickens and Mark Twain, along with thousands others cruised. Founding members of this modern bold initiative were Duluth, Toronto, Oswego, Saugatuck-Douglas, Milwaukee, Chicago, St Joseph, Parry Sound, Owen Sound, Detroit, Toledo, Erie and Little Current.

In 2002, the cruise ship Le Levant, from Compagnie Isles Du Ponnet and Hapag Lloyd's C. Columbus enjoyed a successful

Great Lakes season, as did American Canadian Caribbean Line's Niagara Prince and Grand Mariner plus the Nantucket Clipper from Clipper Cruise Line in St Louis. Various other single ship lines also cruise in the Great Lakes/Seaway system including the Georgian Clipper and the Canadian Empress out of Kingston Ontario.

Future activities of the G.L.C.C. include the same relentless search for sound commercial relationships between ship owners and tour operator/charterers, plus an expansion of the membership to include more ports, cities and locations on the Great Lakes.



The Great Lakes

Gallery of Vintage Cruising Ephemera



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The Great Lakes

Gallery of Great Lakes Cruise Vessels, Past and Present

Assiniboia



Canadian Express



Georgian Clipper



Cape May Light



South American



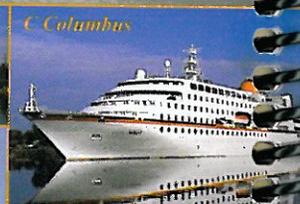
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Grand Mariner



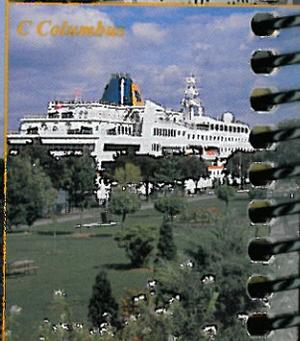
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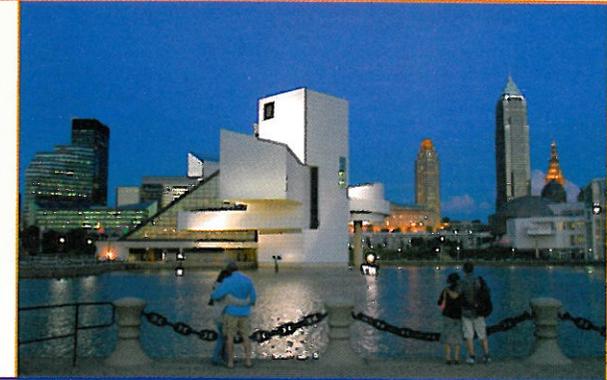
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Located on the southern shore of Lake Erie, the attractions of Cleveland — from clear waterways and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, to major league sporting events, and dining in trendy neighborhoods — make it a perfect place for cruisers.

North Coast Harbor

Along the North Coast Harbor of Lake Erie's shore is the world's only Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, the Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland Browns Stadium and Voinovich Park. For historians and aquatic enthusiasts there are two floating maritime museums, the Steamship William G. Mather Museum and the U.S.S. Cod Submarine; and the International Women's Air & Space Museum.

Nothing is easier (or better) than coming to the inner harbor to dock right next to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. From Beatles to Zeppelin, guests can spend a few hours (or days!) learning the living history and evolution of rock and roll music. Designed by world-famous architect I.M. Pei, the white-tiled Rock Hall sits next to the Cleveland Browns Stadium and the Great Lakes Science Center. The Rock Hall's Hall of Fame wing impresses guests with high-impact multi-media productions combining film footage, music, interviews, animation and still photography to tell the stories of inducted rock and roll legends. Best of all, the museum boasts an extensive collection of rock and roll memorabilia.

Entertainment, Dining and Shopping
Once the industrial heart of the city, The Flats Entertainment District is now a bustling, riverfront entertainment district like no other. Located along the Cuyahoga River, the area is home to many restaurants, nightclubs, an amphitheater and a waterfront boardwalk. During the warmer months, enjoy food and drink outside on boardwalks and patios, taking in great views of the downtown skyline and illuminated bridges.

The Powerhouse, a National Historic Landmark (1892), is a restored four-story brick building with smokestacks and arched windows. It features specialty retail, dining and entertainment, including Rock Bottom Brewery, Howl at The Moon, Power Play, Riverwalk Café, Improv Comedy Club and much more!

Just up the hill from The Flats is the Historic Warehouse District, Cleveland's first neighborhood and downtown's oldest commercial center. This National Historic Landmark is a popular entertainment destination featuring an array of trendy restaurants, night-time hot spots complete with live jazz and blues, coffee shops, specialty shops and art galleries. Downtown's most impressive addition to date is the East Fourth Street area, just a stone's throw from Public Square, which is the heart of downtown. This area buzzes with the House of Blues, famous for its great live music and popular Sunday Gospel Brunch. Just around the corner is the exciting Pick-

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wick & Frolic. It's a cabaret! It's a nightclub and comedy club! It's a restaurant! It's a martini bar and more! For those who love sports, be sure to check out the Gateway District, home since 1994 to baseball's Indians and basketball's Cavaliers, sample the hometown favorite condiment, Stadium Mustard, and view the skyline from the upper deck of Jacobs Field.

For a downtown shopping experience visit Tower City Center, once Cleveland's primary train station which has been beautifully restored. It features an eclectic array of stores as well dining options including the Hard Rock Café, up-scale steak houses and modestly priced food court.

Arts and Culture

A few minutes' drive east by taxi from North Coast Harbor is University Circle, which features the nation's largest concentration of cultural institutions all within one square mile. This pastoral setting is so inviting, guests may almost forget the hustle and bustle of downtown a mere four miles away. The area is home to the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum (named one of the country's top 10 auto museums by Car Collector's magazine) and the Botanical Gardens, host to the largest outdoor flower show in North America.

Arts enthusiasts will also love Playhouse Square Center, the nation's second largest performing arts complex, located in downtown. Its five beautifully restored circa 1920's theaters, the Allen, State, Ohio, Palace and Hanna, host Broadway productions, the Cleveland Opera, the Ohio Ballet, the Great Lakes Theatre Festival and hundreds of concerts throughout the year.

These are just a few of the many assets that make Cleveland the perfect sailing destination. For more information, please visit www.travelcleveland.com.

Port Authority

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Sailing Directions

US Charts 18439
Location: South Shore, Lake Erie
Radio Channel: 16VHF
Pilotage: Compulsory-Lake
Pilots Assn. 810.984.2541

Accommodation

534 foot dock, 27-foot draft
Services: Potable Water
No shoreside power

Tugs

The Great Lakes Towing
Company: 800.321.3663

Agents

World Shipping, Inc.
440.356.7676 (phone),
440.346.4727 (fax)
Columbus Shipping
216.623.6344 (phone),
216.623.6346 (fax)
Great Lakes Marine Agencies
419.691.2902 (phone),
419.691.3037 (fax)

Services

Marine bunkers, Ship chandler
Air conditioning/ventilation/
refrigeration, Victualing
Marine contractors, Waste oil
disposal, Electrical/electronic
contractors, Sewage disposal.

Airports

Cleveland Hopkins International
Airport - approx. 15 miles SW
Burke Lakefront Airport (non-
commercial) - approx. 1 mile E

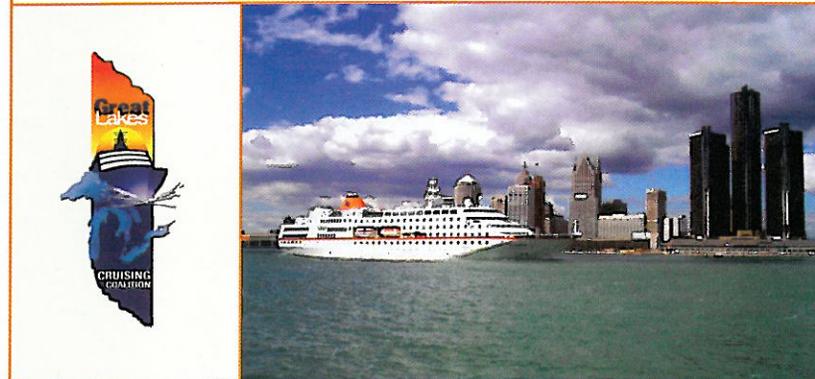
Government Agencies

U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safe-
Office 216.937.0141
U.S. Customs and Border
Protection 216.522.4781
U.S. Immigration Services
216.522.2375
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
216.522.2109
Consular offices of most nation
are established in the
Cleveland area.



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Detroit



Detroit owes its origins to Antoine Mothe-Cadillac, a French fur trader, who believed strongly that a site on the river between Lake Huron and Lake Erie was the key to control of Lakes trade, rather than the French fort and trading post that had been established at the Straits of Mackinac in the late 1600's. His vision was prescient: today Detroit is one of the top ports in the United States by value of Customs clearances. From its establishment in 1701, d'etroit – or the Straits – has had its ups and downs. Burned to the ground in 1805, it grew by the late 1800s to an important manufacturing center based on copper and iron ore from the Upper Peninsula. However, it was Henry Ford's establishment of the Ford Motor Company in 1903 and the roll out of the Model T in 1908 that forever changed the image of the community. At \$275, the Model T made motoring affordable and started America's love affair with the automobile.

Recreation

An easy way to see the city is to take the "People Mover" elevated train at the General Motors Renaissance Center, and get a bird's eye view. Get off on Washington Boulevard to stroll beside the reflecting pools and enjoy the pedestrian mall and sidewalk cafes or visit Detroit's newest downtown park, Campus Martius, in the heart of the business district. Detroit's downtown jewel is the 1,000 acre Belle Isle Park, with many opportunities to walk, cycle or sit and watch boats go by on the river; or enjoy a unique nature center

and a conservatory with an extensive orchid collection. Also on the island is the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. While there, visit the magnificent oak paneled smoking room of the 1912 cruise ship "City of Detroit III." To see how the auto barons spent some of their vast wealth, a tour of the magnificent homes of Henry Ford, Edsel Ford, Dodge-Wilson and Lawrence P. Fisher is quite an experience.

Historic Detroit

Detroit is a city within which many histories intertwine. It was a strategic location over which the French and British fought. Many place names still reflect this French history. It was an important station on the "Underground Railroad" by which escaped slaves followed the North Star to sanctuary in Canada. You can visit the basement of the Second Baptist Church of Detroit, which was one of the safe houses in Detroit. It is the history of the automobile and the Motown sound – that unique outpouring of popular music in the 1950's and 1960's that make Detroit famous today. Who doesn't remember the Supremes, the Temptations, the Four Tops and so many other fine vocal acts? Above all it is the history of African-Americans and their contribution to American society, from battling slavery to fighting and resisting racism.

Shopping

Detroit has a special shopping experience for you from the eclectic stores in the Renaissance Center to the unique and funky

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in Greektown, just a stop away on the People Mover. Created from five century-old brick warehouses of a fur trading company, there are multiple levels linked by walkways and bridges around a sky lit courtyard. The International Center for Apparel Design has many small boutiques with unique gowns, formal wear and accessories created by local designers. Slightly north of Detroit, the magnificent Somerset Collection features some of the most exclusive retail shopping in North America, while in Grosse Pointe, the shops at Kercheval-On-The-Hill offer a distinctive personal service.

Arts & Entertainment

There are more museums and galleries in Detroit than you could see in a week of visiting. The world famous Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village alone could happily occupy two days. Then there's the Detroit Institute of Arts, the remarkable Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Detroit Historical Museum, the Great Lakes Indian Museum and so many, many more. Detroit Institute of Arts, or D.I.A., as it is known, is one of the top ten fine arts museums in the USA. Collections range from European master works to American, African, Asian, Native American, Ancient Egyptian and Middle Eastern, from BC to AD. Theatrically, the jewel in the crown is the Fox Theater, a classic 1929 showcase of design in the grand "Hollywood Rococo" style. There are many other exciting venues including three casinos, the historic Fisher Theatre, the State Theater, the Gem and Orchestra Hall, at one time the Paradise Theater, where many jazz greats played during the swing era.

Sports

Detroit has some of the finest sports teams in North America with Detroit Red Wings hockey playing at the Joe Louis Arena, Detroit Tigers baseball at the new Comerica Park, and Detroit Pistons basketball in Auburn Hills at the Palace. There are other notable teams including the Detroit Lions and the Detroit Shock women's pro basketball team.

Port Authority

Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority
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Sailing Directions

US Charts 14830, 14848, 14849, 14853, 14854
Location: North Shore, Detroit River.
Radio Channel 12VHF
Pilotage: Compulsory – Lakes Pilotage Association

Accommodation

Berth: Hart Plaza municipal dock
Depth: 22', Length: 1,000'
Services: Limited
Detroit Marine Terminals
Berths: 2, Depth: 27'
Length: 2,150'
Services: Full Service

Tugs

Gaelic Tugboat (313) 841-944

Charges

Tugs: approx. \$1,560
Mooring Lines: \$725 during working hours
Berthing charges: Call for rates
Garbage Removal: \$500 per container.

Agents

World Shipping Inc. (313) 421-4500 Fax (313) 421-3240
Consular offices of most nations are established in the Detroit area.

Services

The following services can be arranged through the vessel agent: Marine bunkers, Air conditioning/ventilation/refrigeration, Marine contractors, Ship chandler, Electrical/electronic contractors, Waste disposal, Sewage disposal.

Airports

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport – approximately 20 miles
Detroit City Airport – approximately 7 miles.



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Duluth



Lake Superior—Gitche Gumee, Hiawatha’s Shining Big Sea Waters—points like a finger at the Twin Ports of Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin. Founded as a trading post more than 300 years ago, the site that would become Duluth is located on the western-most tip of Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world. Originally settled by the Sioux (Dakota) and Chippewa (Ojibwa) peoples, Duluth was claimed for France in 1679 by Daniel Greysolon Sieur du Lhut, the city’s namesake. Here, on the edge of Lake Superior, sits a sprawling city cut out of the rugged northern Minnesota wilderness. A city bustling with activities and events, attractions and entertainment: a quiet city resting by the deep blue Lake Superior waters that surround it. The Port of Duluth-Superior welcomes ships from across the globe and visitors from around the world.

Recreation

Duluth’s cruise ship berth is immediately adjacent to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, Duluth Omnimax Theatre, William A. Irvin Ore Boat Museum, Great Lakes Aquarium, Bayfront Festival Park, Vista Fleet Harbor Excursions, Waterfront Plaza Marine, North Shore Scenic Railroad, Lake Superior Railroad Museum and The Depot. The berth is in the heart of the Canal Park and downtown shopping and restaurant districts, which also feature the Lakewalk, waterfront sculpture walk, Duluth Aerial Lift

Bridge and ship canal, Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center and several other attractions. Opportunities abound in and around Duluth and Superior to explore the rugged scenery of Lake Superior. From Canal Park at the foot of the Aerial Bridge, take the Lakewalk to Lief Ericson Park, which houses a replica Viking ship celebrating the discovery of North America. Across the Aerial Bridge is Park Point, a six-mile sand finger protecting Duluth and Superior from the Lake.

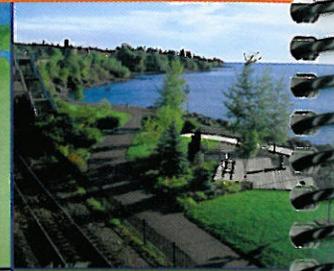
Historic Duluth

Duluth is the place to get the feel for marine and rail transportation in days gone by. The William A. Irvin in Duluth and the 1896-built whaleback S/S Meteor in nearby Superior provide fascinating tours. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Superior Visitor Center at the foot of Duluth’s famed Aerial Lift Bridge (built in 1905) offers a fine overview of the commercial shipping history of the Great Lakes. Ashore, the North Shore Scenic Railroad takes passengers on an 89-kilometer round trip between Duluth and Two Harbors in 1950s diesel “Budd Cars.” The depots at either end are themselves historic buildings. The Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad offers a shorter 19-kilometer round trip alongside the scenic St. Louis River—again the rolling stock is vintage. Any lover of history or the elegance of a bygone age must visit the estate of Glensheen, a stately 39-room Jacobean mansion on London Road, along the shore.

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Shopping

Among the many shopping explorations in Duluth are two historic locations right on the waterfront that offer specialty stores and crafts. The DeWitt Seitz Marketplace has 10 local arts and craft stores in a renovated Canal Park warehouse. Nearby, a converted 1857 brewery has become the home to 30 specialty shops and restaurants at Fitzer's on the Lake. Downtown Duluth also features a wide variety of shopping and dining.

Arts & Entertainment

The Depot is a cultural center of Duluth. Once the main railway station at the focus of seven different railway lines, the chateau style building of 1892 now houses three museums a visual arts center and four performing arts groups. Bayfront Park, meanwhile, has weekend open-air and musical attractions, including the Bayfront Blues Festival in August. During the season, the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra, the Duluth Ballet and other performing arts groups provide the best in entertainment, while the Tweed Museum of Art has nine galleries of American and European paintings. While perhaps not qualifying as art, the Fond-du-Luth Gaming Casino downtown offers one of the few places on the Great Lakes where visitors can try their luck.

Sports

If golf is your aim, then Duluth and Superior offer a dozen first-class, scenic public and private courses. Fishing Lake Superior, or one of the multitude of rivers and streams that flow into it, is an adventure. The Brule River, known as the river of Presidents for the many U.S. Presidents that have fished its waters, offers trout and steelhead. Fly-in and boat charters to other U.S. or Canadian locations can be readily arranged with 43 charter services operating out of Duluth and Superior. Numerous hiking and biking trails are available throughout the region.

Location

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Name of port

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Erie



A city born on the water of one of America's Great Lakes, Erie, Pennsylvania is a region with roots in the forging of our nation's democracy.

It was a frontier businessman who brought recognition to the area, financing an overseeing the building of a fleet of warships for the Battle of 1812. Daniel Dobbins crossed enemy lines to petition president Madison for funds to outfit a young, naval officer, Oliver Hazard Perry. History speaks well of Perry, who on defeating the British force, notified the president that "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

The Port of Erie is located on the southeast shore of Lake Erie in a natural bay formed and sheltered by Presque Isle peninsula. The crystal clear waters offer local residents and visitors from around the world yearlong recreation and relaxing natural beauty.

Recreation

Geologists believe that 11,000 years ago Erie was under a giant sheet of ice called a continental glacier. As the glacier retreated north, so much ice melted that a valley north of Erie became a lake. The waves of the new lake deposited sand and Presque Isle was formed.

Today, Presque Isle State Park is a 3,200-acre sandy peninsula that arches lakeward into Lake Erie. It offers environmental education and interpretive programs as well as seven miles of sandy beaches and numerous trails

for outdoor recreation. Activities include swimming, biking, hiking, birding, boating and more. Opening June 2006, Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC): educational programs, large format theater, observation tower, interactive exhibits, open to the public year-round!

Once the freshwater fishing capital of the world, Port Erie fishing continues to offer great sport to outdoorsmen. Bass, Perch and Walleye are plentiful in Lake Erie.

Port Erie features riverboat and sail cruises, bus shuttle and water taxi services, marinas, a transient boating facility and waterfront camping. Other attractions include:

- Bicentennial Tower, a 187-foot observation tower with two observation decks and markers of Erie's harbor history and geography;
- the Bayfront Gallery, an artist co-op featuring antique wares and local artistry;
- the Erie Maritime Museum, home port of the US Brig Niagara;
- Liberty Park, an 8.5 acre park with public access walkways, playground and the Pepsi amphitheater with community programming throughout the year.

Located along the waterfront, the Bayfront District includes restaurants, shopping, golf, wooden boat building, ADA accessible sail lessons, concerts, and other activities.

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Location

42 08.25 Latitude
80 05.15 Longitude

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History

Visitors can explore Erie's strong historical legacy with a tour of the preserved Blockhouse of General Anthony Wayne, or the authentic Dickson Tavern, or any one of the numerous historical museums in the county.

Erie is home port of the United States Brig Niagara, Oliver Hazard Perry's flagship. The Niagara is a living, three-dimensional part of America's history berthed in the Erie Maritime Museum. When she is not sailing the waters of Presque Isle Bay, the Niagara visits ports of call throughout the country.

Shopping

In addition to the unique wares of local artisans, Port Erie shopping opportunities abound. Superstores, outlets, restaurants and hotels join the giant 200+ stores at the Millcreek Mall to form an exciting shopping mecca for this region. Vacation dollars last longer in Erie because food and clothing are tax free in Pennsylvania.

Ports of Pennsylvania

PennPorts is the state agency that is the liaison to Pennsylvania's ports on all port-related issues. In this role, PennPorts promotes and stimulates investment, waterborne tourism and statewide commerce by facilitating port development, assisting in the improvement of intermodal transportation and fostering Pennsylvania port competitiveness globally.

The only port on the Great Lakes, the Port of Erie provides commercial and recreational opportunities to customers from around the world. Port amenities include the largest dry-dock and crane (200 ton) on the Great Lakes, a full-service shipyard, 300,000 sq. feet of warehouse space, a Foreign Trade Zone, an 80-acre Keystone Opportunity Zone, 6,000 feet of deep draft dock face and over 200 feet of private dock space.

Port Erie Cruise Terminal

In 2007, the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority will open a 16,000 sq/ft. Cruise Terminal. This state-of-the-art facility will include customs and immigration, pedestrian walkways, tour operators, motorcoach waiting areas and other amenities.



Cruising into the Port of

Little Current



The port of Little Current on Manitoulin Island is located on the North Channel of Lake Huron, in the centre of what is widely considered the greatest freshwater recreational boating area in the world. Manitoulin Island is the largest freshwater Island in the world and boasts communities that live as neighbours, but maintain their own identities: those of European and those of Ojibwe origin. It is the natural beauty of the waterways, the hospitable communities and the fascination with the Ojibwe culture that has allowed the cruise business to flourish on Manitoulin.

Little Current is a town of 1,500 people that today finds its primary industry in tourism. It is the financial and administrative centre of the eastern section of Manitoulin and has many shops and stores for the visitor to explore. Cruise visitors step off their ships to find themselves in the centre of the bustling downtown. The cruise ship shares the dock with both sailing and power craft of every description and with ports of registry from around the world.

Culture and Heritage

Little Current has several shops and galleries that cater to the visiting public. Many of the galleries feature works from well known local artists. The artistic themes are often the natural beauty of the area, sometimes mimicking sights visitors will see for themselves as they visit the Island.

The uniqueness of Manitoulin's glacial formed terrain has led to the establishment of several beautiful hiking trails. These have been incorporated into excursions for the physically fit, adventure seeking cruise visitor. Manitoulin is well known as one of the premier fishing destinations in Ontario and charter fishing is available at several locations throughout the island. Golf has become a very important holiday pastime and there are three golf courses located on Manitoulin. Tennis, cycling and archery are some of the other recreational activities that are available to Manitoulin visitors. Each summer, amateur astronomers from all over North America visit Manitoulin to gaze at its beautiful night skies.

The Ojibwe translation of Manitoulin means Great Spirit or God's Island. The entire area was once considered sacred ground for the Native people from central Canada and the north eastern United States. Just when "man" came to the Island, no one really knows, but archaeological digs in Sheguiandah, located 10 minutes south of the port of Little Current, show traces of human inhabitation over 9,500 years ago, one of the oldest traces of man on the North American continent.

Cruise visitors to Little Current pass under or through the Little Current swing bridge. The bridge was built in 1913 and is the only land link between Manitoulin and the rest of Northern Ontario. The bridge stayed open

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all the time, only closing when a train approached the Little Current station, thus allowing the busy North Channel shipping lanes to remain open.

After the Second World War, the bridge was modified for both rail and road use and, during the 1980s, rail traffic ceased entirely. The length of the swing bridge is 325 ft. and everything is controlled from the tower by an operator. The shipping channel is just over 100 ft. wide, over 20 ft. wider than the widest section of either the Welland Canal or the St. Lawrence Seaway. Today the bridge swings for 15 minutes at the top of the hour to allow recreational boats and commercial traffic to pass through the bridge. As many as 200 sail and power boats pass through the bridge each day in peak season. The current at the bridge can run at between three and four knots and the water height can vary by two feet on either side, east or westerly, as winds pile water on one or other side of this narrowest section of the North Channel.

Touring Manitoulin Island

Some of the shore excursions offered to cruise passengers at the Port of Little Current include a visit to the M'Chigeeng First Nation where they can experience a pow wow, an art/museum tour, a hiking tour or a golfing excursion. For those who prefer to go it alone and enjoy a stroll through the downtown, a guided walking tour of Little Current is offered by the local town historian at a nominal charge.

The pow wow excursion begins with a guided 30 minute coach transfer from the downtown Little Current dock to the M'Chigeeng First Nation. Passengers depart the coach at the M'Chigeeng Jesuit church. This unique church combines both Catholic traditions with the customs and beliefs that are part of Native heritage. Guests are welcomed to M'Chigeeng and are treated to a dance and drum presentation. This segment of the performance is narrated by one of the cast and the meaning of the various dances and songs is described. The performance concludes with audience participation as the cruise passengers are invited to join the circle and dance to the Native drum...and most do.

Sailing Directories

Chart 2294 – 2286 – 2205
Canadian Hydrographic
Services
Location: North shore
Manitoulin Island / northern
Lake Huron
45 58.20 'N ; 81 53.59 'W

Charges

Berthage: \$1.50 ft.
Passenger fee: N/A

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Michigan



Welcome to Michigan—a land of sparkling blue waters, untamed wilderness and warm hospitality.

Michigan is defined not only by its vast expanses of water but also by the forests that cover more than 30,000 square miles—more than half the size of the state. Lakes, campgrounds, wildlife refuges, and 99 state parks and recreation areas scattered throughout these vast forests create a wide variety of recreational pursuits. Rivers for canoeing, kayaking, fishing and swimming, and thousands of miles of hiking, biking, riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling trails thread their way among some 100 species of trees.

Michigan's Maritime Shores

Michigan's tens of thousands of square miles of Great Lakes and inland waterways teem with more than 140 varieties of fish—ranging from finger-sized smelt to 20- and 30-pound Chinook salmon and lake trout.

Hundreds of islands dot Michigan waters. Isle Royale National Park is a remote wilderness retreat in Lake Superior where wolves and moose roam free. Mackinac Island, located in the Straits of Mackinac, is a lush 19th-century resort fixed firmly in the Victorian era—a car-free island dominated by an 18th-century fort and the more than a century-old Grand Hotel, America's largest summer resort hotel.

A maritime climate has blessed Michigan agriculture with one of the most diverse ranges of crops in the United States and thrice-blessed golfers with more public courses (more than 800) than any other state, with long hours of daylight in summer and a lingering autumn season that can stretch into early December. It is no wonder that Michigan visitors enjoy fruit right off the tree, fine wine from local vintners, golf on designer courses with some of the finest turf grass available, and nearly a score of some of the best and largest resorts in the Midwest.

That same maritime climate guarantees a steady stream of snow-laden winds from the Great Lakes all winter long—making Michigan the winter sports capital of the Midwest—with more than 40 downhill ski areas, more than 6,000 miles of snowmobile trails, some 3,500 kilometers of cross-country ski paths, dogsled races, ice fishing and a full season of winter festivals. And, Michigan's Upper Peninsula was recently rated by Snow-Goer magazine readers as the "Best Overall Snowmobiling" area in the country.

Michigan's Upper Peninsula

The Upper Peninsula, which is 90 percent forested, retains its aura of accessible wilderness. Vast wildlife and waterfowl refuges, 150 waterfalls, Ernest Hemingway's "Big Two-Hearted River," Hiawatha's Tahquamenon Falls, iron mines, copper mines, the Soo Locks (where ocean-going freighters make

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the 21-foot leap from Lake Superior to Lake Huron and then to the rest of the world's shipping lanes) are well within an easy drive of one another.

And Detroit, the eighth largest metropolitan area in the United States, boasts one of the United State's largest and finest art museums, a world-renowned symphony orchestra, a revitalized theater district, one of America's finest restaurants (according to Conde Nast Traveler magazine), the home of the Motown sound (and the refurbished Motown Museum), the largest African American history museum in the country, homes of the "Auto Barons," major league sports, and America's most popular indoor/outdoor history museum complex—The Henry Ford. Is it any wonder that some 36 million travelers choose to vacation in Michigan annually, contributing more than 15 billion dollars to its economy?

Michigan and its lakes—both Great and small—make up a place that is unlike anyplace else in the world. It is this uniqueness that behooves us to reflect on these extraordinary resources, our impact on them, our stewardship of them, and our obligation to pass them on to future generations.

Michigan:

Great Lakes. Great Time.

Land area: 56,804 square miles
Population: 9,938,444
State Capital: Lansing
Largest city: Detroit
Local time: EST

Climate

Michigan enjoys four distinct seasons. Temperatures range from an average low of 6 degrees Fahrenheit in January in the Upper Peninsula, to an average of 83 degrees Fahrenheit in July in the Lower Peninsula.

National Park

Isle Royale National Park

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If you only see one thing

Sleeping Bear Dunes National
Lakeshore in Empire,
Michigan.



Ohio



Ohio's 262-mile Lake Erie shoreline encompasses great cities, but also provides world-renowned fishing, clean beaches, busy new marinas and a wonderful system of lakeshore parks. The bald eagle, America's symbol of freedom and independence, thrives again in the lake's coastal marshes – as do many other wildlife and plant species. Water clarity is the finest it has been in many generations, and Lake Erie is one of the nation's top destinations for sportfishing.

The varied ecosystems offer interpretive and vast experiences for visitors to any of the natural attractions. Fishing for walleye, yellow perch, bluegill, crappie, white bass and freshwater drum is popular along Lake Erie. Visitors will experience first hand hundreds of acres of endangered plants, birds and other wildlife in their natural habitat as well as beach fronts and marshland.

Maumee Bay State Park

Located just east of the port city of Toledo, Maumee Bay State Park is a crown jewel of Ohio's popular state park system. Visitors here will find an up-close view of a unique Great Lakes coastal environment where plants and animals abound. A two-mile boardwalk traverses swamps and marsh wetlands that are home to more kinds of wildlife than any other habitat in the world. Cattails, buttonbush, and black willow are just a few examples of the marsh plants that flourish within the park.

Magee Marsh and Crane Creek

The 2,600-acre Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area, located about a 30-minute drive east of Toledo, is a birdwatcher's paradise. An Ohio Watchable Wildlife Area, Magee Marsh also houses a rustic Sportsmen Migratory Bird Center where visitors can see exhibits of Lake Erie wildlife and observe actual wildlife activity.

Crane Creek State Park adjoins Magee Marsh. The park derives its name from the many great blue herons and egrets – often misidentified as cranes – which abound in the marsh habitat.

Marblehead Lighthouse

Marblehead Lighthouse, located on the Marblehead Peninsula of Sandusky Bay, has been a friendly beacon to Lake Erie boaters since 1822. In fact, Marblehead Lighthouse is the oldest continuously operated lighthouse on the Great Lakes!

Rocky Point, the rugged limestone promontory on which the lighthouse stands, marks Lake Erie's entrance to Sandusky Bay. Free public tours of the lighthouse and nearby keeper's house are offered on warm-weather weekends. On tour days, visitors may climb the 87 steps of the lighthouse tower's spiral iron staircase for a commanding view of the Lake Erie coast and the Erie Islands beyond.

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Kelleys Island

Just a few miles across Sandusky Bay from Marblehead Peninsula lies Kelleys Island, which appears on the National Register of Historic Places. Known as a festive summer tourist attraction with restaurants and shops, it also is widely heralded for its natural areas and wildlife observation opportunities.

Glacial Grooves State memorial, a geological landmark formed 32,000 years ago by the scouring action of glaciers, are the largest such formations in the United States.

Old Woman Creek Reserve

The Old Woman Creek Reserve (east of Huron) is one of 22 national estuarine research reserves in the country. A partnership between the State of Ohio and the federal government, it is the only such facility on the Great Lakes.

It is the mingling of waters from Old Woman Creek and Lake Erie that make the reserve one of the most studied natural areas in Ohio. A visitors' center includes nature exhibits and a living stream aquarium where viewers can observe up close the fish that live in the creek. A variety of walking trails crisscross the reserve.

Cleveland Lakefront State Park

Cleveland Lakefront State Park (actually six separate parks and marinas on the Cleveland lakefront) is a natural and scenic relief to the busy metropolitan skyline of this American city, famous for its diverse neighborhoods and cultures. A 10.5 mile bikeway now connects a number of parks along the Lake Erie shore. Popular attractions, such as the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center and Browns Stadium are situated on the bikeway.

Headlands Beach State Park – Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve

East of Mentor in Lake County lies Headlands Beach State Park and Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, one of the most historic and diverse beach habitats on the Great Lakes.

South of Headlands State Park is Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, a National Natural Landmark. The preserve is home to varied plant and animal life and includes a five-mile hiking trails. Fairport Harbor Marine Museum is nearby, as is the Fairport Harbor Lighthouse and adjoining keeper's quarters.



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Parry Sound



Located on the shores of Georgian Bay, the Huron First Nation recognized this area as a “holiday land” more than a century ago. The Ojibway established the first village - “Wausakwasne” - at the mouth of the Seguin River, and the area still fits the translation as the “shining shore.”

The first outside visitor to Georgian Bay was Samuel de Champlain who came by way of Pointe au Baril in 1915. Later, European colonists came for the lumber. Schooners and steamers were the lifeline for the settlements. Homesteaders were soon followed by vacationers who came to relax in a town that is at the heart of the 30,000 islands, forests, lakes, streams and the rugged beauty of pink granite of the Canadian Shield. Georgian Bay has been called the sixth Great Lake as it is almost as large as Lake Ontario. The trees and rocks of these island shorelines were inspiration for the Group of Seven who painted its wild beauty.

Much of Parry Sound’s history is recaptured in the West Parry Sound District Museum’s exhibitions.

Recreation

How to explore all that Parry Sound has to offer? Obviously a boat cruise through and around some of the islands is one relaxing and informative approach, but an air tour by float plane or helicopter gives a truly unique perspective. There are four provincial parks within easy reach of Parry Sound, as well

as many walking tours and a fitness trail that takes in many of the historic & visual attributes of Parry Sound as it ambles 6.5 kilometres (4 miles) along the Georgian Bay shoreline. If outdoor adventure is your passion, local out-trippers will guide you through the 30,000 Islands.

Shopping

History and shopping go hand-in-hand in Parry Sound as many of the historic buildings are still in use as stores, galleries and studios. Parry Sound is the home to many fine artists and craftspeople - working in oils, watercolors, wood carving and turning, stained glass, antique printing, sculptures, fine stoneware and porcelain, photography, weaving and traditional canoe building.

Arts & Entertainment

Parry Sound is rich with arts & entertainment. The 480 seat, acoustically-perfect performance hall located in the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts is home to the Festival of the Sound, Canada’s premier summer music festival. It is the winner of the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for the Arts in recognition of its exceptional level of community involvement. The Stockey Centre’s architecture combines the cottage theme with the natural surroundings of Georgian Bay. Featuring everything from folk/roots music to classical/blues/jazz, the Stockey Centre offers year-round entertainment for many.

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The Parry Sound Station Gallery is a working gallery, showcasing local artisans. Located in a former Canadian Pacific station, the Station Gallery is also an exciting venue for train/railway enthusiasts.

Parry Sound truly is the world-renowned jewel of the 30,000 Islands on Georgian Bay. Come see for yourself!

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Cruising into the Port of

Port Huron



“The Gateway to the Upper Great Lakes”

After centuries of welcoming sea travelers to the splendors of the North, Port Huron is once again becoming the premier hub and most active cruise ship terminal on the Great Lakes.

In 2002, Acheson Ventures, a local philanthropic organization dedicated to community redevelopment and co-partner in the Great Lakes Cruise Company, completed renovation of the city’s Southside docking facility, transforming it into a completely modern cruise ship terminal. Featuring a water depth of 26 ft. and a substantial 1000 ft. dock, the terminal is located in a residential setting and is easily accessible to cruise passengers.

Strategically located at the heart of the bustling passageway to the North, Port Huron has a long and unique history, which captures the spirit of the quintessential Great Lakes maritime community. Originating as a fur trapping and trading site, it grew into a large lumbering town, and eventually became a settled and progressive community. It is one of the oldest settlements in the state of Michigan.

As early as 4,000 years ago, recognizing the beauty and rich resources of the area, Native American Mound Builders constructed the first permanent settlements on the shores of the St. Clair River. Since the fur trade of the 1600s, Europeans have fought to control and

protect this vital gateway, along with the region’s resources including: forestry, ship-building, shipping and, eventually, rail transportation.

Following the War of 1812, the United States claimed victory with the construction of Fort Gratiot at the mouth of the St. Clair. Thus began the settlement that would grow into a modern day recreational wonderland complete with luxury hotels, superb cuisine, and a thriving historic downtown shopping district.

As part of its distinguished Great Lakes history, Port Huron is home to not only Michigan’s oldest continuously operating lighthouse – the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse – but also the Huron Lightship, the last remaining lightship on the Great Lakes. Tours of the lighthouse offer insight into the fascinating and sometimes tragic world of mariners on these inland seas. Now a museum, the lightship sits at the edge of the St. Clair River, saluting the passing freighters.

Thomas Edison Depot Museum

Opened on February 11, 2001, in the shadow of the Blue Water Bridge—which spans across the river to Samia, Ontario—lies the Thomas Edison Depot Museum. The Depot Museum was the second satellite facility to open of what is now known as the Port Huron Museums. It is housed inside the historic Fort Gratiot depot built in 1858 by the Grand Trunk Railway, and is the actual depot that

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Thomas Edison worked out of as a news butcher between 1859 and 1863. Trains connecting here carried people and freight between Port Huron and Detroit, Point Edward/Sarnia (Ontario), and other destinations, linking Port Huron to the world.

The Life of an Inventor

The exhibits portray Edison's multi-faceted story of creativity, family support, adversity, perseverance, and ultimate triumph as the greatest inventor of our times. Re-created period environments and hands-on inter actives invite visitors to become participants in this inspiring story and encourage them to apply their own creativity and ingenuity as they learn about Edison's life and his inventions. The story traces the Edison family's relocation from Ohio to Port Huron, young Tom's boyhood and school experiences, his avid curiosity and scientific study fostered by his mother, adolescent entrepreneurial efforts and his work on trains in this very depot. A transitional area depicts Edison's struggles as a young adult as he drifted from one job to another, experiencing repeated setbacks in his inventions. This leads into the story of Edison the inventor. His successes and great contributions to society are presented through a sit-down theater experience, live science presentations, and hands-on inter actives.

In his writings and conversations, Thomas Edison often referred to his formative years in Port Huron. It is a place rich in history with connections to many great people and events. Outdoor exhibits surround the depot, providing insights into this heritage, highlighting Native American settlements, historic forts, the city's transportation links, and its importance as an immigration gateway to the United States.

Railroad Baggage Car

Outside the depot, a restored baggage car rests on a spur of railroad track. Inside this baggage car, visitors discover a re-creation of young Edison's mobile chemistry lab and printing shop. This is also the unique setting for the Museum's gift shop, encouraging visitors to take home part of their experience at the Thomas Edison Depot Museum.



Thomas Edison Depot Museum

Special Events

The depot museum has two major special events each year: the Thomas Edison Birthday Celebration (held the Saturday closest to Edison's actual Birthday of February 11th) and the Hobo Festival, held the last weekend of September. In the past, these events have included telegraphy and phonograph displays, demonstration of a galley proof press similar to that Edison would have used, and live music and entertainment.

Cruising Through the

St. Lawrence Seaway



Stretching more than 2,340 miles (3,700 kilometers) from the Atlantic Ocean to the heart of North America, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System is one of the world's greatest and most strategic commercial waterways. Meticulously maintained and upgraded with the latest navigation and traffic management technology, the Seaway has an unparalleled record for safety and reliability.

The St. Lawrence Seaway was built as a binational partnership between the U.S. and Canada, and continues to operate as such. Construction of the 189-mile (306-kilometer) stretch of the Seaway System between Montreal and Lake Ontario was recognized as one of the most challenging engineering feats in history, overshadowing the Suez Canal built in 1869, and even the Panama Canal built in 1914. Seven locks were built in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section of the Seaway, five Canadian and two U.S. lifting vessels to 246 feet (75 meters) above sea level.

Opened to navigation in 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway has moved more than 2.4 billion metric tons of cargo in its almost five decades, with an estimated value of US\$400 billion. Administration of the St. Lawrence Seaway System is shared by two entities, the U.S. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation a not-for-profit corporation. Both

agencies share responsibility for maintaining aids to navigation (from buoys, lights and channel markers to sophisticated electronic positioning systems used by large commercial vessels) throughout the Lakes. They also operate marine communication and vessel traffic systems that coordinate the movement of commercial vessels in the waterway.

They System is used by a wide variety of vessel types including Seaway-size ocean ships from all over the world, self-unloading bulk carriers up to 1,000 feet (305-meters) trading exclusively within the Great Lakes, and tug/barge units linking the Great Lakes Seaway System to the U.S. inland waterway reaching all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. Due to the locks and bridges found in the System, no vessel larger than 227.7 meters in length (740 feet) and 24 meters (78 feet) in birth can enter the System. All cruise ships entering the System require special fittings such as fenders, moorings and anchors, and must not exceed the maximum permitted air draft of 35.5 meters (116.5 feet).

The SLSDC and SLSMC offer assistance to individuals and companies that bring passenger cruise ships into the System. A vessel drawing review service is provided free of charge. Seaway personnel will review the drawings and provide comments and recommendations. We urge our customers to take advantage of this service prior to first entry into the System.

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Cruising Through the

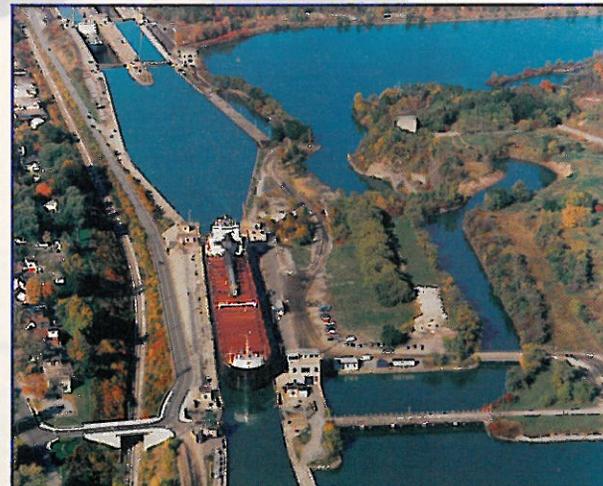
Welland Canal



The Welland Canal

An incredible feat of engineering, the Welland Canal was built to bypass the falls and rapids of the Niagara River, allowing the uninterrupted movement of goods and people between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. William Hamilton Merritt, a businessman from Upper Canada, is given much of the credit for building the first canal. The construction of the First Welland Canal was completed in 1829, marked the first segment of the modern Seaway to have been built. Rebuilt on three different occasions, the fourth and current canal was completed in 1932, a century after the first canal with its 40 wooden locks. The Welland Canal lifts ships 99.5 meters or 326.5 feet over the Niagara Escarpment in 8 locks, with most of the rise occurring in only eight miles. Three of the locks are designed as a continuous flight, or staircase, made necessary because of the steepness of the escarpment at that point.

There are many compelling reasons for cruising the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System. We are committed to making your voyage through our inland seas a smooth and memorable experience. We welcome the opportunity to serve you and invite you to contact us at: 800-785-2779 or www.greatlakes-seaway.com.



The Seaway Locks

Together, the locks make up the world's most spectacular lift system. Ships measuring up to 227.7 meters in length (or 740 feet) and 24 meters (or 78 feet) in the beam are routinely raised to more than 180 meters above sea level, as high as a 60-story building. The ships are twice as long and half as wide as a football field and carry cargo equivalent to 1,000 loaded cement trucks.

Lock Facts

Each Seaway lock holds 21 million gallons of water, equivalent to roughly 30 Olympic-sized swimming pools. The locks use the law of gravity to fill and empty. To raise a ship, the upstream lock valves are opened and the water flows in. To lower a vessel, the downstream valves are opened and the water flows out. Lockages require about 30 minutes from start to finish.



Cruising into the Port of

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario



Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, is strategically located at the heart of the Great Lakes and invites visitors from near and far. This beautiful waterfront city offers an exciting blend of adventure and attractions for all ages to experience. Sault Ste. Marie, an International City enjoys a close relationship with our Michigan twin sister city. Sharing the St. Marys River that joins Lake Superior with Lake Huron, the Sault area is historically known as “Bawating” or the ‘meeting place”. The waterway played a pivotal role in the creation of Sault Ste. Marie as a community and to this day the waterfront is the very heart of the city and alive with activity throughout the year.

Recreation

Sault Ste. Marie has a lot to offer for recreational enjoyment within the city and the surrounding district. The Roberta Bondar Park and Tent Pavilion, named after Canada’s first female astronaut and Sault native, Dr. Roberta Bondar, is located on the waterfront is one of the most visible landmarks. This site often plays hosts to local concerts, festivals, and special events all summer long and houses the Museum Ship Norgoma, a historic vessel that transported cargo and passengers in the 50’s & 60’s.

The internationally known Algoma Central Railway train excursion to the Agawa Canyon is a one-day 114-mile journey through some of the most spectacular terrain in rugged beautiful Northern Ontario. While on

board, you will experience brilliant landscape images created by a breathtaking blend of mixed forest and natural granite rock formations. This is the Canadian Shield in its entire splendor, a memorable trip at any time. The tour is offered in summer, winter and fall with the full cavalcade of colors drawing visitors by the thousands.

Arts and Culture

All visitors are encouraged to discover the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre. The centre is the only facility in North America dedicated to the history of both the Bushplane and Forest Fire Management. A life like trip in the flight simulator puts visitors in the pilot seat as they soar above the beauty of Algoma. Don’t miss the spectacular Object Theatre presentation “Wings Over the North”. It will have you sitting on the edge of your seat!

Book an impressive two-hour sightseeing cruise with Lock Tours Canada. Group, dinner or special event cruises, all available through one of the busiest canal systems in the world.

Tour the highly praised Art Gallery of Algoma, located on the waterfront adjacent to a downtown park area. It features a remarkable permanent collection of over 4,000 works representing contemporary and historical Canadian art. A charming gift shop is on site and open year round, seven days a week.

History buffs should not miss the chance to

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visit the Sault Ste. Marie Museum. Originally built as the city's Post Office in 1906, the museum has three floors of interactive exhibit galleries that is enjoyable for the whole family. Or take a tour through the oldest stone house west of Toronto, the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site. Built in 1814, this original structure allows visitors to step back in time.

The excitement never stops! Casino Sault Ste. Marie is waiting to welcome you any day, any time, year-round. Their 35,000 square feet of gaming includes an impressive array of 450 slots and a selection of 16 table games.

Families with children of all ages are invited to visit the Spruce Haven Zoo. Enjoy the wilderness delights preserved for your pleasure at the Zoo with more than 100 residents with origins from around the world, this family attraction features a picturesque wild-life setting with animals uncommon to our area.

One of the parts of this city most enjoyed by visitors and locals alike is the St. Marys River boardwalk and waterfront park. This beautifully landscaped and well lit area provides an interesting route for a walking tour of the Sault Ste. Marie waterfront, from the downtown marina to the end of the pier under the International bridge which links Canada and the United States. Stop at the Station Mall featuring over 130 stores, including restaurants and specialty stores for a day of shopping.

Contact Tourism Sault Ste. Marie for a visitor's package or further information on accommodations, attractions and great events for all seasons of the year.

99 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada P6A 5X6
Toll-Free: 1-800-461-6020, Fax: 705-759-2185

Port Authority

Ron Lamon, Harbour Master
(705) 946-0800, Fax (705) 759-2004

Sailing Directions

Chart number 14883, 14884, Pilotage compulsory

Accommodation

Bondar dock 500 feet @ 18 feet depth. Water, sewage, foreign refuse removal and telephone available by arrangement

Tugs

Optional, but 6 available from 600-3500 HP
Contact: Purvis marine
(705) 253-3038

Charges

Pilots: Per tariff
Tugs: Flat rate \$1,200 per call

Agents

Soo marine Services
(705) 256-6357

Ship Services

Marine Bunkers and Lubricating Oils

McDougall Fuels
(705) 949 6202
Leclair Fuels (705) 945-8242

Victualling

City meat market
(705) 256-2271

Marine Contractors

Purvis Marine (705) 253-3038

Electrical Contractors

S&T Electric (705) 942-3043
Mutual Electric (705) 256-6226

Waste Oil Disposal

H. Wellwood and Sons
(705) 946-5352

Garbage Disposal

Canadian Waste
(705) 254-5050

Sewage Disposal

H. Wellwood and Sons
(705) 946-5352

Electronics

Quadra Communications
(705) 945-0258

Motor Coach Transfers

Algoma Adventures
(705) 779-3031

Airport

Sault Ste. Marie
(705) 799-3031
10.5 Miles West of the city.



Cruising into the Port of

Thunder Bay



The Port of Thunder Bay is located at the head of the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway system and in the heart of the North America Continent. Nestled on the shores of Lake Superior, at the base of the Nor'Wester Mountains, Thunder Bay's outdoor paradise is one of the most dynamic "Cultural Capital's of Canada". The City by the Bay is the largest community on Lake Superior and recognised as a world class tourism destination. Experience the harmony of a city rich in wide-open green spaces, parks and wilderness – yet a major centre for visual and performing arts, culture and entertaining. A city with deeply rooted European and Aboriginal cultures presents visitors with an exciting and educational adventure. Thunder Bay's vast trading and meeting network began over 10,000 years ago with Canada's First Nation People

Exploration Heritage

When the North West Company built Fort William in 1798, it quickly became a lively community of Scottish traders, French voyageurs and Native trappers. Today, a colourful cast of authentically costumed characters recreates life from that era at Fort William Historical Park – the world's largest re-created fur trading post, and a "Top-10" Canada Visitor Attraction. Ojibwa Keeshigun, a traditional pow-wow held annually at Fort William Historical Park, offers colourful glimpses of our Native culture.

As the fur trade declined, immigrants from around the globe were drawn here by new industries, but the forest industry was a special attraction for the Finns. Even today, Thunder Bay boasts one of the largest settlements of Finnish people outside Finland. The ethnic diversity of our community is evident in the omnipresent saunas and the unique shops throughout the community.

Enjoy sensational shopping and delectable dining situated amongst beautiful views and unique and friendly neighbourhoods. We are recognised as the premier shopping centre of Northwestern Ontario and a great culinary destination. A stroll through the various business districts will give you a sample of our city's many offerings. Not only will you find the best brands in upscale boutiques but also the bargains at outlet stores, national chains and department stores. If local treasures and one of a kind gifts and keepsakes are what you desire, you will be especially pleased and impressed by the number of Arts & Craft Studios and Galleries located in the area.

Visit the "Niagara of the North"! Kakabeka Falls is a majestic 40 metre high waterfall and steep, rock-walled river canyon. Excellent viewing advantages are provided from the boardwalk and observation pods. Watch the entire cheese-making process in operation at Thunder Oak Cheese Farm. This creamy Dutch cheese has long been a favourite of cheese lovers around the world.

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"Take a walk through the Past" at Founders Museum & Pioneer Village. An early 1900's Heritage Village has been recreated with intriguing artefacts on display throughout the site. Hillcrest Park offers a panoramic view of the harbour and the famous Sleeping Giant. Another unique experience awaits at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery where a permanent collection of First Nations art promises to be the highlight of your visit. Additionally, exhibitions by regional, national and international artists offer something for everyone. The Centennial Conservatory offers a vast glass and concrete structure that houses displays of tropical plants, desert cacti and seasonal flower arrangements. Marina Park is another great place to enjoy the lakeshore. It is dotted with shops, historical displays, art galleries, restaurants and a full-service marina.

Thunder Mountain

For the more active visitor, within the city limits there are over 150 developed parks, 34 km's of recreational trails/walkways, greenbelts and shoreline areas waiting to be explored. Did you know you can mountain hike in Thunder Bay? The city's southern landscape is dominated by the towering 482-metre Mount McKay, known in Ojibway as "Thunder Mountain." Visitors can trek the skyline walkway with a magnificent view of the city and harbour, or walk-hike up the eastern face of the mountain directly to the top!

Old is new again when you visit Chippewa Park on the shores of Lake Superior, a family destination of choice for over 80 years. You'll find a children's playground, long sweeping beach, a small amusement park and a large Wildlife Exhibit featuring animals native to our area.

The Thunder Bay Charity Casino offers world class gaming in an authentic Northwestern Ontario setting. Ante up for exciting table game action like Blackjack, Caribbean Stud Poker, Hold'em Poker and Roulette, or take in the fun and excitement with the 450 slot machines.

Ethnic diversity is one of Thunder Bay's greatest assets, and it shows most clearly in the cultural events and festivals that visitors have come to enjoy. We love to celebrate the best in music, the arts and sport and value our reputation as a warm and exciting cultural centre.

Contact:

Dept. of Tourism & Economic Development, Box 800
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5K4
Direct Line (807)625-3231
Office: (807) 625-3960
Fax: (807) 623-3962
Toll Free 1-800-668-9360
Website: www.ThunderBay.com

Port of Thunder Bay

Executive Director:
Mr. Tim Heney
Tel (807) 345-6400
Fax (807) 345-9058
Email: tim@tbport.on.ca

Distance

A one-way voyage through the Seaway to Thunder Bay takes about five days.

Hours of Operation

The Port and the Seaway System operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from the end of March through late-December.

Facilities

Thunder Bay has port facilities for handling all types of cargo and is served by both CN and CP Railways, as well as major Canadian trucking companies. Numerous berths mean quick and efficient turn-around time for the more than 400 ships that visit the port each year.

Coast Guard

Canadian Coast Guard
Tel (807) 345-6311

Airport

Thunder Bay International Airport Authority Inc.
Tel (807) 473-2602

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Toledo



Toledo is a city of quiet, tree lined streets with children on bicycles, outdoor concerts on a hot summer's evening, friendly neighborhoods, good cheer, and a civilized balance between city bustle and mid-western attitudes. This is Toledo on the Maumee River where the riverfront is full of small boat docks, fountains, sculptures and flying flags. Once the site of dingy warehouses and deserted streets, Toledo's waterfront has been reinvented, with an eclectic blend of old and new, as a user-friendly promenade peppered with shoppers, strollers and folks just watching the river go by. Within easy reach are historic neighborhoods, riverside parks, specialty stores, a farmers market and Erie Street Market.

Recreation

Why not take a trip to one of America's best zoos? The Toledo Zoo sits on 30 acres of land and has nearly 2,000 animals of 400 species. There are many opportunities to celebrate Toledo's rich and varied ancestry during the year, with celebrations of Irish, German, Greek, Polish, Mexican and Hungarian heritage, as well as the Toledo Pow Wow. For the young at heart, the Center of Science and Industry (C.O.S.I.), a hands-on museum, is located downtown on the waterfront. For bird watchers, try a visit to Crane Creek of Metzgers Marsh. However, with 9 Metro Parks, including Oak Openings and Wildwood Preserve, there are a multitude of opportunities during the season. The new

Maumee Bay State Park on Lake Erie features many recreational opportunities including an 18 hole Scottish links, bicycling and miles of boardwalk.

Historic Toledo

Toledo and nearby communities are a treasure trove for those seeking a taste of simpler days. In the Old West End, a leisurely stroll will take you around 20 examples from one of the USA's richest collections of late Victorian houses. Just a short drive from Toledo is historic Waterville while further upstream on the Maumee River is Grand Rapids.

Holy Toledo! Why not tour some of Toledo's numerous and architecturally brilliant churches and see for yourself why we're known internationally as Holy Toledo.

For a glimpse of the Great Lakes marine industry in years gone by, why not pay a visit to the S.S. Willis B. Boyer, a carefully restored lake freighter built in 1911, which is moored at International Park across from downtown Toledo. Other historic treasures in and around Toledo include the Wolcott House Museum Complex, Fort Meigs-the largest walled fortification in America- built in 1813, and Sauder Farm and Craft Village, in nearby Archbold.

Shopping

Toledo and the neighboring communities of Waterville and the restored canal town

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Toledo



of Grand Rapids have many specialized shopping opportunities. The downtown waterfront has a variety of craft and antique stores to choose from, while Libbey Glass has a specialty store featuring their stem and decorated glassware. Custom glassware may also be ordered. Glass blowing demonstrations and glass products are also available at the US Glass Specialties store.

Arts & Entertainment

The Toledo Museum of Art is a building of exceptional beauty and houses a fine collection of works by artists such as El Greco, Rubens, Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Turner, Van Gogh, Degas, Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Remington, Hopper and Nevelson. However, if you have in mind owning your own new master, the Sea Gate Art Gallery exhibits works of art for sale by local artists. The Toledo Opera, Toledo Ballet and Toledo Symphony round out a rich Arts scene. But what really sets Toledo apart are the many jazz cafés and restaurants that continue the tradition of the great jazz era. Speaking of cafés, let us not forget that Toledo is the home of Corporal Klinger's favorite Hungarian restaurant-Tony Packo's-the place where man bites dog every day.

Fishing

Toledo is considered by many to be the "Walleye Capital of the World". Fishing the Maumee River and Western Lake Erie is a real pleasure. Walleye are in the river from late March to late May, then white bass from mid May to mid June. If you would sooner fish out in open water, then the walleye are schooling between early April and early August, although the daily bag limit is only 5 fish. Walleye are the most plentiful, but white bass and occasionally coho salmon are caught. Back in the river during the summer, smallmouth bass are a popular catch.

Port Authority

Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
Kelly Rivera Nye, Special Assistant to the President
One Maritime Plaza Toledo, Ohio 43604-1866
(phone) 419-243-8251 (fax) 419-243-1835

Sailing Directions

Charts 14830, 14846, 14847. Pilotage: Compulsory

Accommodation

City of Toledo Docks
International Park
26 Main Street, Toledo, Ohio
43605
Depth: 20ft., Minimum 14 ft.
Length: 1,399 ft. of Maumee
Riverfront
Services: All utilities and
services available

Tugs (optional)

Great Lakes Towing Company
1800 Terminal Tower-50 Publ
Square, Cleveland, Ohio
44113-2204

Charges

Pilots: Dependent on Ports of
origin/destination & vessel size
Tugs: Non-contract rate
\$200/tug

Agents

Columbus Shipping & Trading
Agency, Inc. P.O. Box 45341
Westlake, Ohio 44145
(phone) 440-617-9907
(fax) 440-617-9908
(mobile) 216-214-7990
Thomas R. Gierszal/
columbusshipping@att.net
World Shipping, Inc.
35150 Nankin Blvd., Suite 107
Westland, MI 48185-2091
(phone) 734-421-4500
(fax) 734-421-3240
Steve Conner, Bob Audy

Ship Services

Bunkering

Warren Petroleum
(phone) 517-386-4350
(fax) 517-386-2045
(phone) 419-727-3805

Disposal Services

Cousins Waste Control
Corporation
Robert Peterson
1801 E. Matzinger Road
Toledo, Ohio 43612
(phone) 419-726-1500



Cruising into the Port of

Toronto



Toronto continues to be an ideal destination for cruise ships. Friendly, exciting, diverse, and enchanting. Toronto is a city of parks and urban trails, fine dining, museums, culture, history, sports, and shopping. It offers cruise ship passengers an excellent opportunity to indulge in a lavish variety of entertainment and recreation just moments away from dockside. There is a world around every corner, and a wealth of vibrant and varied neighbourhoods. A visitor becomes a cultural adventurer. From the refreshing waterfront on Queens Quay to the energetic Greektown to the haute couture in Yorkville, Toronto offers something for everyone.

Historic Toronto

The origin of the word 'Toronto' is well suited to the cruise industry and derives from the native Huron language and means "meeting place by the water". See the city and the lakefront from a bird's eye view by taking a ride up the famous CN Tower, one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Its breathtaking panoramic views are an experience not to miss.

Allow time to visit the internationally renowned Royal Ontario Museum with its unique antiquities. See spectacular works at the Art Gallery of Ontario or drop by the extraordinary Bata Shoe Museum with its one-of-a-kind shoe collection. The Ontario

Science Centre offers intriguing exhibits that explain natural phenomena while history thrives at the spectacular Casa Loma (castle on the hill) and old Fort York.

Shopping

Toronto is the place for the dedicated shopaholic. From the boutiques at Queens Quay and the craft and antique markets of the St. Lawrence Market to the soaring spaces of the Eaton Centre, the upmarket stores of Yorkville and Hazelton Lanes, and the mall outlets just outside the downtown core. Visitors are able to find a broad range of unique hand-crafted Canadian gifts such as precious jewelry or Inuit artwork. If you are looking for something different, then one of the many ethnic neighbourhoods may be just the place to explore, from Chinatown to Little Italy, and all the stops in between you are sure to find that perfect souvenir.

Arts and Entertainment

Toronto is home to a vast array of award-winning theatre and performing arts with the Canadian Opera Company, the National Ballet of Canada, and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra all based here. At any time, a hit Broadway musical or a stellar new production of a drama or comedy is featured on one of Toronto's more than 25 professional stages. Currently, the World Premiere of The Lord of the Rings musical has taken the city by storm. This \$28 million production is playing at the

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famed Princess of Wales Theatre and entertaining audiences with an incredible adventure to Middle Earth.

Every weekend the city plays host to a spectacular special event or festival. The sensational Caribana captures the thrill and excitement through its Caribbean mardi gras parade and celebration, the action and suspense of championship auto racing can be found during the Molson Indy, the Downtown Jazz Festival hits the right note with all musical tastes, and the Celebrate Toronto Street Festival is an enormous weekend family party that takes place along Yonge Street, the longest street in the world.

The 7,000 restaurants in Toronto cater to every palette imaginable. French, Thai, Italian, East Indian, Greek, Chinese, German, Tibetan, and Vietnamese are just a few of the cuisines from around the world that may be discovered on a romantic stroll through the city. For nighthawks, the downtown club scene offers the latest and greatest in musical styles ranging from easy listening jazz vocalists to the pulsating dance beats of hip hop and electrifying techno.

Sports

For sport enthusiasts, the Rogers Centre and the Air Canada Centre are the best venues for seeing first-class major league sporting events. These top-rated facilities are home to Toronto Blue Jays baseball, Toronto Raptors basketball, Toronto Argonauts football, Toronto Rock lacrosse, and Toronto Maple Leaf hockey depending on the time of the year. International tennis, golf, sailing, and horse racing championship tournaments also take place during the summer months. For the golfer, Toronto offers some of the finest private and public courses in the world.

Toronto is truly a cruise director's dream. With so many exciting leisure pursuits available, the only question your passengers will ask is when they can return.

Tourism Toronto

Visit Tourism Toronto at www.tourismtoronto.com or via telephone at 1-800-363-1990 (416) 203-2500. Further information is available from Rob Richardson, Tourism Division, City of Toronto: rrichard@toronto.ca or (416) 392-1297 and Michael Riehl, Customer Relations, Toronto Port Authority at mriehl@torontoport.com or (416) 863-2001.

Port Authority

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Monitors CH 12
from 0800 – 1700 then Marine Police Unit Ch 16 & 12.
Berthing at the new International Marine Passenger Terminal.
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Airports

Pearson International Airport (YYZ – 25 km)
Toronto City Centre Airport (YTZ – in the port area)



Cruising into the Port of

Windsor



Rumour has it that Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac first landed on the south side of the Detroit River in 1701, but later moved to the north shore to found his settlement of Detroit. Windsor has the unique attribute of being the most southerly city in Canada; one which actually looks north to the U.S.

Cruise ships entering the Port of Windsor dock at Dieppe Gardens, one of a number of gardens in a ribbon of public green space that runs for five kilometres along the Detroit River. Dieppe Gardens, so named for local residents who gave their lives in the Second World War, lies at the foot of Ouellette Avenue, right downtown. Visitors have access to shops, entertainment and restaurants just off the ship. The view is impressive with the gardens on one side and the Detroit Skyline on the other.

To the west of Dieppe Gardens is the Art Gallery of Windsor. The \$26 Million state of the art facility features Canadian contemporary art as well as travelling international exhibitions. The Odette Sculpture Park continues the artistic theme along the waterfront. The Park is a museum without walls, a unique park showcasing more than 31 large-scale, internationally recognized works of contemporary sculpture by world-renowned artists. It is a place of convergence and divergence, of difference and similarity.

To the east of the gardens is Casino Wind-

sor, currently expanding to add a second hotel tower, meeting space and entertainment venue.

Hiram Walker founded his world famous distillery here in 1858 and all Canadian Club Whisky is still produced to his exact standards, right here. Visit the C.C. Brand Center to learn more about the company, the family and the whisky. Tours feature whisky "nosings" and a viewing of the incredible collection of Group of Seven and their contemporaries' artwork. One of Hiram's grandsons got into the candy business and Walker's Fine Candies welcomes visitors to learn how they still make truffles, marshmallow treats and peanut brittle by hand. Simply delicious!

Other diverse shore excursion opportunities include renowned natural areas such as Ojibway Prairie Complex, Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Hillman Marsh and Point Pelee National Park. Depending on the time of year spectacular migrations of songbirds, butterflies or raptors pass through the region. As well, visitors can rent bicycles and canoes or hike the many trails.

Our southern latitude makes for exceptional wine country and we are home to two of Ontario's four viticulture regions. Pelee Island and Lake Erie's North Shore feature a dozen wineries that offer tours and tastings of their award-winning wines.

Our three hundred year history with our U.S. neighbours is inextricably tied to our own. The region figures prominently in the battles

Windsor

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Sailing Directions

Chart # 14848 - Canadian Hydrographic Service
Location: South Bank of the Detroit River, between Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie
Radio: Channel 14
Pilotage: Compulsory contact, Great Lakes Pilotage Authority
PO Box 95, Cornwall, Ontario Canada, Tel 613 933 2991
fax 613 932 3793

Accommodation

Berth Dieppe Park dock
Depth 27 feet, length 1,000 feet
Services Water supply, sewage and refuse handling

Charges

Pilots contact, Great Lakes Pilotage Authority PO Box 95, Cornwall, Ontario Canada
Tel 613 933 2991
Fax 613 932 3793

Ships Services

Bunkering

Sterling marine fuels
3565 Russell street, PO Box 7218, Windsor Ontario N9C 1J1
Tel 519 253 4695
Fax 519 253 5120

Marine Contractors

Matt shipyards, Division of Remoe machine shop Ltd
1577 Howard Avenue
PO Bopx 579 Windsor Ontario Canada N9A 6M6
Tel 519 253 6366
fax 519 253 0174

City of Windsor Parks and Recreation

2450 McDougall Street, Windsor Ontario Canada N8X 3N6
Walt Metulynsky Manager
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Tel 519 253 2300 ext 6716
Fax 519 255 7990

of the War of 1812 and thousands of refugees found safety here during the era of the Underground Railroad. In the years prior to the end of the American Civil War, Canada was seen as the promised land that offered freedom to all who made it to her shores. Many historic sites and museums welcome visitors to educate and inform them of this fascinating time in Canadian and American history. Travel back to a time when Canada's history was determined by military action at Fort Malden National Historic Site and the Park House or discover the black thread in the Canadian tapestry at the North American Black Historical Museum, John Freeman Walls Historic Site or Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site. If guests prefer more solitary diversions, the Windsor area offers exceptional shopping either at diverse shops and boutiques, or a multitude of choice at Devonshire or Windsor Crossing Premium Outlet Malls.

Many public and semi-private golf courses are open to all skill levels. Boat charter operators would welcome the opportunity to show you why Lake St. Clair is called the Muskie Capital of the World. Over 75 annual events and festivals occur in the Windsor region. Summerfest, Bluesfest, Windsor Theatre Festival, the Carrousel of Nations, Windsor Film Festival, Buskers and Festival Epicure celebrate our culture, our music, and our food. With our neighbours to the north, Detroit, the Windsor region offers visitors a "Two Nation Vacation". We welcome you to experience the destination for yourself.

Contact information:

Convention & Visitors Bureau of Windsor, Essex County and Pelee Island, City Centre, Suite 103, 333 Riverside Drive West, Windsor, ON N9A 5K4, Tel: 519-255-6530, Toll free: 1-800-265-3633, Fax: 519-255-6192

Email: cvb@city.windsor.on.ca Website: www.visitwindsor.com

Contact: Sandra Bradt, Director of Tourism,

Email: www.visitwindsor.com

Port Authority

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Navitrans Shipping Agencies



Navitrans was established in 1985 as an independent shipping agency company and for the last twenty years, has provided reliable agency service to various principals around the world. Our ability to provide specialized services in nearly all aspects of the industry to a wide range of customers has made us a valuable asset when trading in Canadian waters.

Over the last 20 years, Navitrans has operated in an increasingly competitive international market and complex environment, which is constantly changing with new rules and regulations. The company incorporates these new rules and regulations and continues to improve its services enabling it to stay one step ahead of the ever-changing needs of the marine industry.

Following a decade of success, in August 1995, Navitrans established a branch office in Churchill, Manitoba, and in August 1996, established a branch office in Vancouver, British Columbia, thus rendering the area of Agency coverage Canada wide, including the St. Lawrence Seaway, where we serve our Clients in Canadian and / or USA ports.

Our success continued throughout the years as we acquired the exclusive agency appointment for the cruise vessels M/V Le Levant, M/Y Orion and others which have transited the St. Lawrence River, the Seaway System, Great lakes, Hudson Strait/Baie, the port of

Churchill and various Maritime Ports. We are happy to report that this operation was a major success thus far as the cruise industry is a major attraction in the North American market.

With highly experienced and dedicated personnel no challenge is too big and no detail will be overlooked. Our personnel can offer information and technical assistance in all matters.

In addition to the above, in July 1998, Navitrans received its ISO 9002 certification; in attestation of the quality services it has provided its clients over the years.

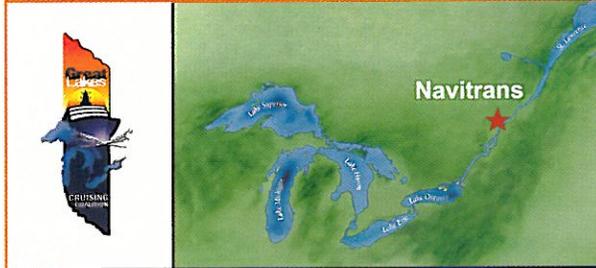
The company provides a full range of agency services including bunkering, stevedoring, and assistance with medical or transportation arrangements and communications liaisons to ship owners, charterers, brokers and others involved in the shipping industry. Navitrans makes every effort to keep up to date with the Shipping Industry's developments, both locally and internationally, by maintaining its membership and participation in the Seaway committee, the Shipping Federation of Canada, and participating in international presentations organized by the St Lawrence Seaway Authorities and various Port Marketing Directors. Management annually visits our Clients all around the world and also assists in the exchange of vital information, in an effort to ease our client's pre and post fixture concerns.

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Cruising With the Help of Navitrans Shipping Agencies



Navitrans Shipping Agencies is fully aware of the importance of facts, and reliable, prompt and accurate accounting to our customers. We aim to offer them the widest possible range of services, which is why we have developed an extensive network of well-tried suppliers and sub-agents over the last 20 years.

Whatever our customers require, we can deliver. Each assigned task will be handled professionally and effectively. Our motto is "Your Agents, Your way" and we stand by that. Reliability, efficiency and accuracy are our watchwords. These principals will serve our customers well in the years to come.

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GLCC Member's Links



Port of Cleveland www.portofcleveland.com

Detroit Wayne County Port Authority www.portdetroit.com

Duluth Tourism www.visitduluth.com

Duluth Seaway Port Authority www.duluthport.com

Erie www.porterie.org

Little Current - Manitoulin Island www.lakeshorex.com

State of Michigan www.michigan.gov

Town of Parry Sound www.townofparrysound.com

Port Huron www.porthuron.org/default.asp

Saint Lawrence Seaway www.greatlakes-seaway.com

Sault Ste Marie Ontario www.sault-canada.com/tourism

Thunder Bay www.thunderbay.ca

Port of Toledo www.toledoportauthority.org/services/maritimeservices.asp

City of Toronto www.toronto.ca

Toronto Port Authority www.torontoport.com

Windsor www.visitwindsor.com

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Other Useful Links



Atlantic Canada Cruise Association www.atlanticcanadacruise.com

Boatnerd - Great Lakes Shipping Site www.boatnerd.com

Clipper Cruise Line www.clippercruise.com/index_f.asp

The Great Lakes Cruise Company www.greatlakescruising.com

Great Lakes History Centre www.aandc.org

The Great Lakes of North America - Tourism site www.greatlakesnorthamerica.com

Great Lakes Information Network www.great-lakes.net/news

Great Lakes Seaway Commission www.glc.org/about/staff

Great Lakes Weather Network www.canada.com/findit/weather/index.html

Hapag Lloyd Cruises www.hl-cruises.com

Heritage Cruise Line www.heritagecruises.com

Quebec Latitude and Longitude links www.bcca.org/misc/qiblib/latlong_ca.html#

Ships on Postage Stamps www.stampship.com

Saint Lawrence Cruise Association www.saintlawrencecruise.com

Thousand Island Life www.thousandislandslife.com

Transport Canada <http://search.tc.gc.ca/en/search.asp>

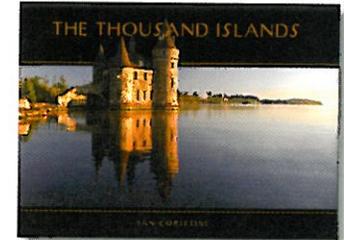
U.S. Corps of Engineers www.lre.usace.army.mil

Suggested Reading

Thousand Island Treasures

Ian Coristine's books on the Thousand Islands have proven astonishingly popular. His first, *The 1000 Islands* has been reprinted three times and became a bestseller six times over, despite selling only within the 1000 Islands region. His second, *Water, Wind and Sky* became his second bestseller within months of its 2005 release.

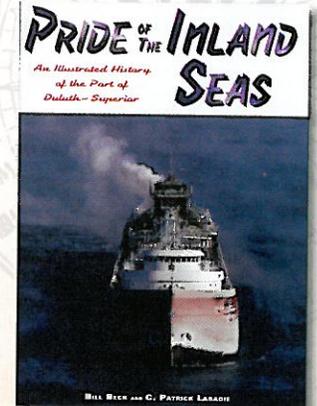
When *The 1000 Islands* sold out and required a fourth printing, Coristine decided instead to replace it with a brand new book in the same format with a subtly different title, *The Thousand Islands*. Like the book it replaces, it is conveniently sized, with a rich look and feel that is highly resistant to wear and an affordable price. It features two maps that locate every photo in the book as well as the important museums and places of interest from the history books, so it serves as a guide while visiting and a quality book for the coffee table when back home. Available at book and gift shops within the 1000 Islands region or: www.1000islandsphotart.com



Pride of the Inland Seas

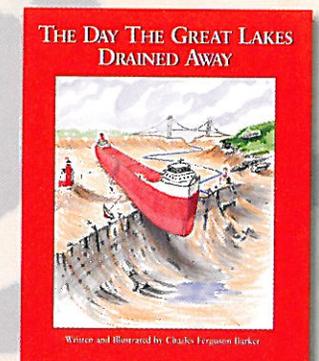
Before there were cities, states or a nation, there was the port! French-Canadian Voyageurs began striking inland from the Head of the Lakes in the 17th century, searching for pelts to transport back down the Lakes to Montreal. Today, more than 300 years later, Duluth-Superior remains one of North America's most important ports, handling millions of tons of commodities during the ten months the Great Lakes are ice-free each year. *Pride of the Inland Seas* tells the fascinating tale of the development of the Twin Ports during three centuries of economic, technological, political, and social change. This is the story of the people at the Head of the Lakes who built, loaded, and sailed the ships that have made Duluth-Superior synonymous with Great Lakes maritime commerce.

Authors Bill Beck and C. Patrick Labadie bring lifetimes of Great Lakes experience to the labor of love that is *Pride of the Inland Seas*. Published in collaboration with the Duluth Seaway Port Authority: July 2004, ISBN 1-890434-55-8. To order go to: www.duluthport.com/pride2.html



The Day the Great Lakes Drained Away

The Children's Book "The Day the Great Lakes Drained Away" is a fun and educational look at the floors of the Great Lakes. The surface of the Great Lakes is well known, but the lakes floors hold some fascinating features too! This book shows the bizarre landscape that would be revealed if the Great Lakes were to suddenly drain away. The book is supplemented with a map of the water depths of the lakes from far above, and a "Great Lakes Facts" section in the back of the book - Want to know the depths of each Great Lake, or how much water they hold? There you will find it! "The Day the Great Lakes Drained Away" is available at most book stores, or can be ordered at your favorite store or purchased on-line at Amazon.com. For more information, visit the publisher's web site at: <http://mackinacislandpress.com>.



My Great Lakes

Captain Tom Mackay

I grew up in a house about 100 feet from the shore of Lake Superior on the Island of Park Point in Duluth Minnesota. At the age of 14 I took my first trip out on the Lake on a 180-foot buoy tender as a Sea Explorer Scout. We fueled and brought supplies to light houses in the Apostle Islands and also at both ends of Isle Royale National Park. This first taste of the Great Lakes led to joining the Navy, but after four years, I found salt water not to my liking. I have sailed all five of the Lakes and love the diversity of each. The locks at the Welland Canal and at the Soo, the bridges, the lighthouses, the saltwater ships and the lakers (some as long as 1,000 feet.) For over 30 years I ran the excursion and dinner boats here in Duluth, and it has been a pleasure to show visitors to our area how important our lakes are to all of us.

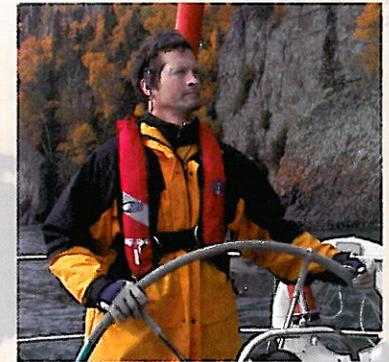


Capt Tom Mackay

Captain Tom Mackay, Duluth Minnesota

Gregory Heroux, Captain of the Frodo and International Sailor - Thunder Bay

It is evident that Gregory Heroux loves his job. As he describes his passion for Lake Superior, his words illustrate the love he has for the waters of this area and the magic that he finds in sailing. A life-long sailor with roots strongly anchored in Thunder Bay, Gregory has travelled the world, including trips of adventure in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and the Atlantic. Despite the many sea miles he has logged, Lake Superior holds him tightly with a special connection. The words he chooses to express the beauty of Lake Superior and the surrounding area illustrate his deep appreciation of the natural beauty of our home.



Gregory enjoys sharing the beauty he finds with sailing through his business, Sail Superior Yacht Charters. When asked about some of his favourite experiences, Gregory speaks of the magic of moonlit charter trips, and the romance of being out on the open water with the night stars shining above. Sailing any of the magnificent Great Lakes is always an adventure!

My Great Lakes

Byron F. Kelley

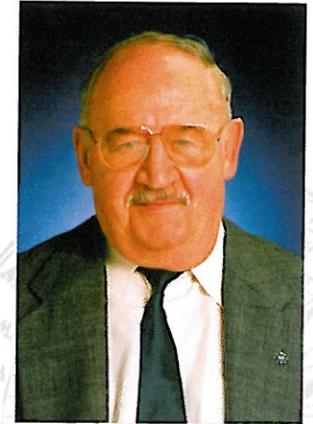
My great grandfather, my grandfather and my father (in his boyhood years) were all commercial fishermen who depended, for many decades, upon the bounty of the pristine Great Lakes for their sustenance. In the late 1930s when the fishing industry went belly-up, my dad went to work for large shipping companies and, ultimately, worked his way up to the rank of unlimited captain.

For me to extend that lineage with a career in the maritime industry was a "no brainer" and a choice I have never regretted. For 49 years I was blessed with both a vocation and an avocation, inextricably interwoven with these magnificent waters. They are to be held in awe for both their beauty and the awesome power they exert.

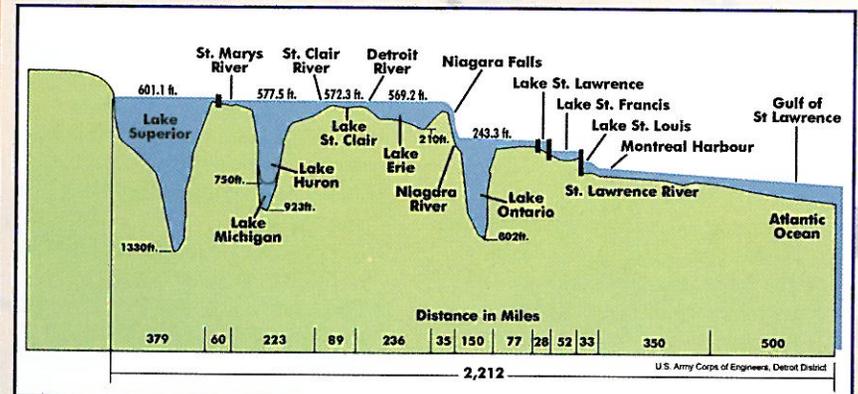
The Great Lakes and the endless opportunities they provide for employment, recreation and tourism place their value beyond calculation. They are, simply, the key component of the most spectacular transportation system on earth.

Byron F. Kelley

Byron F. Kelley is a long-time member of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority board of directors and the retired Vice President of the Seafarers International Union.

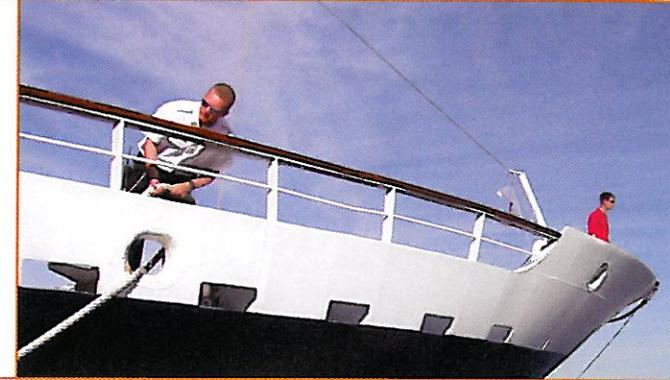


Great Lakes System Profile



The Great Lakes

Frequently Asked Questions and Facts You Might Like to Know



Just how much water is there in the Great Lakes system?

- The Great Lakes houses 20% of the world's freshwater

What other size-based characteristics do the Great Lakes have?

- The largest freshwater lake in the world.
- The longest freshwater beach in the world.
- Largest concentration of lighthouses.
- More ships than the Suez Canal.

What attracts visitors to the Great Lakes?

- Magnificent visually appealing wilderness and pristine maritime scenery
- Well balanced urban and wilderness experiences.
- Cities with superb cultural institutions.
- Port towns with historic and cultural appeal.
- The Great Lakes have a small but measurable tide.
- The upper lakes are home to magnificent wildlife such as Moose, Elk and Wolves.

Just how far do the Great Lakes stretch?

- A ship sailing from the mouth of the St Lawrence will travel further to Duluth than across the Atlantic.

How long is the St Lawrence Seaway?

- The actual Seaway runs from Montreal to Lake Erie including Lake Ontario & the Welland Canal.

What are the historical and operational highlights of the canal?

- In 1860...the St Louis to Montreal canal was "dug" by a local monk.
- In 1833 The first Welland Canal was opened.
- In 1959 Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower officially opened the St Lawrence Seaway.
- 1959 1 Billion Dollars were originally invested in the building of the Canal.
- Navigation runs from late March until mid December.
- It is jointly managed by the Canadian and U.S. Authorities.
- There are 15 locks between Montreal and Lake Erie, 13 in Canada and 2 in the U.S.A.



What size ships can transit the canal and cruise into the Great Lakes?

- Ships 740 feet in length • with 78 feet-beam • Sea Draft of 26 feet, 3 Inches • and Air Draft of 116 feet, 6 inches • can transit the Canal.

How long does it take if one cruises non stop across the Great Lakes?

- Montreal to Lake Ontario - 24 Hours
- Across Lake Ontario - 14 Hours
- Port Weller to Port Colborne - 12 Hours
- Port Colborne to Port Huron - 20 Hours
- Montreal to Port Colborne - 47 Hours
- Montreal to Milwaukee - 101 Hours
- Montreal to Chicago - 107 Hours
- Montreal to Duluth - 112 Hours

When and where did Charles Dickens cruise?

- In 1842 he crossed the Atlantic to Newfoundland
- Jan 28 he arrived in Boston Harbour
- In 1842 he steamboats the American canals

- In April 1842 he cruises from Sandusky to Lake Erie and on to Cleveland.
- On April 26 C. Dickens arrives Buffalo & then Niagara Falls on the S.S. Constitution
- Between May 14 and 21 he visited Toronto, Kingston & Montreal.

What are some of the original Great Lakes cruise/transit lines?

- Anchor Line
- Detroit & Cleveland Line
- Canadian Pacific
- Northern Steamship
- Cleveland & Buffalo Line
- Northern Navigation Line
- Star Cole Line
- Goderich Transit
- Canada Steamship Lines
- Georgian Bay Line
- Seaway Lines
- Owen Sound Transportation
- Fjell-Orange Line
- Sun Line

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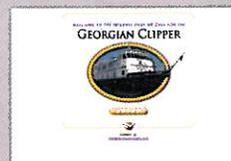
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Seatrade Delegation



Each year a delegation from The Great Lakes Cruising Coalition attends "Seatrade" - the world-wide industry showcase for the cruise industry. This is a four-day trade show and professional development opportunity for the benefit of cruise industry professionals from around the globe.

The Great Lakes Cruising Coalition is represented at Seatrade by American and Canadian members, from ports, lakeside towns, U.S. States, The Province of Ontario and both the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.

Pictured at Seatrade are L-R:
Mike Riehl (Cruise Ontario Co-Chair)
Toronto Port Authority.
Steven Olinek, (GLCC - Chair)
Detroit Wayne County Port Authority.
Lisa Marsiniak, Duluth Seaway
Port Authority.
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