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CANADA

BOATING VACATIONS ON THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE RIDEAU CANAL



A NEW WAY TO DISCOVER CANADA



Discover the beauty of the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with Le Boat. Cruise effortlessly on a chain of beautiful lakes, rivers and canals that wind 202 km from Ottawa to Kingston. Your adventure will lead you through breath-taking nature, quaint towns and vibrant cities.

And the best part about a cruise with Le Boat? You choose how far to travel and when to stop - plus, no previous boating experience or a license is required!

Whether it's discovering the region's rich history, finding your own spirit of adventure, exploring Canada's natural wonders or simply indulging yourself in the fabulous food and quirky shops that line the canal, we know you'll have an unforgettable time!

So discover your perfect boating vacation. Discover Canada!



Cruises or itineraries – perfectly achievable in seven days...
Smiths Falls to Merrickville to Manotick to Smiths Falls
Seeley's Bay to Kingston to Smiths Falls
Smiths Falls to Portland to Westport to Smiths Falls

DISCOVER



Bookended by the vibrant and historic cities of Ottawa and Kingston, the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is lined with charming museums, rich history and a lively, friendly culture, all just waiting to be enjoyed. So immerse yourself in a unique Canadian experience and explore them with Le Boat!

Let your imagination blossom. Discover a little slice of Holland with a Canadian twist at Ottawa's annual Canadian Tulip Festival in May. Prepare for a riot of color, celebrating the friendship between these two great nations.

Find Ottawa's only working museum in Manotick. Watson's Mill is not only a fascinating museum, but one of the only remaining operating grist mills in North America!

Explore Canada's prettiest village. Immerse yourself in Merrickville's vibrant artisanal community, and discover why this town has been dubbed the 'Jewel of the Rideau'.

Uncover the canal's past at Chaffeys Lockstation. Visit the Lockmaster's House Museum at Chaffeys Lockstation and find out more about this fascinating stretch of waterway, dating back to the 1800s.

Step back in time with a historic animated blacksmith shop. Moor your cruiser at the Jones Falls lock station where a trained blacksmith greets visitors in the forge, located in a stone building from the 19th century. While you are there, make sure to stop by the Sweeney House museum and learn about living on the Canal during its early years.

HISTORY

One of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century

The Rideau Canal is the oldest, continuously-operated canal system in North America. Under the charge of Lt. Colonel John By, construction began in 1826, through a wilderness of rough bush, swamps, and rocky terrain. 19th century working conditions were gruelling and the work was done by hand. An estimated 1,000 men died during the six years of construction, about half of those from malaria. Today, the Rideau Canal is one of North America's most beautiful navigable waterways, with exquisite stonemasonry admired to this day.

OTTAWA

Discover a city of culture on the edge of breathtaking nature. This spectacular capital city is awash with impressive national sites, famous landmarks and lively neighborhoods – simply a must-see during any visit to the region!

Parliament Hill

Home of Canada's parliament with its extensive lawns and Neo-Gothic architecture, it is the setting for national celebrations all year round. Visit on July 1 to catch the excitement of Canada Day celebrations!

The National Gallery of Canada

The country's premier art gallery. Take in some of the finest art from Canada and around the world.

The ByWard Market District

This neighborhood is famous for its vegetable and flower stands and houses some of Ottawa's best cafés and restaurants. When the streetlights come on, you'll discover the market becomes one of the city's top spots to grab a late-night drink.

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INDULGE

From fabulous, fine-dining experiences to wonderful boutique shops, Canada is a land of indulgence! So relax, unwind and discover plenty of ways to enjoy the 'finer things in life' along the Rideau Canal.

Indulge yourself with a lakeside wine-tasting and lunch. What is more satisfying than water lapping gently on the lakeshore? Wine gently lapping against the side of a glass maybe? Experience the satisfaction of both, and pamper yourself with a wine-tasting and tour, followed by a lake-view lunch at the Scheuermann Vineyard and Winery in Westport.

Taste your new favorite beer at Perth Brewery. Spoil yourself at Perth Brewery, with its thirst-quenching selection of beers. Try its maple-flavored ale for a true taste of Canada.

Relax in one of Canada's best gardens. Just south of Burritts Rapids, experience the tranquillity of the Rideau Woodland Ramble Gardens. Let yourself unwind, because paradise is a garden, and you'll find it here!

Test your knowledge of cheeses in Portland. Sometimes smelly things in life can be sophisticated. So head to the Forfar Cheese Factory, the oldest in Ontario, and sample some delicious, local varieties.

Decide who's got the best ice cream on the Rideau. Be the judge of this friendly competition between Westport's Vanilla Beans and Merrickville's Downtowne Ice Cream Shoppe, and choose who has the best ice cream on the canal.

Marvel at mouth-watering, handcrafted chocolate creations. Cindy and Derek own the most delightful little chocolate shop, which they run from their home in Seeley's Bay. Made from locally-sourced ingredients, the chocolates at Ridgeway Confections are a 'must-see, must-taste' experience.

Find a 'shopping heaven' in the unlikeliest setting. The cute and unassuming little town of Newboro is home to an amazing department store, Kilborns, a multi-storey 'Aladdin's cave' of quality products. People travel for miles to shop here - it's the perfect place to browse and to find souvenirs and authentic Canadian goods.

Delight your taste buds with a private onboard meal. Hire a gourmet chef on board to prepare a special meal in your own galley kitchen, or simply stock up on organic and locally-grown produce at Wendy's Country Market near Seeley's Bay.

KINGSTON

With its charming 19th century architecture and lovely waterfront location, Kingston is the perfect place to relax and indulge in the cities vibrant food culture.

Fort Henry National Historic Site

A 19th century British fortification and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you'll find modern day reenactors recreate the activities and hardships of 19th century British military life!

The Agnes Etherington Art Centre

Enjoy a spectacular showcase of over 13,000 fantastic, contemporary and historical works of art.

The Grand Theatre

Indulge yourself with a trip to see one of the hundreds of energizing, professional and amateur performances that take place at the Grand Theatre. Enjoy dance, theatre, musicals, comedy and much more!

ADVENTURE



Hike rugged paths, cycle spectacular trails, canoe crystal clear waters or simply sit and enjoy the awe-inspiring natural wonders and wildlife that characterize this spectacular part of the world! Canada's vast open lakes and large skies won't fail to enchant you!

Get up close with nature. Head on an adventure to the Tay Canal and find yourself at one of the best wildlife viewing spots on the Rideau! Or seek out an Osprey's nest in McGuigan's cemetery in Nicholsons.

Learn how to fish. There will be no need to tell a 'fisherman's tale' about your time in Newboro! Whether you are a seasoned angler or relative minnow, you'll quickly find out why this has been a favorite fisherman's spot for over 120 years.

Find your wild side at the Baxter Conservation Area. Get in touch with nature as you wander through the picture-perfect forests, wetlands, nut groves and meadows of the Baxter Conservation Area.

Go climbing. Experienced climbers will love the rush of summiting the spectacular Kingston Crag at Kingston Mills! While for those putting on a harness for the first time, there is the brilliant boiler room climbing gym in Kingston - the location of the highest indoor wall in Canada!

Go on an epic canoe expedition. The spectacular Big Rideau Lake is best seen from the water, so rent a traditional Canadian canoe and paddle free!

Discover the perfect picnic spot. Not far from Ottawa discover the peace and tranquility of Long Island, perfect for a relaxing picnic and watching the world drift by.

Paddle the rapids in the whitewater capital of Canada. Earn bragging rights as you experience the rush of the mighty whitewater: guiding your raft across the roaring Ottawa River on a group adventure with OWL Rafting. Looking for an extra thrill? Hold tight and paddle hard with Wilderness Tours, then take a deep breath and close your eyes before taking the 150ft. leap off Ontario's only bungee tower.

OUR BASES

Smiths Falls is a hub of outdoor activity and adventure – the ideal place for a breath of fresh air and to enjoy this region's spectacular landscape. You can stock up on all of your supplies here at a range of national retailers or stroll the quaint downtown for shopping and restaurants.

When in Smiths Falls, be sure to visit: Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario experience this charming museum complete with a historic station building, trains and artifacts from the history of the Canadian railways.

Seeley's Bay is located on the beautiful southern part of the Rideau Canal, surrounded by the expansive lakes and charming small towns that make this region unforgettable. This area offers fishing, trails, chocolate, coffee and ice cream. You will also find shops where you will be able to purchase your groceries, wine and spirits.

A 'must visit' in Seeley's Bay is its fabulous **Ridgeway Confections Shop** - a delightful chocolate shop selling handmade creations. Find the Tepee in Centennial Park. This modern day tepee commemorates the original Tepee of 'Granny Seeley', who ran a trading post and conducted business with Aboriginals and European settlers during the 1800s.

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AWAY FROM THE CANAL

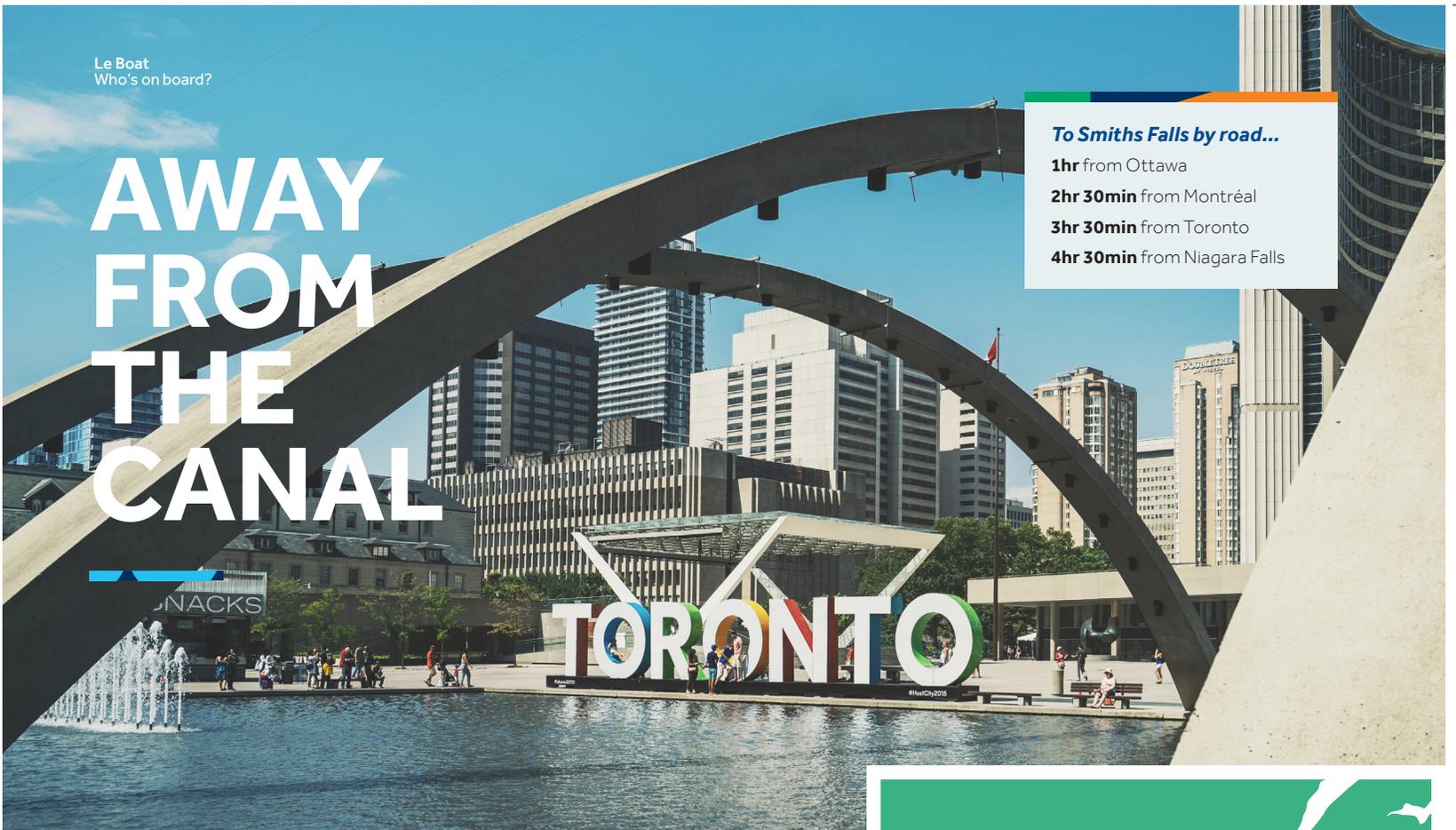
To Smiths Falls by road...

1hr from Ottawa

2hr 30min from Montréal

3hr 30min from Toronto

4hr 30min from Niagara Falls



Discover even more of Canada and combine your boating adventure with a stay in one of these great destinations:

TORONTO

Home to the famous CN Tower, Casa Loma (North America's only full-sized castle) and baseball team, the Toronto Blue Jays, Toronto is blessed with an abundance of unforgettable experiences for the intrepid traveler. And once you've finished taking in the sights, pamper yourself with a shopping trip to the spectacular Eaton Centre Mall or the swanky Mink Mile, before heading off to enjoy one of Canada's top restaurants.

1000 ISLANDS, SOUTH EASTERN ONTARIO

Lush woodland, rugged rock and cobalt-blue water, it is easy to see why the 1,864 islands that make up the 1000 Islands is regarded as one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Do all the things you love in this great region.

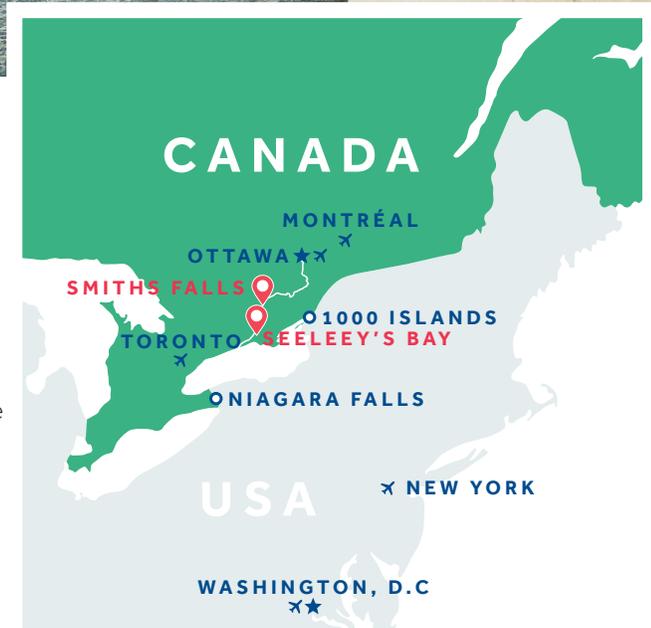
You can sail, scuba dive, take a leisurely cruise, explore an award winning winery, or trek through endless hiking trails. Whatever you decide, the scenery is always breathtaking.

NIAGARA FALLS

This iconic thunderous torrent of water, which separates the USA from Canada, is one of the great wonders of the world. And the best news... the Canadian side is considered to be the more spectacular! Once you've finished enjoying the awesome views, head to Niagara-on-the-Lake to relax and unwind at the world-class wineries and unique shops of this historic town.

TRADITIONAL MONTREAL

Montréal is said to be the perfect combination of "European charm and North American attitude." This world-class destination celebrates its historic roots but also offers visitors the experience of a modern and cosmopolitan city where you will enjoy fine dining, lively nightlife, high end shops, and great culture and festivals.



BOATING IN CANADA

Where are the Le Boat bases?

Le Boat has two bases on the Rideau Waterway. Smiths Falls is located midway between Ottawa and Kingston, perfect for exploring whichever stretch of the canal that takes your fancy. The second, Seeley's Bay, is located towards the southern end of the Rideau, offering easy cruising to the lively city of Kingston and big lakes and sights like Jones Falls and its spectacular staircase of locks, a nature lover's delight.

How far can you get in a week?

Our base in Smiths Falls is mid-way along the Rideau Canal. You may choose to begin and end your cruise here. In a week, if you cruise north, you can comfortably travel the 74km up to Long Island. If you head south, the 91km to Jones Falls is perfectly achievable. These are just suggestions, and as the captain of your own boat, you have the freedom to cruise as much or as little each day as you like! Just please return

your boat by the agreed date and time.

New in 2019 - we now have a satellite base in Seeley's Bay. Starting in Seeley's Bay is a great choice for visiting the historic town of Kingston if you're short on time. Ask our sales team or visit the website for full details on one-way cruises.

Are there locks and what type?

Yes, there are 24 lockstations (47 lock chambers) on the Rideau. These traditional manual locks are safe, easy and all part of the fun of boating on the Rideau. Operated by helpful Parks Canada lockmasters, the lockmasters will do most of the hard-work for you! The lockmasters also act as concierges for the region, offering great travel tips and advice

Is it easy to moor along the canal?

There are many options for overnight moorings along the Rideau; private marinas, township marinas and Parks Canada moorings (situated at lock stations) all provide overnight moorings

for a fee, with varying facilities and services.

However, a mandatory fee of US\$70 / C\$70 for short breaks or US\$110 / C\$115 for 7nts+ will be charged to Le Boat customers and covers overnight moorings at all Parks Canada sites, as well as the township marinas of Portland, Seeley's Bay, Perth and Westport – a significantly reduced rate than the fee charged locally at each of these mooring sites. All overnight moorings are operated on a first-come, first-served basis and exclude services such as shore-power. Full details, including pricing, is available on our website.

What waterside services are available?

There are a variety of marinas along the canal that offer full services such as water, restaurants, groceries and shore power. All lockstations also offer amenities such as washrooms and picnic tables.

BOATS START FROM USD \$1824 (CAD \$2,494) FOR 7 NIGHTS*

*Based on a two-cabin Horizon 1 boat (sleeps 2+2) departing on on Oct. 7th and returning on Oct. 14, 2019. Boat only. Excludes fuel and Collision Damage Waiver. See website for full terms and conditions.

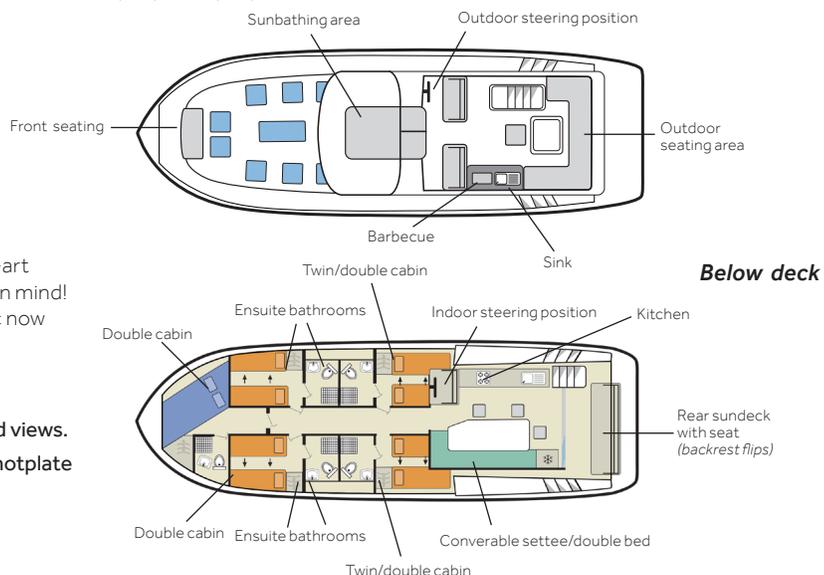
OUR FLEET

World class destinations deserve world class boats! Our state-of-the-art Horizon cruisers are designed exclusively for Le Boat with customers in mind! Parties from 2 - 12 people looking for more features and a higher spec now have the perfect option.

- Roomy and comfortable saloon and kitchen area, with generous headroom and over-sized windows for uninterrupted views.
- Spacious sun-deck with sunbathing area, table, sink and barbecue hotplate – perfect for al-fresco dining.
- Roomy en-suite cabins with air-cooling/heating and USB ports.
- Forward and rear side thrusters – for easy maneuvering.

Horizon boat: five-cabin model*

Sleeps up to 12 people



*Two, three and four-cabin versions also available.



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