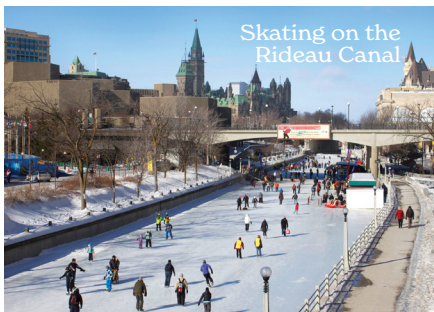


# OTTAWA



## What draws group tours, student groups, and FIT visitors to Ottawa? It depends who you ask.

Most come to see the national sites that grace the capital's urban landscape, including Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal, the National War Memorial and many other iconic monuments that mark Canada's development as a nation.



Some are drawn by our national museums, where they can walk among the world's largest indoor collection of totem poles; explore our country's varied natural landscapes; learn about Canada's role as innovators, aviators and cultivators; see the largest collection of Canadian art on the planet; be transported to wartime scenes at home and abroad.

Located at the junction of three rivers and surrounded by countryside and wilderness, Ottawa is a big draw for outdoor enthusiasts, with incomparable adventure and recreation experiences available winter, spring, summer and fall.

Still others come for annual festivals that mark the seasons, from Winterlude through the Canadian Tulip Festival, a trove of summer music festivals, autumn's Fall Rhapsody and the Christmas Lights Across Canada in December.

And some simply come to see all of the sights - by boat, double-decker bus and amphibious bus, high above in a biplane or helicopter, and by bike or on foot - either self-guided or with one of the city's many tours.

Whatever their reason, we welcome them with open arms.

**Visit us online for itineraries, planning assistance and marketing resources.**

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GETTING HERE	DIRECT FLIGHT (hrs)	DRIVE (hrs)
<b>CANADA</b>		
Kingston, ON		2
Montreal, QC	.5	2
Niagara Falls, ON		6
Quebec, QC	1	5
Toronto, ON	1	4.5
Vancouver, BC	5	5 days
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		
Boston, MA	1.25	7.5
Chicago, IL	2	13
Detroit, MI	1.5	8
New York, NY	1.5	8
Washington, DC	1.5	9.5
<b>INTERNATIONAL (Year Round)</b>		
Frankfurt, DE	7.5	
London, UK	7	

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## What is new / Must See

### C'est Bon (Culinary Adventures)

Ottawa's first self-guided food tour with food included! Eat your way thru the ByWard Market using a geo-located map. [cestboncooking.ca](http://cestboncooking.ca)

### Indigenous Experiences

In October of 2021 Indigenous Experiences announced a new tourism experience in Ottawa's Greenbelt called Mādahōki Farm, building on the growing interest in agritourism, farm-to-table culinary experiences and authentic cultural experiences from an Indigenous perspective. [indigenous-experiences.ca](http://indigenous-experiences.ca)

### Lady Dive Tours, Gray Line Ottawa, Cobblestone Tours

Already offering hon hop off double decker tours and the only *amphibus* tour in the province of Ontario and Quebec, the company launched winter tours this past season. [ladydive.com](http://ladydive.com)

### Totally Legit Productions Inc. - Oh Canada Eh!? Dinner Musical

Two-hours of all-Canadian music: from maritime folk songs to modern pop & a delicious 4-course meal. NEW downtown location, Expanding to include a 5<sup>th</sup> show on Mondays. [totallylegitproductions.com/ohcanadaeh](http://totallylegitproductions.com/ohcanadaeh)

### Starling Ottawa / Apothecary Lounge / YOW / Rooftop

Located on one of Ottawa's hottest corners, this historic building will house of 4 exciting concepts: Ottawa's all new Rooftop! Mix of food and cocktails. STARLING - Contemporary Cuisine/Apothecary Lounge - hand crafted cocktails / YOW and Rooftop on YOW - sharing tapas from around the world, cocktails and beer. [apothecarylounge.ca](http://apothecarylounge.ca)

### Interzip Rogers

This urban zipline located in the heart of downtown Ottawa/Gatineau is the world's first interprovincial zipline, crossing the Ottawa River at 120 ft in the air. [en.interzip.ca](http://en.interzip.ca)

### Parc omega

New for winter 2022/23 - dog sledding on a 2km discovery trail that last about 10 minutes. [parcomega.ca/en](http://parcomega.ca/en)

## Day Trip (around Ottawa)

### Kouris Kopters

Indulge in the sites and tastes of the 1000 Islands with this new Seaway and Cider Tour helicopter tour. [kouriskopters.com](http://kouriskopters.com)

### Rockport Cruises

Discover and experience the "Heart of the 1000 Islands", majestic castles and local folklore. [rockportcruises.com](http://rockportcruises.com)

## Sightseeing and Adventure

### Ottawa Boat Cruise Tours

Ottawa Boat Cruise provides guests with the extraordinary experience of travelling along two of Canada's most majestic waterways: the Ottawa River and Rideau Canal. There truly is no better way to see Canada's National Capital. [ottawaboatcruise.com](http://ottawaboatcruise.com)

### Owl Rafting

Enhanced waterfront accommodation on 2-night packages: glamping tents (double occupancy each with its own waterfront view) and 2 newly built on-suite Cabana (4-person) [owlrafting.com](http://owlrafting.com)

### Le Boat

*Le Boat* arrived in Canada in 2018 and in 2022, will have a local fleet of 30 boats available for rental on the Ontario's UNESCO Rideau Canal. With no previous boating experience or boat license required, *Le Boat* shows you how to captain your boat at your own pace on a flexible itinerary. [leboat.ca](http://leboat.ca)

### Au Feel de l'Eau

Aqua-Taxi Au feel de l'eau has a new route—the Resto Bar circuit. From Ottawa you can now take the boat to get to the Rockcliffe Boathouse restaurant or the Resto-bord Le Pirate on Jacques-Cartier Street in Gatineau. 5 departures daily. [aquataxi.ca](http://aquataxi.ca)

### Mackenzie King Estate

Take a step back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century at this magnificent country estate, which features beautiful gardens, historic ruins and scenic trails. [ncc-ccn.gc.ca](http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca)

### Camp Fortune

Camp Fortune is a four-season recreational resort in Gatineau Park – about a 15min drive north of downtown Ottawa. Last summer they introduced their new 'Mountain Coaster' attraction – which has a vertical drop of about 130 metres. [campfortune.com](http://campfortune.com)

### Ottawa City Rafting

All new Turbo Tubing tour lets you paddle down the Ottawa River in a 2-hour guided trip in individual kayak tubes. [ottawacityrafting.com](http://ottawacityrafting.com)

### Escape Bicycle Tours & Rentals

Discover the best of Ottawa on one of our popular daily tours designed for you and led by our passionate local guides in English, en français, en español, auf Deutsch, in het Nederlands. [escapebicycletours.ca](http://escapebicycletours.ca)

### RentABike

RentABike has created a variety of different biking activities for all skill levels and tastes. Tour the beautiful cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, visit some of the cities' most known landmarks, or break a sweat with distance biking. [rentabike.ca](http://rentabike.ca)

## Food & Drink Tours

### Thirsty Pedaler | Ottawa's Only Party Bike

PUB CRAWL: Explore some of the best bars, restaurants and patios Ottawa has to offer. Your group will pedal to three local establishments and refuel along the way. [thirstypedaler.com](http://thirstypedaler.com)

### Brew Donkey Tours

Come along and enjoy a regional tour of local breweries! We offer curated experiential beer tours all year round in Ottawa. We focus on getting you behind the scenes at each location and give you a chance to try new and exciting beers. [brewdonkey.ca](http://brewdonkey.ca)

### Ogham Craft Spirits

This new craft distillery recently released the Ottawa Valley's first ever Eau-de-vie, a spirit made from 100% maple sap with an aroma of dulce de leche, and a flavour between vodka and white rum. [oghamcraftspirits.ca](http://oghamcraftspirits.ca)

### C'est Bon (Culinary Adventures)

C'est Bon Cooking's cooking classes have dual objectives: to help you master essential cooking principles and techniques, and to ensure you have fun doing it. [cestboncooking.ca](http://cestboncooking.ca)

## Special Exhibitions

### Canadian Museum of History [historymuseum.ca](http://historymuseum.ca)

**Lost Liberties – The War Measures Act** - Dec 17, 2021 to Sep 5, 2022

**Kids TV** - May 2022 to Jan 2023

**Age Old Cities – A Virtual Journey From Palmyra to Mosul** - Apr to Nov 2023

**First Kings of Europe** - Spring 2024 to Winter 2025

### Canadian War Museum [warmuseum.ca](http://warmuseum.ca)

**War Games** - Jun 2023 to Jan 2024

**Canadian Forces Artists Program – Group 9** - Oct 2023 to Jan 2024

**Outside the Lines** - Apr to Sep 2024

**Battle for the Arctic** - Apr 2025 to Jan 2026

### Canadian Museum of Nature [nature.ca](http://nature.ca)

**Planet Ice: Mysteries of the Ice Ages**, May 20 – Sep 5, 2022

**New Pacific Discovery Tank in the Water Gallery**

**Our Land, Our Art** (Coming Fall of 2022)

### National Gallery of Canada [gallery.ca](http://gallery.ca)

**Jean-Paul Riopelle exhibition**: Oct 2023 to Mar 2024