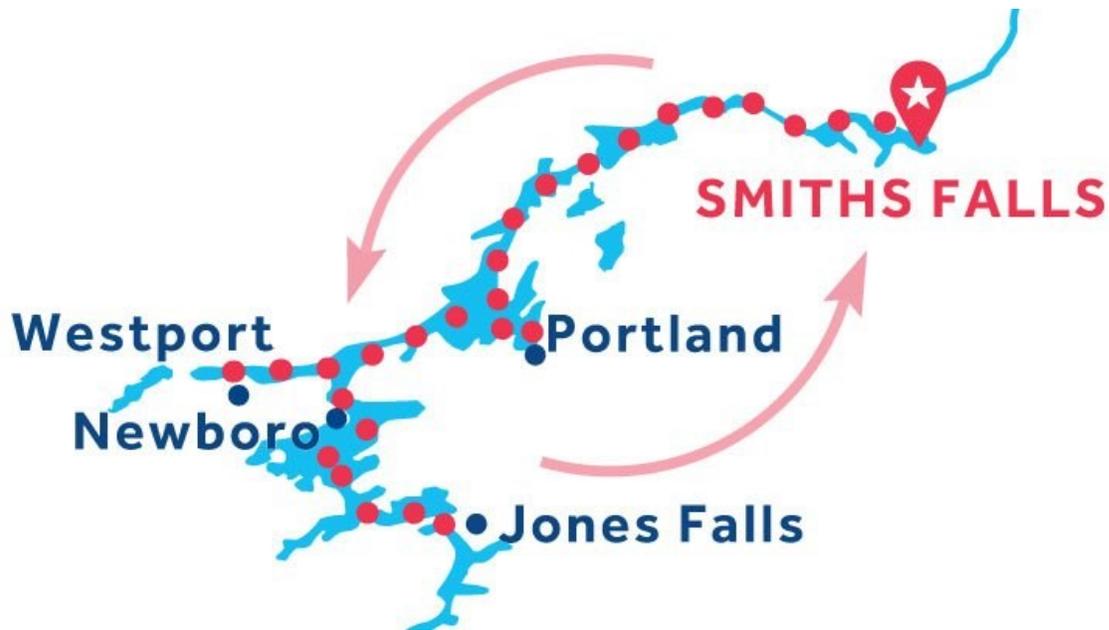


## 7 Night Cruise -South on the Rideau Canal

Smiths Falls and return via Jones Falls

27 hours of cruising • 126km • 14 locks



### Overview

Gently cruise the vast lakes, mighty forests and hidden islands of the Southern Rideau. The perfect playground for any lover of the outdoors. Find yourself paddling the Big Rideau Lake, going on a hike in Foley Mountain Conservation Area or playing golf on one of Portland's two golf courses.

### Top highlights

- The Heritage House Museum of Smiths Falls which delves into the lives of a family living in 1860s Canada.
- Winery, great shopping, restaurants and look out in Westport.
- The remarkable operating structure of the Jones Falls lock, with huge parkland for exploring.

## Sample itinerary

Explore this area in whichever order you want, so long as your boat is back at the end base at the end of your vacation.

### Day 1 - Check in and orientation in Smiths Falls, ON.

Smiths Falls is located in the heart of Eastern Ontario on the banks of the historic Rideau Canal, the area offers a unique mix of leisure and recreational activities set against a backdrop of history and nature. Smiths Falls has a rich heritage, and today offers museums, theaters, art galleries and outdoor adventures including hiking, biking, and fishing.

If you are arriving a day before your boat rental starts and needs overnight accommodation, we recommend staying overnight at Beverages Lock Station.

- 2-hour cruise from Le Boat base.
- Beveridge's Locks: When the Rideau Canal was built, there was no water connection to Perth, so the residents constructed the Tay Canal. This area is known as "Haggart's Ditch" and features some of the best wildlife viewing on the Rideau on the way to Perth.
- Great place to hike, bike, kayak, evening camp fire and meet other boaters along the canal.

### *Overnight in Smith Falls, ON.*

### Day 2 - Cruise Rideau Ferry to Westport.

Rideau Ferry: Straddling a thin strip of water between the Big and Lower Rideau Lakes, Rideau Ferry is the spectacular scenic gateway to the southern Rideau. A hub for live music and festivals throughout the summer, stop here for the biannual Vintage Boat Regatta first held here in 1897.

Stop at CC's for lunch: A great spot to stop for lunch will be [CC's on the Rideau](#). Clients must call ahead for reservations. Live music and events on the weekends

Public Dock in Rideau Ferry (included) and docks at CC's on the Rideau if you are stopping for lunch or Dinner . CCs on the Rideau (613) 267-6060

Westport: [Westport](#) is a charming village located lies at the west end of Upper Rideau Lake, at head of the navigable Rideau Canal system. Public docking facilities are available at Westport.

The village offers shopping and restaurants, ice cream shops & bakeries, hardware store, unique vendors, sports, grocery store and much more. The village also features a variety of activities including swimming on the beaches, arts, and culture. And then there is always more to explore. Nature lovers will be able to enjoy a hike in Foley Mountain Conservation Area which has spectacular views of the area,

Meal or Wine Tasting at the popular [Scheuermann Vineyard & Winery](#). The Winery is famous for wine tasting and the best steak and wood-oven pizza. Reservations are recommended as it gets quite busy during mealtimes.

[Westport Brewery](#) located at the Harbour and only short walk from the dock. Please call ahead as the bakery closes early.

[Nightly Entertainment at the Cove Restaurant](#). Looking for some music to spice up your time in Westport? The Cove is the place to go to. Cove brings you a variety of music including Blues, Jazz, Rock, Folk, Country, Bluegrass, Soul and Funk. In the warmer months, larger performances with full band shows take place in the Lounge while solos, duos and small groups play to the patio crowds. When it gets cooler, all shows happen in the Lounge. Reservations are recommended.

NOTE: Westport Harbor has shore power, internet, and water. First two Le Boats that arrive there will be FREE. 3rd, 4th 5th boat will have to pay. Free dockage is for one night only and based on first-come basis. Be sure to fill your water tanks in Westport (potable water).

*Overnight in Westport, ON.*

### Day 3 – Cruise from Westport to Chaffey's Lock

[Newboro](#): The village of Newboro is a popular destination spot for anglers wishing to land one of the big Largemouth Bass that populate Newboro Lake. It is also a popular stop for boaters since Newboro is located adjacent to the Newboro Lockstation on the Rideau Canal. It is a good spot to restock supplies or have a quiet lunch or dinner at one of the local restaurants or inns.

Be sure not to miss [Kilborn's](#), a unique shopping experience located in the heart of historic Newboro. The adjacent dining room [Stirling Lodge](#) in the 1832 residence of Col. John Kilborn, the original inhabitant of this home and in whose honor Kilborn was named.

Chaffey's Lock-station: [Chaffey's Lock-station](#) stands on beautiful isthmus of land lying between Indian Lake and Opinicon Lake. The Chaffey's Lock and Area Heritage Society was formed in 1980 to oversee the development of the Lockmaster's House Museum and to preserve the heritage of the village and surrounding area.

Opicon Resort – A great place to stop for dinner and ice cream, the [Opicon Resort](#) host many outdoor artist markets, festival and events on their large waterfront property throughout the summer. Enjoy dinner on their pool side patio, garden patio or indoors. Also a great Ice cream shop that sell lunch and breakfast items for drop ins. Reservations are recommended for the main restaurant.

Great spot to go fishing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, biking and nature walk or hike.

**Pump Out** - Browns Marina. Check your black water tanks and pump out opportunity at Browns Marina. 1641 Chaffey's Lock Rd, Elgin, ON K0G 1E0 (613) 359-5466

Cost is \$35 per tank.

**NOTE:** Do not fill water tanks here as there is no potable water.

*Overnight in Chaffey's Lock, ON.*

### Day 4 - Cruise from Chaffey's locks to Jones Falls.

Jones Falls: [Jones Falls](#) must be one of the prettiest lock-stations along the Canal. The lock-station is home of the "Great Stone Arch Dam". Jones Falls has a flight of 3 lower locks. The turning basin separates the locks from the upper lock. This is the highest lift of any lock-station on the canal.

Amazing park land and great place to hike, swim at lower docks.

**NOTE:** Plan 2 to 4 hours to go through all of the locks (depending on if there are boats already in the locks and time of year). Check with lock masters for an estimate of amount of time required.

**Overnight Mooring:** overnight mooring available at the top of the lock and lower dock. There is no shore power available at Jones Falls.

*Overnight in Jones Falls, ON.*

## Day 5 - Jones Falls to Portland or Colonel Buy Island

Cruise today from Jones Falls to Chaffey's lock to Portland.

Portland: [Portland](#) is a small village located on Big Rideau Lake. There are many things for the landlubber to see and do in the Portland area. The village showcases several unique stores, restaurants and ice cream shop etc.

**Overnight Mooring & Shore Power:** Portland Public Harbour, shore power and water available

Colonel by Island – At Colonel by Island, you can use the Parks Canada dockage. This is the largest island in a set of islands collectively known as "Long Island". It was formerly known as "Livingston Island" and may be marked that way on older charts. The flat roofed building on the Island is "Wag's Lodge," built by Danny Arnstein (co-owner of Yellow Cab in New York and Chicago) in 1949-50. The cottage features two massive "peanut rock" fireplaces and "driftwood plywood" walls. Please note - the building is deteriorating, and Parks Canada has restricted access in and around the building.

Colonel by Island is a good place to go for swims, kayaking, etc. The island also features hiking trails and tennis courts.

**Overnight Mooring:** Public docks and mooring balls available. There is no shore power.

*Overnight in Portland or Colonel Buy Island, ON.*

## Day 6: Cruise back to Smiths Fall to Le Boat Base

Enjoy your final day on the boat and cruise back to Smiths Falls.

This is an approximate 3 to 4 hours sailing from Portland.

Arrive back in Smtihs Falls.

Explore this town, go shopping, visit the Eastern Ontario Railway Museum, Heritage house, beach front or splash pad with the kids. Smiths Fall is also a great place to kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, biking and so on.



Plan your final dinner on the top deck or at local restaurant.

*Overnight in Smiths Falls, ON.*

### Day 7 - Breakfast onboard and Check out

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard, pack up, tidy up and check-out.

Check out is 9 am

*End of your Houseboat Holiday.*