

Houseboat Holiday

7 Days House Boat Holiday - Cruise South on the Rideau Canal

Product Code: DM-DM-LBHOL5DW

Smiths Falls to Westport Return to Smiths Falls

Approximately 12-hours of cruising



Highlights

5-days charter of Horizon Class Houseboat with 2 cabins and ensuite washroom & shower for the exclusive use of the clients.

A fully equipped kitchen including fridge, burners and gas oven, kitchen utensils, cutlery, pots and pans.

No boating license or experience needed! In-depth Boat Training is given to ensure Client's confidence.

Kid friendly.

Clients set their own agenda. Sleep in, stop for lunch, and decide to how far they want to travel each day!

2-night's hotel accommodations in downtown Ottawa based on Quad occupancy.

Transfers to hotel and houseboat.

Day 1 – Arrive in Ottawa, ON.

Arrive in Ottawa. Transferred on arrival from YOW Airport or VIA Rail station to hotel in downtown Ottawa. Rest of the day free to explore Ottawa.

Overnight in Ottawa, ON.

Day 2: Day free to Ottawa on your own.

Day free to explore Ottawa on your own. We offer a number of optional day tours and admissions to attractions and museums in Ottawa. Please check with us for more details.

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Day 3: Pick-up your houseboat and start your 5 days Houseboat Holiday.

This morning, you will be transferred from your hotel in downtown Ottawa to the Pier at Smiths Falls, ON

Smiths Falls is 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 campfire and meet other boaters along the canal.

Overnight in Smith Falls, ON.

Day 4 - 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.

- 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.

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- [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 Harbor, ON.

Day 5 – Cruise from Westport to Portland or Colonel By Island.

Cruise today from Westport to Portland or Colonel By Island.

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 by 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.

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Overnight in Smith Falls, ON.

Day 7 – End of your Houseboat Holiday.

- Breakfast onboard.
- Tidy up and pack your belongings!
- Time to check out and say goodbye to your boat.
- Check-out 9:00 AM.
- Transferred from Pier at Smith's falls to YOW Airport or downtown Ottawa.

End of your houseboat holiday.

Inclusions

- ✓ 2-night's hotel accommodations in downtown Ottawa based on Quad occupancy.
- ✓ 5-days charter of Horizon Class Houseboat with 2 cabins and ensuite washroom & shower for the exclusive use of the clients.
- ✓ A fully equipped kitchen including fridge, burners and gas oven, kitchen utensils, cutlery, pots and pans.
- ✓ Bed linen, duvets and pillows.
- ✓ Small bathroom towels and tea towels. Clients must bring own beach towels.
- ✓ Full tank of fuel, and water (used in kitchen and bathrooms).
- ✓ Heat exchanger to provide heated water in the kitchen and bathrooms.
- ✓ Empty Grey and Black water tanks.
- ✓ Blue Tooth, USB Ports, etc.
- ✓ Guidebooks, Maps, Binoculars.
- ✓ Daily weather reports.
- ✓ A boat handling demonstration prior to departure.
- ✓ Technical support.
- ✓ On-board maps and visitor information.
- ✓ Passage through locks.
- ✓ Compulsory moorings fee has been included in the price quoted. See compulsory costs for more details.
- ✓ Arrival transfer from YOW Airport or VIA Rail station to hotel in downtown Ottawa.
- ✓ Transfer from hotel in downtown Ottawa to Pier at Smiths Falls to board your houseboat.
- ✓ Transfer from Pier at Smiths Falls to YOW Airport or downtown Ottawa at the end of your boat charter.
- ✓ Taxes & GST.

Exclusions

- × Airfare.
- × Meals including breakfast.
- × Collision Damage Waiver to cover damage to the boat.

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- × Running costs (diesel, gas, engine wear and tear) - charged by the engine hour.
- × Optional holiday extras.
- × Waterside services if you use them (i.e., moorings where a charge is applicable, pump-out if needed, water, etc.).
- × Food and drink.
- × Boat Cleaning Fee.
- × Cancellation plan & any travel/personal insurance.
- × Travel Insurance - recommended. We require Travel Agent to secure a signed Waiver in the event client declines your offer to sell Travel Insurance. DMCi will require Travel Agent to provide us the signed waiver when required as a part of the Terms & Conditions of Contract. DMCi sells Manulife Travel Insurance. Please check with us for rates.
- × Bottled Water.
- × Early Check-in and Late Check-out charges. Charges will apply.

Deposit & Cancellation Policy:

<u>Deposit Policy</u> - 40% Deposit required on confirmation of package.
<u>Balance Payable</u> - 71 Days prior to start of tour.
<u>Change & Cancellation Policy</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 70 Days or prior date of start of tour - Deposit 40% ▪ Between 43 and 70 Days - 45% of total Package cost. ▪ Between 42 and 15 days - 60% of Package cost. ▪ Less than 15 days - 100% of Package cost. ▪ No Show - 100% Non-refundable.

Change:

Changes must be in writing to DMCi before 4 PM ET. We will do our utmost to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Clients will be asked to pay an administration charge of \$140 per booking amendment and any further cost we incur in making this alteration and any increase in the cost of your clients' trip. Should your clients request a major alteration within 10 weeks of departure (such as, but not limited to, a change of date or location or boat style), then this will be treated as a cancellation and re-booking and the cancellation charges shall apply.

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If You Change Your Booking

If, after our Booking Confirmation has been issued, your client's wish to change their travel arrangements in any way, for example the chosen departure date (in the same cruising season), destination or boat, Le Boat will do their utmost to accommodate such changes subject to availability of inventory. Any request for changes to be made must be in writing from the travel agent. DMCi & Le Boat are unable to accommodate any direct request from the client. The price of houseboat vacation may increase or decrease to reflect the changes requested by the client. Client will be required to pay an administration charge of CA \$175/US\$140 (more than 70 days prior to departure) or CA \$315/US\$250 (between 70 and 15 days prior to departure) per booking amendment and any further cost Le Boat will incur in making this alteration and any increase in the cost of your trip. Please ensure client's travel insurance will cover any changes or increased costs resulting from a change. Travel Agent should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made.

Should the request a major alteration within 70 days of departure date (such as, but not limited to, a change of date or location or boat style) then this will be treated as a cancellation and re-booking and the cancellation charges detailed below shall apply.

Client may transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to this booking, by giving us notice in writing at least 14 days before departure provided that the new lead passenger accepts the transfer and these booking conditions. Both the client and the new traveler are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer. Administrative charge of a minimum of CA \$75/US\$60 per person plus payment of all costs charged or levied by those supplying the travel arrangements.

FAQ

- 1) **Minimum number of adults required to book a Houseboat Holiday.**
A minimum of two able bodied adults are required to book a Houseboat Holiday.
- 2) **Minimum Boat Rental Nights.**
The least number of nights one can book a Houseboat Holiday is 3 nights.
- 3) **Boating License requirements.**
 - a) Boating License – Clients do not require a Boating License or experience to book our Houseboat Holiday.
 - b) Who can captain the boat – Guests have to be minimum 18 years of age to Captain the boat.
 - c) Why are we not required to have a prior boat license? – The reason clients do not require a license to operate the based on Boating Rules as set by Transport Canada. For more information, please visit the below link. <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/getting-started-safe-boating/rental-boats>.
- 4) **What is included in the Package Price? What is not included?**
 - a) The price includes the charter of the boat and its equipment (kitchen gallery equipped, utensils), towels and linen for all passengers, a boat handling demo, technical support, on-board cruising information & locks fee (except in Ireland where locks fee should be paid locally in supplement).
 - b) Clients must bring their own beach towels.
- 5) **What should clients bring with them?**

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We recommend that clients bring:

- a) Some form of non-slip footwear such as boat shoes,
- b) A pair of gloves (gardening gloves or similar) as clients will need this when handling the ropes during mooring and passing through the locks.
- c) Beach towels.
- d) Bring small foldable travel suitcases as these will be easier to store on the boat.
- e) Clients can bring food & provisions with them if they wish, although most bases have a supermarket close by easily accessible by car. Alternatively, clients may order provisions in advance of their holiday and we will make arrangements to have same delivered to the boat at the start of the sailing.

Note: Extras, fuel, moorings fees, water/fuel refill, travel to the base are NOT included in the Houseboat Holiday price.

6) What is already on board?

- a) Hand soap – you should wash your hands regularly.
- b) Bed linen – which has been washed at high temperature.
- c) Duvets and pillows.
- d) Small bathroom towels and tea towels (not beach towels) – washed at high temperature. Clients must bring their own beach towels.
- e) Fridge (with a small freezer compartment for ice), burners and gas oven. The size of the fridge depends of the boat model, please refer to boat feature specifics located on individual boat pages for more technical details.
- f) Kitchen utensils, cutlery, pots and pans.

Note: the boats do not carry hairdryers. Clients must bring their own.

7) The Boats

- a) How many boats are there in the fleet – there are 24 boats, all of them 3 years or less in age.
- b) Deck Plan – please refer to Our Boats.
- c) Captain's Handbook – offers valuable information about the boats and boating on the Rideau Canal.

Note: For specific information about the boats, please visit – Our Boats.

8) Boats come with

- a) Wi-Fi – almost 100% of the Rideau Canal is covered. Quality of signal will depend on where your boat is on the canal.
- b) Cell phone coverage – available almost all along the Rideau Canal. It depends on the Wi-Fi signal.
- c) Bluetooth.
- d) USB Ports.
- e) Instagram.
- f) Guidebook.
- g) Binoculars.

9) Safety – every boat comes with:

- a) First Air Kit.

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- b) Fire Extinguisher.
- c) Life Vests. Clients must bring their own life vests for pets they bring on board.
- d) Lifeline for man overboard circumstance.

10) Check In & Checkout. Can Clients Organize An Early Check-In Or Late Check-Out?

- a) Hotel Check-in – 4 PM
- b) Hotel Check-out – 11 AM.
- c) Charter Boat Check-in – 2 PM
- d) Charter Boat Check-out – 9 AM
- e) Early Check-in – 12 Noon - \$ 145 plus 13% HST.
- f) Late Check-out – 12 Noon - \$ 145 plus 13% HST.

Note: Extremely late arrival (due flight delays etc.) – Clients must advise us as soon as they become aware of such situations. We will accommodate as best as possible.

Note: What time should clients report – we recommend reporting 2 hours ahead to the base.

11) Fuel – How Much Should Clients Budget For Fuel?

- a) The boats come with a full tank of fuel – 700 liters. This should be more than enough for most of the sailings.
- b) Before departure, client will be required to leave a engine hours deposit in the local currency for the value of between CA \$150 to \$350 depending on the length of the charter. At the end of the holiday, clients are refunded the excess or be asked to pay any additional costs as required. For client information, typical consumption of fuel will run around.

Length of Charter	Deposit	Typical Consumption
3 to 4 days Charter	\$150	\$225
7 Days	\$300	\$425

12) What Will Affect the Fuel Usage?

Typically, the consumption of fuel is dependent on hours the engines are running. The engines are still working even if they are idling.

13) Water & Heated Water

- a) Boats come with a full tank of 500 liters of Water. This should be more than enough for most of the sailings including showers. If required, clients can top up along the canal as they cruise. The Rideau Canal Guide provides information on where clients can top up if required.
- b) Heated Water – offered on the boat. The water is heated by batteries on board.
- c) Grey & Black Water – the boats have inbuilt grey and black water tanks large enough that there should be no need to dump. Dump stations are available along the canal. Refer to Rideau Canal Guide for more information.
- d) Grey Water – is wastewater that has been collected from the vessels galley, showers, laundries and sinks.

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- e) Black Water - describes wastewater containing fecal matter and urine.

14) Power onboard

- a) Boats are running on 110 Cycle. Converters must be brought with you if clients are coming from a 220-cycle domain as converters are not easily available locally. Clients from overseas will need a plug adaptor suitable for use in Canada. In Canada, the electric wall outlets where the plugs go are for types A and B, requiring two and three prong plugs like in the United States. On the boats, these sockets only provide power when cruising or when 'hooked-up' to a shore power supply.
- b) The boats also have USB sockets in the saloon and all cabins. All boats have a 12-volt power sockets (as you would use in a car) which can be used to plug in your adapter lead for a mobile phone or any other low power equipment.
- c) The boats come with on board batteries that charge as the boat operates and provide necessary power for the boat. Clients can also hook up to onshore power source when moored.

Note: For onshore power, Parks Canada typically charges \$10 per day. The cost of onshore power is not included in the cost of charter.

15) Pet Friendly

Yes, you can bring your pets on board. A charge of CA \$85 + HST applies per animal.

16) Busiest Months on Rideau Canal

With almost no commercial traffic and run by Parks Canada, the Rideau Canal is operated almost exclusively as a recreation space. This means, as you travel, you'll see many locals and visitors alike taking the time to enjoy the canal. Common activities include boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, cycling, stand-up paddle boarding and jet-skiing.

- a) July - is the busiest month and the canal can get busy.
- b) June, August, and September are the quieter months.
- c) May and October are the perfect time to escape the masses.

Note: Fall Colors - Traveling in late September and thru October has the added benefit of being able to witness Canada transformed by autumn colors.

17) Itinerary Planning & Rideau Canal

- a) Rideau Canal Guide - refer to Rideau Canal.
- b) Locks & Lock Stations - All Locks and Lock Stations are operated by Parks Canada. Clients must refer to Rideau Canal Guide for opening and closing times when planning their itinerary. Clients are not allowed to operate any of the locks or interfere/help with the process of operating the locks.
 - i) 24 Lock Stations.
 - ii) 27 Locks.
- c) Lock Fees - refer to Tariffs.
- d) Mooring fees - refer to Tariffs.

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- e) Next Town – maximum 3 hours sailing away.
- f) Weather Reports – provided.

18) Itinerary – clients plan their own itinerary. We will provide with assistance if required.

19) Mooring Stations along Rideau Canal - 24 Lock Stations, 47 Locks

Ottawa	Manotick	Edmonds	Beveridges	Westport	Upper & Lower Brewers
Dows Lake	Burrirts Rapids	Old Syls	Perth	Newboro	Kingston Mills
Hartwells	Nicholsons	Combined Lock	Rideau Ferry	Chaffeys Lock	Kingston
Hogs Back	Clowes	Smiths Falls	Colonel by Island	Davis	
Black Rapids	Merrickville	Detached Lock	Portland	Jones Falls	
Long Island	Kilmarnock	Poonamaile	The Narrows	Seeleys Bay	

20) CDW (COLLISSION Damage Waiver)

The CDW provides cover against accidental damage or loss to the vessel and ancillary equipment. Pre-paying the CDW means you will pay a lower Security Deposit at the base.

Clients has two options to choose from:

- a) Option 1 – Buy at the time of booking CDW at CA \$ 79 per day per vessel plus HST. Should clients opt for this choice, they are required to leave behind a security deposit for a minimum deductible of CA \$1,135 per vessel chartered. On the return of the vessel without any damage to itself, the equipment onboard or a third party, the full deposit will be returned. If the vessel is returned with damage to itself, the equipment onboard or a third party, all or appropriate portion of the deposit as deemed necessary by Le Boat will be retained to cover such costs.
- b) Option 2 - Leave a deposit for the sum of CA \$ 4,920 and not pay any daily CDW charges. Once again, full refund will be made when the vessel is returned without any damage to itself, the equipment onboard or a third party. If the vessel is returned with damages to itself, equipment abroad or a third party, all or appropriate portion of the deposit as deemed necessary by Le Boat will be retained to cover such costs.

21) Parking at the base (Smiths Falls)

Parking is available at \$7 (approx.) per day. Clients are required to prebook the parking.

22) Grocery Pack

Clients may bring in their own groceries or order a Grocery Pack through us. Several grocery, beer and liquor stores are also available in Smiths Falls as well as along the Rideau Canal sailing route.

23) BYOB

Clients may bring in their own liquor. Operating the vessel under the influence of intoxicant substances including alcoholic beverages, recreational marijuana, etc. is strictly prohibited. Rules similar to D.U.I. applies.

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24) Can Clients Bring Their Own BBQ?

No, the law is strict and only a fitted BBQ can be used on a boat. The boats come with hotplate BBQs. Parks managed by Parks Canada along the Rideau Canal have BBQ Pits that could be used by clients.

25) Technical Assistance

The boats are very new and technical issues are not expected. Boats are no older than 3 years and subject to maintenance post each cruise. However, 24/7 shore help is available should there be a situation that requires immediate attention.

26) Speed of the vessel

Boats are built with a max speed of 10 miles per hour.

27) Captain - can we hire one?

Yes, you can for an additional cost. Please check with us for more information on this. Typically, Captains leave the boat most evening unless your clients would need them to stay with the family/group. If Captain has to stay on board the boat with the clients, meals and accommodations must be provided.

28) Fishing

Client can go fishing. To the best of our knowledge, the catch is fit for human consumption. Fishing Licenses are required and same can be acquired from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

29) Extras - should clients book ahead?

It is possible to purchase Extras at the base, however all Extras are subject to availability. Therefore, it is best to pre-book and prepay for your Extras prior to travel to ensure you don't miss out! Please refer to the Holiday Extras page for pricing and a full list of possible Extras.

30) Seasick - would guests fall Seasick?

The answer is no. Clients are sailing waters that have literally no waves.

31) Hospitals

There are big hospitals in Kingston and Ottawa. Small clinics are available in Smiths Falls and some of the smaller towns along the sailing route.

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

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