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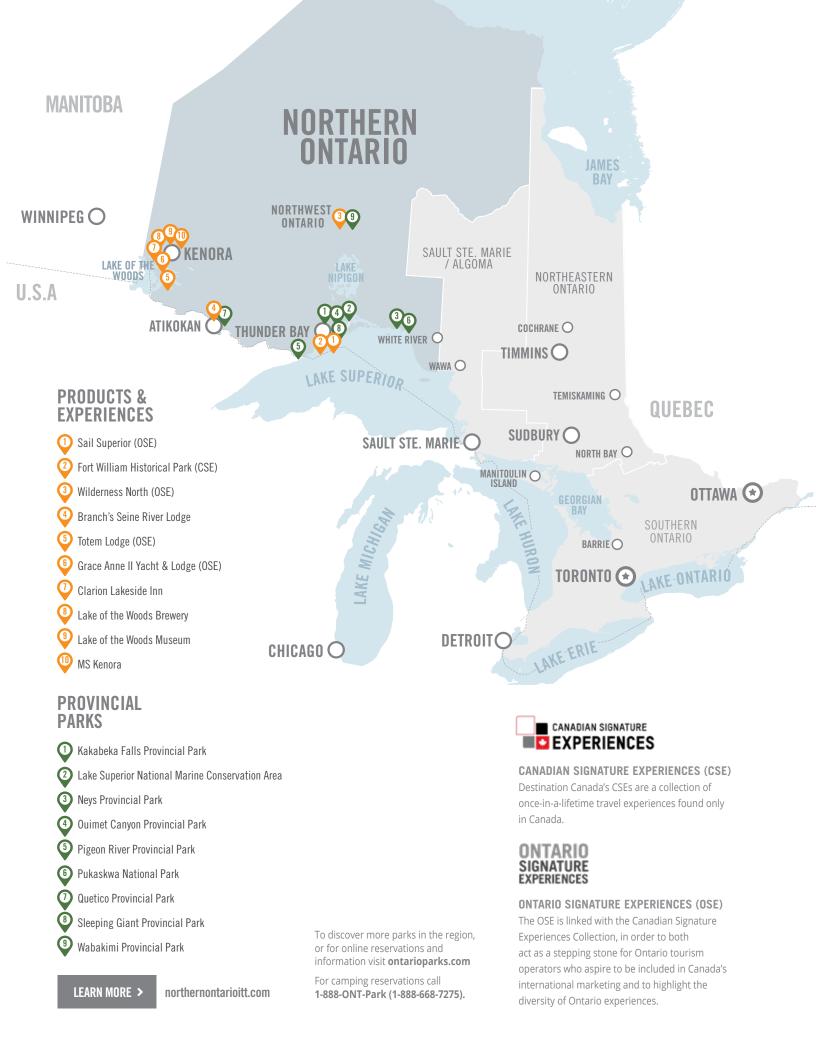


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## Welcome to NORTHWEST ONTARIO

Adventure awaits in Northwest Ontario — a wilderness playground of trails and parks, with hundreds of thousands of lakes and rivers, and rich in culture and Indigenous history.

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### 🖄 Northwest Ontario Gateway City



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#### **TORONTO TO THUNDER BAY**

😭 1400 kilometers 🛛 🔶 90 minute flight

Thunder Bay is the ideal urban basecamp for outdoor adventures. With 17 flights daily from Toronto, two flights daily from Winnipeg and over 42 culinary experiences in the city's Waterfront District alone, it's a perfect city to celebrate a day, a week or even a month exploring the outdoors.

#### **Sleeping Giant Provincial Park**

On the southern tip of this rugged peninsula near Thunder Bay lies the legendary Sleeping Giant. Venture deep into its boreal forests to experience the backcountry, or follow its rugged trails to the top of the giant for unbeatable views of Lake Superior. Look for deer, moose and other large mammals in the park's vast forests and lowlands. Park highlights include over 100 km of hiking trails, nature walks, group campfires, boating, fishing and cycling.

#### **Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park**

Known as Niagara of the North, Kakabeka Falls drops 40 metres over rock cliffs and holds some of the oldest fossils in the world. Check out the views from platforms and trails along the gorge or trace voyageurs' routes around the falls in this history-rich park. Visitors can explore walking and nature trails in the summer and groomed cross-country ski trails in winter.

#### 1 Sail Superior

- 2 Porphyry Lightouse, Lake Superior
- 3 Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park
- **O** 4 Sleeping Giant Provincial Park

#### **Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior**

Living, working and visiting a lighthouse is a once in a lifetime retreat to the past island life. Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior Inc. (CLLS), restores, preserves, maintains and promotes lighthouses that dot the northern shores of Lake Superior.



Fort William Historical Park (CSE) – Step into the past and meet voyageurs, traders and First Nations reliving the drama of the Northwest Company and the fur trade at Fort William Historical Park, the world's largest reconstructed fur trade post.

With 57 heritage and modern buildings on 250 acres along the Kaministiquia River, Fort William is a living example of how the fur traders lived; with characters portraying the collaboration between Indigenous, French and English cultures, medicine, domestic life, heritage farming and crafts of the early days.

- Guided tours, dramas, and demonstrations along with themed weekends, festivals, feasts, and concerts throughout the year.
- Artisan demonstrations such as canoe building, blacksmithing, tinsmithing; period firearm assembly and demonstrations, coopering, and tailoring.
- Historic meals, casual dining, and elegant gourmet dinners in a unique heritage setting.
- 1 Sail Superior High Speed Zodiac™ Hurricane™ (RIB) tours
- 2 Fort William Historical Park Canoe Carving
- 3 Sail Superior Big Lake Experiences

Sail Superior (OSE) – Sailing Lake Superior's canadian coast, explore the crystal-clear waters and magnificent vistas of the world's largest freshwater lake from a 40-foot sailboat.

#### **Big Lake Experiences:**

Across the bay from Thunder Bay lies the Sleeping Giant, or Nanabijou, a 350-metrehigh mesa rising straight out of the water.

Embark upon a full day sailing excursion to the Sleeping Giant; hike through the Boreal forest to the top, and the Thunder Bay Lookout. Deer, wolf, fox, lynx and over 200 bird species live in the forest.

#### **Urban Sailing Experiences:**

See Thunder Bay from a maritime perspective with a short harbour tour or a relaxing sunset wine and cheese cruise.

#### **Excursions:**

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- Wine & Cheese Twilight Cruise
- Overnight Excursions
- Full day Lake Superior Lighthouse Sailing Adventure to Porphyry Island
- Full day Hike and Sail at Spar Island
- High Speed Zodiac™ Hurricane™ (RIB) tours on Lake Superior and the Kaministiqua River

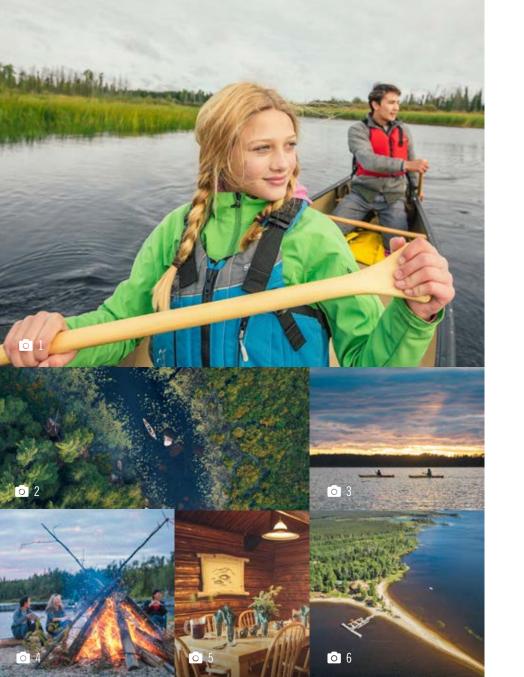


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# Wilderness North

Retreat to Miminiska Lodge



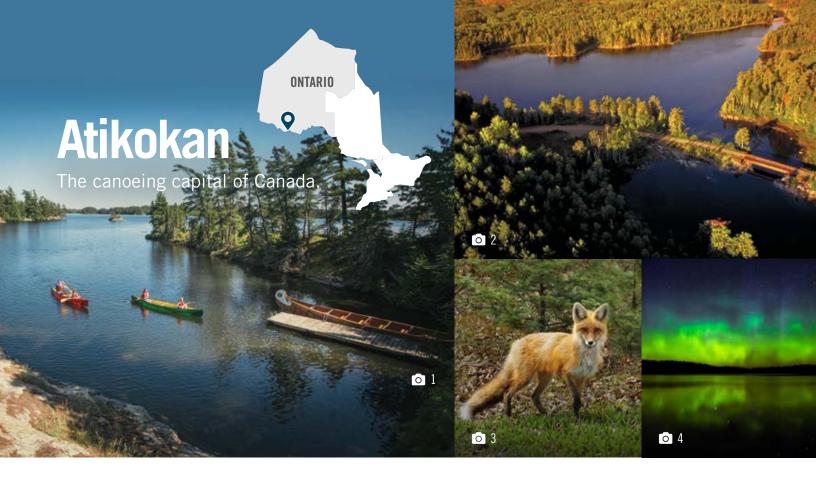
### Five-day wilderness adventure in Northern Ontario.

WILDERNESS NORTH – Set on the Canadian Shield and steeped in Indigenous history, the Wilderness North "Quintessential Canada" adventure is an Ontario Signature Experience. Accessible only by private plane, Wilderness North lodges are located deep in the northern wilderness.

Miminiska Lodge, located 400 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, is surrounded by pristine freshwater lakes, rivers and unspoiled Boreal forest. Discover the true North, and enjoy the friendly hospitality of a full-service lodge, including authentic northern cuisine.

- Private, cozy lakefront cabins with decks; Lodge rooms
- Guided hiking, canoeing and kayaking
- Interpretative historical explorations of the area by foot and boat
- Shoreline hiking, sunset yoga, and stand-up paddleboarding
- Nightly campfires and entertainment
- Experience the spectacular Northern Lights
- Homestyle cooking with local ingredients; gourmet shore lunches
- Ontario wildlife see bears, moose, and woodland caribou who inhabit the Boreal forest

1 Canoeing
 2 Pristine Lakes and Rivers
 3 Kayaking
 4 Nightly Campfires
 5 Beautiful Accommodations
 6 Miminiska Lodge



#### WELCOME TO ATIKOKAN - Atikokan,

the canoeing capital of Canada, is located along scenic Highway 11/17 in the southeast region of Sunset Country. Atikokan is a fun, family-friendly community that relishes its small-town charm. There are plenty of outdoor activities available in the area. **Quetico Provincial Park** – Quetico Provincial Park is one of Ontario's finest wilderness canoeing Parks, recognized by the world for its unparalled peace and tranquility. With over 450,000 hectares of protected land and thousands of interconnected lakes, rivers, and streams, Quetico truly offers a lifetime of canoe tripping opportunities.

Whether you are spending time in the vast backcountry of the park or at our Dawson Trail Campground, there are plenty of things to see and experience. Consider spending time at Quetico in the fall or winter. At the Dawson Trail Campground there are 30km of groomed ski and snowshoe trails and several cozy rustic cabins. In the backcountry every season can provide a unique and adventurous wilderness trip!

#### Branch's Seine River Lodge - Nestled

in the heart of Sunset Country in Northwestern Ontario Canada, Branch's Seine River Lodge is a modern, full service, drive in fishing and hunting lodge that has been family owned and operated since 1967. Cabins are all new or newly renovated and offer all the amenities of home including satellite TV, wifi, air conditioning and decks or verandahs overlooking Banning Lake. The lodge offers both complete and partial canoe trip outfitting for Quetico Provincial Park and the thousands of miles around it - including White Otter Lake and Turtle River Waterway Park.

- 2 Quetico Provincial Park
- 3 Red Fox
- **O** 4 Northern lights at Branch's Seine River Lodge

<sup>1</sup> Voyageur Wilderness Programme (Quetico Provincial Park)



**LAKE OF THE WOODS** – Breathtaking is the best way to describe Lake of the Woods. Covering an area of over 1,700 square miles and with over 14,500 islands, visitors must experience this lake in person to really understand how magnificent it is.

**Totem Lodge (OSE)** – This lodge offers guests a relaxing retreat in the woods in a lavish cabin with stunning views of Lake of the Woods! The lodge offers top of the line amenities and superb service, so guests can enjoy all the comforts of a five star resort – in the wilderness. Relax on white sand beaches set up with Adirondack furniture, and outdoor fire pits.

**Grace Anne II Yacht & Lodge (OSE)** - Explore Lake of the Woods in the luxurious Grace Anne II Yacht, a majestic 85 foot mahogany vessel. The exclusive Grace Anne II Lodge is a secluded, 40 acre resort located on a five mile wilderness island on beautiful Lake of the Woods.

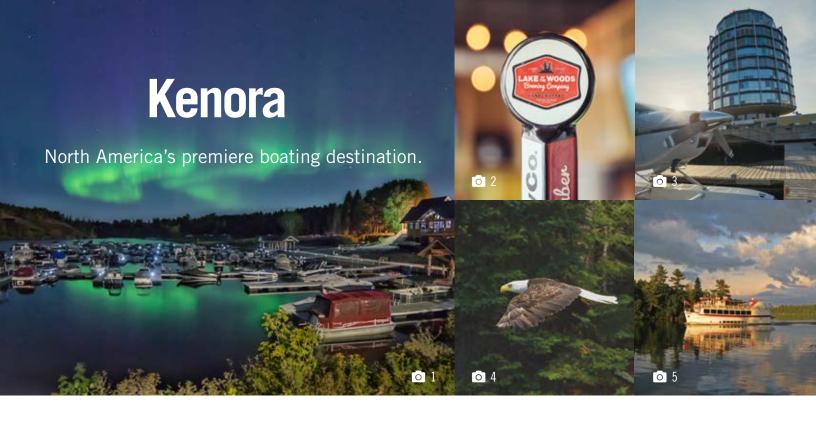
1 Lake of the Woods
2 Grace Anne II Yacht & Lodge (OSE)
3 Totem Lodge (OSE)
4 White Pelicans on Lake of the Woods

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# Lake of the Woods

Discover magnificent Lake of the Woods.





#### WELCOME TO KENORA – Known as

the "Premier Boating Destination of North America," Kenora is a vibrant city situated on the north shore of beautiful Lake of the Woods.

#### Lake of the Woods Brewery Tours

This 40-minute tour begins on the second floor of the 105 year old fire hall that houses the brewery and taproom.
Guests will enjoy a pint while learning about the history of the building and the history of the original Lake of the Woods
Brewery that operated in Kenora from 1898 to 1954. The tour will then continue into the Brewery where guests will learn how the beer is made and the unique processes used. There are usually a few brewers around and they often join in on the conversation.

1 Tall Pines Marina, Kenora
 2 Lake of the Woods Brewery
 3 Clarion Lakeside Inn
 4 Bald Eagle
 5 MS Kenora

**Clarion Lakeside Inn** – Stay at this Kenora Hotel situated on beautiful Lake of the Woods! The Lakeside Inn is a unique 11 story circular hotel located in the heart of downtown Kenora. Key area attractions and unique shopping options are all within walking distance. Each well-appointed room features high speed internet, free local and credit card calls, and a beautiful view.

Waterside Restaurant and Lounge located on the 9th floor has a wonderful menu and spectacular views!

The staff at the Lakeside Inn are ready to ensure every guest has a comfortable and memorable stay.



Lake of the Woods Museum – The awardwinning Lake of the Woods Museum, one of the finest small museums in Canada is located in the City of Kenora. The Museum was established in 1964 and seeks to promote understanding and respect for the cultures and heritage of the area and to engage a diverse community in discovery and learning. Many displays are updated annually and feature First Nations and pioneer artifacts, natural history, minerals, textiles, pictorial and archival material, all illustrating the history of the Lake of the Woods and the surrounding area.

#### M.S. Kenora - Lake of the Woods Cruises

The M.S. Kenora offers scenic tours around beautiful Lake of the Woods in Kenora.
The daily cruise starts from Kenora's scenic waterfront and takes passengers by Coney Island's beautiful public beach, then heads south on a spectacular circle route of the northern section of famed Lake of the Woods (14,500 islands, 65,000 miles of shoreline).
The cruise navigates through picturesque channels and bays with views of luxurious private summer homes, and peaceful, unspoiled, wilderness areas. Watch for resident bald eagles and other wildlife that regularly come into view as the vessle returns through mystical "Devil's Gap" to complete the tour.

# DISCOVER THE FUR TRADE ROUTE



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### An RV trip of a lifetime!



### The Fur Trade Route - Toronto to Kenora

🗰 9-DAY TOUR 🛛 🗛 1900 KM

#### The Fur Trade Route along Lake Superior is one of Canada's most scenic drives.

Northern Ontario begins in Parry Sound just three hours north of Toronto. Here the landscape on the edge of the Georgian Bay gives way from cottage country and pastoral rolling farm land to abruptly transition into solid rock, lush pine forests, placid lakes and powerful rivers. The Boreal Forest stretches two thousand kilometers westward from here across the vast Canadian Shield towards Kenora.

The immense landscape speaks of our Canadian history.Starting with the Indigenous people and the fur trade that led to settlement with the exploration of canoe routes, railroads and eventually highways that connected resource towns to the outside world.



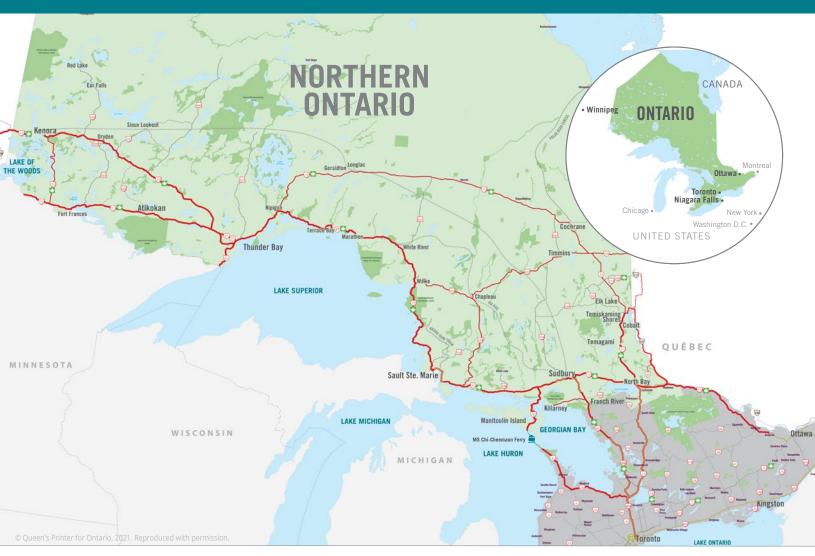
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## **Getting Here.**

Whether you choose to fly or to drive, getting to Northwest Ontario couldn't be easier. WestJet, Air Canada and Porter Airlines offer direct daily service from Toronto to Thunder Bay. Or hit the road and take Highway 17 across beautiful scenic Ontario.

#### For more information contact:

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#### Fly + Approximate travel times

AIRLINES: Porter / Air Canada / West Jet

| FROM     | TO          | DURATION   |
|----------|-------------|------------|
| Toronto  | Thunder Bay | 2 h        |
| Winnipeg | Thunder Bay | 1 h 30 min |

#### Drive 🖨 Approximate travel distances (km)

| FROM             | TO          | DISTANCE | DURATION   |
|------------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| Sault Ste. Marie | Thunder Bay | 700 km   | 7 h 40 min |
| Wawa             | Thunder Bay | 477 km   | 5 h 15 min |
| Winnipeg         | Thunder Bay | 700 km   | 7 h 40 min |
| Thunder Bay      | Atikokan    | 205 km   | 2 h 40 min |
| Thunder Bay      | Kenora      | 490 km   | 5 h 25 min |
| Atikokan         | Kenora      | 340 km   | 4 h 10 min |
| Winnipeg         | Kenora      | 210 km   | 2 h 20 min |
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