



2 Day suggested ITINERARY – “SAMPLE the RIDEAU HERITAGE ROUTE”

8:30am – Depart Ottawa & drive along the Rideau Heritage Route to Manotick – Brief stop at **Watson’s Mill**, one of the few remaining operating gristmills in Ontario, with its own tragic history and resident ghost. Treat yourself to a bag of fresh, stone-ground flour or feed the ducks!

Admission is free. Continue your drive past the communities of Kemptville and Burrits Rapids then arriving in Merrickville.

MERRICKVILLE

Visit the shops and artisans’ galleries in Merrickville - renowned for its boutiques, which are filled with one-of-a-kind items made by local artists and artisans. The largest of the canal’s four blockhouses was built in Merrickville which now serves as a museum. This stone and timber fortress complete with moat and drawbridge was built to protect the canal and the town. Merrickville has many beautiful heritage buildings.

Depart for Smiths Falls - The town of Smiths Falls is at the Heart of the Rideau. Geographically, it marks the midway point between Ottawa and Kingston of the 202 km Rideau Canal. Smiths Falls is the “Chocolate Capital of Ontario.” The local **Hershey’s** plant offers tours so that people can see the mass manufacturing of their favourite chocolate bars. In the centre of downtown Smiths Falls is a 19th-century stone building which once housed a mill. It is now home to the **Rideau Canal Museum**. Explore five floors of displays, artifacts and multi-media exhibits that trace the steps of Lieutenant-Colonel By as he struggled to build the canal.

Depart for Perth - The downtown core is packed over 70 thriving little shops and boutiques - including crafts, antiques and flea market. Relax in one of the cafés or pubs. Take in the hustle-bustle of the Perth Farmer’s Market or the new Crystal Palace Craft Market.

Depart for Westport - Nestled on the banks of the Upper Rideau Lake at the foot of Foley Mountain, Westport is a core for hiking and cycling enthusiasts with the 300 km Rideau Trail linking Kingston and Ottawa passing through. The view of Westport from Spy Rock is truly spectacular.

Classic Rideau Cruise – 1 ½ hour cruise along the Rideau Canal from Jones Falls (passing through Davis Lock) to Chaffey’s Locks with Rideau Canal Boat Tours. Join Captain Lance aboard his 30 ft. cruiser “Chuckles” as he narrates the history of the Rideau Canal.

Contact: Lance Jervis (613) 272-0222 www.rideauboattours.com

Drive to Kingston along Rideau Heritage Route (Hwy 15)

(Sunset Ceremony at Fort Henry every Wednesday @7:30pm in July & August)

Overnight in Kingston – Choice of Historic Inn or Flag property

Next morning

Visit Kingston Farmers Market, downtown shops then it’s off to Fort Henry and while inside the fortification’s wooden gates visitors enter a marvelous reproduction of 19th century military life.

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