

Clayton, New York, USA

Gateway to the Thousand Islands, Clayton sits right on the St. Lawrence River where more than 1,800 islands dot the water between the US and Canada — Boldt Castle is just a boat ride away.

Docked (Thousand Islands Regional Dock)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD

English

Island hopping

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Thousand Islands Regional Dock, downtown Riverside Drive — steps to shops and restaurants

Best For: Boldt Castle boat tours, antique boats, Riverwalk strolls, local cheese & fudge

Walk to center: Immediate — dock is at Frink Park in the heart of downtown Clayton

Don't Miss: Antique Boat Museum and a narrated island cruise past Heart Island

Getting around: Taxi Varies (hourly rates) · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Boldt Castle Island Tour** — Board a narrated boat to Heart Island and tour Boldt Castle, the unfinished million-dollar estate built by Waldorf Astoria owner George Boldt as a...
 - Rock Island Lighthouse** — A glass-bottom boat tour with Clayton Island Tours takes you to this 1847 lighthouse on American soil.
 - Antique Boat Museum** — The largest freshwater recreational boat collection in North America, housed right on the Clayton waterfront.
- Two Nation Island Cruise** — Narrated cruise through both US and Canadian waters of the Thousand Islands — no passport stop required.
 - Clayton Local Food & Drink Loop** — Sample the region on foot: River Rat Cheese for local curds, Lil' River Fudge Company for handmade sweets, and Coyote Moon Vineyards or Clayton...

BEST WALKS

- Clayton Riverwalk** 1.5 km · Flat · 20-30 min — Follow the paved Riverwalk along the St.
- Downtown Clayton Historic Stroll** 1 km loop · Flat · 30 min — Walk Riverside Drive and Merrick Street through the small Victorian-era downtown.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		53°	35°	12d
Jun		75°	56°	11d
Aug		78°	61°	10d
Sep		70°	53°	11d
Oct		57°	42°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:12AM–7:10PM · Jun 5:35AM–7:48PM · Aug 6:06AM–7:24PM · Sep 6:26AM–6:47PM · Oct 6:45AM–6:08PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book island tours early. Boldt Castle boats fill up on busy ship days — book through the ship or grab tickets the moment you step ashore.
- Passport for Canada. Boldt Castle on Heart Island is in U.S. waters — no passport needed from the Clayton side. But any tour that crosses into Canadian waters requires a valid passport or NEXUS card for re-entry to the US.
- Cash-friendly town. Most Clayton shops and tour operators accept cards, but having some USD cash is handy for the fudge shop and street-side vendors.
- Dress in layers. River breezes on the St. Lawrence can be cool even on sunny summer days — bring a light jacket for boat tours.
- River Rat Cheese is a local institution. Pick up some Thousand Islands curds near the waterfront — a great snack or souvenir.
- Leave time for the Antique Boat Museum. It's a surprisingly deep museum — budget at least 90 minutes if boats interest you at all.

Clayton, New York, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** **Antique Boat Museum** North America's largest freshwater boat museum on the Clayton waterfront, with over 320 classic vessels including George Boldt's houseboat La Duchesse.
- 3** **Thousand Islands Museum** A small downtown museum with exhibits on the region's fishing and hunting-decoy heritage.

- 2** **Rock Island Lighthouse** An 1847 lighthouse on American soil with a keeper's cottage museum, reachable by boat tour from Clayton.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**