

Dark Island, New York, USA

A fortress rising from the St. Lawrence. Dark Island's Singer Castle is one of the most dramatic Gilded Age landmarks in the Thousand Islands — a medieval-style castle built for a sewing machine heir and now open for guided tours.

Tendered (island dock)

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

US Dollar

English

Historic castle

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender / small boat to island dock (400+ ft of dock space)

Best For: History lovers, Gilded Age architecture, river scenery

Walk to castle: Steps from the dock — Singer Castle is right at the waterfront

Don't Miss: Singer Castle guided tour including secret passages and dungeon

Getting around: Taxi Quote-based

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Singer Castle Guided Tour** — Explore the Gothic Revival fortress built by Frederick Bourne (president of Singer Sewing Machine Co.) in 1905.
- Thousand Islands Scenic Cruise** — Many cruise itineraries pair Dark Island with a narrated pass through the archipelago — 1,864 islands straddling the US-Canada border.
- Boldt Castle Day Trip (Heart Island)** — A short boat ride away, Boldt Castle on Heart Island is the other great Thousand Islands landmark — built as a Valentine's gift by hotel magnate...

BEST WALKS

- Singer Castle Grounds & Dock Walk** Easy | 10–15 min | Flat — From the dock, walk around the castle exterior, take in river views, and photograph the dramatic stone towers.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		53°	35°	12d
Jun		75°	55°	11d
Aug		77°	61°	11d
Sep		70°	53°	12d
Oct		57°	42°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:07AM–8:01PM · Jun 6:33AM–8:36PM · Aug 7:02AM–8:14PM · Sep 7:19AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:36AM–7:03PM

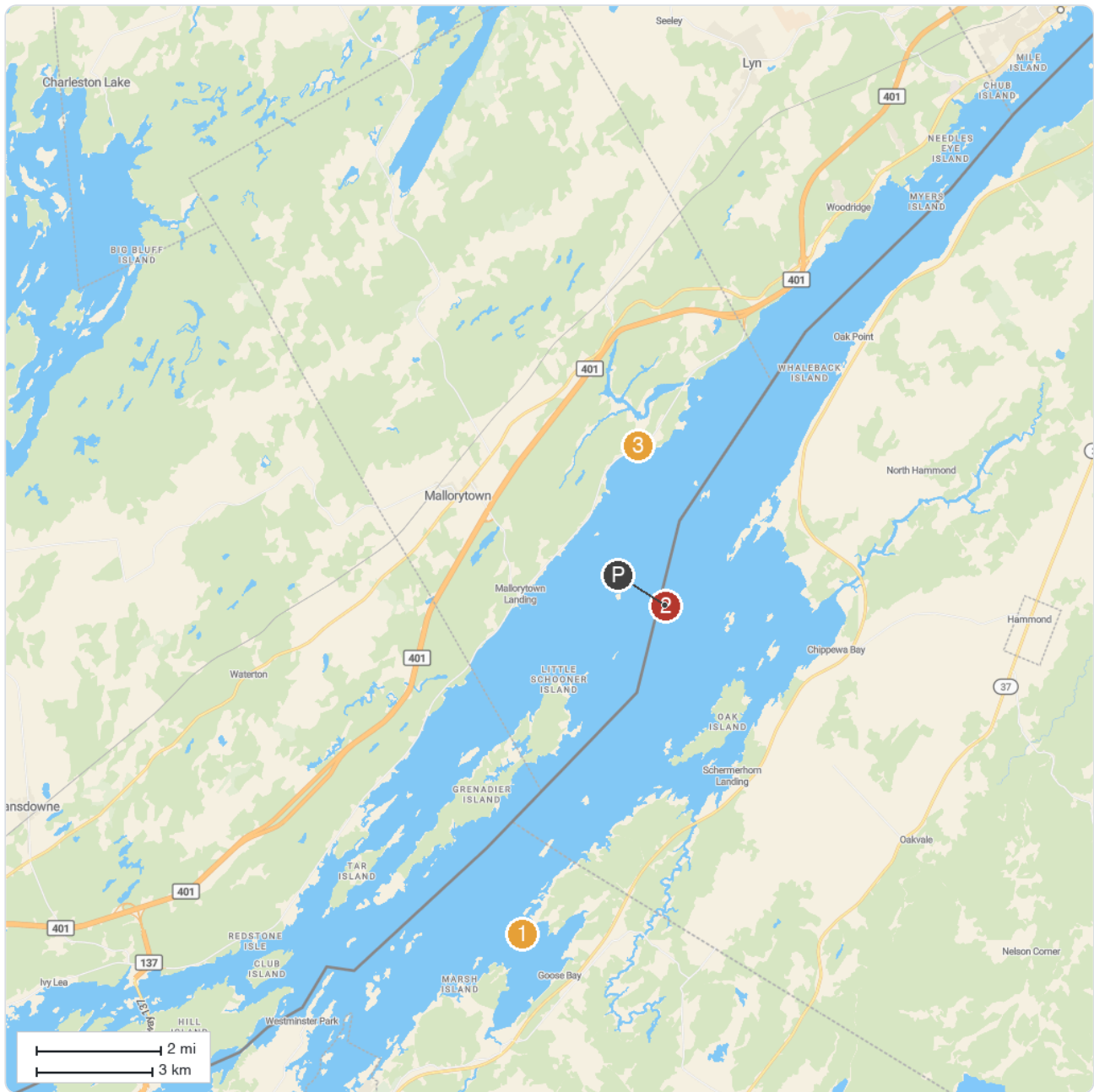
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book your tour slot early. Singer Castle operates on the hour only — if your ship arrives near closing time, you may miss the last tour. Confirm with your cruise director.
- Wear comfortable shoes. The castle interior involves stairs and uneven stone floors. No strollers allowed inside.
- Bring US cash or a card. Admission is ~\$15/adult, ~\$8/child. No shops or ATMs on the island.
- Expect limited cell service on the river. Download offline maps and Singer Castle info before arriving.
- This is a one-attraction island. Plan your day around the castle tour — there is no town, restaurant, or beach. Lunch is back on the ship.
- The river weather changes fast. Bring a light layer even in summer — the St. Lawrence can be breezy.

Dark Island, 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.



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| 1 Kring Point State Park | Waterfront state park for camping, fishing, and boating. | 2 Singer Castle on Dark Island | Historic Gilded Age castle on Dark Island, open for tours. |
| 3 Jones Creek Trails - Thousand Islands National Park | Scenic hiking trails within Thousand Islands National Park. | P Cruise port / terminal | |