

Gananoque, Ontario, Canada

Pronounced GAN-uh-NOCK-way, this Victorian river town sits at the heart of the 1,864-island archipelago straddling the US-Canada border — a rare port where the ship docks steps from the boat tours, the museum, and the pub.

 Pier (municipal marina)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Canadian Dollar (USD widely accepted)  English  Small-ship / river cruise

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — small ships berth at Gananoque Municipal Marina, waterfront

Walk to centre: 0 min to waterfront; 10-15 min to King St downtown

Best For: Thousand Islands boat tours, Boldt Castle day trip, lazy river-town strolling

Don't Miss: A 1-3 hr islands cruise from the dock next to your ship — the whole region makes sense from the water

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Ask the operator for the current fare ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Thousand Islands Boat Tour** — 1-to-3-hour narrated sightseeing cruises wind through the archipelago, past historic cottages, private islands, and the international border.
- **Boldt Castle Day Trip** — George Boldt's unfinished Gilded Age castle on Heart Island is one of the most romantic ruins in North America.
- **1000 Islands History Museum** — An engaging, well-curated museum covering Indigenous heritage, the War of 1812, the river's natural history, and the lavish Gilded Age cottager era...
- **Helicopter Tour — Thousand Islands from Above** — Bucket-list aerial views of the islands, castles, and the Canada-US border winding through the river.
- **Thousand Islands Playhouse** — Canada's Dockside Theatre — a professional company staging matinees in a converted 1909 canoe club (the former Gananoque Canoe Club) right on the...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Downtown Loop** 2.5 km · 45-60 min · Easy — From the marina, stroll through Joel Stone Heritage Park past the historic cannons and beach, then follow Water Street to the Confederation Park sculpture garden along...
- **Thousand Islands Parkway Trail (riverside)** Up to 5 km one-way · Easy · Paved — A paved multi-use path starts near the marina and runs parallel to the St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇺🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:20AM–7:49PM · Jun 5:20AM–8:50PM · Aug 6:08AM–8:08PM · Sep 6:44AM–7:14PM · Oct 7:20AM–6:19PM	
Apr	51°	35°	12d	 Canadian Dollar (USD widely accepted)	
Jun	73°	58°	12d		
Aug	77°	65°	12d		
Sep	70°	58°	9d		
Oct	58°	48°	13d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Passport for Boldt Castle. Heart Island is US soil. Even as a day-tripper on a Canadian boat tour, you will clear US Customs on the island. No passport = no castle. No exceptions.
- Watch your roaming. Sitting right on the US-Canada border, your phone may silently latch onto American towers (AT&T, T-Mobile). Check your settings or turn roaming off — unexpected international charges are common here.
- USD accepted almost everywhere. Most shops and restaurants take US dollars, though change comes back in CAD. Cards are universally accepted and give the best rate.
- River wind is real. Even in summer the St. Lawrence breeze can be biting, especially on a boat tour. Pack a light windbreaker regardless of the forecast.
- Try a butter tart. The classic Canadian pastry — flaky pastry with a gooey brown sugar centre — is sold at bakeries on King Street. Non-negotiable if you've never had one.
- Book the boat tour early. City Cruises / Gananoque Boat Line tours sell out on busy days. If your ship has an excursion, great; if not, head straight to the dock on arrival.

Gananoque, Ontario, Canada — 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 1000 Islands Kayaking Co | Rent kayaks and explore the 1000 Islands waterways. | 2 Marble Rock Conservation Area | Enjoy hiking trails and scenic views in a natural area. |
| 3 Confederation Park | Waterfront park with green space, playground, and picnic areas. | 4 Minna Anthony Common Nature Center | Discover local wildlife and nature exhibits at this center. |
| 5 Antique Boat Museum | See a collection of antique and classic wooden boats. | 6 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church | Historic Catholic church with beautiful architecture and stained glass. |
| 7 1000 Islands History Museum | Learn about the rich history of the 1000 Islands region. | P Cruise port / terminal | |