

Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Canada's limestone city sits at the gateway to the Thousand Islands — dock steps from 19th-century fortresses, notorious prison tours, and a waterfront packed with local character.

 Pier (Crawford Wharf)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Canadian Dollar (CAD)  English

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Crawford Wharf, 1 Brock St, directly downtown

Walk to centre: 0 min — City Hall is immediately adjacent to the dock

Best For: History buffs, dark tourism, 1000 Islands scenery, walkable foodie streets

Don't Miss: Kingston Penitentiary tour (book ahead; ~3.5 km west of downtown) and Fort Henry National Historic Site

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~CAD \$10–\$15 from Coal Dock ·  **Rideshare**  Uber ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Kingston Trolley Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kingston Penitentiary Tour** — Canada's most notorious maximum-security prison closed in 2013 and opened to the public.
- **Fort Henry National Historic Site** — A UNESCO World Heritage Site crowning Henry Hill, this massive 19th-century British fort offers military drills, artillery demos, and sweeping...
- **1000 Islands Sightseeing Cruise** — Board a local sightseeing vessel from the wharf beside your ship and weave through granite islands dotted with castles, lighthouses, and summer...
- **Kingston Limestone Walking Tour** — Stroll a cityscape unlike any other in Ontario — 19th-century bylaws mandated local grey limestone for all major buildings, creating a unified...
- **Canada's Penitentiary Museum** — Located in the former Warden's residence across from KP (about 3.5 km west of downtown), this small but absorbing museum covers two centuries of...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront & Historic Core Loop** 2.5 km · ~45 min · Flat & easy — From the dock, cross into Confederation Park past Shoal Tower standing in the harbour.
- **Queen's University & Agnes Art Centre** 3 km · ~50 min · Flat — Head west from City Hall along King Street through the limestone downtown to Queen's University campus.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:23AM–7:51PM · Jun 5:20AM–8:49PM · Aug 6:06AM–8:07PM · Sep 6:44AM–7:10PM · Oct 7:22AM–6:13PM	
Apr	51°	34°	11d		
Jun	72°	54°	10d		
Aug	76°	58°	9d		
Sep	69°	51°	10d		
Oct	56°	40°	12d		

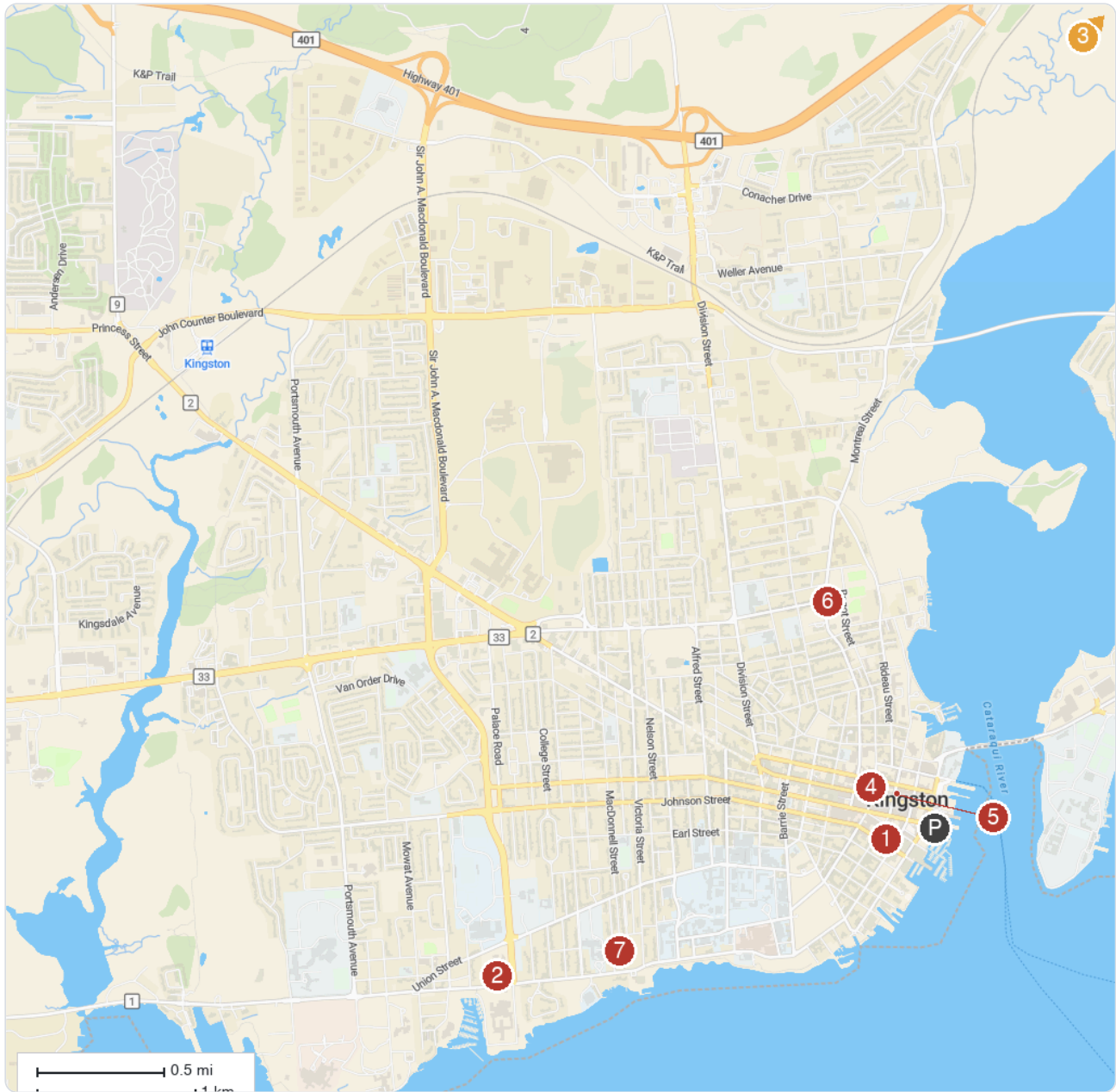
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Kingston Pen tours before you sail. The penitentiary tours are the city's #1 attraction and regularly sell out, especially in peak summer — buy tickets online weeks in advance.
- Card is king. Canadian dollars are the currency; credit/debit tap payment is universal across Kingston, including buses. You rarely need cash.
- Pack a windbreaker. Lake Ontario sends a stiff breeze through the harbour even on warm summer days. Light layers are smart.
- Check your dock. Crawford Wharf = instant downtown access. Portsmouth Olympic Harbour requires a taxi or shuttle — confirm with the ship before planning your morning.
- Kingston has the most restaurants per capita in Canada — don't just grab the first option near the dock. Chez Piggy (hidden courtyard), Woodenheads pizza, and Pan Chanco bakery are all within easy walking distance and worth the extra five minutes.
- Pay respects to The Hip. Kingston is the birthplace of The Tragically Hip. Look for Gord Downie's memorial pier at Breakwater Park (15-min walk west) and tribute stones in Market Square.

Kingston, 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.



- 1 St. George's Cathedral** Kingston's historic Anglican cathedral, a beautiful architectural landmark.
- 3 Rideau Canal, Locks 46 - 49 - Kingston Mills** See historic canal locks, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 5 Martello Alley** Discover local art in a charming, historic alleyway.
- 7 Bellevue House National Historic Site** Visit the home of Canada's first Prime Minister.

- 2 Canada's Penitentiary Museum (Correctional Service of Canada Museum)** Explore Canada's prison history in a former warden's house.
- 4 Sherlock's Escapes** Solve puzzles and escape themed rooms with your group.
- 6 Megaffin Park** Relax in this waterfront park with scenic views.
- P Cruise port / terminal**