

Ottawa, Illinois, USA

Where Lincoln and Douglas first squared off in 1858, Ottawa sits at the confluence of the Illinois and Fox Rivers — a compact Midwestern river town with surprisingly deep history and a dramatic state park just down the road.

 Docked (riverside tie-up)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  USD  English  Gateway to Starved Rock

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dockside tie-up at Allen Park or downtown seawall — no tender

Walk to center: 5–15 min depending on berth; flat and easy

Best For: American history, scenic river parks, craft beer, antique browsing

Don't Miss: Washington Square Park Lincoln-Douglas debate monument

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$8–\$15 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Washington Square & the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Site** — The very spot where Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas first debated in August 1858.
- **Starved Rock State Park** — Illinois' most-visited state park sits 15 minutes west of Ottawa.
- **Ottawa Historical & Scouting Heritage Museum** — Ottawa is the hometown of W.D.
- **Ottawa Murals Walking Tour** — Dozens of large-scale historic murals are painted across downtown buildings, depicting the canal era, indigenous...
- **Tangled Roots Brewing Co. & Downtown Dining** — Tangled Roots is Ottawa's standout craft brewery — a sprawling farm-to-foam restaurant serving locally sourced...

BEST WALKS

- **Downtown History Loop** 1.5 miles · 30–45 min · Easy — From the riverfront, walk up to Washington Square Park (Lincoln-Douglas monument), around to the Reddick Mansion exterior, through the...
- **Riverside & Fox River Confluence** 1 mile · 20–30 min · Easy — Walk west along the Illinois River bank to the spot where the Fox River joins — a scenic overlook with views of both rivers.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

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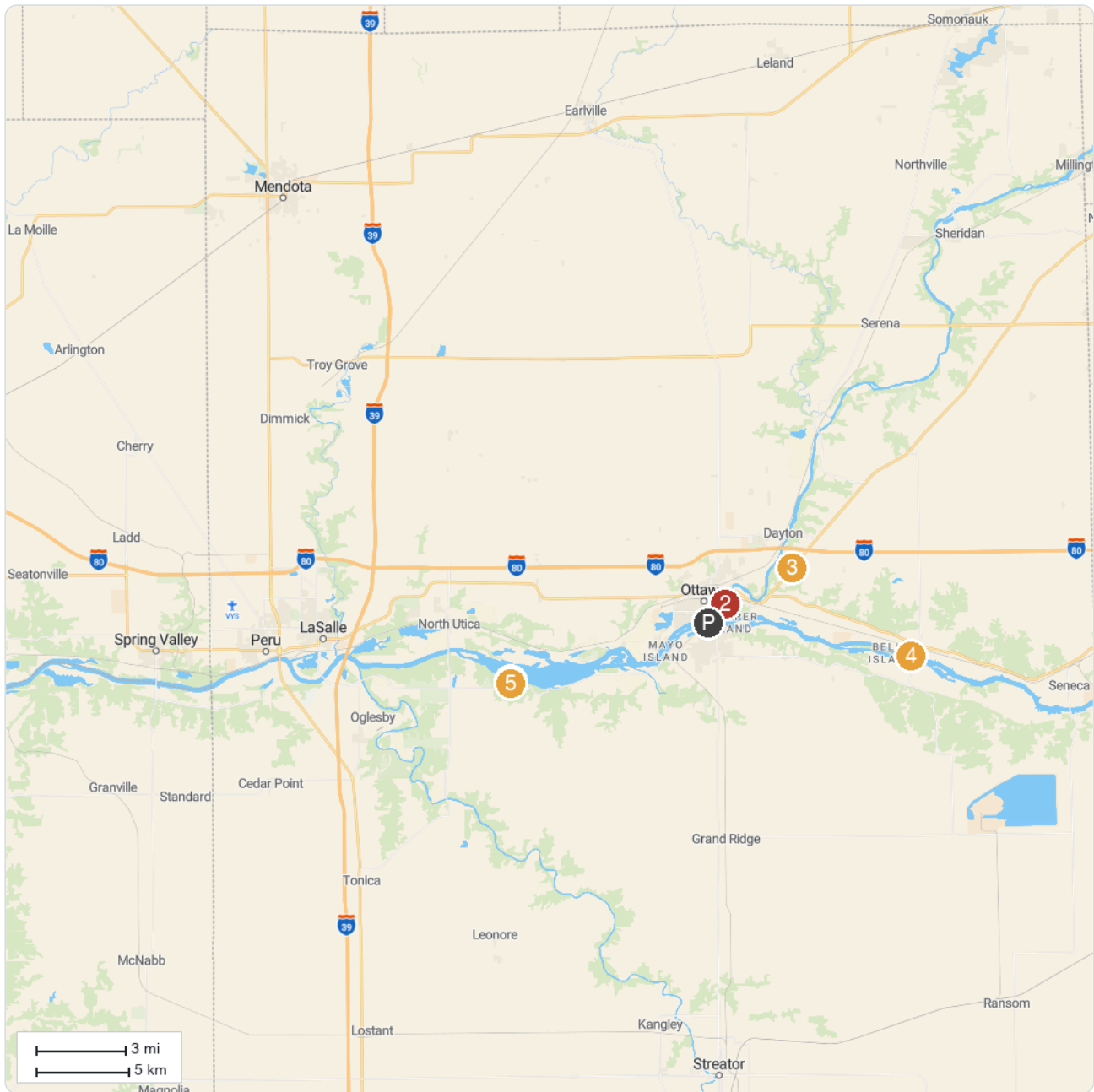
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No rideshare reliability: Uber and Lyft are scarce in Ottawa. If you want to reach Starved Rock State Park independently, arrange a local taxi in advance or book through your ship.
- Starved Rock is worth it: The canyon hikes are genuinely spectacular — if your ship offers an excursion, take it. The park is free

Ottawa, Illinois, 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 Starved Rock State Park | Scenic state park with canyons, waterfalls, and hiking trails. | 2 Fox River Park | Riverside park offering recreation along the scenic Fox River. |
| 3 Dayton Bluffs Preserve | Nature preserve with bluffs, trails, and historical significance. | 4 Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial | A solemn memorial wall honoring Middle East conflict veterans. |
| 5 LaSalle Canyon | A beautiful canyon within Starved Rock, featuring a waterfall. | P Cruise port / terminal | |