

Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada

Known as 'The Soo,' this twin-city port straddles the US-Canada border where all Great Lakes shipping must pass through the legendary Soo Locks — watch 1,000-foot freighters slide through with inches to spare.

 Pier (Roberta Bondar Marina)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Canadian Dollar (CAD) / USD across border

 English

 Great Lakes

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Roberta Bondar Marina, Canadian side

Walk to center: 3–5 min to Queen St, 12–15 min to Bushplane Museum

Best For: Engineering history, Great Lakes freighters, Canadian wilderness

Don't Miss: Watching a laker transit the Soo Locks

Getting around:  Taxi  C\$5–C\$15 ·  Rideshare  Uride, EZ Ride ·  Hop-on hop-off  Big Ben Double-Decker Bus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Soo Locks Park & Observation Deck** — Stand on the US observation platform and watch 1,000-foot Great Lakes freighters squeeze through the locks with inches...
 - Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre** — Hands-on museum in an original hangar showcasing the history of bush flying and forest firefighting.
 - Soo Locks Boat Tour** — Board a tour boat from the Canadian marina and transit through both the US and
- Canadian lock systems — getting the...

 - Museum Ship Valley Camp (US side)** — A retired 550-foot Great Lakes freighter turned museum with 100+ exhibits including two lifeboats from the Edmund...
 - Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site** — Two of the oldest stone buildings northwest of Toronto, depicting fur trade and pioneer life from 1808–1870.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront Boardwalk to Bushplane Museum** 2.5 km round-trip | Flat | ~40 min — Head east from Roberta Bondar Park along the 2 km waterfront boardwalk, passing public art and river views to the Canadian Bushplane...
- Downtown Heritage Walk** 1.5 km loop | Flat | ~30 min — From the pier, stroll up to Queen Street for shops and cafes, then swing by Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site and the Art...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		44°	29°	12d
Jun		69°	51°	11d
Aug		73°	59°	12d
Sep		67°	53°	12d
Oct		53°	42°	16d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:50AM–8:25PM · Jun 5:44AM–9:31PM · Aug 6:36AM–8:46PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:48PM · Oct 7:55AM–6:49PM

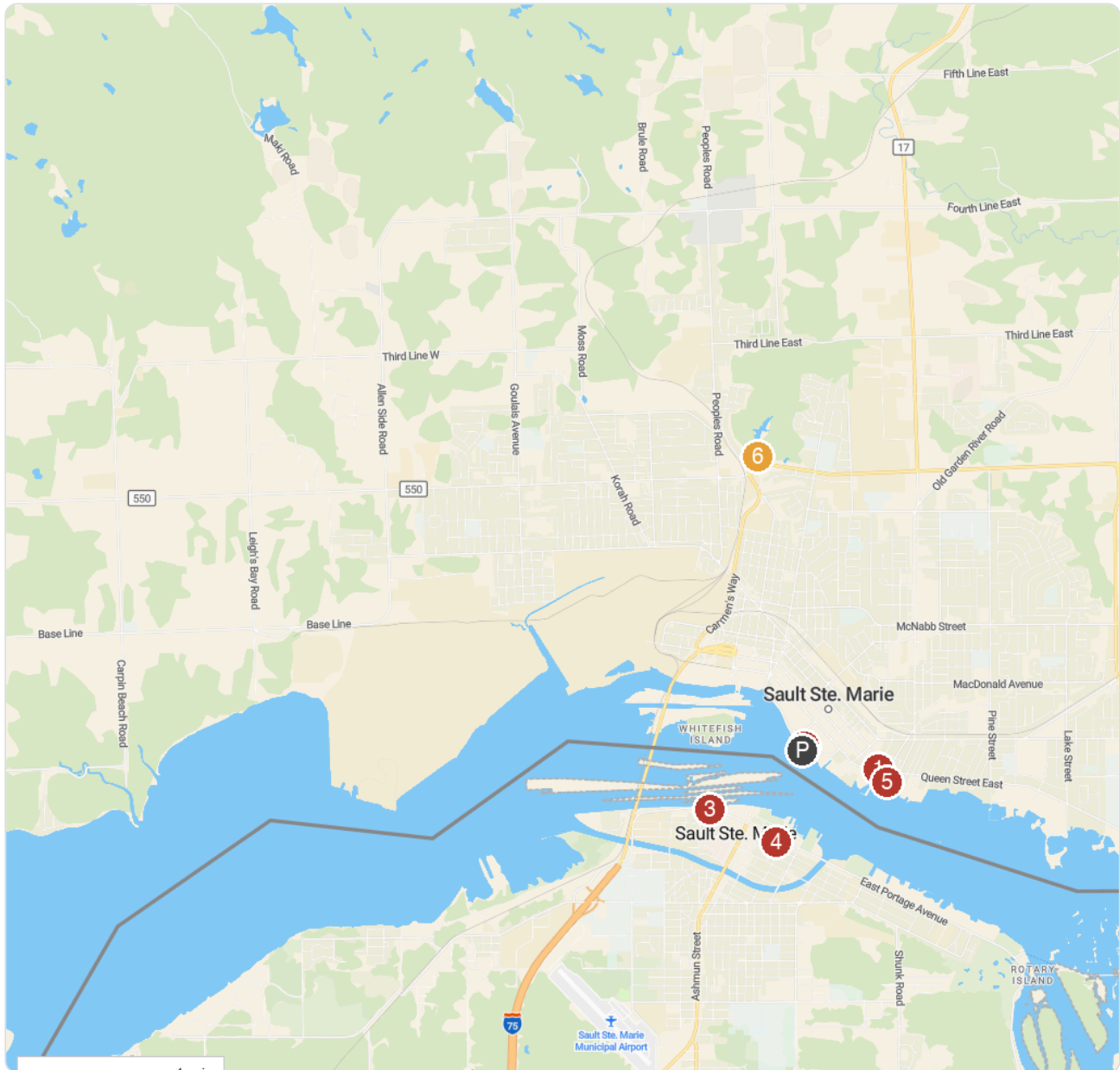
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Sault Ste Marie, 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 Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site | Explore two of Ontario's oldest stone houses. | 2 Roberta Bondar Park and Tent Pavilion | Waterfront park and pavilion for events and relaxation. |
| 3 Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society | Museum dedicated to Great Lakes shipwrecks and maritime history. | 4 Holy Name of Mary Proto-Cathedral Catholic Church, Sault Sainte Marie | Historic Catholic church, a beautiful architectural landmark. |
| 5 Entomica Insectarium | Discover a fascinating world of live insects. | 6 Fort Creek Conservation Area | Nature trails for walking, hiking, and wildlife viewing. |
| 7 Round Island Point Nature Preserve | Protected natural area for hiking and enjoying wildlife. | P Cruise port / terminal | |