



AN EXPLORER'S GUIDE TO  
**SAULT STE. MARIE**  
ONTARIO



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**Directions from city centre: 42 min (29 miles/47km) via ON-556 E**

Take Bay St, Church St. and Pim St. to Great Northern Rd.  
Take ON-556 E to ON-532 N in Algoma, Unorganized, North Part  
Continue straight onto ON-532 N



**Directions from city centre: 16 min (7 miles/11.5km) via Black Rd.**

Head east on Foster Dr. toward Bay St.  
Take Wellington St E, Trans-Canada Hwy/ON-17 and Black Rd. to Landslide Rd.



Attractions

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Sault Ste. Marie is one of the oldest European settlements in all of Canada. For 2,000 years, Jesuit Missionaries, explorers, voyageurs, artists, soldiers, and traders have called the Sault home. Located adjacent to the St. Marys River between Lakes Superior and Huron, Sault Ste. Marie is just minutes away from the U.S.-Canada border and is the third largest city in Northern Ontario.

For those looking to experience all the best of Northern Ontario, look no further. Sault Ste. Marie offers a wealth of unique attractions, festivals and events. And, of course, world-class outdoor experiences including paddling, hiking, fishing... the list goes on!



## HISTORY

Sault Ste. Marie's first inhabitants were the native members of the Ojibwe group, sometimes referred to as Chippewa. With an abundance of fish, game, and furs, the Sault became a hotbed for various trade.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, European settlers moved into the region. Trading posts were soon established in both the Canadian and American Sault (located across the bridge in Michigan). The permanent villages that sprouted around the river featured a melting pot of Anishinaabe, Europeans and Métis.

While much has changed, Sault Ste. Marie maintains its rich history of being a place where people of all backgrounds can gather, which is emulated by the city's large indigenous population and citizens from around the world.

## ERMATINGER-CLERGUE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

This National Historic Site is a year-round cultural attraction that includes an interactive Heritage Discovery Centre and two of the oldest stone buildings in the province — the Ermatinger Old Stone House and the Clergue Blockhouse.

## AGAWA CANYON TOUR TRAIN

It's "all aboard!" for one of Northern Ontario's most famous attractions—the fabled Agawa Canyon Tour Train. Departing from downtown Sault Ste. Marie, you'll never forget your 114 mile/183km journey that showcases the rugged and ancient beauty of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma Country.

Book your 2-3 Night Package at [AgawaTrain.com](http://AgawaTrain.com)

## CANADIAN BUSHPLANE HERITAGE CENTRE

Nestled amidst a historic waterfront hangar, the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre is one of Sault Ste. Marie's most popular attractions. Explore over 30 aircraft displays, two theatres, flight simulators, interactive children's activities, and guided group tours.

Take flight at [Bushplane.com](http://Bushplane.com)

## OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES



## HIAWATHA HIGHLANDS

You can enjoy Hiawatha Highlands any time of year. When the snow starts to fall, it's time to journey across nearly 25 miles/40 km of competition trails. When the temperature rises, enjoy hiking and sightseeing as you explore over 3,000 acres of pristine wilderness.

Experience Canada's Great Outdoors at [HiawathaHighlands.com](http://HiawathaHighlands.com)



## SEARCHMONT

Searching for a true mountain experience? You don't have to look any further than Searchmont Resort. With a 750-foot vertical, 18 runs and awesome terrain, it's a downhill skier's paradise. And if you're looking for fall and summer adventure, Searchmont hosts a slew of activities and events that the whole family can enjoy.

Start exploring at [Searchmont.com](http://Searchmont.com)

## WHITEFISH ISLAND

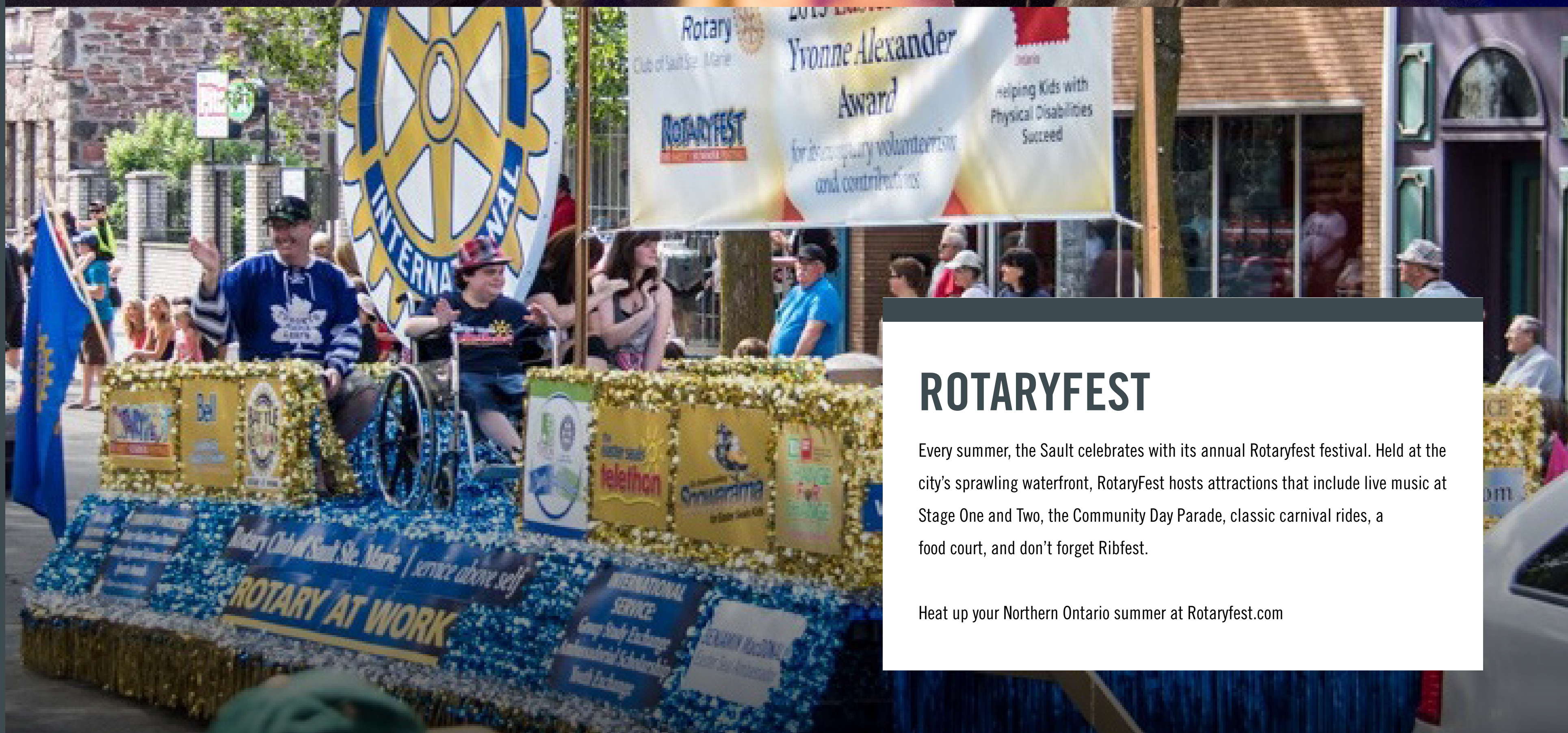
Resting near the northern bank of the St. Marys River running between Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Whitefish Island lives and breathes history. Formed over 2,000 years ago, this National Historic Site offers a wealth of activities and experiences. Fish along the St. Marys. Explore the rich history of the Batchewana First Nation. Or take a hike along the trail leading to the observation deck for a bird's eye view of the awesome Rapids.



## ALGOMA FALL FESTIVAL

One of Sault Ste. Marie's most popular events, the annual Algoma Fall Festival, is a celebration of history, culture and art. Every October, the Festival offers a diverse array of programs ranging from music, theatre, dance and visual arts.

Get in on the celebration at [AlgomaFallFestival.com](http://AlgomaFallFestival.com)



## ROTARYFEST

Every summer, the Sault celebrates with its annual Rotaryfest festival. Held at the city's sprawling waterfront, RotaryFest hosts attractions that include live music at Stage One and Two, the Community Day Parade, classic carnival rides, a food court, and don't forget Ribfest.

Heat up your Northern Ontario summer at [Rotaryfest.com](http://Rotaryfest.com)

## BON SOO

Held each February, the Bon Soo Winter Carnival is one of the province's top festivals and the second largest winter festival in all of Canada. Bon Soo features a great assortment of sports and culturally-inspired indoor and outdoor activities, plus live concerts, ice sculptures and the famous (and chilling) polar bear swim.

Celebrate the best of winter at [BonSoo.on.ca](http://BonSoo.on.ca)



## SAULT SUSTENANCE

Sault Ste. Marie is renowned for its authentic Italian cuisine. However, the Northern Ontario city can cater to just about any palate with a wide array of international and locally-inspired fare. From bistros and pubs to steakhouses and taverns, the Sault can definitely satisfy.



## SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL

Stretching from the St. Lawrence River to Lake Superior and nestled underneath the International Bridge, the Sault Ste. Marie Canal offers a wealth of outdoor experiences. Nature trails, picnic areas, guided tours, fishing, nature viewing — it's all there to be explored and enjoyed.

## ART GALLERY OF ALGOMA

Featuring some 24 exhibitions every year, the Art Gallery of Algoma showcases the creations of local, national and international artists. With a permanent collection of over 5,000 works of art, it's a haven for art-lovers. The Gallery also offers public programs including art instruction, workshops, films and, of course, tours.

Get in touch with your inner artist at [ArtGalleryOfAlgoma.com](http://ArtGalleryOfAlgoma.com)



## STATION MALL

Situated in the heart of downtown Sault Ste. Marie and close to many main attractions and hotels, Station Mall is the retail mecca of the city. You can satisfy your cravings at some of retail's top stores, grab a bite at the food court, or check out the latest blockbuster movie.

Shop 'til you drop at [TheStationMall.com](http://TheStationMall.com)

## CAMBRIAN MALL

Offering a great mix of regional and local retailers, Cambrian Mall has 38 stores to cater to your shopping pleasures.

## DOWNTOWN BOUTIQUES

Looking for a more intimate shopping experience? Just head down to Queen Street where you can find all manner of quaint shops and boutiques. The locally-owned shops sell everything from Canadian-made and designed women's fashion, jewellery, bikes, skis and more.



Sault Ste. Marie is home to a wide selection of accommodations, from hotels with all the services and amenities you could wish for, to quaint bed & breakfasts offering authentic, home-away-from-home experiences.

