

MUSKOKA, HALIBURTON & KAWARTHAS

DISCOVERY TOUR – 5 DAYS

Toronto • Gravenhurst • Bala • Port Carling • Huntsville • Algonquin Provincial Park • Parry Sound
Dorset • Haliburton • Burleigh Falls • Petroglyphs Provincial Park • Curve Lake • Peterborough • Keene



L – R: Muskoka; Huntsville; R.M.S. Segwun



DAY 1

TORONTO TO HUNTSVILLE (215 km)

Ontario's Muskoka region is just 90 minutes north of Toronto, a land of towering pines, sparkling lakes and

friendly communities. It's a popular summertime destination for vacationers and the many urban dwellers who frequent this rugged land called 'Cottage Country'.

In Gravenhurst, hop aboard the Royal Mail Ship Segwun and see breathtaking mansions perched on Lake Muskoka's tree-lined shoreline. Stop by the Gravenhurst Opera House. Shop in Bracebridge. Admire Port Carling's mahogany boats. And, in mid-October, take in the Bala Cranberry Festival.

Finish off a busy first day in Huntsville, home to Muskoka Heritage Place. Scan the night sky for stars, nebulas and distant galaxies at the Echo Valley Observatory. Get a good night's rest at one of Muskoka's many resorts, featuring on-site activities such as horseback riding, canoeing, golfing, gourmet dining and even spas. From full-service resorts and inns to housekeeping cottages and lodges, there's a perfect place in Muskoka awaiting you.

DAY 2

HUNTSVILLE TO ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK (40 km)

Follow Highway 60 east into Algonquin Provincial Park. Drop by the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre and the

Algonquin Logging Museum to immerse your mind into the park's natural and human history. Enjoy the pristine wilderness with a guided or self-guided paddling and hiking excursion. In August, hear the howling of Algonquin's wolves. In fall, witness the spectacular fall colours, or in winter, try dogsledding, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

There are resorts around the park and many campsites right in the heart of it – even backcountry cabins. But you could also head back to Huntsville to further enjoy your last night's resort experience.

DAY 3

HUNTSVILLE TO PARRY SOUND (85 km) OR HALIBURTON (99 km)

From your resort in Huntsville or Algonquin you have two choices for continued touring...

You can head west to Parry Sound, on the windswept shores of Georgian Bay. Tour the 30,000 Islands. Hike to scenic lookouts in Killbear Provincial Park or paddle to your campsite in Massasauga Provincial Park. From here, continue touring around Southern Georgian Bay or in Northeastern Ontario.

Or you can head south to the Haliburton and Kawarthas regions. En route, climb the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower for excellent views. Visit the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, where you can walk 20 metres above the forest floor in a tree canopy hiking adventure over half-a-kilometre long. See nature up close in the world's only freshwater tour submarine or fascinating wolf centre. In winter, bring your hardy sense of adventure for snowmobiling or dogsledding.

DAY 4

HALIBURTON TO PETERBOROUGH (100 km)

The sparkling waters of Burleigh Falls lure anglers, photographers and nature enthusiasts. Nearby, Petroglyphs Provincial Park is home to the largest known concentration of Aboriginal rock carvings in Canada.

Learn of the ancient local history at the Whetung Ojibwa Centre in the Curve Lake Indian Reserve. And admire colourful Aboriginal sculptures, masks, leather-work, clothing and jewellery.

A number of great places to spend the night dot the area, from hotels and cottage resorts to country inns and bed and breakfasts.

DAY 5

PETERBOROUGH TO TORONTO (135 km)

Ontario is known for its many interconnecting canoe routes and the Canadian Canoe Museum honours the greatest paddling watercraft. With more than 600 canoes and kayaks, it houses the world's largest collection.

There are dozens of lift locks along the Trent-Severn Waterway, including the Peterborough Lift Lock, the highest hydraulic lift lock in the world. Each lock has scenic places for you to sit and watch the boats go by, or you can pilot one of the boats yourself – even houseboats. Then stop in Keene and tour Lang Pioneer Village – where interpreters give guests an inside look at rural 19th century life.

From here, head back to Toronto or continue your travels in Eastern Ontario.

Note: Some attractions are seasonal. Please contact them directly for hours of operation. Distances are approximate only.

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