

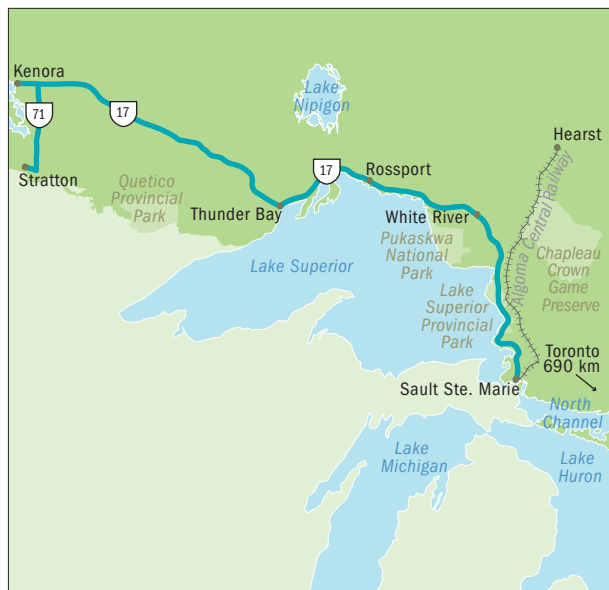
NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

DISCOVERY TOUR – 6 DAYS

Toronto • Sault Ste. Marie • Lake Superior Provincial Park • Hearst • Chapleau Crown Game Preserve
White River • Pukaskwa National Park • Rosspoint • Thunder Bay • Kenora • Stratton



L – R: Agawa Canyon; Northern Ontario; Lake Superior Provincial Park



DAY 1

TORONTO TO SAULT STE. MARIE (690 km)

Sault Ste. Marie, 'the Soo' to locals, is a short, picturesque flight from Toronto. Spend your morning perusing the fine collection of bushplanes and water bombers at the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre. Next, take a tranquil two-hour Lock Tours Canada boat cruise. Also on the waterfront, the Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site of Canada, once the world's longest lock is fascinating to watch recreational boaters pass through.

Devote your afternoon to driving along Highway 17 to Lake Superior Provincial Park where you can dip your paddle into Lake Superior's deep waters – with a rugged, forested shoreline as your backdrop. View great blue herons, moose and native pictographs before heading back to 'the Soo'.

DAY 2

SAULT STE. MARIE TO CHAPLEAU CROWN GAME PRESERVE (245 km)

Awake early to catch the Agawa Canyon Tour Train – a day-long ride through pristine forests, lakes and rivers to the magnificent canyon carved in the Canadian Shield. This odyssey is especially memorable during the fall colour season.

For the ultimate tour train experience, consider a two-day trip from Sault Ste. Marie north to the small town of Hearst, the self-proclaimed Moose Capital of Canada. In winter, explore its many snowmobiling trails, and in the green season, hiking trails. Stay overnight in a rustic or first-class lodge along the way, where your hosts will heartily welcome you to the friendly north. Or explore nearby Chapleau Crown Game Preserve by canoe, the world's largest game preserve, for the opportunity to spot majestic moose, lynx, mink and black bear.

DAY 3

CHAPLEAU CROWN GAME PRESERVE TO PUKASKWA NATIONAL PARK (190 km)

Depart for the friendly community of White River, home of Winnie the Pooh. This is where he was found before being sent overseas to the London Zoo. Explore the region's logging heritage before continuing your drive along the unforgettable rocky, tree-lined north shore of Lake Superior via the Trans-Canada Highway. Drive to Pukaskwa National Park and paddle down peaceful inland rivers or have a wilderness whitewater adventure before pitching a tent under the stars.

DAY 4

PUKASKWA NATIONAL PARK TO SLEEPING GIANT PROVINCIAL PARK (250 km)

As you continue your drive along the shores of Lake Superior, stop in picturesque Rosspoint to kayak among the sheltered islands. At the 100-metre-deep Ouimet Canyon, walk along Canada's longest suspension foot-bridge at Eagle Canyon Adventures. Nearby, dig for buried multi-coloured quartz treasure at the Amethyst Mine Panorama. At Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, venture deep into boreal forests to experience the back-country, or follow rugged trails to the top of the giant for unbeatable views of Lake Superior.

DAY 5

SLEEPING GIANT PROVINCIAL PARK TO THUNDER BAY (50 km)

In Thunder Bay, spend much of the day reliving history at Fort William Historical Park, a recreated fur trade

post. Converse with costumed blacksmiths, tinsmiths and even birchbark canoe builders as you explore more than 40 reconstructed buildings. Visit the cascading Kakabeka Falls before you indulge at the Thunder Oak Cheese Farm, the only farm in Ontario that produces Gouda cheese.

DAY 6

THUNDER BAY TO KENORA (480 km)

Drive through wooded landscapes from Thunder Bay to the Lake of the Woods, which abounds in bass, muskie and northern pike – a freshwater angler's dream. Then weave through some of the lake's 14,000 wooded islands aboard the MS Kenora. Complete your Northwestern Ontario experience by paying homage to the Aboriginal way of life at the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre in Stratton, home to 20 burial grounds. For true adventurers, rugged Quetico Provincial Park is home to multi-day wilderness canoe routes.

This Northwestern Ontario tour connects with the Northeastern Ontario route.

For a list of local outfitters who can provide you with outdoor adventure essentials, such as canoes, maps and guides, simply go online.

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

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