

Ottawa



Route Champlain
Be the explorer!



OTTAWA REGION CHAMPLAIN EXPERIENCES

A tasty journey through time along the historic route travelled by Champlain. You will also learn that the UNESCO World Heritage Rideau Canal was given its name by Champlain who thought the beautiful falls on the Ottawa River reminded him of a thin “Rideau” which is the French word for curtain.

The new Canada History Hall at the [Canadian Museum of History](#) tells the story of Champlain as he explored this land.

Enjoy an on-water adventure with [Capital Cruises](#) on the Ottawa River. Looking up from the Alexandra Bridge, you will discover the famous statue of Samuel de Champlain which keeps watch over the river at [Nepean Point](#).

The [Saint-Albert Cheese Factory](#) is known for the finest local cheese curd!

Tour the « [Maison de l'Île](#) » at the [Chenail Cultural Centre](#) for a glimpse into the Ottawa River's Heritage a unique venue for cultural events! Located a little further east on the Ottawa River, adjacent to the village of Pointe-Fortune, is the [Macdonell-Williamson House](#), known as “Poplar Villa” or “Scotus”.

On your way back to Ottawa, stop at the [Orleans Heritage House](#) to unveil treasures on Samuel de Champlain ... Join [Ottawa Walking Tours](#) for a guided tour of the most historic part of Ottawa originally called “Bytown” and learn more about it at the [Bytown Museum](#) located at the Rideau Canal's Ottawa locks.

Cruise the Rideau Canal with [Ottawa Boat Cruises & Rideau Canal Cruises](#) aboard North America's largest 100% electric vessel - the only one of its kind!

Feeling adventurous? Head out of the city to enjoy the Ottawa River rapids with a choice of several rafting and canoeing outfitters:

- [Owl Rafting](#) or [RiverRun Rafting & Wilderness Resort](#)
- [Wilderness Tours](#)
- [Ottawa River Adventures](#)

