

CRUISING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Lawrence Cruise Lines Announces Fall Cruise Schedule Small Ship to serve Canadian Passengers Only with COVID-19 Measures in Effect

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Kingston, ON: St. Lawrence Cruise Lines is announcing a new fall vacation opportunity for Canadians. The company will be operating small ship overnight cruises exclusive to Canadian travellers during Fall 2020. Cruises will run on a weekly basis from September 18 to October 20, and will consist of a series of 4 night, 5 day return trips from Kingston, Ontario through the Thousand Islands to Morrisburg, Ontario. These cruises will highlight the spectacular fall colours on the St. Lawrence River and the rich history of the region.

The decision to offer a shortened cruise schedule follows months of monitoring the state of COVID-19 in Kingston and across Canada, and has been made in accordance with federal, provincial, and municipal guidelines for business operations. COVID-19 safety measures will be in full effect throughout the cruise, including guest screening, reduced passenger loads, physical distancing and mask protocols, as well as a ship-wide disinfectant regime.

"During the planning of this fall schedule, the wellbeing of our passengers and crew has been our number one consideration, and we have designed a number of initiatives to address health and safety on board. We believe that we can deliver a wonderful vacation on the St. Lawrence River with the highest levels of hospitality, while maintaining equally high standards of COVID-19 measures for everyone on board." said Jason Clark, President of St. Lawrence Cruise Lines

The M/V Canadian Empress will be operating with a maximum capacity of only 48 Canadian passengers and 14 crew members. The vessel features 32 staterooms with twin fixed beds and private bathrooms. All staterooms have access to fresh air and a view of the river. Cruise rates will start at \$1700 per person and rates include all meals, daily housekeeping service, as well as select shore tours and entertainment.

"With over 40 years of cruising experience, we know that the St. Lawrence River is the number one ingredient for our cruises, and the sights and colours of fall on the river is truly a magical experience. We have prepared the ship to showcase the river, leaving our crew to focus their full attention on the care of our passengers."

Bookings for the fall schedule will begin on Tuesday, Aug 11th and booking information is available at 1-800-267-7868. Information on safety measures and itineraries are available at <u>www.stlawrencecruiselines.com</u>

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St. Lawrence Cruise Lines is a Kingston-owned business operating on the St. Lawrence River since 1981.

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