THOUSAND ISLANDS SEAWAY

2027 DEVELOPMENTS
St. Lawrence County will celebrate its 225th anniversary in 2027, with details on commemorative events and programming to come.

DESCRIPTION
The **Thousand Islands-Seaway** region is a breathtaking destination where visitors can explore more than 1,000 islands along the St. Lawrence River and the Lake Ontario shoreline in every season. Known for its rich history and distinctive outdoor experiences, the area offers countless ways to enjoy its natural beauty — from warm-weather boating, fishing and island hopping to snow-covered adventures in the colder months.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the region boasts activities year-round. In winter, Dry Hill Ski Area in Watertown is a family-friendly favorite with options for night skiing and tubing, while the Tug Hill area provides hundreds of miles of snowmobiling trails winding through dense forests. Winona State Forest Recreation Area in Lacona serves as a popular training ground for sled dogs, hosting must-see races like the Tug Hill Challenge and also welcomes visitors for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking. In summer and fall, the area's waterways beckon for paddling, sailing and fishing, while regional trails invite hiking and cycling under lush canopies or brilliant autumn foliage. ATV and UTV riders can also explore the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail, which added a connection to Lewis County in 2026, creating longer routes across Northern New York. Seasonal events like the Clayton Boat Show and Bill Johnston's Pirate Days in Alexandria Bay bring the river towns to life, while fall harvest festivals, winery tours, and apple picking in Jefferson County offer a taste of local flavors alongside stunning scenery.

The region is most known for its Gilded Age mansions that travelers can visit. Boldt Castle in Alexandria Bay, once the home to George Boldt but was abandoned mid-construction due to his beloved wife's passing, is now accessible via boat and offers tours. Singer Castle in Hammond was built between 1900 - 1905 by Frederic Bourne, former CEO of Singer Sewing Machine Company. Now, the castle is available for tours and even overnight stays in the Royal Suite.

Arts and culture are plentiful throughout the region and enjoyed across all seasons. Following a major refresh and rebrand, the Remington Museum of Art in Ogdensburg features updated galleries showcasing its extensive collection of Frederic Remington's work in the historic Parish Mansion. Families can explore interactive exhibits at the North Country Children's Museum in Potsdam or the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton while the Thousand Islands Museum, also in

Clayton, highlights regional history, including the Muskie Hall of Fame and hosts community events celebrating local heritage.

WHERE TO STAY
Winter travelers can choose from a range of unique stays, including the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel in Clayton, which delivers luxury with panoramic river views, spacious rooms and an indoor pool for a cozy retreat. The Riveredge Resort in Alexandria Bay offers castle-view rooms and stunning St. Lawrence vistas. For a cozy and affordable retreat, Oswego's All Seasons Inn offers a peaceful escape on 45 wooded acres, combining modern amenities with serene, snow-covered surroundings.

GETTING THEREGETTING THERE
- 6 hours from NYC
- 4 hours from Niagara Falls
- 3 hours from Montreal or Toronto
- Accessible from route I-81
- The Thousand Islands, Massena and Ogdensburg International Bridges provide easy access to Ontario Highway 401
- Air Service from Syracuse Hancock International Airport, Watertown International Airport, Ogdensburg International Airport and Massena International Airport.

COUNTIESCOUNTIES
Jefferson, Oswego, St. Lawrence

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNSMAJOR CITIES & TOWNS
Alexandria Bay, Canton, Cape Vincent, Clayton, Fulton, Massena, Ogdensburg, Oswego, Potsdam, Pulaski, Sackets Harbor and Watertown

CLIMATE CLIMATE
The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in Thousand Islands-Seaway are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) and cooler evenings. The weather is moderately cool and sunny in springtime and autumn, when spectacular fall foliage attracts thousands of visitors. Cold, snowy winters create a wonderland of magnificent scenery.

FURTHER INFORMATIONFURTHER INFORMATION
For more travel ideas and information, visit iloveny.com or the Thousand Islands-Seaway's regional websites at www.seawayregion.com or https://visit1000islands.com.

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