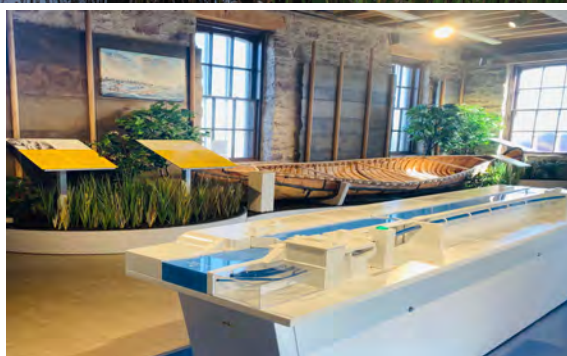


Bawaating - Heart of Turtle Island

GROUP ITINERARY



Whitefish Island

Educational and adventurous; discover why Sault Ste. Marie and the region of Algoma has a vital role in the Anishinaabe culture and livelihood.

Take a leisurely stroll in the 'Heart of Turtle Island' with Thrive Tours and immerse yourself in history as you cross over to Whitefish Island, the original meeting place of the Anishinaabe peoples of the Great Lakes.

Sault Ste. Marie Canal - National Historic Site

The new visitor centre at the Sault Ste. Marie Canal - National Historic Site shares stories of the lock's construction, its history as a commercial operation, its connection to the people who lived and worked here as well as its impacts on Batchewana First Nation and the historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis People.

The St. Marys River rapids are legendary and right off the shore of Whitefish Island. This historic location is renowned as an international fishing community. Ernest Hemmingway is quoted as saying the Canadian Soo is "... the best rainbow trout fishing in the world".

Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site

The Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site welcomes visitors to the two oldest stone buildings northwest of Toronto. These buildings have witnessed the transformation of a small Ojibwa encampment into a Northern Ontario hub.

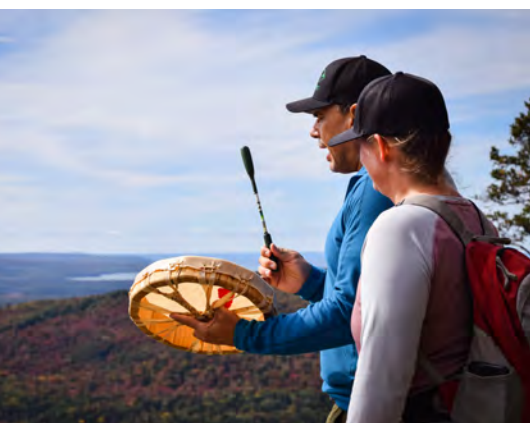
Step back in time and learn about Chief Shingwauk through a live theatrical performance from a direct descendant. Followed by a taste of culinary heritage in the summer kitchen over an open hearth.

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Discover Métis History at Bawaating

Learn about the Métis connection to Bawaating and the St. Mary's River through Métis-led cultural and ecology tours. Groups have the option to choose a walking tour, or a walking and paddling tour, boarding the Big Canoe and paddling on the St. Mary's River. Both tours begin at the new Sault Ste. Marie Métis Centre.

Shingwauk Residential School An amalgamation of a museum, interpretation centre and memorial, learn about the impact of the Residential School system.

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig

Founded based on Chief Shingwauk's goal of providing cross cultural education in Anishinaabe studies, the opening of SKG signifies history coming full circle. Immerse yourself in Anishinaabe culture through the Seven Grandfather Teachings and the Medicine Garden, learn about Chief Shingwauk's life and vision and experience the Elder/Knowledge Keeper Song and Drum with a sharing circle.



Lake Superior Coast

Depart for a day of sightseeing and history along the shores of Lake Superior/Gitchi-Gami. Named as one of the top ten drives in North America, this spectacular adventure takes you along the Canadian Shield and Canada's Voyageur Route.

Agawa Crafts and the Canadian Carver

Head north and you will discover Agawa Crafts and the Canadian Carver, located in Pancake Bay. This well known trading post is owned and operated by Serpent River First Nation, and features crafts, cravings and local smoked fish.

Lake Superior Provincial Park and Pictographs

The displays in the interpretative centre highlight the power of the lake and its influence on surrounding cultures and natural landscapes; offering great coastal hiking trails right off the site! Do not miss the opportunity to visit one of Canada's famous pictograph locations, in sacred Agawa Bay. Hike the moderate trail down to the coast and see one of the most visited Indigenous archaeological sites in the country where most paintings are said to date from the 17th and 18th centuries. Pictographs are surviving messages from the past and this is a sacred site where generations of Ojibwe peoples have come to record their dreams, visions and events.

River Rock Gifts Deli & Bakery

Located in Batchewana Bay, a must-stop is at the River Rock Gifts Deli & Bakery, a dedicated establishment to Métis culture, heritage and cuisine. Enjoy their world famous apple fritters and gift shop.