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HORNBLOWER CRUISES AND EVENTS REVEALS CANADIAN SUMMER CRUISE SCHEDULE *Introducing New Hygiene and Service Protocols to Ensure the Wellbeing of Everyone*

Toronto, July 14, 2020 – Hornblower Cruises and Events has unveiled a series of on-water experiences aboard **Mariposa Cruises by Hornblower** and **Gananoque Boat Line by Hornblower** for those looking to take to the water this summer. While guests can still expect the same high standards and welcoming service, experiences have been adapted to reflect the need for social distance, alongside elevated health and hygiene practices. And with expansive outer decks, vessels also provide plentiful space and fresh air – there is more than enough room on board for everyone to stay safely apart.

To provide reassurance in the current pandemic environment, the company has expanded its industry defining **SafeCruise by Hornblower** program, building on already stringent sanitation processes, to incorporate further health-driven measures to guard against the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses. These include, but are not limited to:

- Mandatory daily crew member health screening, and wearing of appropriate PPE
- Revising boarding and ticketing procedures to allow for social distancing and touchless entry
- Requiring guests to wear face masks while cruising, except while eating and drinking
- Reducing the number of guests on board, and adapting all seating and table spacing to allow for a minimum 6-foot distance between guests while they cruise
- Implementing enhanced sanitation and disinfection procedures, with hand sanitizing stations available throughout

Cruising Toronto Harbour

Whether you're a native Torontonians, newcomer, or just visiting, **Mariposa Cruises by Hornblower** – a Toronto attraction since 1987 – is the perfect outing. Expect stunning views of Toronto's iconic skyline from the spacious open-air decks while sipping your preferred tippie!

Available every Friday through Sunday, the 90-minute **Sip & Sail Cocktail Cruise** is a fun alternative for small social gatherings while listening to atmospheric background music and soaking up the bright lights of the city. It is perfectly timed for those looking to wind down after a busy day with cocktail in hand! A range of refreshments and delicious appetizers are available for purchase on board. To reflect current requirements, guests will remain seated and be served at their table. Prices start at \$34.95.

Cruises depart from Pier 6, 207 Queens Quay West, Toronto. For more information visit www.hornblower.com [<https://www.hornblower.com/toronto>] or call 866-627-7672.

Exploring the 1000 Islands

The beautiful 1000 Islands are just a few hour's drive and a world away from the cosmopolitan environs of Ottawa and Toronto. From July 17, **Gananoque Boat Line by Hornblower** – the largest and oldest cruise company in the 1000 Islands – is operating cruise experiences from its quaint harbour for those looking to take in the endless shorelines of Canada's most spectacular region.

On the hour-long **Original Heart of the 1000 Islands Cruise** guests can expect up-close views of the lush shoreline lined with historic cottages and summer homes as you sail through the narrow channels of the



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Admiralty and Navy group of islands in the most intimate tour the 1000 Islands has to offer. Departing daily at 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, prices from \$26.35 (Child ages 6-12 from \$17.13, ages 5 under free)

Alternatively, the **Lost Ships of the 1000 Islands Attraction Cruise** follows a leisurely route along the St Lawrence River taking in views of Boldt Castle, the St. Lawrence Seaway along with side-scan sonar images for a fascinating sail past the area's notable landmarks above and below the surface. The 2.5-hour cruise operates twice daily at 10am and 1:30pm. Prices from \$37.16.

The company's popular dockside restaurant patio, gift store and ice cream shop are also open.

Cruises depart from Gananoque Port, 280 Main Street, Gananoque. For more information visit [www.ganboatline.com](https://ganboatline.com) [https://ganboatline.com/] or call 888-717-4837.

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Notes to Editors

- Anyone who self-reports any of the noted COVID-19 symptoms or has completed international travel in the previous 14 days, will not be able to join the cruise.
- All Crew and all Guests ages 3 and older are always required to wear face coverings while on board our vessels, except while eating or drinking, or exempted by the local health authority.
- Adult prices quoted are per person, subject to availability and excl. HST and fees.
- A full bar service offering range of refreshments will also be available for purchase on board all cruises.

About SafeCruise by Hornblower

Established over 25 years ago, SafeCruise by Hornblower delivers industry-defining standards for health, safety and security across the Hornblower Group of companies. Continuously improving, the program follows the most up to date government and industry guidelines and applies decades-long operational expertise to ensure a safe environment for guests and crew members, while maintaining Hornblower's excellent record of safety. www.hornblower.com/safecruise

About Hornblower Cruises and Events

Hornblower Cruises and Events, North America's largest and leading provider of water-based dining, sightseeing, private charter and transportation experiences. 22 coveted destinations are offered in the US, Canada and the UK, where the company employs over 4,300 shipmates who operate a fleet of 157 vessels serving upwards of 9.8 million guests each year. Hornblower Cruises and Events is a division of Hornblower Group which operates the official ferry boat service to Alcatraz Island, the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island Memorial Museum on behalf of the National Park Service as well as the New York NYC Ferry, American Queen Steamboat Company, Hornblower Niagara Cruises, Victory Cruises Lines and HMS Global Maritime. The expansive portfolio reflects almost a century of sector expertise and innovation – from pioneering the earliest river sightseeing tours and dining cruises to developing the revolutionary Hornblower Hybrid, a vessel powered by wind, solar and battery electricity. For more information visit www.hornblower.com