

## St. LAWRENCE SEAWAY Wreck Capital of the Great White North!

### THE LODGING AND THE AREA

Visiting the town of Alexandria Bay is like a mini-vacation in itself. The downtown strip is alive with great eateries, live musical venues, plenty of touristy things, and history to boot! It's worth a ride up even if you weren't diving...but what fun is that?

Our lodging will be in one of the local hotels along the river, convenient to walk downtown but far enough away to let you sleep at night. Free parking, good security, and easy access tour diving all make your stay a pleasant one.

### THE DIVING

The St. Lawrence Seaway has been a vital shipping channel for 100 years, connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean and the world. While it boasts depths to 400 feet, it also has narrow channels and lots of rocky outcroppings to avoid. Due to the constant outflow from the Great Lakes the current tends to run strong, sometimes crazy-strong, especially when influenced by bottom structure or any of the thousands of islands that dot the waterway. As a result, hundreds of ships of all sizes have met their demise while sailing along the St. Lawrence, and lie in wait for our exploration at depths ranging from 20 ft to over 300 ft.

Thanks to the constant flow of water, and the slightly lower temperatures, the Seaway supports a bit of invasive life, such as Belgian Gobies and Zebra Mussels. It also does not support nasty species such as Wood-Boring Worms, which tend to turn most wrecks into dust in a short period of time. As a result, the wrecks are in pristine shape, even 100 years after succumbing to thier the watery graves. Many have a lot of history to them, and often tragedies, but they all make wonderful sites on which to dive and explore.

While the water of the Great Lakes averages about 39 degrees, thankfully, the St. Lawrence is a balmy 65 to 70 degrees when we dive it in the summer months. Wetsuits of 5 mm suffice for most divers, along with a hood and gloves.

Trust us...you will love North Carolina wreck diving!

### TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

Every adventure with Indian Valley Scuba & Travel is designed to benefit the communities we visit. For this program we have partnered with the Ontario Shipwreck Preservation Association, and a donation will be made on behalf of our divers on this trip. [www.saveontarioshipwrecks.ca](http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.ca)



June 5-7, 2020

### COST:

\$495 per person, dbl. occ.

### Trip Includes:

- Experienced guiding & coaching on diving STL wrecks
- 3 days / 2 nights accommodation
- 1 days of 3-tank boat diving
- 1 day of shore diving
- Nitrox available (add'l cost)
- IVS T-shirt

### Training offered on this trip:

- Specialty Certifications
- Advanced Open Water & Rescue certification
- Nitrox & Technical Programs



## EXCLUDED

- ▶ **Flight costs** – unless otherwise noted. Call the shop for flight suggestions.
- ▶ **Optional adventure activities & tours**
- ▶ **Misc. trip costs** – Additional meals, checked bag fees (if applicable), equipment rental, departure taxes/fees)
- ▶ **Travel & Dive insurance** – both highly recommended for this trip. Call the shop for details
- ▶ **Equipment rental** is not included in package pricing
- ▶ **Marine Park fee** (if applicable)

## TERMS: *Refund Policy & Customer Responsibilities*

- ▶ No refund or credit will be made on any payments
- ▶ No refund or credit will be made for any activities or lodging not used by the customer by choice or due to inclement weather
- ▶ Any payment made to Indian Valley Travel (IVT) or Indian Valley Scuba (IVS) indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions
- ▶ Valid passport (check expiration date as it must be more than 6 months from departure date)
- ▶ IVT or IVS shall not, at any time, be responsible in any way for loss, injury, or damage arising from any causes beyond its control including but not limited to theft, cancellation, regulations or illness
- ▶ IVT or IVS accepts no liability for the consequences of personal activity by any customer
- ▶ The customer will be responsible for concerns of health, fitness to participate and personal safety
- ▶ IVT or IVS reserves the right, without notice, to make changes and/or cancellations, as it deems necessary
- ▶ Customers have the sole responsibility of ensuring their compliance with all immigration laws of the United States & the destination countries
- ▶ No changes to the trip as shown and no refunds will be granted for unused services.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE: *Securing your trip reservation*

- ▶ \$250 non-refundable deposit per person is required at time of reservation
- ▶ Balance due 60 days prior to departure date

## ◆ ◆ “...Deliberately Different...” ◆ ◆

**Indian Valley Travel** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. A portion of the proceeds from our trips, as well as any individual participant donations, serves to benefit the communities we visit, as well as the adaptive adventure projects of IAHD-Americas [[www.IAHD-Americas.org](http://www.IAHD-Americas.org)].

IVT offers a “deliberately different” approach to travel - a chance for travelers and adventurers of every level of ability and interest to experience fantastic journeys around the globe, both on the land and below the water.

Our mission is twofold. First, is to constantly seek out new and exciting destinations to visit and build trips that combine adventure and value for the discerning traveler. Second, and perhaps of even greater significance to the locations we visit,

is our ‘IVT Community Goodwill & Give Back’ practice. For every destination, IVT has chosen a local charity, benefit or environmental cause that will receive a direct donation from IVT, on behalf of our travelers. Additionally, information on the charity is made available to each participant on the trip, who may choose to personally become more involved with the chosen charity in a way that will directly benefit their mission.

This multi-faceted focus of our programs, the variety of exciting destinations, and the value we package into our adventures, offer parallel paths towards the attainment of your travel goals while supporting our mission statement, assuring every participant a chance to play a key role in making a contribution to the world we share. Thank you for choosing Indian Valley Travel!