



**Trip at a Glance: Combination 2day/2night experience on Voyageur Island  
& 5 day/4night Quetico Flatwater Canoe Trip  
Length: 7 days – 6 nights  
Dates: available from June 15 – August 30**

Experience the Nor'Wester Spirit on your ultimate escape to Quetico Park's pristine wilderness. This complete 7 day/6 night package combines a day/night experience on exclusive Voyageur Island before and after your customized Quetico flatwater canoe trip!

Explore pristine lakes & rivers, View wildlife, Enjoy "portage" trails, Discover the Nor'Wester Spirit as you Paddle the Voyageur Routes as a wilderness eco-traveler of today with modern day outfitting – eco-travel made simple! You'll enjoy nature's peaceful rhythm at Voyageur Island and Quetico as they're only accessible only by water. And with Quetico's complete mechanical vehicles ban, this guarantees a truly tranquil Canadian wilderness experience.

Our classic canoe trips are not only an awesome way to discover and explore the Quetico wilderness region but involve a rewarding point to point journey over several days. Canoeing is a Canadian heritage activity, as well as a wonderful past-time and we offer something for every taste and ability – for those with little experience to the expert paddler. You'll find plenty of wilderness, culture, history and nature's song at Voyageur Island and in Quetico Park that it's sure to excite and engage you to embrace each awesome moment!

**For more information, call 1-807-597-2450, email [vwp@vwp.com](mailto:vwp@vwp.com) or visit [www.vwp.com](http://www.vwp.com)**

## Experience Quetico's Nor'Wester Spirit – Itinerary Option (approx. 70 km circuit)...

(Customized trip based on your comfort level, experience and skill)

**DAY 1:** Your journey begins with afternoon arrival at Voyageur Island, Nym Lake, border of Quetico Park, which resonates the Voyageur natural ambiance. Settle into the plush comforts of a rustic Voyageur style room, relax with a swim, go fishing then we'll custom plan your self-guided trip route, map and orientation, hand out gear and equipment. Enjoy a delectable Bourgeois Dinner and afterwards take one of our walking paths and enjoy the breathtaking tranquil scenery, maybe stargaze then drift off to sleep with a mesmerizing loon serenade.

**DAY 2:** Batchewaung Bay and Maria. After a good night rest enjoy a hearty breakfast and embark on your wilderness canoe trip. You'll paddle out from Nym Lake into the wilderness by water routes of the Voyageur explorers and Aboriginals. You'll undertake the first portage trail that winds through the amazing canopy of Boreal Forest of Canada's Shield area. Arriving at Batchewaung Lake you paddle into "Batch" Bay or perhaps portage into Maria Lake to your first night camp. There will be time to enjoy the scenery, fish and swim. Maybe sleep under the stars and catch a glimpse of the aurora – northern lights.

**DAY 3:** Upper Sturgeon Lake. You'll paddle 3 smaller lakes: Jesse, Elizabeth and Hal-liday; and 4 smaller portages with the day end goal of Upper Sturgeon Lake. All your senses come alive as you explore each lake and portage with their unique characteristics of Precambrian rock, Boreal forest and abundant wildlife – view eagles soaring above or talons clenched on a fish. Make camp at the water's edge to enjoy a majestic sunset then drift off to sleep with the rhythm of water.

**DAY 4:** Pine Portage Bay. Today begins with the historical Voyageur explorer route of Deux Rivieres (Two Rivers) paddle and Portage. You may even catch a glimpse of a moose or river otter as you meander through this area. Then on the Dore Lake rock-face, view a 300+ year old pictograph - Aboriginal rock painting! Set up camp in Pine Portage Bay where sand beaches were deposited amongst all the Precambrian rock when glaciers receded.

**DAY 5:** Batchewaung Lake. No portages today just a leisurely paddle or if the wind is at your back set up a canoe sail down Pickerel Narrows. Explore the lakes dabbled with many islands, rugged lakeshore, crystal clear water for a swim, catch that Walleye or Lake Trout for dinner and maybe view merganser ducks with family clutch in tow. At your final night camp be sure to soak it all in – nature's song of the wilderness with air, water, wind and land in perfect harmony!

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**DAY 6:** Return to Voyageur Island. It's about a half day paddle and 1 portage to Voyageur Island with arrival back from early to mid-afternoon. The bagpipes of Voyageur explorers will welcome you back to unpack and enjoy the comforts of modern day life combined with rustic natural charm. Perhaps embark on a canoe ride in the Voyageur's "Montrealais" – birchbark canoe replica. A sumptuous Fur-trader's Feast is sure to satisfy but the evening is not over yet. The aromatic lake-front sauna, Teepee and campfire experience completely capture the essence of your once in a life-time eco-adventure.

**DAY 7:** After the Voyageur hearty breakfast you'll enjoy another swim and pack up for your departure from Voyageur Island. Morning departure is the typical end of the trip.

### What's included:

7 days-6 nights Nor'Wester Spirit Experience

All meals, accommodations, activities & equipment. Suggestions on what to pack will be provided.

### Package details & Itinerary

- Bed and Breakfast on secluded Voyageur Island before and after your park trip
- The Bourgeois Dinner – delectable traditional cuisine (Fur-Traders Feast)
- Voyageur Island amenities including aromatic lake-front sauna, Teepee and campfire experience
- Voyageur's "Montrealais" canoe ride
- 5 days of outfitting includes: Kevlar canoe & all paddling equipment; all camping equipment, backcountry meals & snacks
- Trip start at Nym Lake/ Batchewaung Park Access only
- Professional orientation, trip planning and map with your route
- Self-guided
- Minimum double occupancy – no single supplement

\*Options: Trip upgrades, guided trips, additional park trip days and other park entry access locations available – additional cost and certain conditions will be applied

\*Take a look at this trip sample and we'll work with you to customize a route and trip package for you!

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### What's NOT included:

Travel, meals, accommodations to & from Nym Lake, Voyageur Island; personal clothing and expenses; any additional tours; gratuities. SEE LIST BELOW

- Personal clothing and gear – recommended clothing and equipment list will be provided
- Travel between your home and the trip pick up point (Nym Lake at the Quetico Park Entry, Voyageur Island).
- Any hotel accommodation and restaurant meals before or after the trip
- Any additional tours of local and surrounding area historical attractions
- Any costs associated with your emergency evacuation from the trip
- double occupancy only – no single supplement available
- Gratuities

### How do I get to the trip?

Our paddlers and eco-adventurers come from all around the world for trips into Quetico and Northwest Ontario. We're located 2 hours west of Thunder Bay and almost 2 hours east of Fort Francis. Some travel by car and some fly in to urban centers: Toronto-Ontario, Chicago-Illinois, Winnipeg-Manitoba, Minneapolis-Minnesota with an extra "leg" to Thunder Bay or International Falls. For more travel by air information verify: Air Canada [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com) ; United Airlines [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) ; Porter Airlines [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com) ; WestJet Airlines [www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com)

VWP is happy to arrange for an airport pick up or shuttle. We ask that you plan to arrive the afternoon of Day 1 – accommodations at Voyageur Island included in trip fee. At the end of the expedition departure is the morning of Day 7.

### Meals

Voyageur Island's Bourgeois "Fur-traders" Feast & Meals

Delectable Traditional Cuisine – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner as well as the Bourgeois "Fur-traders" Feast. Feast includes traditional cuisine 4 course meal, costumed servers, Voyageur ambiance with pewter table setting – most captivating! Hearty Dinners, Lunch and Breakfast also served.

**Backcountry meals & snacks:** We realize the importance of nutritional and well-balanced meals on your wilderness canoe excursion. Our experience and work with nutritionists guarantees a wide selection of fresh and freeze-dried trail foods. We'll provide you with meal menu options, discuss the choices including any special dietary needs and ensure that your food, cook kit and essentials are packed up for your trip.

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### **Resources**

Quetico Park Map - VWP

Recommended Personal Clothing & Equipment List - VWP

Nor'Wester Spirit Package – Itemized Padding & Camping Equipment List – VWP

**[vwp.com/norwester-spirit/](http://vwp.com/norwester-spirit/)**

While you're here...Perhaps add on a tour to take in the local legends and historical facts of the surrounding area.

In Thunder Bay, explore a fur-traders fort at Fort William Historical Park. **[www.fwhp.ca](http://www.fwhp.ca)**

In Atikokan, meet and see the art of a hand-crafted paddle at XY Company **[www.xycompany.ca](http://www.xycompany.ca)**

Also In Atikokan TWO canoe builders:

Fletcher Canoes - authentic canvas and cedar strip canoe building **[www.fletchercanoes.com](http://www.fletchercanoes.com)**

Souris River Canoes – builders of modern lightweight Kevlar composite canoes **[www.sourisriver.com](http://www.sourisriver.com)**