



## INVITATION to CANADIAN WILDERNESS ROWING TOUR

### FISA World Rowing Tour 2012, Ontario, Canada

(also see invitation for Belgian Tour, May 19.th-27.th)

- Date:** August 25.th – September 2.nd, 2012
- Organizer:** Ontario Adventure Rowing Association (OAR)  
Donna and Mitch Speigel  
Sudbury Rowing Club
- Place:** West Arm of Lake Nipissing                      Ontario  
French River    Ontario  
Sudbury    Ontario
- Total Distance:** Between 30-35 km/day with the exception of the last day—20 km.  
Total distance: ca 180 km.
- Boats:** 12 touring boats, each with 4 rowers and 1 cox
- Participants:** 60 rowers
- Payment:** \$1500 Canadian
- Accommodations:** West Arm Lodge [www.thewestarmlodge.com](http://www.thewestarmlodge.com)  
Radisson Hotel,- downtown Sudbury
- Applications:** Closing date: January 31.st 2012  
Must be sent to [j.kolberg@online.no](mailto:j.kolberg@online.no)  
(Please use the dedicated Word form to file your application.)
- E-mail:** [fisa@koramgt.com](mailto:fisa@koramgt.com)
- Web Site:** <http://fisatoursudbury2012.com/>
- Transportation:** **Air Canada** has connecting flights from Toronto to Sudbury.  
**Porter Airlines** goes from downtown Toronto to Sudbury. In addition, there is bus service (Greyhound Bus) linking Toronto to Sudbury. There is no train service. See web sites below.

#### Sudbury-French River Wilderness tour

Given that rowing tours have a short history in Canada, we are fortunate to be hosting the second Canadian World FISA tour. The first took place in 2002 when 90 rowers travelled from Ottawa to Kingston.

The 6 day rowing tour will begin in Sudbury, Ontario, 400 kilometers north of Toronto, Ontario. From there, 60 participants from around the world will spend several days in the French River Delta, and the West Arm of Lake Nipissing area. Saturday, the final day of rowing will be in downtown Sudbury, on Ramsay Lake, the largest fresh-water, city-contained lake in the world. The final evening will be celebrated by a gala in the Cavern of Science North.



The French River and the West Arm have a rich history. For thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans, Aboriginal people used the river as a place to meet and trade goods. The river links Lake Nipissing with Georgian Bay, through a 105-kilometre span of interconnecting lakes, gorges and rapids that provide a variety of water routes, scenery and recreational water activities. Early French explorers

(the “Voyageurs”) and missionaries began traveling from Montreal through the area in the early 1600s. This historic transportation route has remained relatively undisturbed throughout time. The shoreline you will see is the same as the early explorers saw in 1615. In addition to being a Provincial park, in 1986 this river was designated a Canadian Heritage River.

Both the West Arm and the French River are huge and diverse resources. There are many areas of exceptional natural beauty and the varied habitats host an assortment of wildlife, including some rare and endangered species of plants and animals.

- Aug 25:** Hotel and tour registration.  
City hosted welcoming reception.
- Aug 26:** Bus will take participants to West Arm Lodge- check in  
Opening ceremonies  
Row 25 km.
- Aug 27:** Row 35 km in a different direction on the West Arm.
- Aug 28:** Row 35 km on the West Arm—different route from previous day, terminating at Monetville. Bus will then transport us to Radisson Hotel in Sudbury
- Aug 29:** Free day, with optional planned sightseeing opportunities—dinner on own with information provided as to different restaurants within the downtown core
- Aug 30:** Bus transport to Hartley Bay Marina for launching of boats.  
Shore lunch at Dallas Rapids.  
At end of day, bus will return everyone to hotel.  
Dinner at a planned venue.
- Aug 31:** Same as previous day, but different rowing route, including the dinner at a planned venue.
- Sep 1:** Start at Science North and row on Ramsey Lake, have a picnic lunch, return to Science North.  
Gala dinner in the Cavern of Science North.
- Sep 2:** Breakfast, depart for airport

**Websites:**

Air Canada: <http://www.aircanada.com/> 888-247-2262

Porter Airlines: <https://www.flyporter.com/>

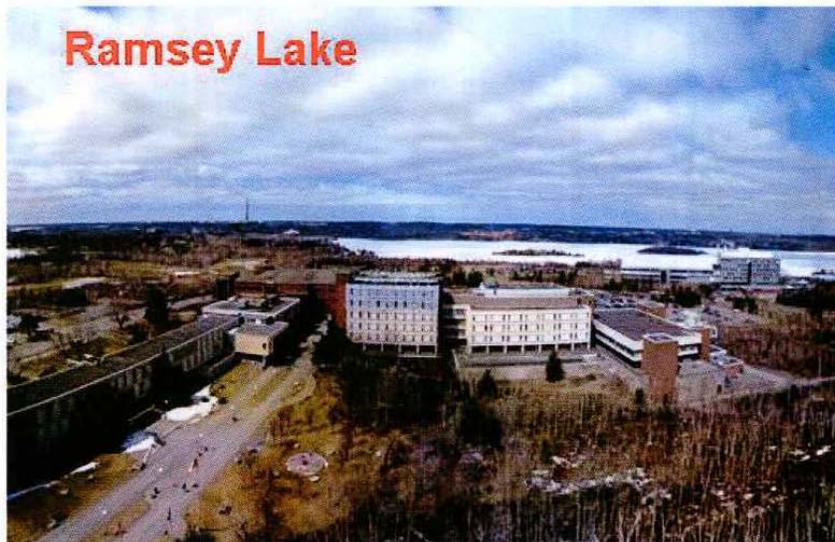
Greyhound Buses: <http://www.greyhound.ca>

Science North: <http://sciencenorth.ca>

For assistance with travel arrangements, please contact [stacey.bolan@merit.ca](mailto:stacey.bolan@merit.ca)

**Places you'll see ...**

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Dallas - Day two

