

# What is the 1000 Islands?

**It's a place that not enough people know about but also a destination that has attracted visitors from around the world.**

It's where families and friends gather along the water to dine, swim and cast a fishing line. It's where first-time visitors look in awe as their tour boat guides them past seemingly countless islands with mansions, lighthouses and fairytale castles. Even after a cruise, some find it hard to believe that a place with so many islands—1,864 to be exact—exists in North America.

For some, the 1000 Islands is zip-lining, kayaking and boating. For others, it's enjoying a cool beverage – made just down the road – while sitting in a dock chair, watching mammoth steel ships lumber by.

It's sunsets reflected by the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. It's a place that once belonged to the Gilded Age rich that's now enjoyed by everyone.

For some, it's the familiarity of greeting their favorite B&B host-turned-friend. For others, it's the first time at a camp site they'll book for summers to come.

It's hard to sum up because there's few places like it in the world and the 1000 Islands can be enjoyed in so many different ways. You're invited to visit and discover what the 1000 Islands is to you.

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***Due to restrictions in response to the global Covid-19 emergence, some businesses have shifted hours of operations. We encourage you to check directly with businesses to ensure a quality experience.***

## ABOUT IAN CORISTINE



Only two subjects motivated Ian Coristine to get behind his camera. His first passion was the 1000 Islands.

His discovery and love affair with “the River” began during a self-piloted flight in 1992. He later found an island, literally one in a thousand, with a unique natural harbor that could protect his plane from storms. During his career distributing ultralight aircraft across Canada, Ian learned the art of aerial photography. He lived “in assignment” for more than 25 years.

Ian published six bestseller books and an eBook app featuring 1000 Islands photography. His images have been featured in magazines around the world as well as in many books about the region. His work is widely credited with popularizing the 1000 Islands and supporting the tourism industry.

Ian peacefully passed away in February 2020 at his home in Brockville, Ontario.

Some limited editions of his books, prints and canvases are available to purchase via his website, [1000IslandsPhotoArt.com](http://1000IslandsPhotoArt.com).

Discovery and appreciation of the 1000 Islands will continue forever thanks to Ian's images. The 1000 Islands International Tourism Council is fortunate to partner with Ian's family to share his work on this publication's cover and throughout its marketing materials.

## ABOUT THE COVER

Boldt Castle on Heart Island is among the most well-known and photographed attractions in the 1000 Islands.

The castle and five-acre island that annually hosted hundreds of thousands of visitors provided a relaxing and safe experience for visitors in 2020 and will do so again. Smaller crowds, plenty of open space on the grounds and the same awe-inspiring history await those who visit in the year to come. Be sure to bring your camera.

Cover image captured through the lens of Ian Coristine.