

Guided Tours of Mariposa Cruises' Fleet



Established in 1987, Mariposa Cruises' fleet includes six cruise ships docked along the Queen's Quay Terminal building: **Captain Matthew Flinders**, **Klancy II**, **Northern Spirit**, **Oriole**, **Rosemary** and **Showboat**.

The **Captain Matthew Flinders** is the flagship of the Mariposa fleet. Built in 1984 in Port Adelaide, Australia, the 144-foot luxury ship arrived in Toronto in 1989 and boasts the largest passenger capacity (575 people) in Toronto. The ship is named after famous navigator Captain Matthew Flinders (1774-1814), and in 1995, it sailed to Florida and operated as a floating casino. Since returning to Toronto, the ship has been outfitted with new engines and was fully renovated in 2011. The **Flinders** has hosted a wide range of events including Mayors from Around the World, the NBA Draft Pick, the All-Star Baseball Legends; it also welcomed The Stanley Cup aboard for Detroit Red Winger Chris Draper's celebration in 2008. Many celebrities, athletes and musicians have enjoyed the **Flinders** – Arnold Palmer even hit golf balls off the outer deck!

Built in St. Thomas in 1989 and cruising in Toronto since, the **Klancy II** joined Mariposa Cruises' fleet in 2011. The **Klancy II** holds up to 100 passengers and has hosted a wide variety of VIP events over the years, including the Rotary Club convention bid team, when it played a part in Toronto securing the bid to host the convention.

The **Northern Spirit** was built in 1983 in Warren, Rhode Island, and was formerly named the Pride of Norfolk and the Pride of Toronto. The 138-foot ship joined Mariposa Cruises' fleet in 1994 after an extensive renovation. Like the **Flinders**, the **Northern Spirit** has the largest passenger capacity in

Toronto and is Transport Canada-approved for 575 passengers. The **Northern Spirit** has hosted many notable events and musical acts during its years in Toronto. With its bright and spacious interior, it remains one of the most popular boats in Toronto for hosting larger groups.

Built in 1987 in Port Dover, Ontario, the **Oriole** is a replica of a Victorian era steamship (circa 1880-1920), with a rich oak interior, wrought iron detail and unique design. The **Oriole** is used for Mariposa Cruises' popular Harbour Tours and can host 184 passengers. The **Oriole** has its own celebrity status, having been featured in a fictional period painting by Ray Davidson entitled "The Medora at Port Carling Locks". She also recently appeared on CBC's *Redemption Inc.* and hosted Mila Mulroney, Nancy Reagan, and the wives of G7 attendees for a private afternoon charter.

One of Mariposa Cruises' vessels, the **Rosemary**, is the true southern belle of the fleet. Built in Mobile, Alabama in 1960, the **Rosemary** is 62-feet of style and sophistication and was completely renovated in 2008. The **Rosemary** has modern furnishings and still maintains her former corporate yacht appeal. A long list of celebrities has cruised aboard, including Angelica Houston, Sam Neill, Cicely Tyson, Marylou Henner, and Gregory Hines.

The *Showboat Royal Grace*, or **Showboat** as she is now called, is a petite version of the grand riverboats that sailed along North America's inland waterways in the 1800s. Built in 1988 in Port Colborne, Ontario, the **Showboat** was purchased by Mariposa Cruises in 1993. Completely renovated in 2013, where among other improvements, twelve feet of length was added to the centre of the ship. Not only is the boat larger, but it also increases her passenger capacity from 75 to 149. The new and improved **Showboat** will continue to be one of Mariposa Cruises' most popular boats because of its charm and onboard comforts.

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