Pedal into the Past! Historic Places in the National Capital Region







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1 Parliament Buildings National Historic Site of Canada

Comprised of four magnificently constructed Parliament Buildings: Centre Block, East Block, West Block and the Library, the site also boasts beautifully landscaped grounds filled with flower beds, monuments, statues as well as spectacular views of the Ottawa River.



2 Rideau Canal National Historic Site of Canada

Running through the heart of Canada's Capital, the Rideau Canal was originally used for military purposes, but today is an internationally recognized heritage site highly regarded for its advanced preservation and original structures and is one of the most significant symbols in the region.



3 Bytown Museum (Commissariat Building)

Once serving as the Commissariat Building, it is an imposing industrial building dating from the pre-Confederation era with strong military associations which now functions as a historical museum located along the system of locks at the base of the Rideau Canal leading into the Ottawa River.



4 Confederation Square National Historic Site of Canada

Best known as the site of the National War Memorial, Confederation Square is centrally located with direct access to many of Ottawa's special downtown areas including the Rideau Canal, Sparks Street Mall, Parliament, and features an eclectic streetscape of significant buildings.



5 Château Laurier National Historic Site of Canada

With some of the most spectacular views of the Rideau Canal and the Ottawa River, Château Laurier is an elegant, picturesque hotel highly regarded for its classical chateau style and historical significance within the city.



6 Byward Market (Heritage Conservation District)

Infused with different styles of architecture and historical significance, the Byward Market is a very popular destination located in the heart of downtown Ottawa and is home to numerous restaurants, shops and a seasonal market.



7 Royal Canadian Mint National Historic Site of Canada

The Royal Canadian Mint is a beautiful representation of the Tudor Gothic style of architecture and a national landmark as it continues to function as a mint with an attached gold refinery dating back to the early 20th century.



8 Rideau Hall and Landscaped Grounds National Historic Site of Canada

Serving as the residence of the Governor General of Canada, the site illustrates the elegant British style of a gentleman's country estate and features beautifully landscaped accessible grounds and gardens and a rich history.



9 Charron House

A typical "maison québécoise" of the time, this stone home is located in Jacques Cartier Park in Gatineau along the Ottawa River and represents classic architecture and has a historically significant past.



10 E.B. Eddy Digester Tower

Located in Laurier Park on the bank of the Ottawa River, the site is a solid limestone building illustrating the growth of the pulp and paper industry in the Gatineau/Hull region and offers an amazing view of the river and Ottawa's downtown.



11 Willson Carbide Mill

Its Victoria Island location places the Mill right along the famous scenic Ottawa River bike route and its classic construction and historical associations make it a landmark for the area as it bridges the border between Ontario and Quebec.



12 Supreme Court of Canada

Featuring impressive classical architecture and an imposing character, the Supreme Court Building is a national landmark and a symbol of power and justice within the Capital region.







