

# VOYAGEUR QUEST

*Canadian Wilderness Adventures for the Inquisitive Spirit*



## **FOLLOWING TOM THOMSON**

**Weekend of canoeing, log cabin hospitality and Thomson stories  
October 13- 15, 2017**

Follow celebrated painter Tom Thomson's trail by canoe to photograph, paint and explore the islands, rivers and streams of Algonquin Park's north west corner. Relax and enjoy Algonquin Log Cabin hospitality including Chef Nikoline's tasty meals served in front of the stone fireplace. Learn about Thomson's connection to Kawawaymog Lake, the South River and his mysterious death in 1917.

Tom Thomson's paintings and travel to Algonquin Park's north west corner have been well documented. Thomson was great friends with Tom Wattie, an Algonquin Park ranger who worked out of his camp on Kawawaymog Lake and who was from South River. Thomson loved to visit his friend on Watties island and often paddled the South River to town for business and mail. Several paintings including The Tent and Mud Bay were painted from Watties island .

This autumn weekend takes place during the late fall where we follow Thomson's tracks to the sites of his famous autumn paintings of this area.

### Friday October 13

Arrive at the Algonquin Log cabin for lunch and afternoon canoe lesson and fall colour photography or painting. Optional hike up to forest lookout.

Trout Dinner followed by reading and discussion of Roy Macgregor's excellent book on Thomson "Northern Light" and Doug Mackey's Thomson Travels.

### Saturday October 14

After breakfast, shuttle to the South River. Enjoy a day trip down the South River carefully navigating around boulders and taking in the majestic pine trees and birds.

Option to try your luck for a nice bookie.

Return for sauna, regional appetizers and BBQ dinner.

### Sunday October 15

Early morning photo shoot or painting of misty morning paddle. Return for late breakfast.

Paddle Kawawaymog's islands and recreate Thomson's Mud bay. Stop for lunch at Wattie's island, now the Algonquin Island Retreat.

Depart mid afternoon.

Cost is \$625 per person and includes: two nights log cabin accommodation, meals lunch day 1 to lunch day, guided interpretative program.

Cost does not include HST, personal clothing or transfers from Toronto ( available for additional \$190)

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*"Mud Bay"*

*"The Tent"*

**Adventure begins where the road ends!** Located on Surprise Lake 8km from Algonquin Access Point #1 and 30 minutes from the any major roads, the Algonquin Log Cabin is the ultimate wilderness retreat. Unlike the Park's highway 60 corridor - the only way into Algonquin from this corner is by foot or canoe. Translation –less people! Located off the grid, the Algonquin Log Cabin does not have electricity, increasing its cozy and unique character.

Dip your paddle in the fresh water, hike the less traveled trails, listen to the uninterrupted sounds of Algonquin, and relax in the comfort of this unique lodge.

Designed with comfort in mind, the Algonquin Log Cabin features:

- six double occupancy bedrooms
- sunken living room with 36 foot stone fireplace
- dining room with harvest table
- kitchen where the magic happens
- library
- mudroom for storing gear and packs
- front and back porch for relaxing



Just steps from the main cabin is the shower and sauna cabin allowing you to relax after a day of exploration!

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