

# The Great Lakes



The Great Lakes, sometimes disambiguated as the Laurentian Great Lakes, are a collection of freshwater lakes located in northeastern North America, on the Canada–United States border, which connect to the Atlantic Ocean through the Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes Waterway.



**Waterway.**

# Consisting of Lakes:

- \* Superior
- \* Michigan
- \* Huron
- \* Erie
- \* Ontario



# Lake Superior

- \* Is the largest of the five traditionally demarcated Great Lakes of North America. It is generally considered the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area. It is the world's third-largest freshwater lake by volume.



Lake Superior



# Lake Michigan

- \* Is one of the five Great Lakes of North America and the only one located entirely within the United States. It is the second largest of the Great Lakes by volume and the third largest by surface area, after Lake Superior and Lake Huron.



Lake Michigan

# Lake Huron

- \* Is one of the five Great Lakes of North America. Hydrologically, it comprises the easterly portion of Lake Michigan–Huron, having the same surface elevation as its westerly counterpart, to which it is connected by the wide Straits of Mackinac. It is bounded on the east by the Canadian province of Ontario and on the west by the state of Michigan in the United States.



Lake Huron

# Lake Erie

- \* Is the fourth largest lake of the five Great Lakes in North America, and the tenth largest globally. It is bounded on the north by Ontario, on the south by Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, and on the west by Michigan.



Lake Erie

# Lake Ontario

- \* Is one of the five Great Lakes of North America. Lake In the Wyandot language, ontario means “Lake of Shining Waters”.
- \* It is bounded on the north and southwest by the Canadian province of Ontario, and on the south by the American state of New York. It is the last in the Great Lakes chain and serves as the outlet to the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence River.



Lake Ontario



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- \* The **Great Lakes** are an important water system of North America for transportation, commerce, and recreation. Lying on the border between the United States of America and Canada, they are the largest bodies of fresh water in the world making them an invaluable natural resource. The size is difficult to appreciate until you see them. The lakes are nearly as large as the United Kingdom, and a plane flying over one will not see land.

# Cities:

The following cities lie on or close to the shores of the Great Lakes.

- \* **American Midwest** (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)
- \* **New York**
- \* **Ontario**
- \* **Erie Region of Pennsylvania**



**Ohio Fall Colors**

# Canada :

- \* Kingston, Ontario
- \* London, Ontario
- \* Montreal, Quebec
- \* Niagara Falls, Ontario
- \* Niagara on the Lake, Ontario
- \* Sault Ste Marie, Ontario
- \* Toronto, Ontario
- \* Windsor, Ontario
- \* Thunder Bay, Ontario



**The Horseshoe Falls. That's the United States on the left, and Canada on the right and in the background, in case you can't see the difference.**

# United States:

- \* Buffalo, New York
- \* Chicago, Illinois
- \* Cleveland, Ohio
- \* Detroit, Michigan
- \* Duluth, Minnesota
- \* Erie, Pennsylvania
- \* Grand Rapids, Michigan
- \* Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- \* Niagara Falls, New York
- \* Put-in-Bay, Ohio
- \* Rochester, New York
- \* Sandusky, Ohio
- \* Sault Ste Marie, Michigan
- \* Toledo, Ohio
- \* Traverse City, Michigan

# Other Destinations:

- \* Cedar Point
- \* Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- \* Lake Erie Islands
- \* Mackinac Island
- \* Niagara Falls
- \* Niagara on the Lake
- \* Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
- \* Thousand Islands



**The Magnum XL200 at  
Cedar Point**



# Get in:

- \* The Great Lakes cover a vast region, so there are naturally many points of entry, preeminent among which is Chicago's busy **O'Hare International Airport**. Other major airports, in order starting from the busiest: Detroit Metropolitan, Toronto Pearson International, Minneapolis-St. Paul International, Chicago Midway, and Cleveland-Hopkins International.

# You can:

- \* Visited Great Lakes **Beaches** .They are something most of the world has overlooked.
- \* Visited Chicago's **Magnificent Mile**. It is renowned as one of the world's truly great retail strips.
- \* Visited Yorkville in Toronto.
- \* Visited Detroit's **Renaissance Center**.
- \* Visited Tower City Center in Cleveland.