



## **BACKGROUNDER**

Now in its third decade, the magnificent vessels of **Mariposa Cruises** have graced Toronto's waterfront as one of the city's most unique and elegant event venues. Over one million Torontonians and visitors alike have enjoyed the incredible sightseeing experience from the water's edge aboard these distinguished crafts.

From its beginnings in 1987 with the Mariposa Belle, **Mariposa Cruises** has grown to include a fleet of seven cruise ships, situated in the heart of Toronto's premier tourist destination – the harbourfront at Queen's Quay Terminal.

One of the largest privately owned hospitality cruise lines in North America, **Mariposa Cruises** offers groups of up to 575 people over 34,000 square feet of stunning, flexible floating space. Complete with up-to-date conference space and meeting facilities, each vessel is well equipped for a wide range of corporate events, celebrations and functions, boasting fully licensed bars, chefs, wait staff, and distinct wine and menu selections.

The **Mariposa Cruises** fleet varies in size and style and includes southern style paddle wheelers like the *Showboat* or the *Mariposa Belle*, a steamboat replica like the *Oriole*, more cozy contemporary ships like the *Torontonian* or the *Rosemary* and larger luxury boats like the *Northern Spirit* or the *Captain Matthew Flinders*.

**Mariposa Cruises** also offers scheduled cruises including: a one-hour narrated Sightseeing Tour, a two-hour casual Lunch Cruise or Sunday Brunch Cruise, or a three-hour magical Dinner Cruise.

## **The Mariposa Fleet**

### **Captain Matthew Flinders (144 ft / 44m)**



Board the majestic *Captain Matthew Flinders* and discover why this is a ship of celebrity status! Every one of her 144 feet has been crafted with traditional elegance in mind. The Flinders is custom built and lavishly outfitted with lush carpeting, warm woods and Danish brass. The warmth and intimacy of her two interior decks is equally harmonized with a massive split-level outer deck. From here, experience the ultimate city view while entertaining guests, dancing the night away, or simply relaxing! The *Captain Matthew Flinders* has an Executive Chef and full service kitchen and is Transport Canada approved for 575 passengers.

### **Northern Spirit (127 ft / 39m)**



Delightfully bright and contemporary, the *Northern Spirit* is the favourite choice to comfortably entertain large groups. With an impressive list of high profile functions hosted onboard, this 127-foot ship boasts three spacious decks. The two interior decks, with their abundance of natural light and subtle tones, create a spacious and luminous atmosphere. The third open deck provides you with the largest dance floor in the harbour! The *Northern Spirit* has an Executive Chef and full service kitchen and is Transport Canada approved for 575 passengers.

### **Mariposa Belle (72 ft / 22m)**



Step aboard the *Mariposa Belle* and experience the magic of this legendary paddle wheeler! Renovated to meet the demands of social and corporate functions, she boasts three spacious promenade and dining decks. Here you'll discover "Life is good" whether enjoying a sumptuous meal, dancing with your mates, or simply taking in the refreshing breeze atop the outdoor deck. Be awestruck by all this splendour! This charming vessel is ideal for mid to large size groups, includes a Chef and full service kitchen and is Transport Canada approved for 250 passengers.

### Oriole (69 ft / 21m)



Lavish guests with the unparalleled beauty of this elegant ship. A Great Lakes Steamship replica, all 69 ft of The *Oriole* have been decorated with the perfect blend of varnished woods, wrought iron, polished brass and plush upholstery. Guests will appreciate the enchanting view of the city from the *Oriole's* large picture windows and promenade deck. Traditionally used for **Mariposa Cruises'** Sightseeing Program, the *Oriole* is the ideal venue for mid-sized corporate and private functions, is fully catered by an Executive Chef and is Transport Canada approved for 185 passengers.

### Showboat (55 ft / 17 m)



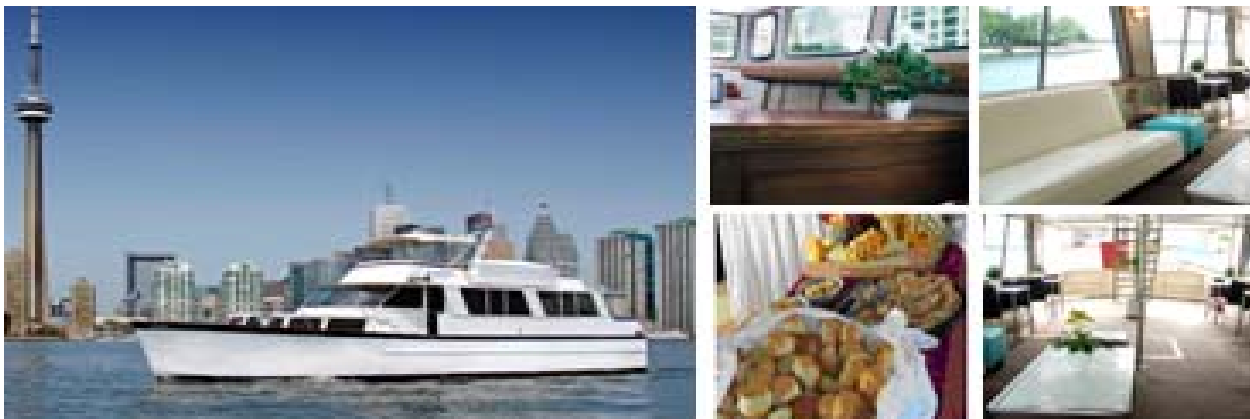
With all the magic and magnetism of a paddle wheeler from the old south, the *Showboat's* 55 feet boast charm and versatility. Along with an all-season upper deck, the *Showboat's* main deck is tastefully decorated with plush carpeting, upholstered chairs and bright picture windows. The *Showboat* hosts many smaller to mid-sized corporate meetings and private events, is fully catered by an Executive Chef and Transport Canada approved for 89 passengers.

### **Torontonian (54 ft / 16m)**



Experience the casual comfort of the *Torontonian* with her colourful exterior and two spacious decks. The lower deck with its charming oak bar and the all season upper deck provide your guests with the perfect mix for an adventure afloat! The *Torontonian* is an ideal choice for touring the island parklands and intimate surroundings. It is fully catered by an Executive Chef and Transport Canada approved for 70 passengers.

### **Rosemary (62 ft / 19m)**



Whether it is an important corporate affair or a soiree put together on a whim, count on the *Rosemary* to provide an elegant setting. A beautifully appointed private yacht tastefully decorated with modern sofas and ottomans, the *Rosemary* is the perfect choice for exclusive entertaining. The open-air decks are a wonderful place to enjoy a cocktail and leave the stresses of the city behind. The *Rosemary* is fully catered by an Executive Chef and Transport Canada approved for 45 passengers.

#### **About Mariposa Cruises:**

Now in its third decade, **Mariposa Cruises** has built its reputation as the established leader in Toronto harbour, with an impressive fleet comprising of seven distinctive ships, varying in size and style to accommodate groups up to 575 passengers. **Mariposa Cruises** is the largest Canadian cruise operator to provide full service event management for corporate and social events. For more information on **Mariposa Cruises** please visit [www.mariposacruises.com](http://www.mariposacruises.com) or call (416) 203-0178.

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