Festive Winter Forum

December 2, 2020

Holiday Lights

Christmas Village at Stanley's
Olde Maple Lane Farm

Alight at Night at
Upper Canada Village

Magic of Lights at
Wesley Clover Parks

Trees of Hope at
Fairmont Château Laurier

Christmas Lights Across Canada

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Holiday Lights

Lights At Lansdowne (former Ottawa Christmas Market)

Enchanted Holiday Drive at Karters' Korners

Vintage Village of Lights at Cumberland Heritage Village Museum

A Country Christmas at Saunders Farm

Flights with Santa

- Ottawa Biplane Adventures (flights are in a Cessna)
- Departs from Canada Aviation and Space Museum

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SATURDAY AT 12 PM EST – 5 PM EST

A Very Merry Heart & Crown Xmas Market

Heart & Crown - ByWard Market

SHOPPING

Online Christmas craft sales, art fairs and bazaars in and around Ottawa

309 views

Sure, you might not be able to attend your favourite local church bazaar, artisan sale or craft fair in person in 2020. However, that doesn't mean you can't still buy unique holiday gifts made by crafters and artists, and support local causes and entrepreneurs!

Like just about everything else in these strangest of times, craft sales in Ottawa, across Ontario and in Quebec are going online this year.

Here's where you can let your fingers do the walking during the 2020 holiday shopping season. But first, a few notes...

1. If, like me, you tend to procrastinate, this might be the year to start your shopping earlier than usual. Canada Post is expecting a massive spike in volume during the holidays, as people buy more presents online and send more gifts by mail than usual.
2. Many of the events listed in this post only have a Facebook page, so there are a lot of Facebook links in this post. If you're on Facebook, you might want to open that site before you start browsing.
3. I'll keep adding to this list as we get closer to Christmas, so keep checking back! And if you know of a fair that isn't listed here yet, **please** let me know.

Top ten local stocking stuffers you can find in Ottawa

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For the person who loves...

1. Overnight getaways

Who doesn't like to get away, especially when they've been home more than usual? Get that special someone a stay at an Ottawa hotel, a bed & breakfast or even a campground. Check out our It's still on us promotion to save on accommodations.

2. Beautiful art

Even the harshest art critic can find eye candy at the many galleries and art boutiques in Canada's capital. Take your art-lover to the National Gallery of Canada, the always-free Ottawa Art Gallery, or Ottawa's independent galleries to admire Canadian, Indigenous, regional and international works of art. Or, get them art-related gifts in the gallery boutiques.

3. Museums and attractions

Give the gift of fun to families, couples and individuals who love exploring the region's various attractions. Offer them a gift card to one of Ottawa's seven national museums, local and regional museums, as well as amusement sites like escape rooms, activity farms and sugarbushes.

4. Local products

Find unique, locally produced, handcrafted items—including food and crafts—from vendors at the ByWard Market, the Ottawa Farmers' Market at Lansdowne, and even virtual events. Or let your giftee choose anything they want—from wellness products to jewelry to furniture—with a gift card from independent shops that carry local products for all ages.

5. Tour experiences

Memorable experiences make great gifts. Whether your loved one is into food, beer, outdoors or history, there's an Ottawa tour option—and gift certificates—to match.

6. Great food

Who doesn't appreciate eating out (or eating in with takeout) from great local restaurants? Get a gift certificate to their favourite brunch spot, a legendary lunch staple, or a new hot eatery they should discover.

7. Craft beer

With dozens of craft breweries throughout the city, beer afficionados might be the easiest people to buy for this holiday season. Gather a few of their favourite brews and some trendy swag to match.

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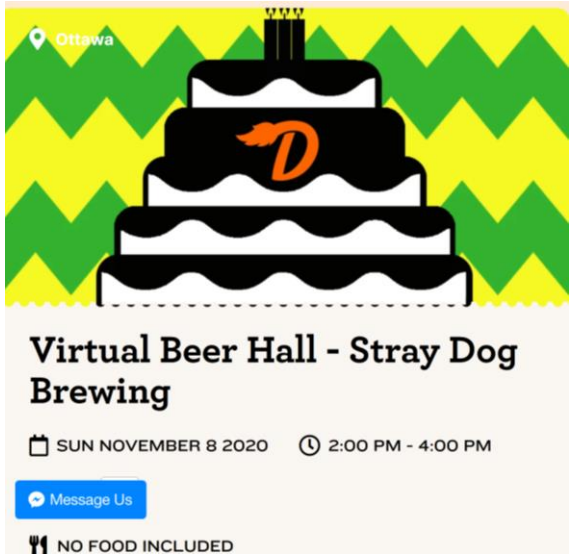
Rethink Holiday Parties



- Holiday Party in a Room at Westin Ottawa and Delta Ottawa City Centre
- Carleton Suite Hotel « Covid Kinda Christmas » package
- BrewDonkey's Virtual Beer Hall
- A La Carte neighbourhood tours

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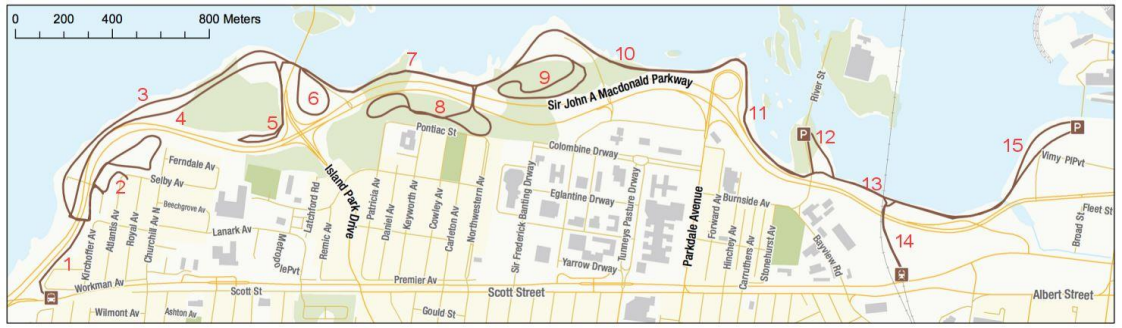
Winter Activities

(*especially outdoors*)

SJAM Winter Trail



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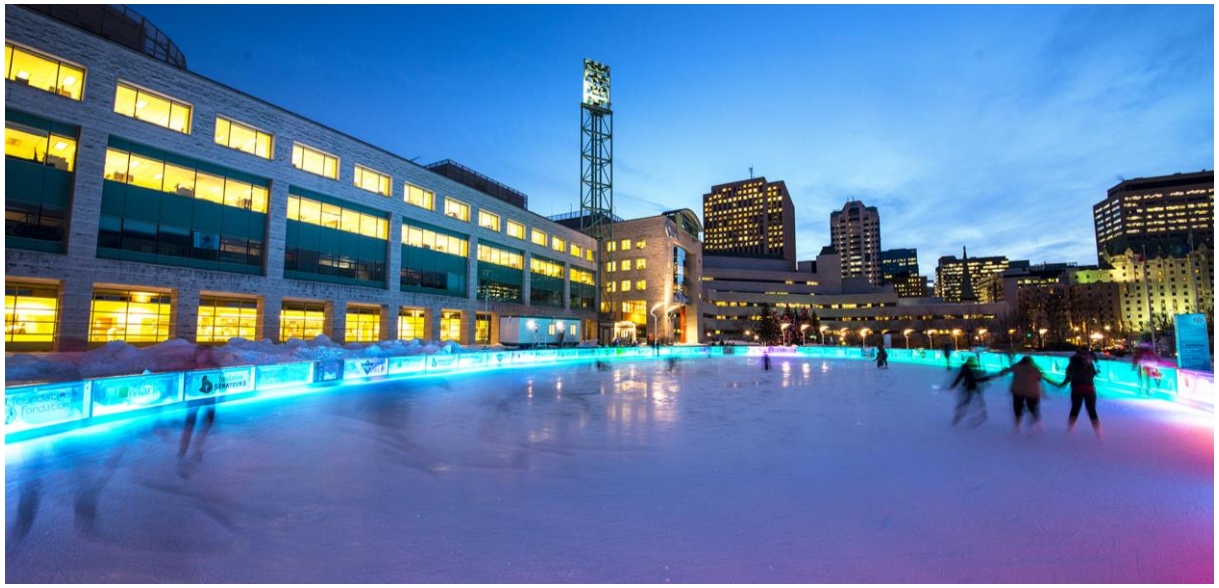
Skating



Winterlude

- February 5-21, 2021
- Focus on neighbourhoods and partnerships
- Rideau Canal Skateway WILL OPEN
- NOTE that the Family Day long weekend is the middle weekend, not the final one

Museums

- Timed tickets are the norm (exception: National Gallery of Canada)
- Canadian Museum of History is temporarily closed
- Limited capacities
- No high-touch interactive exhibitions
- Free admission:
  - Last hour daily at Science and Technology; Aviation and Space; Agriculture and Food
  - Last hour Wednesday to Friday at Canadian Museum of Nature
  - Thursdays 5:00-8:00pm at National Gallery of Canada and Canadian War Museum

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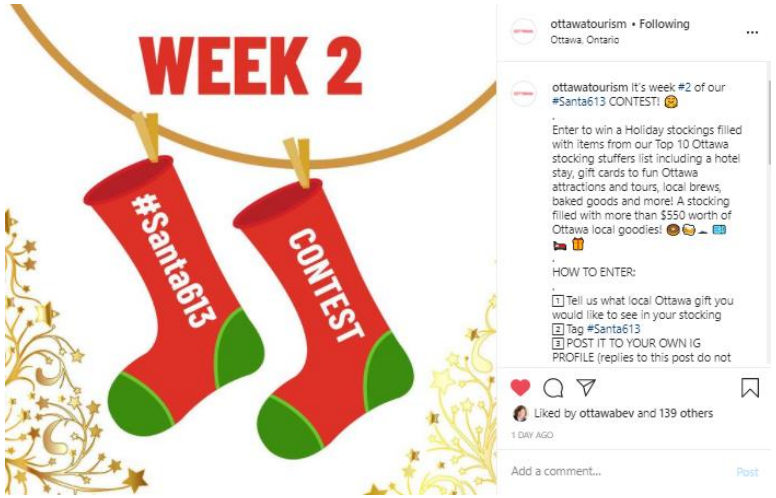
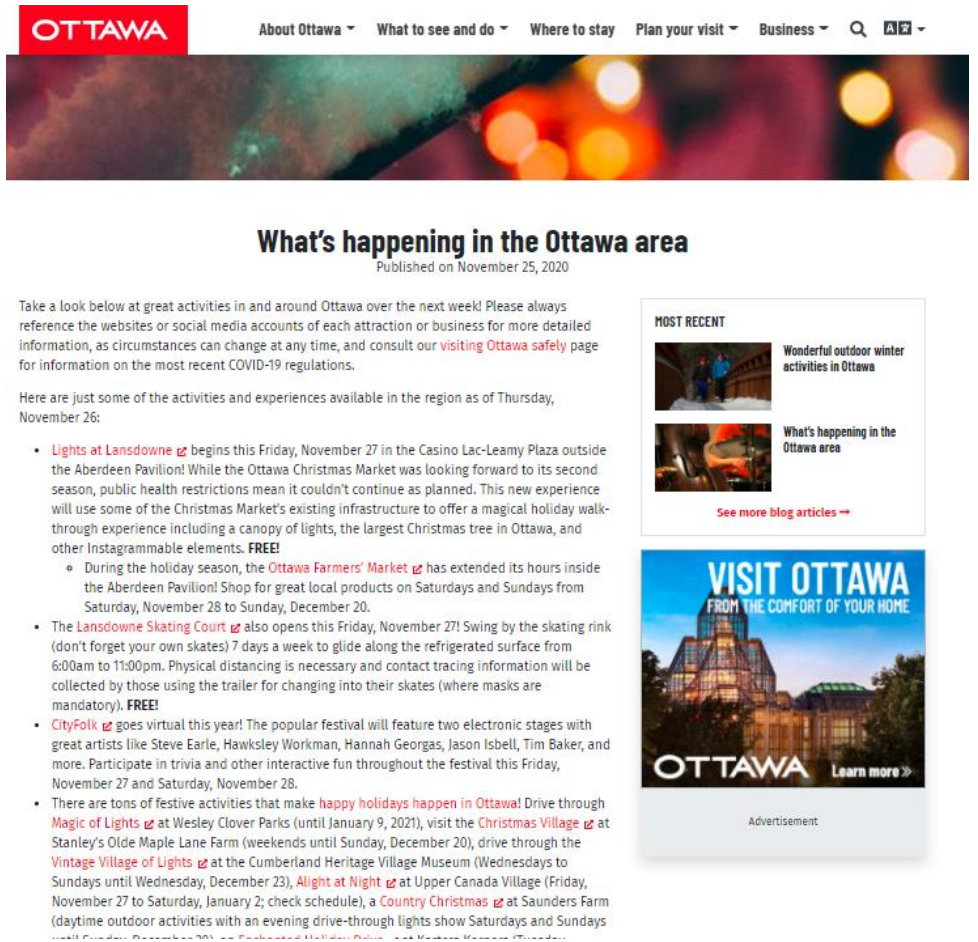
Ottawa Tourism Campaigns



What's Happening in the Ottawa Area



- Published every Wednesday
- Emailed to 8,000+ addresses every Thursday
- Sign up to receive weekly

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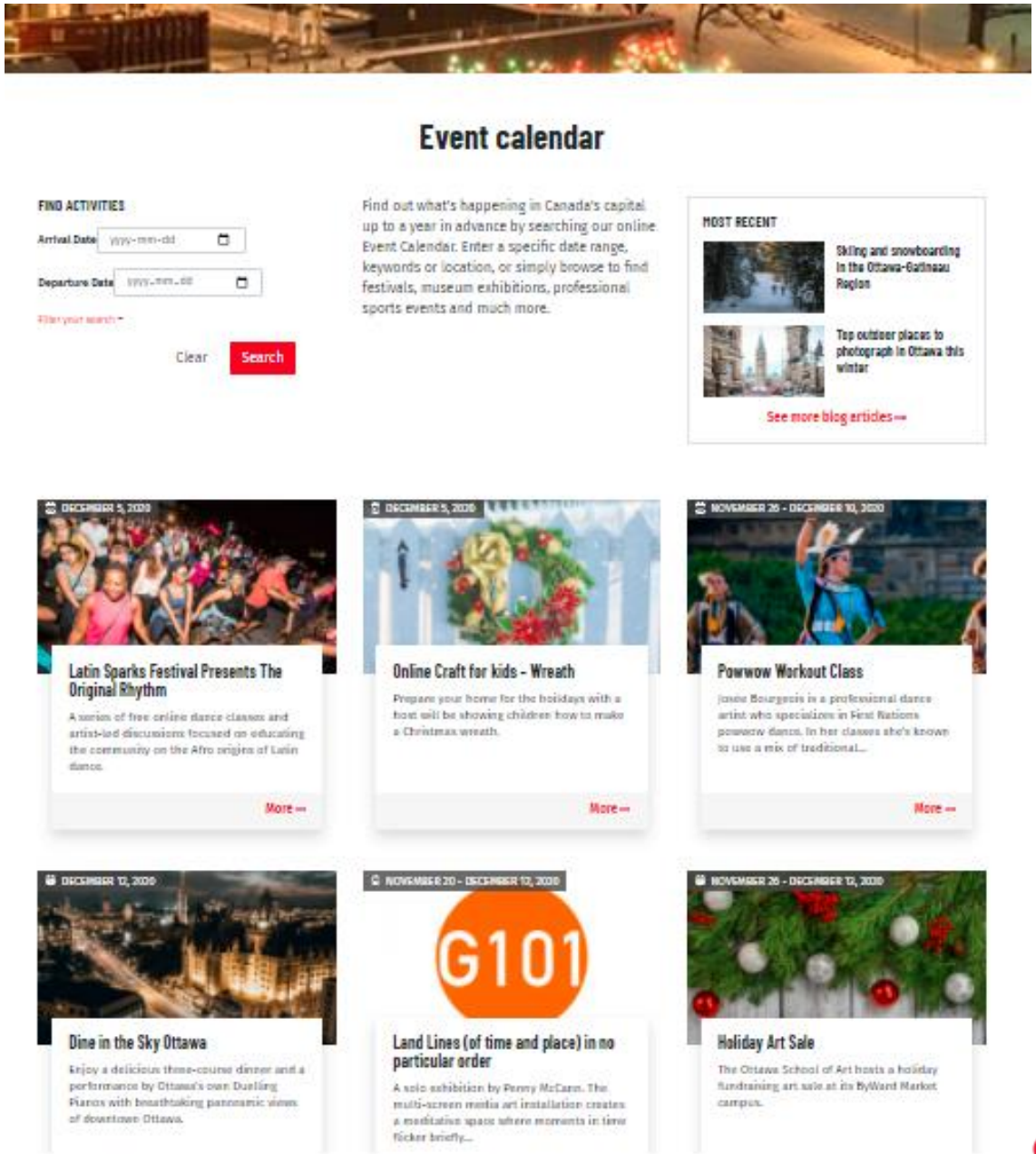
Event Calendar

- ottawatourism.ca/en/calendar
- Searchable by date



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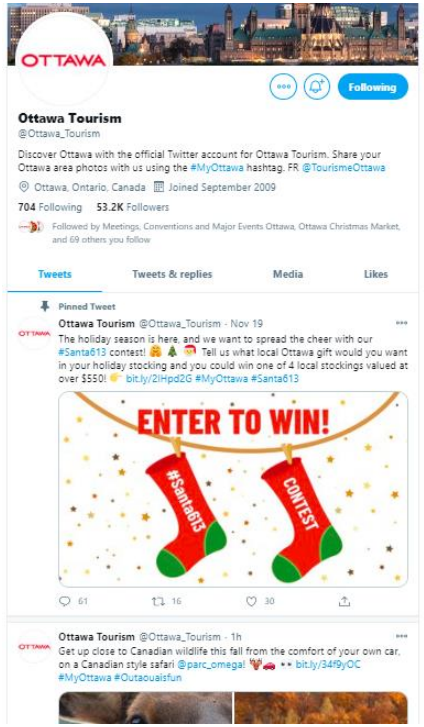

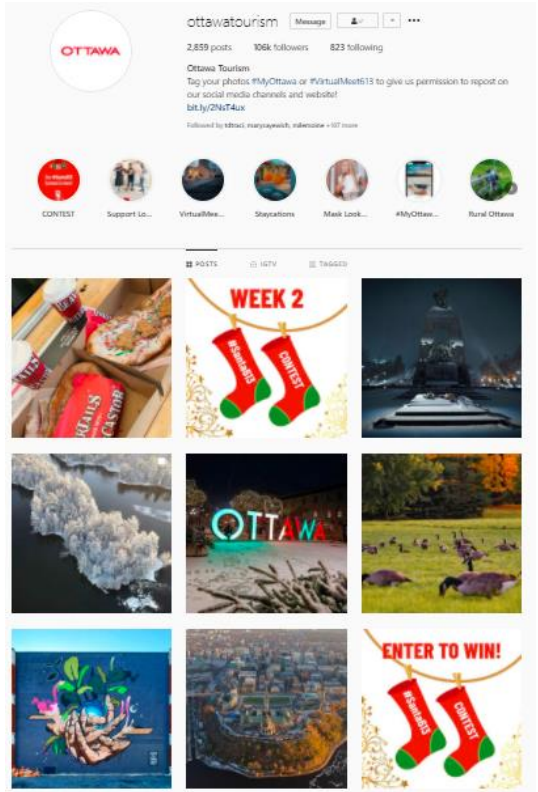

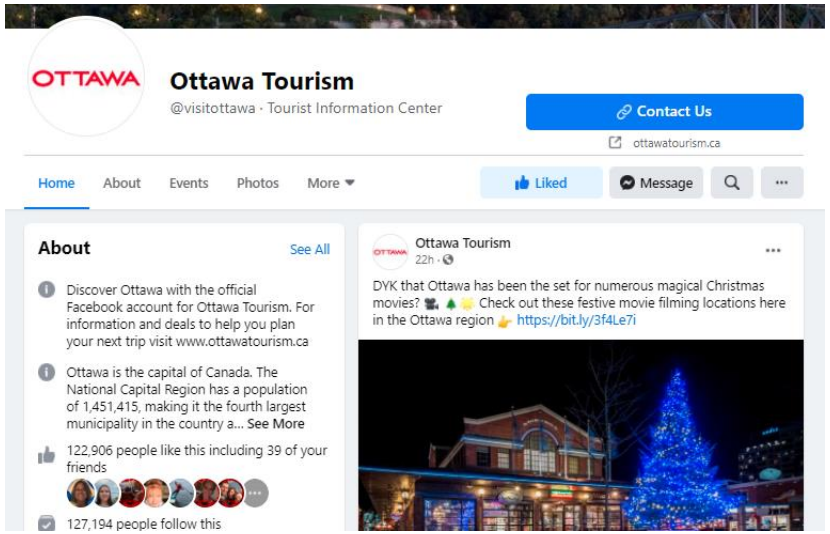

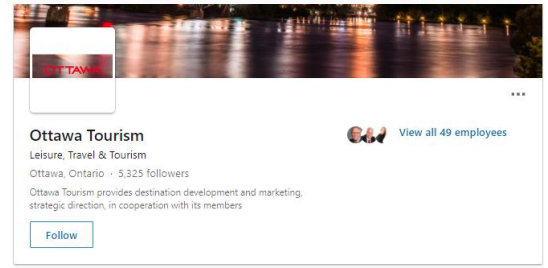

About us

Ottawa Tourism provides industry leadership, strategic direction and destination marketing to attract visitors, tours and conventions to Ottawa and Canada's Capital Region.

Founded in 1971, Ottawa Tourism is a not-for-profit, membership-based organization, with 340 members representing accommodations, attractions, restaurants, outdoor experiences, festivals and entertainment that work together to profile Ottawa and Canada's Capital Region as a diverse and exciting place to visit.

Ottawa Tourism's objectives are to promote the destination, increase visitation and enhance economic impact for the industry and its membership.

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Hashtags

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