

The St. Lawrence River — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- The St. Lawrence River flows from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.
- It has been a vital route for travel and trade for centuries.
- Big cities like Montreal and Quebec City grew along it.
- The St. Lawrence Seaway lets large ships reach inland.

Key vocabulary

- River — flowing fresh water.
- Seaway — a route allowing ships to travel inland.
- Trade route — a path used for moving goods.
- Estuary — where a river meets the sea.

A highway of water

For First Nations, explorers and traders, then modern ships, the St. Lawrence has been one of North America's most important routes.

Cities on the river

Montreal and Quebec City grew up along the river because it was such an important route for travel and trade.