



Fortress of Louisbourg  
National Historic Site

# 2016 Activity Guide

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### Hours of Operation

May 23 to October 10, 2016  
Daily – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 11, 2016 to May 21, 2017  
Monday to Friday – 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
excluding holidays

### How to Access the Site

Continue through the community of Louisbourg along Main Street and turn left at the fountain.

Until June 15 and after September 22, 2016  
Follow signs for Entrance 2 and drive to on-site parking.

June 16 to September 22, 2016

Turn right at the large Entrance sign. Park in one of the five parking lots (RVs in P3) and walk to the Visitor Centre, which is located closest to P1 and P2. Entry fees are collected at the Visitor Centre; shopping and washrooms are available as you wait for the bus to the site (shuttles depart approx. every 15 min.).

Pets are not permitted.  
Registered service animals are accepted.

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# Welcome to Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

On Cape Breton's rocky shoreline east of Sydney, Nova Scotia, the Fortress of Louisbourg brings you back into one of North America's busiest 18th-century seaports. Founded by the French in 1713, it fell under siege twice to the British before being demolished in the 1760s. Reconstruction began in the 1960s, rebuilding one quarter of the original French town and fortifications. Today, the reconstructed Fortress of Louisbourg is the largest – and best – of its kind in North America, offering a wealth of experiences for visitors to enjoy.

Plan for a visit of four hours or more!



### ENTRY FEES

	Daily Pass Until June 30, 2016, and from September 6, 2016, to December 31, 2016	Daily Pass July 1 to September 5, 2016	Seasonal Pass	Discovery Pass* Unlimited access to nearly 100 Parks Canada places across the country
Adult (ages 17-64)	\$7.30	\$17.60	\$35.20	\$67.70
Senior (ages 65+)	\$6.05	\$14.95	\$29.90	\$57.90
Youth (ages 6-16)	\$3.65	\$8.80	\$17.60	\$33.30
Family/Group Up to 7 people, with a maximum of 2 adults.	\$18.10	\$44.10	\$88.20	\$136.40 Up to 7 people traveling together.

Children 5 and under are admitted free.  
\*Annual Passes bought in 2016 will be valid for TWO full years.

## 2016 – Celebrate Women

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage in Canada. To highlight this milestone in our history, Parks Canada joins partners in the celebration of historic and contemporary women whose lives have touched Cape Breton Island. The 2016 events that are specially marked in the calendar (♀) will have a component that acknowledges women's contributions and raises awareness of what they have accomplished.



### Events

#### June

- 9-12 **Roots to Boots Festival: hiking, music and stories in Louisbourg and Chéticamp**  
18 ♀ **Louisbourg Celebrates: Mi'kmaw Mawiomi**  
25-26 ♀ **Learn to Camp**

#### July

- 1 **Canada Day: free admission**  
7, 14, 28 **Louisbourg Live: Murder Mystery (Thursday evening)**  
16 **Parks Day: a time to enjoy our natural and cultural treasures**  
22-24 ♀ **CultureFête: a multicultural fair from the 1700s**  
31 **Storm the Fortress: motorcyclists invade the Fortress at dusk!**

#### August

- 4, 11, 18, 25 **Louisbourg Live: Murder Mystery (Thursday evening)**  
13 **Louisbourg Celebrates: Pride Day**  
13 ♀ **Fab Forts: spotlight on historic military strongholds**  
13 **Race Through Time: 13 km race through the Fortress and the modern town**  
20 **The Great Louisbourg Sleepover: overnight camping with entertainment**  
21 ♀ **Feast of Saint Louis: a traditional feast with a modern twist**

#### September

- 1 **Louisbourg Live: Murder Mystery (Thursday evening)**  
3 **Hammer In: blacksmithing festival**  
8 ♀ **Katharine McLennan Award**  
17 ♀ **Louisbourg Live: Fortress Feast – a distinctive fund-raising event**  
20, 27 **Louisbourg Live: Haunted Louisbourg Tour (Tuesday evening)**

#### October

- 4, 11, 18, 25 **Louisbourg Live: Haunted Louisbourg Tour (Tuesday evening)**  
9 **Celtic Colours – Step into the Past**  
12 **Connecting Thread: 18th-century fibre craft workshops**  
14 **Celtic Colours – Music of the Night**

#### December

- 4 **Louisbourg Celebrates: The Holidays**

For more information on all events, visit our website and Facebook page.



### Top 5 – Summer Experiences (July 1 to September 5, 2016)

1. Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar
2. Fire a cannon or a musket! Dress up in period costume and get your training
3. Savour soldier's bread fresh from the stone bakery
4. Enjoy an 18th-century-style lunch in the ambiance of a period restaurant
5. Dare to stay after dark for a Louisbourg Live performance or an overnight experience

### Top 5 – Spring & Fall Experiences (May 23 to June 30 and September 6 to October 10, 2016)

1. Take in the Time Travel experience and savour a HERITAGE™ hot chocolate
2. Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar
3. Hunt for one of our geocaches, using your GPS device to go on this modern-day treasure hunt
4. Stroll the Ruins Walk in the unreconstructed portion of the original site
5. Marvel at the stunning views from the Old Town Trail and find your Red Chair moment

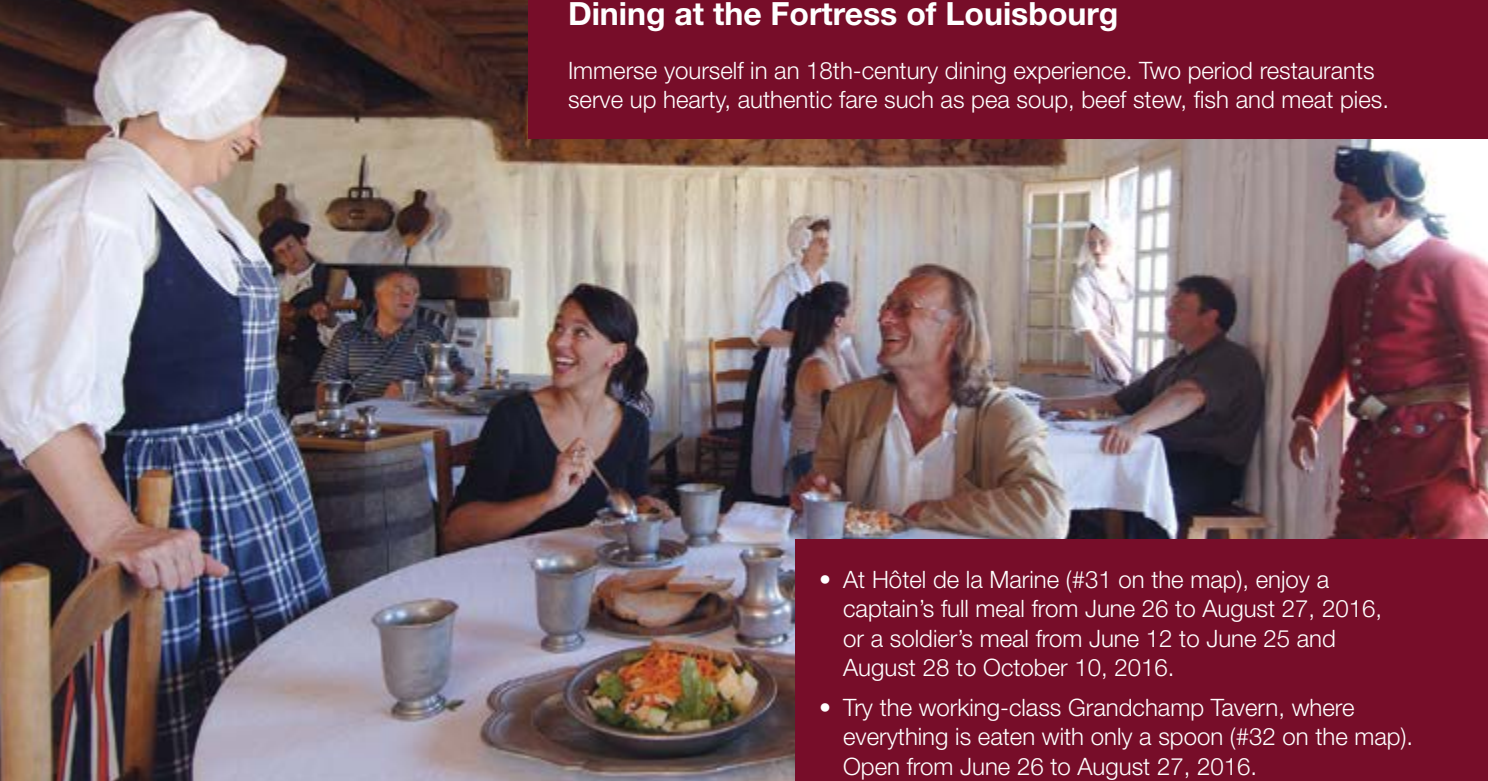
### Top 3 – Winter Experiences (October 11, 2016 to May 21, 2017)

1. Discover the exterior architecture of the Fortress' reconstructed buildings. Stroll through the streets and backyards of the town and imagine what life here would have been like way back when.
2. Download the free Explora Guided Tour App, available for both Android and Apple devices. It features audio tours of both the reconstructed town and the area of the Fortress that still lies in ruins.
3. Hunt for one of our geocaches, using your GPS device throughout the site. Embark on this modern-day treasure hunt and learn fascinating facts about Louisbourg.

# Mouth-watering Moments

## Dining at the Fortress of Louisbourg

Immerse yourself in an 18th-century dining experience. Two period restaurants serve up hearty, authentic fare such as pea soup, beef stew, fish and meat pies.



- At Hôtel de la Marine (#31 on the map), enjoy a captain's full meal from June 26 to August 27, 2016, or a soldier's meal from June 12 to June 25 and August 28 to October 10, 2016.
- Try the working-class Grandchamp Tavern, where everything is eaten with only a spoon (#32 on the map). Open from June 26 to August 27, 2016.
- L'Épée Royale Café offers a cozy spot to enjoy hot and cold beverages and a variety of snacks (#29 on the map). Open from May 23 to October 9, 2016.
- Don't forget to drop in to the King's Bakery to get your delicious soldier's bread, freshly baked every morning (#9 on the map). Open from June 12 to September 24, 2016.



## Fun for the Whole Family!

- Delve into the life of an 18th-century child with the *Rookie Tour – Children's Program* (ages 5-10)
- Become a Parks Canada Xplorer; ask for your free discovery booklet and start Xploring (ages 6-11)
- Join Club Parka: try fun activities on site or online (ages 3-6)
- Have fun playing street games, dancing and singing during the *Children's Dance*
- Hunt for caches and learn fascinating facts about Louisbourg through geocaching
- Find the hidden children's room in the King's Bastion
- Enjoy a lively performance of folk and fairy tales at the *Children's Theatre*
- Try your hand at writing with quill and ink in the De la Vallière House
- **Participate in a photo scavenger hunt. Download the free Photo Missions app and when you've completed your missions, a virtual reward appears!**



## Shopping



Our boutiques are operated by the Fortress Louisbourg Association. During our peak season we have two boutiques to serve you:

- One of these is located within the fortified town and carries items such as books, unique reproduction items, HERITAGE™ chocolate and Fortress™ Rum. Benoist Boutique (#28 on the map) is open from June 12 to October 12, 2016.
- The other is located at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre and carries a full range of souvenirs. Open from June 16 to September 22, 2016.

# Shoulder Season Activities

May 23 to June 30 and September 6 to October 10, 2016

Time	Activity	Location (see map)
10:30 a.m. (\$) (\$)	<b>Guided Tour</b> Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present (60 minutes), \$3.90	De la Plagne (#23)
11:30 a.m. (\$) (English) 11:45 a.m. (\$) (French)	<b>Time Travel</b> Rub shoulders with “authentic” Louisbourg residents as you explore what life was like 300 years ago (60 minutes), \$10.80	Guardhouse (#18)
 12:00 p.m. (\$) (\$)	<b>Accessible Guided Tour</b> Get the full story of Louisbourg – on wheels – from its past to its present (45 minutes), \$7.30 <i>Limited to 7 people per tour</i>	De la Plagne (#23)
1:00 p.m. (\$) (\$)	<b>Guided Tour</b> Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present (60 minutes), \$3.90	De la Plagne (#23)
1:30 p.m. (\$) (English)	<b>Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg</b> Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar (35 minutes), \$10.80 <i>You must be 19 years of age or older</i>	De la Plagne (#23)
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3:30 p.m. (\$) (\$)	<b>The Fortress at a Glance</b> Join this orientation tour to quickly understand the key elements of the Fortress' history and the various places of interest to visit (30 minutes), \$2.40	De la Plagne (#23)

(\$) Additional fees apply – Purchase your activities at De la Plagne (#23) – the yellow house

### Time Travel

Daily, 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. in English; 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m. in French (60 minutes), \$10.80

Rub shoulders with Louisbourg's resilient residents and time travel into their challenging lives within a remote fortress. Talk to a Compagnies Franches soldier about life at Louisbourg and witness the smoke and noise during a musket-firing demonstration. Visit the home of one of Louisbourg's influential families and hear how important social conventions could be. Finally, a kitchen servant awaits your arrival to give you a glimpse into her life serving the elite. She will show you how hot chocolate, one of the favourite treats of Louisbourg's high society, was prepared. Then savour this elegant drink made of our special HERITAGE™ Chocolate.

### Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg

Daily, 1:30 p.m. in English; 2:30 p.m. in French (35 minutes), \$10.80

*You must be 19 years of age or older*

Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar. Be part of a colonial tradition as rum was one of the most popular drinks of 18th-century Louisbourg. Sample an authentic Rum Punch recipe and learn how sugar cane and its alcoholic offshoot influenced trade, shipping, and slavery in colonial North America. Parks Canada has partnered with Authentic Seacoast Company, who created a special edition rum that is maturing in oak barrels in the Magasin du Roi at the Fortress of Louisbourg. Fortress™ Rum captures the authentic spirit of New France's historic rum trade. À la santé and cheers!

### Guided Tour

Daily, 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (60 minutes), \$3.90

Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. A walking tour through the streets of the reconstructed part of the fortified town.

### Accessible Guided Tour

Daily, 12:00 p.m., 2:15 p.m. (45 minutes), \$7.30

*Limited to 7 people per tour*

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Daily, 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m. (45 minutes), \$7.30  
*Limited to 7 people per tour*



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**Fire a Cannon, Have a Blast!**

Daily, 11:00 a.m., 2:25 p.m., (45 minutes), \$55.20 per cannoneer

Add an explosive element to your visit – train to be a cannoneer and fire a cannon! Light the fuse and wait for the blast of a cannon identical to those that defended 18th-century Louisbourg. An exclusive, exciting 45 minutes of French colonial artillery techniques shared by fellow soldiers will officially make you a cannoneer in training.

**Fire a Musket, Have a Ball!**

Daily, 10:50 a.m., 1:20 p.m., (30 minutes), \$36.80 per soldier

Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and get a soldier's basic training (no push-ups required!). You will fire an exact replica of an 18th-century musket. Safe and fun, you'll have a ball!

**Healing Gardener – Garden Tour**

Daily, 12:15 p.m. (45 minutes), \$7.30

Taste, smell and get to know uses for ornamental, medicinal and edible herbs and plants growing in the Fortress' 18th-century gardens during a guided tour with a Louisbourg gardener. A novel way to visit the Fortress! Plus head home with an 18th-century herbal handbook. You never know when you may need a remedy for "the vapours"!

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10:50 a.m. (\$)	<b>Fire a Musket, Have a Ball!</b> Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and fire a real musket (30 minutes), \$36.80	De la Plagne (#23)
11:00 a.m. (\$)	<b>Fire a Cannon, Have a Blast!</b> Become a cannoneer and fire a real cannon (45 minutes), \$55.20	De la Plagne (#23)
11:00 a.m.	<b>Life of a Soldier</b> Listen to his story and watch a musket firing	Guardhouse (#18)
11:00 a.m.	<b>Children's Dance</b> Join in the circle and enjoy 18th-century folk music	Grandchamp (#32)
11:45 a.m.	<b>Military Pageantry</b> Be amazed by the fifes, drums and cannon firing	King's Bastion
12:15 p.m. (\$)	<b>Healing Gardener – Garden Tour</b> Discover Louisbourg's 18th-century plants and their uses (45 minutes), \$7.30	De la Plagne (#23)
1:15 p.m. (\$)	<b>Rookie Tour – Children's Program</b> Delve into the life of an 18th-century child (60 minutes), \$7.30 per child <i>Recommended for families with children ages 5 to 10.</i>	De la Plagne (#23)
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2:15 p.m.	<b>Public Punishment</b> Follow the crowd to the iron collar	Guardhouse (#18) to Frédéric Gate
2:25 p.m. (\$)	<b>Fire a Cannon, Have a Blast!</b> Become a cannoneer and fire a real cannon (45 minutes), \$55.20	De la Plagne (#23)
2:30 p.m.	<b>Children's Theatre</b> Enjoy a lively performance of folk and fairy tales – <i>until August 27, 2016</i>	Across from #34
2:30 (\$) (French) 3:10 (\$) (English)	<b>Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg</b> Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar (35 minutes), \$10.80 <i>You must be 19 years of age or older</i>	De la Plagne (#23)
3:10 p.m.	<b>Artillery Firing</b> Witness the big boom of 18th-century artillery	King's Bastion
3:15 p.m. (\$)	<b>Accessible Guided Tour</b> Get the full story of Louisbourg – on wheels – from its past to its present (45 minutes), \$7.30 <i>Limited to 7 people per tour</i>	De la Plagne (#23)
3:30 p.m. (\$)	<b>Hiking Through History – Guided Tour</b> Discover the art and science of defending a Fortress as you walk along the Vauban-style fortifications (60 minutes), \$3.90	De la Plagne (#23)
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	<b>Upper-class Dance</b> Join the elite as they practise their steps at an afternoon ball	Engineer's Residence (#13)
4:40 p.m.	<b>Secure the Fortress – Evening gun and retreat</b> Finish your visit with a bang – the last blast of the day	Embrasures at Lartigue (#5)

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**Rookie Tour – Children's Program**

Daily, 1:15 p.m. (60 minutes), \$7.30 per child  
*Recommended for families with children between the ages of five and ten.*

Explore how different childhood was three centuries ago. Instead of going to school, head to work. Learn how to tend gardens and livestock with one of Louisbourg's gardeners and get up close to the sheep and goats they care for. Train with a soldier to learn the military marching drill and meet with a fisherman to hear the ins and outs of gutting cod.

**Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg**

Daily, 2:30 p.m. in French;  
 3:10 p.m. in English  
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**Hiking Through History – Guided Tour**

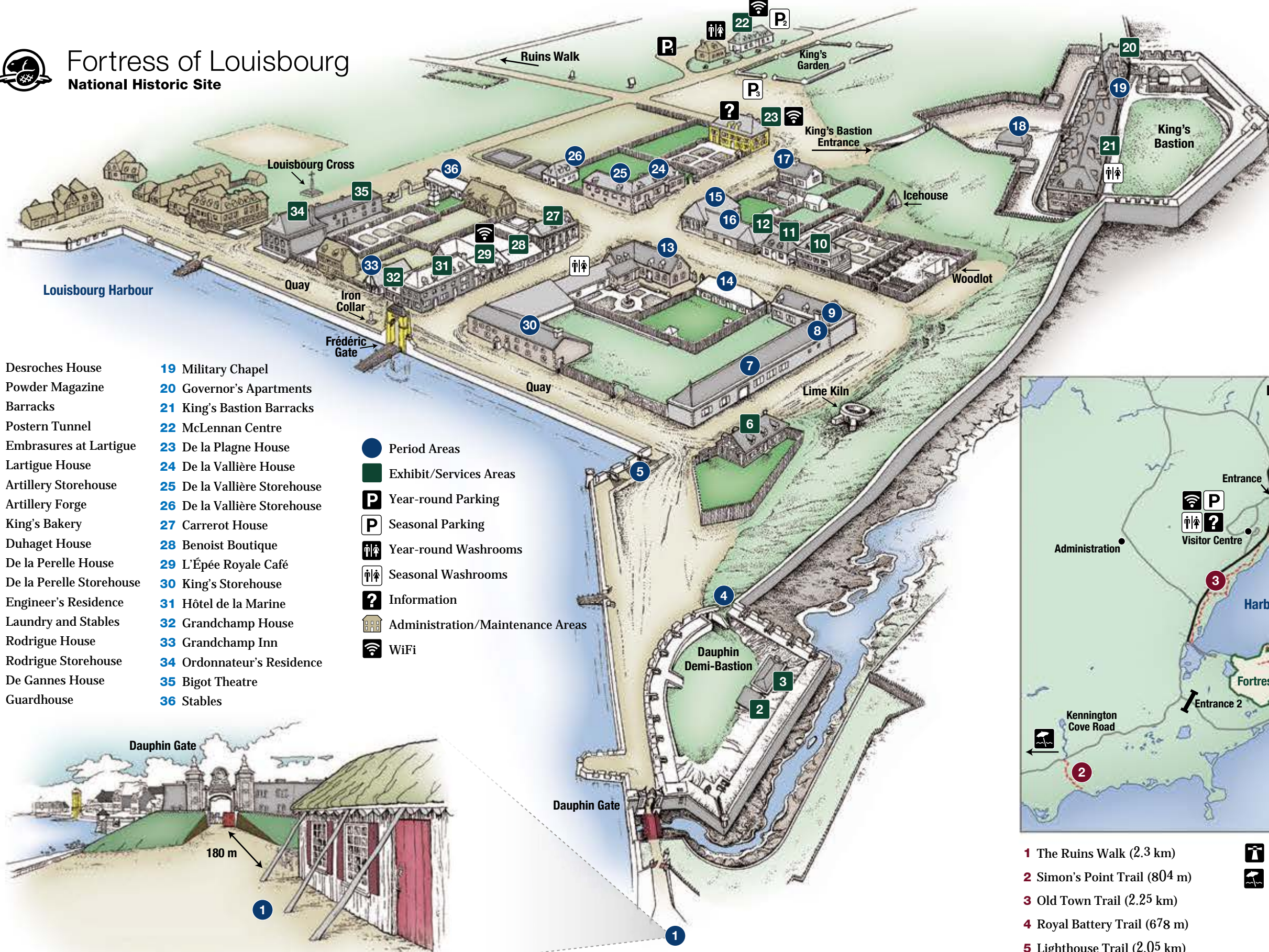
Daily, 3:30 p.m. (60 minutes), \$3.90

The capture of the town during the sieges of 1745 and 1758 forever changed the history of Louisbourg. Discover siege warfare on an actual 18th-century battlefield that has remained intact for centuries. This unique historical hike will let you explore new horizons with stunning views of the Vauban-style fortifications and the science behind them – all while breathing in the fresh air of Louisbourg!



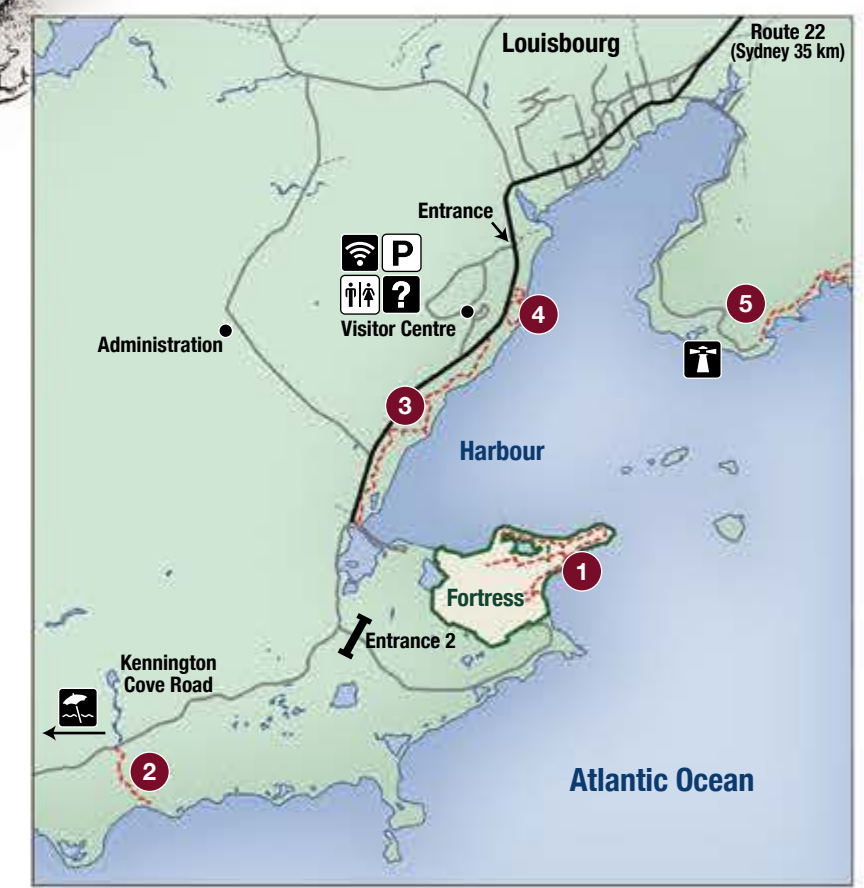
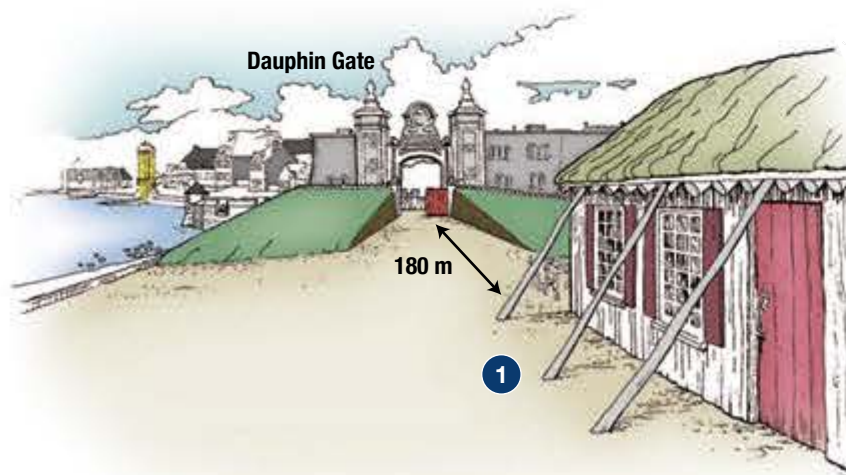


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| 4 Royal Battery Trail (678 m) |   |
| 5 Lighthouse Trail (2.05 km)  |   |

# Fortress of Louisbourg Building Descriptions

## 1 – Desroches House

This building is an example of a traditional piquet and sod-roofed house. It represents the home of Jeanne Galbarette, a fishing proprietor, and her third husband, Georges Desroches. It also served as an unlicensed tavern for Basque fishermen and sailors. The harbourside area outside the walls was known as the *Fauxbourg*, where fishermen cleaned and salted their catch of cod, then laid it out to dry on “flakes” and gravel beaches.



## Dauphin Gate

There were only three land gates and several wharves to give entry to Louisbourg. This one, the principal land entrance, was manned around the clock by an officer and soldiers. Through the massive doors the path is flanked by guardrooms: soldiers' on one side, officers' on the other. Beyond the soldiers' guardroom is a sea-drained latrine, neatly built into the wall.

## Dauphin Demi-Bastion / Semi-Circular Battery

This half bastion forms part of Louisbourg's defence system. The cannons here are reproductions of French 24 *livres* guns – they fired a round iron ball weighing 24 *livres* (almost 12 kg or 26 lb).

## 2 – Powder Magazine

The magazine, though carefully constructed to minimize the risk of explosion, eventually proved both too vulnerable and too small, yet it has survived well: extending almost to the eaves are the original eighteenth-century stone walls.

## 3 – Barracks

These soldiers' barracks were used to house discharged soldiers awaiting transport to France.

## 4 – Postern Tunnel

A secret passage? Not quite. The troops fighting in battle needed swift access to the outerworks and this winding passage, one of three in the fortress, was easy to use and to defend.

## 5 – Embrasures at Lartigue

As part of the harbour defences, these small 8 *livres* cannons were loaded with canister shot to repel attacking forces trying to come ashore in small boats. Ask a cannoneer about canister shot.

## 6 – Lartigue House

This house was owned by Joseph Lartigue (c1683-1743), who came to Louisbourg with the first settlers from Placentia, Newfoundland. He had been a fisherman and trader, but became the Judge of the lower civil court, the *Baillage*, whose sessions were held in this house. Lartigue and his wife Jeanne lived here with several servants and their twelve children. Jeanne lived in Louisbourg from its beginning to its final fall.

## Lime Kiln

The walls of Louisbourg were held together by lime mortar, a mixture of quicklime, sand and water. This kiln was used to calcify limestone by burning it at high temperatures until it turned into quicklime, or calcium oxide, a key ingredient in mortar.

## 7 – Artillery Storehouse

The gunners stored and tended their cannons and carriages here. Buildings topped with a *fleur de lis* indicate that they are owned by the King and are to serve the needs of the garrison and the royal administration.



## 8 – Artillery Forge

Visitors can watch the blacksmith make small items and explain the workings of this forge, which was used strictly for military purposes.

## 9 – King's Bakery

Several commercial bakeries competed to serve the townspeople but this royal one supplied the garrison only. The four bakers employed here lived upstairs. The bakery was destroyed by fire in the 18th century but its original floors survived intact and have been preserved in this reconstruction.

## 10 – Duhaget House

Military officer Robert Duhaget (c1702-1757) built one of the largest private homes in Louisbourg. Erected the same year that Duhaget married, this residence may have been made particularly commodious in the hopes of a large family. The marriage, however, proved to be childless.



## 11 – De la Perelle House

Jean-François Eurry de la Perelle (c1691-1747) held the important post of Town Major. Aside from his military duties, his life centered on his wife, daughter of a Québec financier, and his eight children. A stable and garden are in the backyard.

## 12 – De la Perelle Storehouse

In 1744, this storehouse was rented to house British prisoners captured at the fort on the Canso Islands.

## 13 – Engineer's Residence

The engineers were responsible for the overall design and construction of the fortress. Étienne Verrier (1683-1747) was chief engineer from 1725 to 1745. He oversaw the completion of the design of the town and its fortifications. His house, which he designed, was regarded as one of the most desirable residences in Louisbourg, the envy of all including the Governor.

## 14 – Laundry and Stables

The shed is divided into two sections. One side was used as a laundry and the other side was used to house livestock.

## 15 – Rodrigue House

Michel Rodrigue (1710-1777), who rented this property from his neighbour Michel de Gannes, was a successful merchant. Born in Acadia, Rodrigue and his father were very active in the Louisbourg-to-Québec trade route. He sailed frequently up the St. Lawrence with French and West Indian goods to trade for the Canadian grain, flour, and dried vegetables that Louisbourg needed. Rodrigue and his wife, Marguerite Lartigue, lived here with their five children, his two brothers, and two domestics.

## 16 – Rodrigue Storehouse

This vertical log storehouse is where Rodrigue's merchandise was stored. His storehouse wall and that of De La Perelle were joined as a way of making the most of one space.

## 17 – De Gannes House

Michel de Gannes de Falaise (1702-1752) was born in Port-Royal, Acadia, to a high-ranking French officer in the Compagnies Franches. By age 28, he was captain of his own company and before his death at the age of fifty he attained the position of King's Lieutenant. He married Elizabeth de Catalogne and had six children.

## Icehouse

This small pyramid-like building provided an 18th-century form of refrigeration. Inside is a pit that, during the winter, was filled with ice cut from local lakes and subsequently covered with straw for insulation. Once the warm weather came, the door located at the northern side could be opened only after dark, to keep the ice from melting. This year-round supply of ice was for the Governor.

## 18 – Guardhouse

This guardhouse is located in the open place d'armes. This was an area where soldiers mustered for drill and guard changes. From the squad of soldiers stationed at the guardhouse, the officer-of-the-guard posted the sentries you now meet around the Bastion. The strange-looking wooden horse is anything but a toy. It was a punishment devised to inflict both pain and public humiliation to enforce military discipline.

## 19 – Military Chapel

The Récollet missionaries were sent to the colonies to minister to the military as chaplains, and to the civilian population as parish priests. This military chapel served as a parish church since a community church was never built. The patron above the altar is the saint-king of France, Louis IX.



## 20 – Governor's Apartments

Most of the governors who lived in these apartments were middle-aged naval officers, more practised in military affairs than in government. Commandant Jean-Baptiste-Louis le Prévost Duquesnel was one of them. Representing the king's majesty in person, the Governor lived lavishly. The Superior Council met in the chambers downstairs and served principally as the colony's court of appeal. Unmarried officers lived in this section of the building, unlike married officers who lived in their own homes within the town.

## 21 – King's Bastion Barracks

Over 500 men were housed in rooms like this, twelve to sixteen men per room, two per bunk. There were no mess halls and no workrooms in the barracks – throughout their service the men cooked, ate, drank, smoked, gambled... and lived in these rooms.

## 22 – McLennan Centre

This building is the museum that was built soon after Louisbourg's historic significance was officially recognized in 1928. A popular feature in this Centre is the model of the town built in the 1940s by the museum's first curator, Katharine McLennan (1892-1975).

## 23 – De la Plagne House

Military Captain Pierre-Paul d'Espiet de la Plagne and his wife, Marie-Charlotte Delort, were part of the colonial elite. De la Plagne lived in this house with his wife, their four children, and probably de la Plagne's younger brother, also an officer.

## 24 – De la Vallière House

The owner of this property, Louis Le Neuf de la Vallière (1708-1787), was the grandson of a Canadian soldier who had become governor of Acadia. De la Vallière, who was born in French Newfoundland and lived in Louisbourg throughout its existence, was a lieutenant in the garrison at Louisbourg.

## 25, 26 – De la Vallière Storehouse

A range of goods were contained in these warehouses, reflecting this military family's extensive involvement in maritime trade.

## 27 – Carrerot House

André Carrerot was the garde-magasin, or Chief Clerk of the King's Storehouse. He lived here with his wife, Marie Cheron, and a large family, their household servants, and one or two lodgers.



## 28 – Benoist Boutique

This was another house full of children, for Lieutenant Pierre Benoist (c1695-1763) had seven children from his two marriages. One died young, killed along with her mother by smallpox.

## 29 – L'Épée Royale Café

Jean Seigneur operated this inn. The family lived in the building and provided lodging, food and drink to guests.

## 30 – King's Storehouse

This was the central receiving depot for merchandise needed by a fortress and its garrison. Supplies kept here included flour, butter and lard, molasses, biscuits, vegetables, and salt. Uniforms, ropes, and tools were also kept here.



## 31 – Hôtel de la Marine

Pierre Lorant, a 35-year-old fisherman, lived here with his wife and three children. He operated a cabaret frequented by fishermen, merchants, and soldiers. In 1744, British prisoners were housed here during the summer months.



## Frédéric Gate

Through this ornate arch came most of the people, news and merchandise of the colony. The gate's name honours the Minister of the Marine, Jean-Frédéric Phélypeaux, comte de Maurepas, who managed France's colonies and navy. The construction of the gate in 1742 capped off Louisbourg's fortifications on the eve of war.



## 32 – Grandchamp House

Julien Auger dit Grandchamp (1666-1741) owned two adjacent properties. He brought his family to Louisbourg when he came as a soldier, and the inn was his retirement plan. With its busy waterfront location, Grandchamp's home grew into a lucrative business that kept two slaves busy.

## 33 – Grandchamp Inn

Auger's widow, Marie Thérèse Petit, was operating this inn in 1744. In this smaller building you may meet a soldier or fisherman who has stopped by to share a song or story over a glass of rum.

## 34 – Ordonnateur's Residence

This large property housing private apartments, offices, and a storehouse, along with stables and a garden, was the official residence of the commissaire-ordonnateur. The administrator and his clerks filled up books of correspondence, maintained the colonial accounts, and compiled their statistical reports for the Ministry of the Marine. François Bigot (1703-1778) arrived in Louisbourg in 1739. As commissaire, he held responsibility for pay, supply and justice. From 1749 to 1758 he was the Intendant of all New France and lived in Québec.

## 35 – Bigot Theatre

This space was built as a storehouse for the use of the commissaire-ordonnateurs who lived here.

## 36 – Stables

The stables form part of the property used by the commissaire-ordonnateurs.

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## Walking Trails and Beaches *(see map on page 9)*

**The Ruins Walk** – 2.3-kilometre (1.43-mile) trail through the remains of the original 18th-century town

**Simon's Point Trail** – 804-metre (0.5-mile) walk to the mouth of Freshwater Brook and the ocean, travelling through the area once used by attackers in both sieges

**Old Town Trail** – 2.25-kilometre (1.4-mile) walk along the shore with the Fortress in view and the story of Old Town, from 300 years ago to present day, waiting to be discovered

**Royal Battery Trail** – 678-metre (0.42-mile) looped walk that skirts the outline of a major French defence work and offers a spectacular view

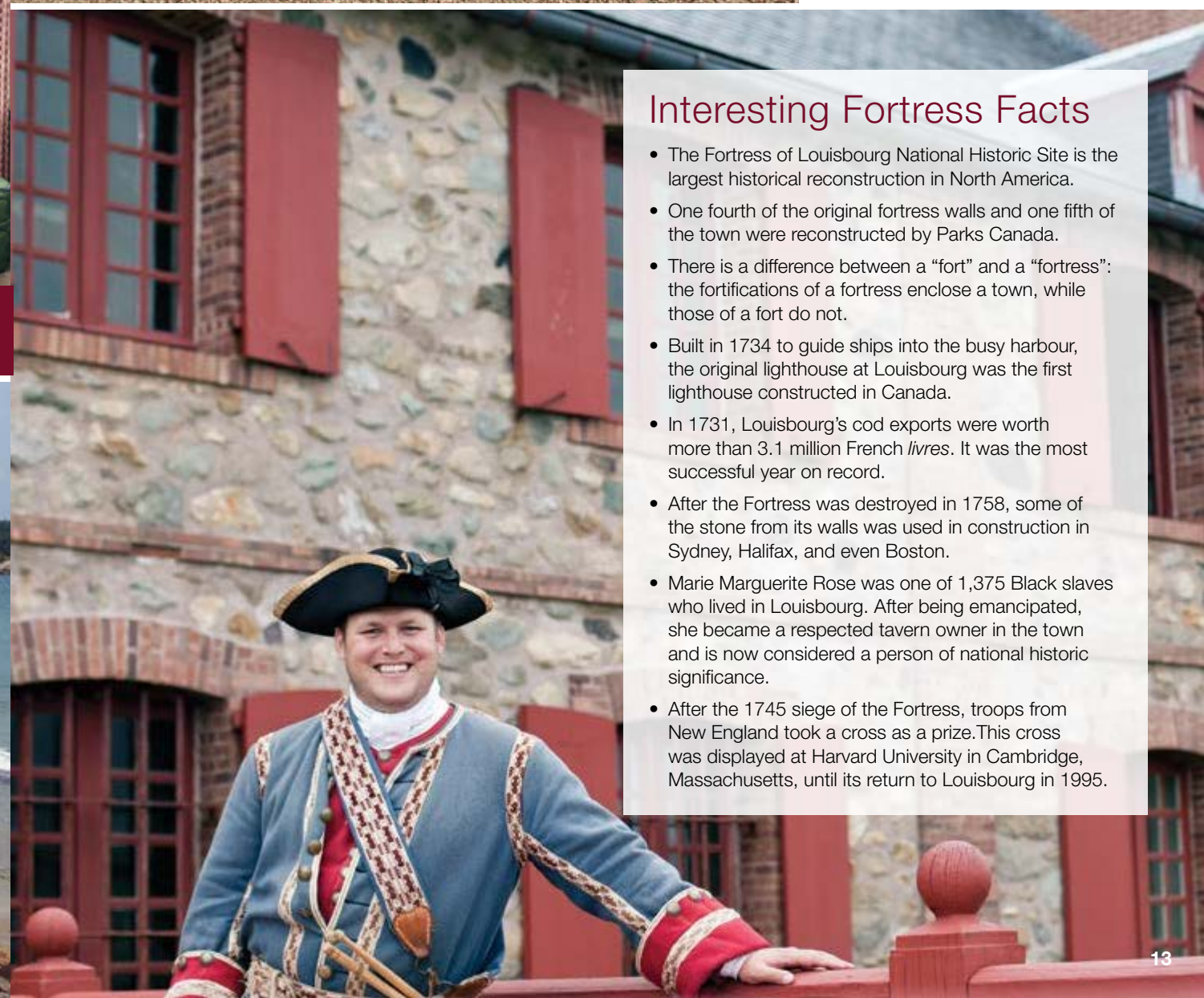
**Lighthouse Trail** – 2.05-kilometre (1.28-mile) trail along the coastline with unsurpassed vistas and interpretive panels

**Kennington Cove and Anson's Cove Beaches** – two unsupervised sandy beaches; where James Wolfe landed in 1758 to attack the Fortress



## Interesting Fortress Facts

- The Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site is the largest historical reconstruction in North America.
- One fourth of the original fortress walls and one fifth of the town were reconstructed by Parks Canada.
- There is a difference between a "fort" and a "fortress": the fortifications of a fortress enclose a town, while those of a fort do not.
- Built in 1734 to guide ships into the busy harbour, the original lighthouse at Louisbourg was the first lighthouse constructed in Canada.
- In 1731, Louisbourg's cod exports were worth more than 3.1 million French *livres*. It was the most successful year on record.
- After the Fortress was destroyed in 1758, some of the stone from its walls was used in construction in Sydney, Halifax, and even Boston.
- Marie Marguerite Rose was one of 1,375 Black slaves who lived in Louisbourg. After being emancipated, she became a respected tavern owner in the town and is now considered a person of national historic significance.
- After the 1745 siege of the Fortress, troops from New England took a cross as a prize. This cross was displayed at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, until its return to Louisbourg in 1995.



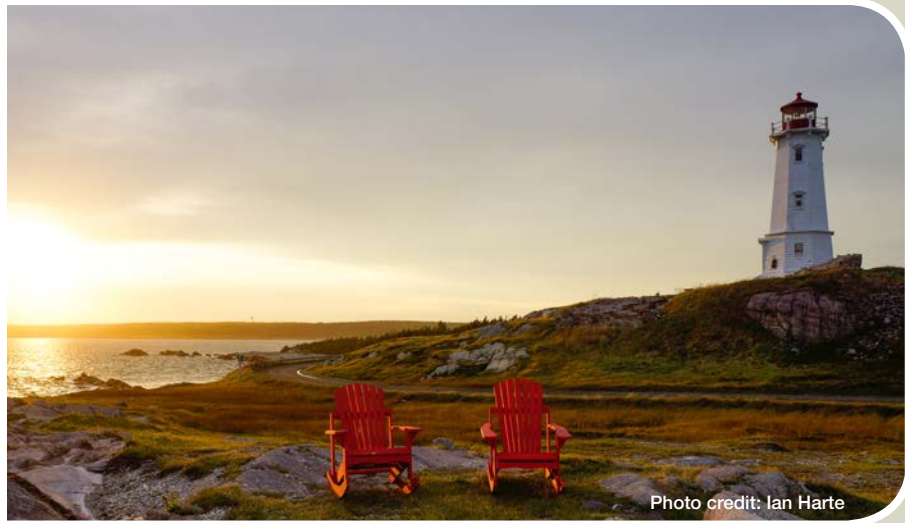


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Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

<p><b>1 Places of Interest</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrival Plaza</li> <li>2. S&amp;L Railway Museum</li> <li>3. Joseph Trimm Community Centre and Fire Station</li> <li>4. George D. Lewis School</li> <li>5. Louisbourg Wharf</li> <li>6. Louisbourg Playhouse</li> <li>7. Louisbourg Seafoods</li> <li>8. W.W. Lewis Memorial Library</li> <li>9. Canada Post</li> <li>10. Coast Guard</li> <li>11. Veterans Memorial Park</li> <li>12. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 62</li> <li>13. Riverdale Gateway</li> </ol>	<p><b>1 Restaurants &amp; Shops</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anna's Place Restaurant</li> <li>2. Louisbourg General Store</li> <li>3. Louisbourg Pizzeria</li> <li>4. Grubstake Restaurant</li> <li>5. RBC Royal Bank</li> <li>6. Station House Restaurant &amp; Amusements</li> <li>7. Louisbourg Ship Supply</li> <li>8. Arlie's Fashion &amp; Gifts</li> <li>9. Doll House Emporium</li> <li>10. Lobster Kettle Restaurant</li> <li>11. Louisburger Chipwagon</li> <li>12. NSLC Liquor Store</li> <li>13. Peck's Groceries &amp; Laundromat</li> <li>14. Point of View Restaurant</li> <li>15. Beggar's Banquet</li> </ol>	<p><b>1 Accommodations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wolvespack Cottage B &amp; B</li> <li>2. Lupine Cottage</li> <li>3. Stacey House</li> <li>4. Fortress Inn Motel</li> <li>5. Montebello Cottage</li> <li>6. Louisbourg Harbour Inn</li> <li>7. Louisbourg Heritage House</li> <li>8. Riverdale RV Park</li> <li>9. Peck's Housekeeping Cottages</li> <li>10. Cranberry Cove Inn</li> <li>11. Point of View Suites</li> </ol>	<p><b>1 Churches</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mighty Fortress of God Church</li> <li>2. Harbour Edge Church</li> <li>3. First United</li> <li>4. St. Bartholomew's Anglican</li> <li>5. Zion Presbyterian</li> <li>6. Stella Maris Roman Catholic</li> </ol>
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