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Hours of Operation

May 22 to October 15, 2017
Daily – 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

October 16, 2017 to May 20, 2018
Monday to Friday – 9:30 am to 4:00 pm excluding holidays

Pets are not permitted.
Registered service animals are accepted.

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!



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2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation and we invite you to celebrate with Parks Canada! Take advantage of free admission to national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas for the entire year.

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Check out the list of events online for more details:
parkscanada.gc.ca/louisbourg
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Events

June	
15-18	Roots to Boots Festival: hiking, music and stories in Louisbourg and Chéticamp
24-25	Learn to Camp
July	
1	Canada Day
3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31	Escape Louisbourg: find clues and solve puzzles to complete a mission and find the key to escape
6, 13, 27	Louisbourg At Night (Thursday evening)
6	Canada C3 (Coast-to-Coast-to-Coast) visit – Canada 150 sailing expedition
15	Parks Day: family time at Kennington Cove Beach
21-23	CultureFête: an 18 th century style festival with encampment
July 23-Aug. 20	University of New Brunswick Bioarchaeology Field School
August	
1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22	Escape Louisbourg: find clues and solve puzzles to complete a mission and find the key to escape
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Louisbourg At Night (Thursday evening)
4-6	Rendez-Vous 2017 – Tall Ships – in the town of Louisbourg
6	Storm the Fortress: motorcyclists invade the Fortress at dusk!
19	Race Through Time: 13 km race through the Fortress and the modern town
19	The Great Louisbourg Sleepover: overnight camping with entertainment
20	Feast of Saint Louis: a traditional feast with a modern twist
September	
2	Hammer In: blacksmithing festival
7	Katharine McLennan Award Ceremony
19, 26	Louisbourg At Night: Lantern Tour (Tuesday evening)
23	Fortress Feast – a distinctive fund-raising event
October	
3, 10, 17, 24	Louisbourg At Night: Lantern Tour (Tuesday evening)
8	Celtic Colours – Step into the Past
11	Connecting Threads: 18 th -century fibre craft workshops
13	Celtic Colours – Music of the Night
December	
3	Louisbourg Celebrates The Holidays (concert)



TOP 5

Summer Experiences

(July 1 to September 15, 2017)

- 1 Fire a musket or a cannon! Dress up in period costume and get your training (See p. 6-7)
- 2 Savour soldier's bread fresh from the bakery or enjoy a meal in a period restaurant (See p. 4)
- 3 Delve into the life of an 18th-century child with the Rookie Tour – Children's Program (See p. 6-7)
- 4 Play the role of the prisoner during the Public Punishment (See p. 6-7)
- 5 Wake up in the past! Stay the night camping in a canvas tent or a period house (See p. 12)

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Spring & Fall Experiences

(June 1 to June 30 and Sept. 16 to Oct. 15, 2017)

- 1 Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink (See p. 5)
- 2 Take in the Time Travel experience and savour a Heritage™ hot chocolate (See p. 5)
- 3 Hunt for one of our geocaches, using your GPS device to go on this modern-day treasure hunt (Visit #23 on the map for information)
- 4 Stroll the Ruins Walk in the unreconstructed portion of the original site and use the free Explora Guided Tour App (Visit #23 on the map for information)
- 5 Marvel at the stunning views from the Old Town Trail and find your Red Chair moment #ShareTheChair (See p. 13)



Fun for KIDS

For more information – visit De la Plagne House (#23 on the map)

Delve into the life of an 18th-century child with the **Rookie Tour – Children’s Program** (ages 5-10) (See p. 6-7)



Become a **Parks Canada Xplorer**; ask for your free discovery booklet (ages 6-11)

Join **Club Parka**: try fun activities on site or online (ages 3-6)

Have fun playing street games and singing during the **Children’s Dance** (See p. 6-7)

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** (See p. 6-7)

Participate in a photo scavenger hunt by downloading the free **Photo Missions app**. When you’ve completed your mission, a virtual reward appears!



🍴 Restaurants & Bakery

Savour the 18th-century! Two period restaurants serve up hearty, authentic fare such as pea soup, beef stew, fish, and meat pies. Visit the café for soup and a snack, or pick up your soldier’s bread at the bakery.

Hôtel de la Marine (#31 on the map): Enjoy a full course meal from July 1 to August 26, 2017, or a soldier’s meal à la carte served on pewter plates and with only a large spoon from June 11 to June 17 and September 3 to October 8, 2017.

Grandchamp House (#32 on the map): Try this working-class restaurant, à la carte, where everything is eaten with only a large spoon. Open from June 18 to September 2, 2017.

L’Épée Royale (#29 on the map): This café offers a cozy spot to enjoy soup, hot and cold beverages, and a variety of snacks. Open from May 22 to October 14, 2017.

King’s Bakery (#9 on the map): Don’t forget to drop in to get your delicious soldier’s bread, freshly baked on site every morning in the stone bakery. Open from June 11 to September 30, 2017.

🛍️ Shopping

Benoist Boutique (#28 on the map): Located within the fortified town, it carries items such as books, unique reproduction items, Heritage™ chocolate, and Fortress™ Rum. Open from June 12 to October 11, 2017.



Parks Canada Visitor Centre: The boutique located here carries a full range of souvenirs. Open from June 15 to September 21, 2017.

OUR RESTAURANTS, BAKERY AND BOUTIQUES ARE OPERATED BY ASSOCIATION

Spring and Fall Activities

May 22 to June 30 and September 16 to October 15, 2017

Time	Activity	Location (see map)
10:30 am	Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. 60 minutes, \$3.90	De la Plagne (#23)
11:00 am (English) 11:20 am (French)	Time Travel Rub shoulders with “authentic” Louisbourg residents as you explore what life was like and taste Heritage™ hot chocolate. 45 minutes, \$10.80 <i>*Not available May 22-31, 2017</i>	De la Plagne (#23)
1:00 pm 	Accessible Guided Tour 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)
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2:45 pm (French)	Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar. 35 minutes, \$10.80 – 19 years and up <i>*Not available May 22-31, 2017</i>	De la Plagne (#23)
4:00 pm	The Fortress at a Glance 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)

Time Travel

Daily, 11:00 am, 1:30 pm in English; 11:20 am, 1:50 pm in French (45 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 one of Louisbourg’s finest homes where a kitchen servant awaits your arrival to give you a glimpse into their life serving the elite. See 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 pm in English; 2:45 pm in French (35 minutes), \$10.80

19 years and up

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 signature edition rum that is maturing in oak barrels 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 am, 2:30 pm (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, 1:00 pm (45 minutes), \$7.30

Limited to 7 people per tour

Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. A tour on wheels in an electric cart through the streets of the reconstructed part of the fortified town.

Purchase your activities at De la Plagne (#23) – the yellow house

Limited spaces available for tours and programs





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Accessible Guided Tour

Daily, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm (45 minutes), \$7.30

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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
16 years and up

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 am, 1:20 pm, 3:20 pm (30 minutes), \$36.80 per soldier
16 years and up

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!

Prisoner of the Day

Daily, 1:45 pm (30 minutes), \$36.80
13 years and up

Play the role of the prisoner during the Public Punishment. You will be fed bread and water and then escorted by soldiers to the iron collar.

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10:30 am	Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. 60 minutes, \$3.90	De la Plagne (#23)
10:50 am	Fire a Musket, Have a Ball! Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and fire a real musket. 30 minutes, \$36.80 – 16 years and up	De la Plagne (#23)
11:00 am	Fire a Cannon, Have a Blast! Become a cannoneer and fire a real cannon. 45 minutes, \$55.20 – 16 years and up	De la Plagne (#23)
11:00 am	Life of a Soldier – FREE Listen to his story and watch a musket firing.	Guardhouse (#18)
11:30 am	Children's Dance – FREE Join in the circle and enjoy 18th-century folk music.	Grandchamp (#32)
11:45 am	Military Pageantry – FREE Be amazed by the fifes, drums and cannon firing.	King's Bastion
1:00 pm	Accessible Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg – on wheels – from its past to its present. 45 minutes, \$7.30 (Limited to 7 people per tour)	De la Plagne (#23)
1:15 pm	Rookie Tour – Children's Program Delve into the life of an 18 th -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 pm	Public Punishment – FREE Follow the crowd to the iron collar.	Guardhouse (#18) to Frédéric Gate
2:25 pm	Fire a Cannon, Have a Blast! Become a cannoneer and fire a real cannon. 45 minutes, \$55.20	De la Plagne (#23)
2:30 pm	Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. 60 minutes, \$3.90	De la Plagne (#23)
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3:30 to 4:30 pm	Upper-class Dance – FREE Join the elite as they practise their steps at an afternoon ball.	Engineer's Residence (#13)
4:45 pm	Secure the Fortress – Evening gun and retreat – FREE 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 pm (60 minutes), \$7.30 per child

Recommended for families with children ages 5 to 10.

Explore how different childhood was three centuries ago. 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 (fake!) cod.

Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg

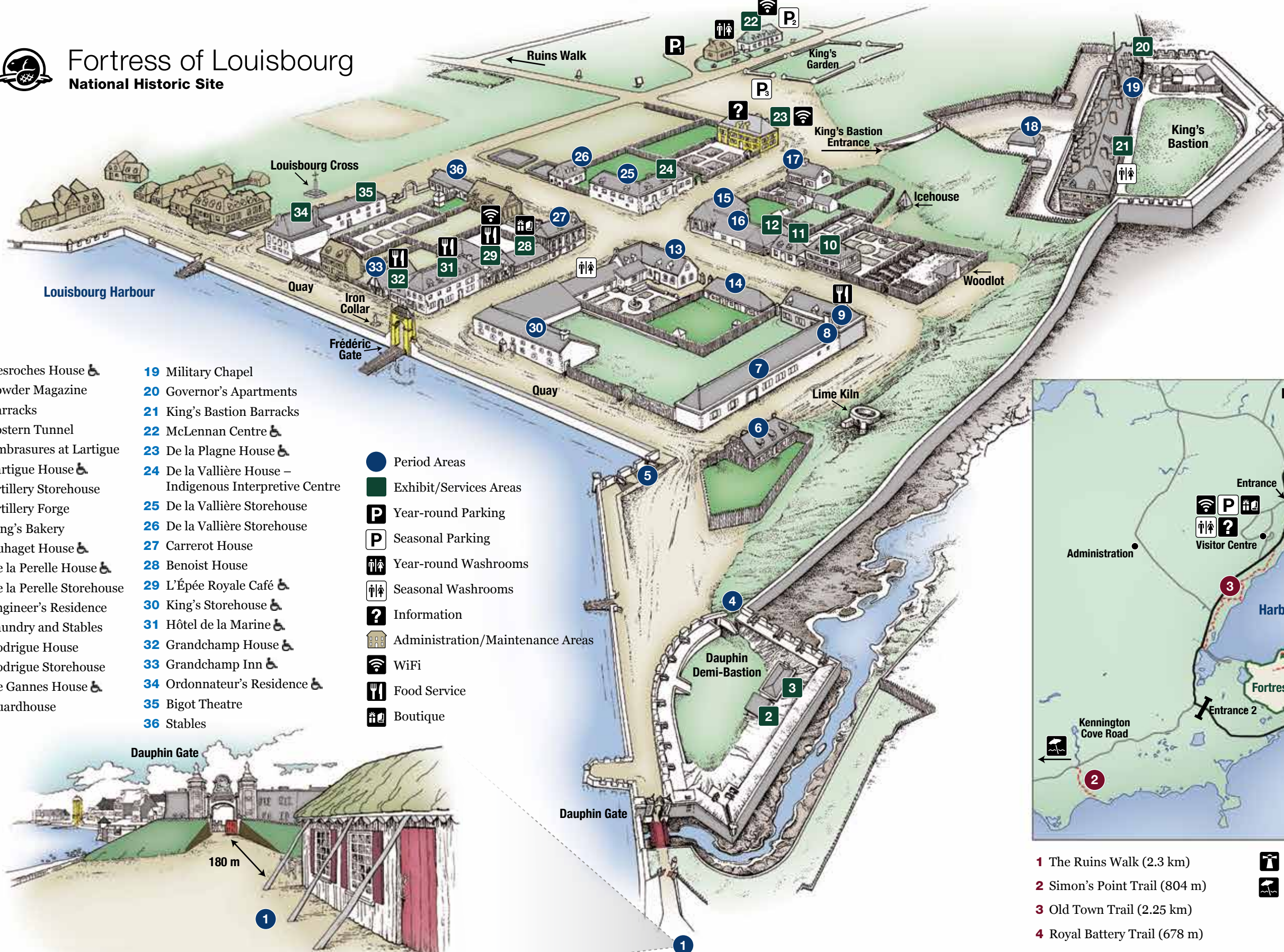
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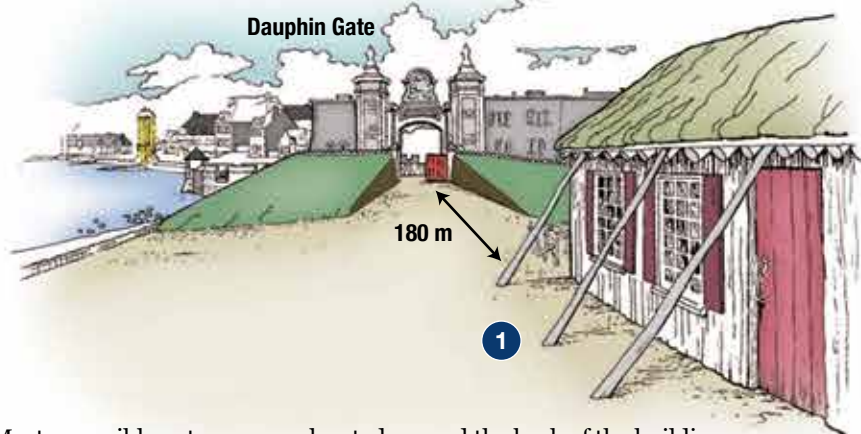


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- 1 The Ruins Walk (2.3 km)
 - 2 Simon's Point Trail (804 m)
 - 3 Old Town Trail (2.25 km)
 - 4 Royal Battery Trail (678 m)
 - 5 Lighthouse Trail (2.05 km)
- ♿ Louisbourg Lighthouse Point
 - 🏖️ Kennington Cove Beaches

♿ Most accessible entrances are located around the back of the building.

Fortress of Louisbourg

Historical 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 was designated a National Historic Site 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 House

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 Loran, 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.

Wake up in the past!

Camp under the stars, safe inside the fortress walls, or sleep in a period style house as you become one of the town residents for the night. Your 18th-century experience doesn't have to end when the gates close at 5:00. Stay the night, and after the departure of the last visitors of the day, you'll feel like you have the whole Fortress to yourself!



18th-Century Equipped Camping

Enjoy our fully equipped 18th-century-style camping! Tackle the outdoors and cultural activities all at once. We provide each group with a period tent (already set up), lanterns, floor mats, a propane stove, and a fire pit to make your own fire (fire wood sold separately).

\$70 per night per tent (1-4 people)

Lartigue House

You prefer camping with a roof? Located in the fortified town, this period style house will provide a truly unique experience with incredible stories to tell and long-lasting memories to cherish. Coffee pot, microwave, small fridge, lanterns, and an outdoor fire pit are provided (fire wood sold separately).

\$120 per night (1-4 people, 2 queen sized beds)




Book now!

Available from July 1st to October 15th, 2017. Call **902-733-3552** or email **fol.tourbookings@pc.gc.ca**
Reservations must be made by 12:00 pm for that same night.

Hidden Gems

A short walk, a picnic or a photo opp.; take the road less travelled to magnificent views and secluded spots. (See map on page 9)

The Ruins Walk – meander through the remains of the 18th-century town – free Explora Guided Tour App available for this trail (2.3 kilometres | 1.43 miles) 

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

Old Town Trail – situated along the shore of Louisbourg harbour with the Fortress in view, red chairs to relax, and the story of Old Town, from 300 years ago to present day, waiting to be discovered (2.25 kilometres | 1.4 miles)

Royal Battery Trail – looped walk that skirts the outline of a major French defensive work and offers a spectacular view (678 metres | 0.42 miles)

Lighthouse Trail – on the site of the first lighthouse in Canada (1734), walk along the coastline with unsurpassed vistas, interpretive panels and benches (2.05 kilometres | 1.28 miles)

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

Red Chairs – Seek out our red chairs and take the time to connect with nature - with history - with friends and family. **#ShareTheChair #TimeToConnect**



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 300+ 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 held at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, until its return to Louisbourg in 1995.



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LOUISBOURG

THE PAST IS PRESENT

While in the area, take the time to explore the scenic coastal community of Louisbourg.

Louisbourg.ca

Louisbourg was named for Louis XIV by the French, who considered it a "most suitable place" because of its proximity to the fishing grounds, its commercial shipping potential and its strategic military location.

More than three hundred years later, Louisbourg continues its tradition of welcoming people from all over the world with an amazing fortress, spectacular walking trails, fishing wharves along the winding Havenside Road, exceptional music and theatre at the intimate Louisbourg Playhouse, and fresh seafood to savour.



Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

1 Places of Interest

1. Arrival Plaza
2. S&L Railway Museum
3. Joseph Trimm Community Centre and Fire Station
4. George D. Lewis School
5. Guy Hiltz Pier
6. Louisbourg Playhouse
7. Louisbourg Seafoods
8. W.W. Lewis Memorial Library
9. Canada Post
10. Coast Guard
11. Veterans Memorial Park
12. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 62
13. Riverdale Gateway
14. A&L Seafood

1 Restaurants & Shops

1. Jake's Restaurant & Lounge
2. Louisbourg General Store
3. Louisbourg Pizzeria
4. Grubstake Restaurant
5. RBC Royal Bank
6. Station House Restaurant & Amusements
7. Louisbourg Ship Supply
8. Arlie's Fashion & Gifts
9. Doll House Emporium
10. Lobster Kettle Restaurant
11. Louisburger Chipwagon
12. NSLC Liquor Store
13. Peck's Groceries & Laundromat
14. Point of View Restaurant
15. Beggar's Banquet

1 Accommodations

1. Wolvespack Cottage B & B
2. Lupine Cottage
3. Stacey House
4. Fortress Inn Motel
5. Montebello Cottage
6. Louisbourg Harbour Inn
7. Louisbourg Heritage House
8. Riverdale RV Park
9. Peck's Housekeeping Cottages
10. Cranberry Cove Inn
11. Point of View Suites

1 Churches

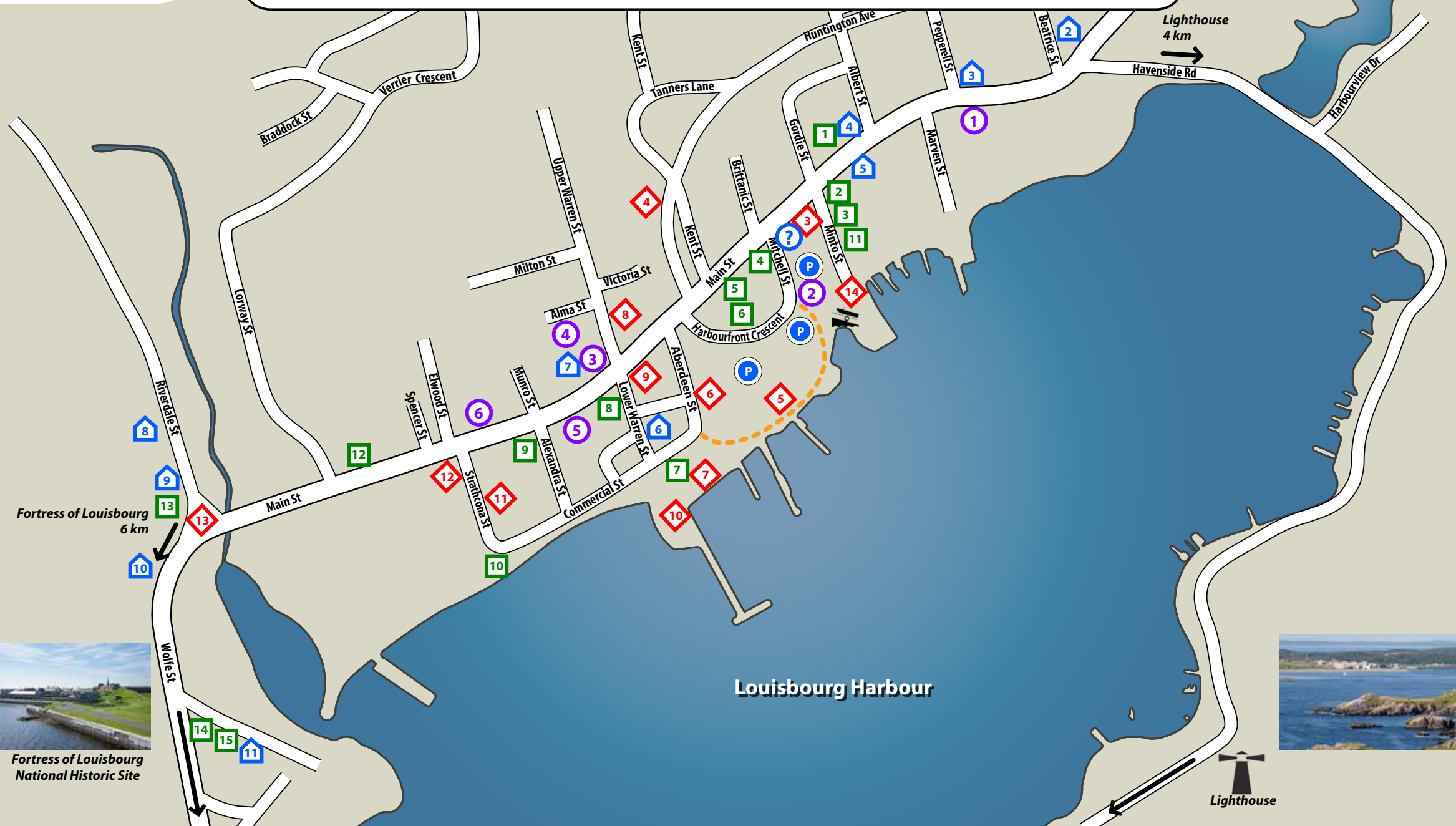
1. Mighty Fortress of God Church
2. Harbour Edge Church
3. First United
4. St. Bartholomew's Anglican
5. Zion Presbyterian
6. Stella Maris Roman Catholic

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P Parking

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Boardwalk



Lighthouse

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 Marconi
National Historic Site




 Alexander Graham Bell
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 Fortress of Louisbourg
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 Canso Islands and Grassy Island Fort
National Historic Sites



 St. Peters Canal
National Historic Site



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