



FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA



Uncover world-class history at North America's largest historic reconstruction

Live, if only for a day, in the year 1744.

Listen to the stories of Louisbourg as told by the people of this fortified French colonial town who twice endured sieges that shaped the destiny of North America.



The French came to Louisbourg in 1713 following territorial losses to the English in

Newfoundland and Acadia (Nova Scotia) in the War of the Spanish Succession. Based on a thriving fishing industry and trade, Louisbourg quickly became France's most important stronghold and seaport in what is now Atlantic Canada.

By 1760, Louisbourg lay in English hands and its fortifications were destroyed. Today, the Fortress of Louisbourg is a national historic site and the largest reconstructed 18th-century town in North America.



Each summer, costumed interpreters paint the picture of life as it happened in 1744.

The sights and sounds of the 18th century come alive in period homes, exhibits, theme centres and along the busy waterfront. Here, visitors stroll alongside the citizens of Louisbourg as they bring to life the leisurely activities of



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the rich and the back-breaking work of the fishermen, soldiers and servants. All of them were a vital part of the fishing industry which made Louisbourg one of the busiest sea ports in New France.



Experience a canon firing, watch a military demonstration or visit the home of a military officer of the Compagnies Franches de la Marine. Learn about the religious life of the Fortress or explore the history and culture of the Mi'kmaq. Guided tours are available every day.

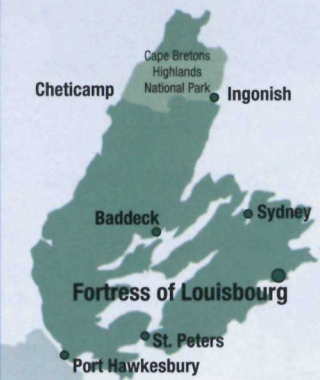
Costumed staff in three period restaurants prepare and serve delicious food and beverages based on 18th-century tradition and recipes. You can also enjoy a modern snack in our



coffee shop or visit the King's Bakery and buy a soldier's daily ration of bread! Find time to select a perfect memento of your visit in our gift shops and experience walking trails, beaches and picnic areas nestled along the rugged Louisbourg shoreline.



Getting to Louisbourg
Travel through Nova Scotia to Cape Breton Island. Continue through to Sydney (less than 2 hours drive) and take Exit 8 to Route 22 — Louisbourg. Drive is 30 minutes.



Recommended Visit Time
Allow 3 hours for your visit, but you could easily spend the whole day!

What to Wear
Wear comfortable walking shoes and we suggest you bring a sweater or coat.

Parks Canada on Cape Breton Island
Rich in history, scenery and innovation, don't miss Parks Canada sites during your stay. Explore the minds and works of our great inventors — Alexander Graham Bell and Guglielmo Marconi. Discover centuries of history at St. Peters Canal and Canso Islands. Travel through the Cape Breton Highlands National Park of Canada and the unforgettable, world-famous Cabot Trail.



Places of Interest

Kennington Cove

This historic location boasts a beautiful sandy beach. Swim in the waters that British soldiers waded through at the onset of two assaults on the Fortress.



Simon Point

On your way to or from Kennington Cove, take a few moments to walk the Simon Point Trail. This short trail takes you through the woods, over a small bridge to the coastline.



Lighthouse Point

Set foot on the location of the first lighthouse in Canada. Although long gone (the first two burned down), the foundations of the original lighthouses are there to see.



Royal Battery

This short interpretive walk shows you how the French attempted to defend the Fortress from the north shore of the harbour and how it actually contributed to the fall of the Fortress.



Mi'kmaq Trail

This is a short walking trail located in the Visitor Centre parking lot that interprets the history of the Mi'kmaq people on Cape Breton Island.



Building Legend

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| 1 Des Roches House | 26 Place d'armes | 46 Royal Storehouse |
| 2 Dauphin Gate | 27 Guardhouse | 47 Grandchamp House |
| 3 Sentry Box | 28 King's Bastion Barracks | 48 Petit Grandchamp House |
| 4 Épéron Battery | 28A Governor's Apartments | 49 Destouches House |
| 5 Dauphin Demi-Bastion | 29 King's Bastion Ramparts | 50 Ordonnateur's Residence |
| 6 Barracks | 30 Outer Works: Ditch & Glacis | 51 Stables |
| 7 Powder Magazine | | 52 Parish Church Site |
| 8 Postern Tunnel | | 53 Récollet Residence & Chapel |
| 9 Quay | | 54 LaGrange House & Storehouse |
| 10 Lartigue House (Gift Shop) | | 55 Beauséjour House |
| 11 Lime Kiln | | 56 Delort House & Storehouse |
| 12 Artillery Storehouse | 31 Place Royale | 57 Morin Storehouse |
| 13 Artillery Forge | 31A Ruins Walk | 58 Cassaignolles-Detcheverry House |
| 14 King's Bakery | 32 King's Garden | 59 Santier House |
| 15 Armoury and Forge | 33 Museum | 60 Chevalier House |
| 16 Woodlot | 34 De la Plagne House | 61 Baron House |
| 17 Duhaget House | 35 De la Vallière House | 62 Pièce de la Grave Guardhouse & Battery |
| 18 De la Perelle House | | |
| 19 De la Perelle Storehouse | | |
| 20 Engineer's Residence | | |
| 20A Accessible Public Washrooms | | |
| 21 Laundry & Stables | 41 Carrerot House | |
| 22 Rodrigue House | 42 Benoist House | |
| 23 Rodrigue Storehouse | 43 L'Épée Royale | |
| 24 De Gannes House | 44 Hôtel de la Marine | |
| 25 Icehouse | 45 Frédéric Gate | |



Facilities & Services

- Food Service**
14, 43, 44, 47, 49
- Accessible Public Washrooms**
20A, 28
- Public Telephone**
17, 28

