



Fortress of
Louisbourg
National Historic Site



2026

Visitor Guide



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Welcome to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

A bustling community once called Louisbourg home. Explore the remnants of a short but eventful period of history, including a reconstructed section of the French colonial town featuring costumed guides and richly furnished exhibits.

Hours of Operation

Shoulder Season

- May 18 to June 30
- September 12 to October 31

Open 7 days per week
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Peak Season

- July 1 to September 11

Open 7 days per week
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Please note: Only registered service animals are permitted within the reconstructed site. A permit is required for drone operation and photography.

It is important to note that the reconstructed 18th century buildings within the fortified town are not fully accessible. You will encounter some rough terrain, loose gravel and steep inclines. During times when the Visitor Centre is open, upon request, a bus is available that accommodates manual wheelchairs. We also can arrange for you to access the site in your personal vehicle via Entrance 2. Please feel free to speak with our staff about your options.





Food Services and Boutique

Menus

*External link

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Benoist House

May 18 to Oct 17

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

A charming gift shop with locally made souvenirs, Fortress-inspired treasures, and Parks Canada items.

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King's Bakery

May 31 to Sept 26

10:30 am to 4:30 pm

Experience the authentic taste of bread baked fresh daily in wood-fired ovens.

29

L'Épée Royale Café

May 18 to Oct 17

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

A selection of espresso drinks, a tempting array of French pastries and other light fare.

35

Storehouse Tavern

June 19 to Sept 12

11:00 am to 4:30 pm

A selection of local craft beers, ciders, and Nova Scotia wine, as well as a small selection of finger foods.

32

Hotel de la Marine

May 31 to Oct 17

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Sit-down restaurant with some family favourites as well as 18th century French cuisine.

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Grandchamp Restaurant

June 28 to Aug 29

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sit-down restaurant with some family favourites as well as 18th century French cuisine.



Our restaurants, bakery, and boutiques are operated by

Fortress Louisbourg

ASSOCIATION



Shoulder Season

Special Activities

May 18 - June 30

September 12-October 31



Purchase your tickets at the 'yellow house'! (De la Plagne)



Guided Tour

***Subject to availability, please inquire upon arrival.**

45 minutes \$6.50 per person

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.

..or enjoy a self-guided tour!

Download the



**Parks Canada
App**

Motorized Guided Tour

***Subject to availability, please inquire upon arrival.**

45 minutes \$14.50 per person

Limit of 7 participants

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 town.



Louisbrick Legacy

Free

Any time of day

Find the missing Louisbrick villagers hiding around the site!

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Peak Season

Free Daily Activities

July 1 - September 11

Life of a Soldier

Daily at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm

15 minutes **Guardhouse, Building 18**

Listen to their story and watch a musket firing



Fun on the Quay!

***Children's Activity**

Daily at 11:15 ***until August 31st**

30 minutes **Quay near building 33**

Join a costumed interpreter for eighteenth century music, dance or games.

Cannon Firing

Daily at 11:50 am

15 minutes **At the King's Bastion**

Be amazed by the fifes, drums and cannon firing!



Public Punishment

Daily at 2:15 pm ***until August 31st**

15 minutes **From the Bastion to the Quay**

Follow the crowd to the iron collar.

Mi'kmaw Program

Daily at 1:30 pm

15- 30 minutes **De la Vallière, Building 24**

Discover Mi'kmaw culture and history.



Military Drill

Daily at 3:10 pm

10 minutes **At the King's Bastion**

Watch a military demonstration with musket firing.

Canon Firing and Retreat

Daily at 4:40 pm

10 minutes **At the Quay, near building 6**

Finish your visit with a bang -- the last blast of the day!

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Motorized Guided Tour

Daily at 1:00pm and 3:00 pm

45 minutes \$14.50 per person

Limit of 7 participants

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Fire a Musket: Have a Ball

Daily at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm

30 minutes \$46.75 per person

Limit of 2 participants, age 16+

Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and fire a real musket.



Fire a Canon: Have a Blast

Daily at 11:00 am

45 minutes \$76.50 per person

Limit of 1 participant, age 16+

Become a cannoneer and fire a real canon.

Secret Mission

Daily, any time between 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

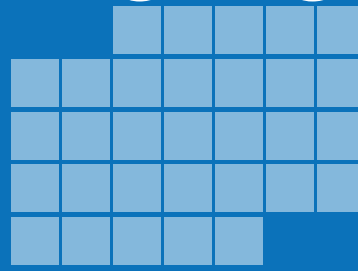
\$10.50 per group

Ideal for kids aged 7-12

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Calendar of Events

2026



These events are celebrated annually at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site and included in your entry fee (where applicable).

June 21

**National Indigenous
People's Day**

July 1

Canada Day (*free entry)

July 12 - 19

Historic Places Days

August 1

Emancipation Day

August 15

National Acadian Day

August 15

Race Through Time

August 25

Fête de Saint Louis

September 30

**National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation**

See our website

for more
Information



Special Events

Tickets

**External link*

As these events are presented by our partners, some activities may only be available in English.

Parka Sleepover

August 29, 2026

***Fees apply**

Bring your own tent (or call us to rent one), and spend an evening under the stars. Kids can enjoy a scavenger hunt, a night-time dance party and marshmallow roasting around the camp-fire!



Sinister Soirée

October 24, 2026

***Fees apply**

This 19+ event includes a haunted walk, tarot card readings, live music, street performers, and more! Wear your best Halloween costume -- prizes for the best dressed!



50th Anniversary Celebration

September 19, 2026

***Fees apply**

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Fortress Louisbourg Association - come celebrate with us! Stay tuned for details by checking our website at the link above.

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Wake up in the Past!

Our overnight accommodations are best described as 'camping with a roof'. Visit our website or call us for more details!



Lartigue House

Reservations can be made for overnight stays at the **Lartigue House** between **June 1st and October 16th, 2026**

1 to 6 people \$147.75 per night

To book the Lartigue house or any other accommodations, call us at **(902) 919-8392**.

Peak Season

The Guardhouse

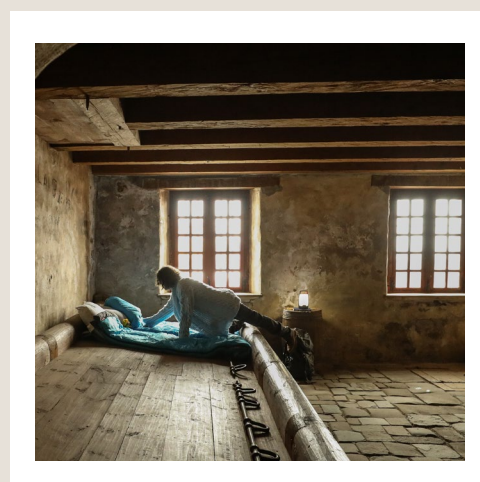
Stand guard at your own private fortress for the night! Sleep in the Place d'Armes guardhouse, in the room that would have once been designated for the officer on-duty.

1 to 2 people \$110.75 per night

The Prison

Experience the fortress in a completely new way! Spend the night as a 'voluntary inmate' in the fortress prison, located just inside the King's Bastion.

1 to 6 people \$110.75 per night



See our website

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For more information on accommodations or any of our programs and services, visit our website at: <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/ns/louisbourg> or contact us at louisbourg.info@pc.gc.ca



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For Kids

Activities at the Fortress

Fun on the Quay!

Join a costumed interpreter for eighteenth century music, dance or games.

Peak Season until Aug 31

Daily at 11:15 am

On the Quay near building 33



Club Parka!

Ages 3-6

Try fun activities on site, by asking our staff...

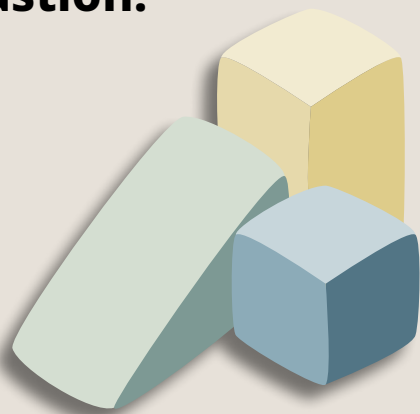
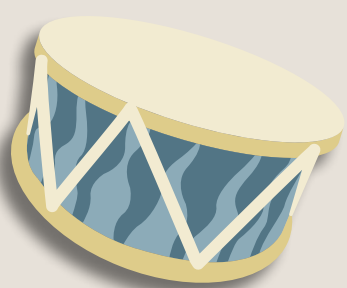
**Visitor Reception Centre
De la Plagne House (#23)**

...Or online:



Children's Activity Room

**in the King's Bastion!
Building #21**



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Daily between 9:30 and 3:30

Peak Season

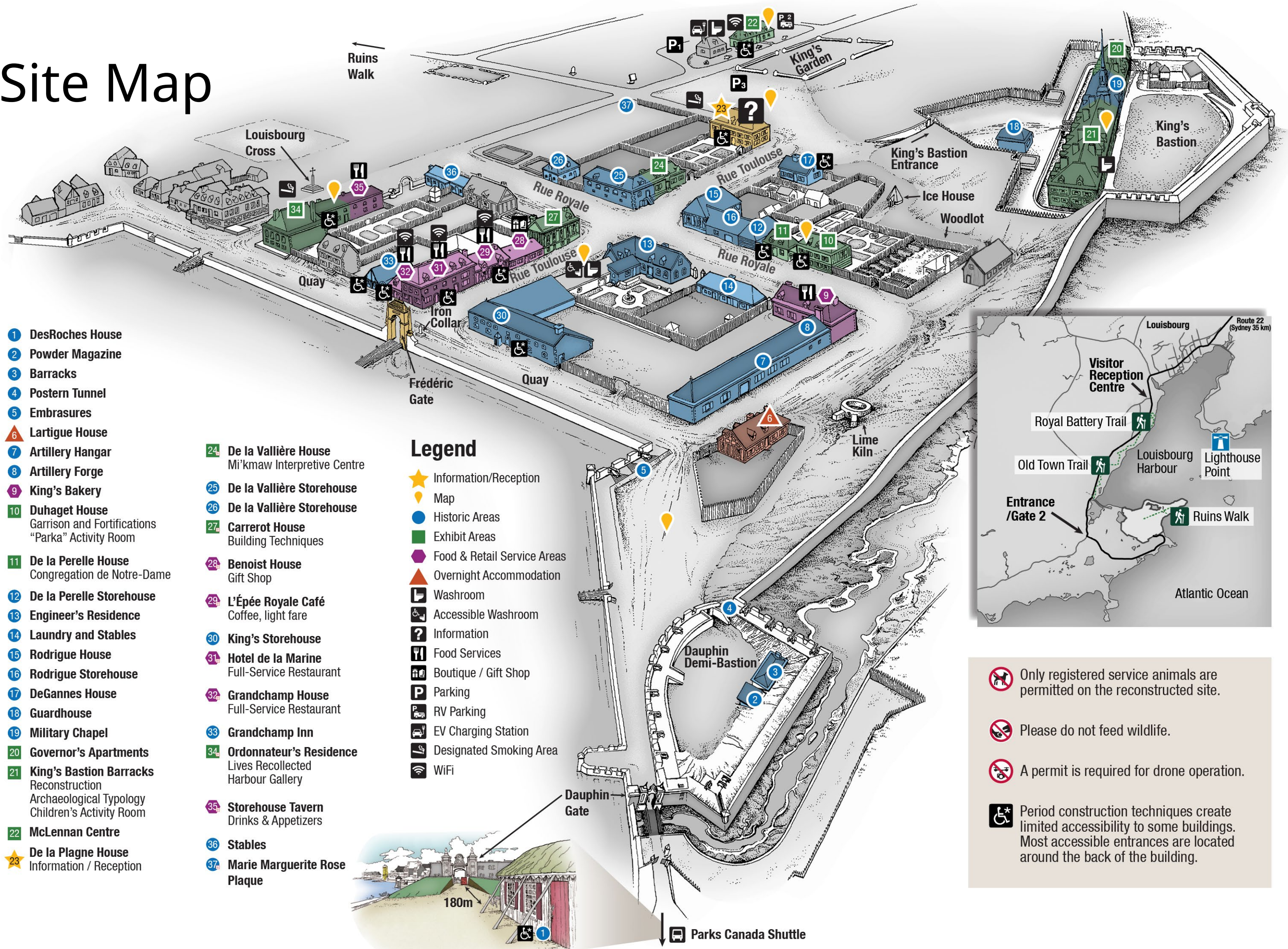
\$10.50 per group, ages 7-12

Ideal for families!

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Site Map



- 1 DesRoches House
- 2 Powder Magazine
- 3 Barracks
- 4 Postern Tunnel
- 5 Embrasures
- 6 Lartigue House
- 7 Artillery Hangar
- 8 Artillery Forge
- 9 King's Bakery
- 10 Duhaget House
Garrison and Fortifications
"Parka" Activity Room
- 11 De la Perelle House
Congregation de Notre-Dame
- 12 De la Perelle Storehouse
- 13 Engineer's Residence
- 14 Laundry and Stables
- 15 Rodrigue House
- 16 Rodrigue Storehouse
- 17 DeGannes House
- 18 Guardhouse
- 19 Military Chapel
- 20 Governor's Apartments
- 21 King's Bastion Barracks
Reconstruction
Archaeological Typology
Children's Activity Room
- 22 McLennan Centre
- 23 De la Plagne House
Information / Reception

- 24 De la Vallière House
Mi'kmaw Interpretive Centre
- 25 De la Vallière Storehouse
- 26 De la Vallière Storehouse
- 27 Carrerot House
Building Techniques
- 28 Benoist House
Gift Shop
- 29 L'Épée Royale Café
Coffee, light fare
- 30 King's Storehouse
- 31 Hotel de la Marine
Full-Service Restaurant
- 32 Grandchamp House
Full-Service Restaurant
- 33 Grandchamp Inn
- 34 Ordonnateur's Residence
Lives Recollected
Harbour Gallery
- 35 Storehouse Tavern
Drinks & Appetizers
- 36 Stables
- 37 Marie Marguerite Rose
Plaque

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- ★ Information/Reception
 - 📍 Map
 - Historic Areas
 - Exhibit Areas
 - 🍴 Food & Retail Service Areas
 - 🏠 Overnight Accommodation
 - 🚻 Washroom
 - ♿ Accessible Washroom
 - ❓ Information
 - 🍽️ Food Services
 - 🛍️ Boutique / Gift Shop
 - P Parking
 - P RV Parking
 - 🔌 EV Charging Station
 - 🚭 Designated Smoking Area
 - 📶 WiFi



- Only registered service animals are permitted on the reconstructed site.
- Please do not feed wildlife.
- A permit is required for drone operation.
- Period construction techniques create limited accessibility to some buildings. Most accessible entrances are located around the back of the building.

