



CULTURAL EXPLORER

You seek constant opportunities to embrace, discover, and immerse yourself in the entire experience of the culture, people and settings of the places you visit. Not content to just visit historic sites and watch from the sidelines, you want to participate in the modern-day culture as well. You often attempt to converse with locals, attend local cultural festivals, or go off the beaten track to discover how people truly live.

FORT LANGLEY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

As you walk through the main gateway of the Fort, originally built as a fur trading post and supply depot for the Hudson's Bay Company in the 1800s, you are greeted by the nostalgic sounds of yesterday. The hammering of a blacksmith shaping an S-hook. The bleating of goats in the animal farm. The thump of a hoe by a costumed woman tilling the heritage vegetable garden. The unmistakable lilt of Chinook Jargon.

You can't help but notice the mighty Fraser River flowing alongside the Fort. Here, you take a moment to imagine the steady stream of furs and supplies to and from the Fort. You make a note to walk the Fort-to-Fort trail, inhaling the fresh scent of river water and cool forest pockets of Douglas fir and Aspen groves.

But first, it's all about the historic Fort. Experience a Fur Trade Wedding – you could be the bride or groom! Afterwards, celebrate with freshly baked bannock on the campfire and listen to stories of the gold rush, tales of the daily grind of pioneers and First Nations storytelling with Sonny McHalsie. Step inside the original storehouse, the oldest building in BC, and touch beaver pelts, fur bales and intricately woven baskets and blankets. Artifacts of yesterday brought to life today.

Speak to our staff to make the most of your visit!

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FOR THE CULTURAL EXPLORER WE SUGGEST...

Fur Trade Wedding – Stand up and take your vows! Participate in fur trade wedding as the bride or groom!

Historic Dining in the Bistro – Feast on local cuisine ranging from salmon, cranberries and chicken and taste how the marriage of First Nations and European cultures mesh through fresh food and herbs.

Historic Walking Tours and Ghost Walk Tour - Enjoy a traditional dinner at the Fort and then head off on a guided tour of the Mavis Family in Langley, the churches of Fort Langley or the Hudson Bay Farm. No tour is complete without a stop at the Village Teashop for tea and dessert. In October, take the Ghost Walk Tour. You might see a ghost or goblin!

Blacksmithing and Barrel Making Demonstration – Be a blacksmith! Put on an apron and pound metal. Get the bellows pumping. Make the fire hot enough to bend metal! Be a cooper! Pull the drawknife over wood and learn how to shape barrel staves.

Chinook Jargon - Learn first-hand about the fascinating trade language that shaped the lives of First Nations and European explorers who traded furs and other goods along the west coast.