



**Fortress of Louisbourg**  
**National Historic Site of Canada**  
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## 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.*

As a child – and still today - you were always attracted by people who came from other countries, or who lived in other times. At the Fortress of Louisbourg, you are treated to a mix of both!

Indeed, as you explore this reconstructed fortified town, you get the strange feeling that time has stopped in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. As you meet costumed staff who portray fishermen, soldiers or merchants of the era, you learn that this was a very cosmopolitan community. Some of our 18<sup>th</sup> century citizens would be happy to share stories of their Cape Breton communities and how they connect to Louisbourg.

Many different people passed through this busy port town and left their mark on the community. The French were on good terms with the Mi'kmaq Natives, and the Acadians. They also traded sugar that came from the Caribbean. Now you understand why rum is so popular in the Maritimes!

Speak to our Parks Canada staff to make the most of your visit!  
[www.canada.travel/eq](http://www.canada.travel/eq)

## For the Cultural Explorer we suggest...

**A multifaceted society** - Exhibits throughout the town show the many faces of Louisbourg: learn about nuns, soldiers, and Mi'kmaq to name a few. They all lived here and took part in the life of the colonial town.

**Historic dining** - Enjoy a period dinner that you can eat in the 18<sup>th</sup>-century style - the recipes and even the dishes are just as they were 250 years ago! And don't forget to sample some historic chocolate - not only for the elite today!

**Interact with our people** - Ask about the artifacts found here. Did you know that only a quarter of original Louisbourg has been uncovered? Our costumed citizens can show you the hand-stitched details of their meticulously reproduced clothing.

**Slip away** - A walk along the massive stone walls and in the ditch may inspire you to visit our military Engineer's House (#20)\*, and perhaps learn about Vauban-style fortifications.

**After Hours Events** - In the evening, the Fortress has a special atmosphere. Don't miss either of these events:

***Murder Mystery*** – watch a lively, entertaining 18<sup>th</sup> c. whodunit.  
*Thursdays in July/August*

***Dinner Theatre*** – enjoy an authentic 18<sup>th</sup> c. meal while being entertained by a delightful farce. *Wednesdays in July/August*

### **While in the area –**

Cape Breton Island plays host to a slew of local festivals all summer. Speak to our Visitor Centre staff or local tourist bureau (733-2720) to find out what's going on during your visit.

Fish and chips, casual or elegant dining, even a beggars' banquet... dining to stimulate the senses to be found within a stone's throw of the Fortress.

*\*Note: Numbers refer to site map.*

