

BACKGROUND

2023 FORT HENRY TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Experience life in a British Military Garrison with demonstrations and 19th century interpretation of military life

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Kingston, ON — Transporting guests back to 1867, military interpreters bring the Fort Henry Guard Drums, Drill Squad and Royal Artillery to life within the limestone walls of Fort Henry National Historic Site. Starting today, April 3, guests can book their tickets online for the 2023 Fort Henry season!

Fort Henry National Historic Site is a landmark of Canadian military history and a top destination in Eastern Ontario. The Fort was originally built in 1812-1814 to protect the Kingston Royal Naval Dockyard during the War of 1812. It was later rebuilt between 1832 and 1837 as a major defense post for the British Military. Today, the Fort is recognized as a UNESCO world heritage site and a key part of Kingston's rich history.

From May 20 to September 3, 2023 Fort Henry guests can experience guided tours, scenic views, musical performances and precision military demonstrations by the Fort Henry Guard, a highly disciplined group of student recruits trained and dressed as British soldiers from 1867.

Each day at Fort Henry, rigorously trained Fort Henry interpretive staff demonstrate precision military maneuvers and heart-pounding music in the Fort's central Parade Square, featuring historic canons and rifles. Between demonstrations, guests can experience what military life was like for both military members and their families by exploring more than 30 historic rooms and museum exhibits, taking in a Victorian school lesson and enjoying baked goods baked in historic ovens by interpretive bakers. Guests can choose to explore independently or join a 1-hour guided tour with an expert on the inner workings of the Fort.

For two consecutive years, Fort Henry has been awarded the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award, a testament to the memorable experience it offers guests. This achievement celebrates businesses that consistently deliver fantastic experiences to travellers around the globe, having earned great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the last 12 months.

This year, Fort Henry is excited to showcase a newly modernized and expanded exhibit that delves into the World War I internment experience. The exhibit offers a trilingual approach, with English, French, and Ukrainian language options, to learn about one of the first internment camps established in Canada and the internment operations that took place at Fort Henry

during the war. The exhibit provides an opportunity to explore an often-overlooked aspect of Canadian history and gain a deeper understanding of the impact of internment on the individuals and communities affected.

Tickets are available for purchase online now at www.FortHenry.com. Purchasing tickets prior to arrival is recommended. General adult admission is \$20 (plus HST). Starting Saturday, May 20, the Fort is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (with the last ticket sold at 4:30 p.m.), 7 days a week, and parking is available at no charge onsite.

About Fort Henry

Fort Henry was built between 1832 and 1837, designed as the key site in a network of fortifications for the defense of the Rideau Canal and the Kingston harbour. Garrisoned by British soldiers until 1870, and abandoned by Canadian troops in 1891, Fort Henry fell into disrepair. In 1936, the Fort underwent restoration and opened as a living history museum in 1938. Now a National Historic Site, Fort Henry has seen millions of visitors pass through its gates, entering the realm of 19th century military life. Guests experience self-guided tours, scenic views, heart-pounding musical performances and precision military demonstrations by the Fort Henry Guard, a highly disciplined group of student recruits trained as British soldiers from 1867.

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