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TICKETS FOR 2023 KINGSTON PEN TOURS NOW ON SALE

Explore life behind the doors of one of Canada's oldest maximum-security prisons

April 3, 2023

Kingston, ON – Kingston Pen Tours is excited to announce its return for the 2023 season, giving guests the opportunity to step behind the iron bars of Canada's oldest prison. Starting today, April 3 at 11 a.m., guests can book tickets for dates throughout the summer season. Due to limited availability and high popularity, purchasing advance tickets at kingstonpentour.com is highly recommended.

The Kingston Penitentiary is a National Historic Site and a building of extraordinary historical significance. Canada's oldest maximum-security prison, it was in operation from 1835 until 2013 and played a crucial role in Canadian history. Kingston Pen Tours offer guests a chance to experience the prison's history and take a glimpse into the daily lives of its inmates and staff.

For two consecutive years, Kingston Pen Tours 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.

Explore Kingston Penitentiary's past with daily tours available in English and French, offering an inside look at what daily life was like at the Pen, as well as some of the extraordinary events that are part of this institution's history. Kingston Pen Tours offers tours of different lengths, delving deeper and deeper into various aspects of the storied prison compound, from the people who lived and worked there, to its early history to its current state as a film location and cultural asset.

Standard and Extended Tours include first-hand accounts from retired corrections staff, and the new Express Tour offers the opportunity to visit many of the highlights of the



institution, including the North Gate, a cell range, the canteen and social services area to hear about the 1971 riot, and more. _

Parking is available at no charge on site and City of Kingston residents receive a \$5 discount off their ticket price.

Kingston Pen Tours will be offered starting April 29, 2023 with tours offered on weekends until May 7 and then 7 days per week starting May 13. Tickets for fall tours, starting September 5, 2023 will be available this summer.

About Kingston Pen Tours

Kingston Pen Tours offer an in-depth look at life behind the walls of Canada's oldest maximum-security prison. A National Historic Site, the Kingston Penitentiary played a prominent societal role on a local and national scale, from the time of its inception in 1835, to its principal role under the newly formed federal government in 1867 to its final day of operations in September 2013 as a maximum-security level facility. Today's guided tours and first-hand accounts from retired corrections staff provide guests with a blend of the historic, cultural and criminological components of this storied institution, creating a one-of-a-kind experience.

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