



BACKGROUND

EXPLORE KINGSTON PENITENTIARY TOURS THIS SUMMER

Kingston Pen Tours Summer Season with Tours Daily, Starts May 29, 2024

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Kingston, ON – Kingston Pen Tours is excited to announce its return for the 2024 summer season, giving guests the opportunity to step behind the iron bars of Canada's oldest prison. Starting today, April 10 at 11 a.m., guests can book tickets for dates throughout the summer season from May to Labour Day weekend. 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. Standing as Canada's oldest maximum-security prison, it was in operation from 1835 until 2013 and played a crucial role in Canadian history. Today's guided tours, provided in both English and French, offer guests a blend of the historic, architectural and criminological components of this storied institution, creating a one-of-a-kind experience.

For three 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 a 12-month period.

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



and the 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. For full tour details, see kingstonpentour.com.

Parking is available at no charge on site and City of Kingston residents can take advantage of a 20% local resident discount.

Kingston Pen Tours are currently open on weekends until May 8, which will be open 5 days per week and then 7 days per week starting May 29. Tickets for fall tours, starting September 3, 2024, 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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