

Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada

A living 18th-century French fortress town perched on Cape Breton's wild Atlantic coast — where costumed soldiers drill, bakers fire stone ovens, and cannon smoke drifts across the harbor.

-  Tender (anchor)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Canadian Dollar (CAD)
-  English / French at Fortress
-  History focus

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — most ships anchor in Louisbourg Harbour and tender ashore near the town centre, in view of the Fortress (small expedition ships may berth at the wharf)

Best For: History buffs, families, photography, coastal hiking

Walk to Fortress: ~3 km (40 min walk) or short taxi/shuttle ride

Don't Miss: Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site — North America's largest reconstruction

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  CAD \$10–20 one-way

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site** — North America's largest historical reconstruction, recreating the fortified town of 1744.
- Louisbourg Lighthouse Trail** — A scenic coastal hike to the site of Canada's first lighthouse (1734), offering dramatic ocean views, sea stacks, and...
- Louisbourg Town Waterfront Stroll** — Wander the working fishing village itself — browse the Sydney and Louisbourg Railway Museum, peek into local craft...
- Kennington Cove & Coastal Beaches** — A short drive from the Fortress, Kennington Cove offers a sheltered gravel-and-sand beach with historical significance...
- Mi'kmaw Heritage at the Fortress** — Inside the Fortress, the Mi'kmaw Interpretive Centre explores the culture and history of the L'nu people and their role...

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Fortress Walk** 3 km each way | ~40 min | Easy road walk — Follow Main Street south along the harbor from the government wharf, passing the town center, and continue along the harbor road to...
- Louisbourg Lighthouse Trail** 4 km round-trip | ~1.5 hrs | Moderate coastal path — From the Fortress parking area, cross to the lighthouse peninsula trail for sweeping Atlantic views, dramatic cliffs, and the 1923...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	46°	33°	12d
Jun	63°	48°	11d
Aug	71°	56°	10d
Sep	65°	50°	11d
Oct	55°	41°	13d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:40AM–7:40PM · Jun 4:35AM–8:50PM · Aug 5:15AM–8:15PM · Sep 5:50AM–7:20PM · Oct 6:30AM–6:20PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Budget time for the Fortress. It's huge — 50+ reconstructed buildings. Plan at least 3 hours, more if you want to eat there or catch demonstrations.

Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site | Reconstructed 18th-century French fortress town with costumed interpreters. | 2 Louisbourg Lighthouse | Canada's first lighthouse site, offering scenic coastal views. |
| 3 Louisbourg Playhouse | Intimate theatre showcasing local music, drama, and cultural performances. | 4 Devil's Hills Falls | Picturesque natural waterfall accessible via a short, easy hike. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |