

An aerial photograph of a school program site. The top half shows a dense forest of green trees. A dirt road winds through the trees, leading to a wooden building with a grey roof. The bottom half shows a man with long hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a patterned shirt and a dark vest, speaking to a group of children. The children are seen from behind, wearing various colored caps (green, white, black). The setting appears to be a rustic, outdoor classroom or workshop.

# FORT GIBRALTAR

SCHOOL  
PROGRAM 2022

# INTRODUCTION

We invite you to learn about Fort Gibraltar's influence over the cultural development of the Red River settlement. Delve into the lore of the French Canadian voyageurs who paddled across the country, transporting trade-goods and the unique customs of Lower Canada into the West.

They married into the First Nations communities and precipitated the birth of the Métis nation, a unique culture that would have a lasting impact on the settlement. Learn how the First Nations helped to ensure the success of these traders by trapping the furs needed for the growing European marketplace. Discover how they shared their knowledge of the land and climate for the survival of their new guests. On the other end of the social scale, meet one of the upper-class managers of the trading post. Here you will get a glimpse of the social conventions of a rapidly changing industrialized Europe.

Through hands-on demonstrations and authentic crafts, learn about the formation of this unique community nearly two hundred years ago. Costumed interpreters will guide your class back in time to the year 1815 to a time of immeasurable change in the Red River valley.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Fort Gibraltar

866, Saint-Joseph St.

Managed by: Festival du Voyageur inc.

Phone: 204.237.7692

1.877.889.7692

[www.fortgibraltar.com](http://www.fortgibraltar.com)

[www.heho.ca](http://www.heho.ca)

### Dates of Operation | School Program

May 16 to June 30, 2022

### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Lunch

Fort Gibraltar does not offer any food services. However, Fort Gibraltar is located in Whittier Park, ideal for a group picnic.

## Saint-Boniface



## Admission

### In-Person Programs

School Groups – \$5.50 per student

- Max. 60 students
- One (1) teacher/chaperone per 6 students (1:6) is included at no extra cost for grades K-6
- One (1) teacher/chaperone per 10 students (1:10) is included at no extra cost for grades 7-12
- Additional chaperones (above the 1:6 or 1:10 ratio) will be charged \$5.50

## Reservations

School tours must be booked in advance.

**School tours are subject to availability.** When making your booking please provide the following information.

- Contact person, name of school, grade level
- Preferred date, start time
- # of teachers and chaperones
- Language of presentation or tour
- Name of program you wish to attend

To book your in-person program, please contact the Festival du Voyageur team | 204.237.7692 OR [reservations@heho.ca](mailto:reservations@heho.ca) (preferred).

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Payment Methods

Visa, MasterCard, Interac, cheque, cash, or invoice

**Please make your cheque payable to :  
Festival du Voyageur inc.**

233 Provencher Blvd.  
Winnipeg (Manitoba)  
R2H 0G4

Your payment is required prior to your arrival onsite unless other arrangements have been made to invoice your school. A receipt will be issued to you when your payment is made.

## Cancellation

Festival du Voyageur will not be issuing refunds due to illness, absenteeism or bad and/or severe weather. Also, Festival will not issue refunds for school bus cancellations by the schools or school divisions.

For more information, please contact us at **204.237.7692** or at **1.877.889.7692** or at [reservations@heho.ca](mailto:reservations@heho.ca)



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Originally constructed at the Forks, the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers in 1809-10, Fort Gibraltar was a North West Company fur trading post. Although not terribly important in terms of the volume of furs that passed through her gates, Fort Gibraltar did play an impressive role in the development of the Red River Settlement and the legendary conflict between the two fur trading empires: the North West and Hudson's Bay companies. Fort Gibraltar was reconstructed by the Festival du Voyageur in 1978.

## 1. North Tower

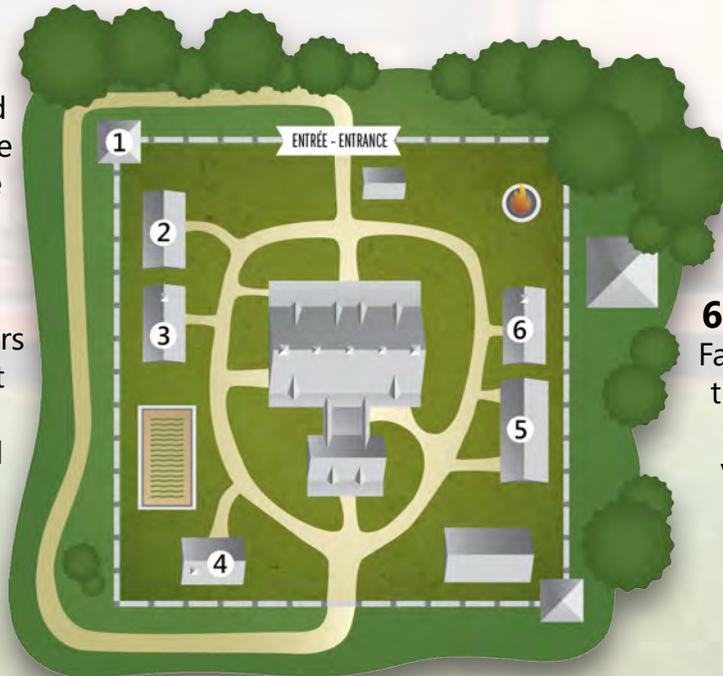
Climb to the top and get a bird's-eye view of the fort and the Red River. Stroll along the firing platform and keep a watchful eye for those Hudson's Bay men along the riverbank!

## 2. Trading Post

Come and see the various furs being prepared for shipment east to Montréal and the trade goods on offer to local trappers, Selkirk settlers and voyageurs.

## 3. Workshop

When not paddling a canoe or portaging heavy loads, a voyageur is put to work as a general labourer. See the tools and techniques used in the upkeep of the fort and the construction of day-to-day objects.



## 6. Winterer's Cabin

Familiarize yourself with the day-to-day life of a North West Company voyageur or "engagé".

Learn about the living conditions and domestic life of these hard working men.

## 4. Blacksmith's Shop

From general repairs to the production of trade items, the blacksmith is a highly skilled tradesman who works with a variety of traditional tools.

## 5. Warehouse

Used primarily for storage, this cabin is filled with pemmican, trade goods and other items.

# GUIDED TOURS

## OPTION 1



**May 16 to June 30 | Available from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Title: The Fur Trade at Fort Gibraltar**

**Grade levels:** 1 to 12

**Length:** 90 minutes

**SLOs:** K-KH-019; 1-KL-012; 2-KH-026; 3-KL-018; 4-KH-035; 5-KH-030; 6-KL-026; 7-KH-031; 8-KH-028; S2-KH-033

During this 90-minute tour of Fort Gibraltar, your students will discover the ins and outs of the early 19th century fur trade. Encounter costumed interpreters who portray the colourful characters of fur trade society. Meet the clerk in charge of assessing the quality and value of the different furs; a voyageur retelling tall tales about his travels in the north-west; the tradesmen applying saws to wood and hammers to iron, and learn about the essential roles that Indigenous peoples played in the success of the North West Company.

# GUIDED TOURS

## OPTION 2

May 16 to June 30 | Available from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Title: Connections and Communities at Fort Gibraltar**

**Grade levels:** 3 to 8

**Length:** 90 minutes

**SLOs:** 3-KL-018; 4-KH-033; 4-KH-035; 5-KH-030; 5-KH-032; 5-KH-036; 6-KL-026; 7-KI-019; 7-KH-031; 8-KL-022; 8-KH-028

During this 90-minute tour of Fort Gibraltar, your students will meet the people who made the early 19th century fur trade happen. Students will delve into the personal stories, motivations and connections between the Euro-Canadian employees and the Indigenous communities who were essential to the operation of the North West Company. Interact with costumed interpreters as they go about their daily tasks, keeping the fort in business and sustaining health and home.

