

Student Experiences

IN KINGSTON AND THE 1000 ISLANDS

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Steeped in History, Yet Constantly Evolving On the picturesque shores of the St. Lawrence River and at the beginning of the world-famous 1000 Islands, you will find the historic city of Kingston. Home to impassioned curators and creators, a place that embraces new ideas – it's authentic, vibrant and never stops surprising.

Kingston Destination Group is committed to hospitality excellence as the portal to inspired visitor experience in the Kingston 1000 Islands destination. We operate tourism experience brands in downtown Kingston, Ontario Canada, including Kingston 1000 Islands Cruises, K-Pass, Kingston Trolley Tours, and Kingston Walks: our team has the experience and expertise to make your trip a success.

For Student and Educational Groups we offer immersive experiences and packages that will be the highlight of any itinerary. Explore the 1000 Islands on a Cruise, step back to the 1800s on a guided tour, or experience a program at a museum, gallery or historic site. Timings and schedule are subject to availability: Tours can be geared to any age group, and all Kingston Destination Group tours & packages are customizable to fit your itinerary.

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Experience Kingston

WITH STUDENT EXPERIENCES BY KINGSTON DESTINATION GROUP:



Kingston Trolley Tours

(1h, available Year-Round)

Historic Trolley Tour

City Tour, Canada's First Capital Tour or Confederation and Beyond Tour

Ghost and Mystery Trolley Tour

Go off the beaten path on a tour of Kingston's mysterious and paranormal past

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Kingston 1000 Islands Cruises

(1.5h – 2.5h, available April-June, and September-October)

Kingston History Cruise (1.5 hrs)

Kingston Harbour Cruise or Shipping and Trade Cruise

Student Dance Cruise (2 hrs)

Private dance cruise aboard the glass-top Island Star boat sailing past Kingston Harbour and the beginning of the 1000 Islands region

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Kingston Walks

(1h, available Year-Round)

Walking Tour of Kingston

Guided walking tour of Kingston's historic downtown lead by passionate storytellers, and enhanced using immersive headset technology.

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Enhance Your Experience with a Package:

Trolley Tour + Kingston 1000 Islands Cruise Package

Choose any Kingston Trolley Tour, add the Kingston Harbour Cruise or Shipping and Trade Cruise

Trolley Tour + Fort Henry

Choose any Kingston Trolley Tour, add a Guided tour, Victorian Education Program or Battle School program at Fort Henry National Historic Site of Canada.

Add a museum visit (K-Pass Educational Experience)

Choose 1 of 5 museums or attraction visits to add to any other Kingston Destination Group Student Experience at a special rate: Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Bellevue House, Military Communications & Electronics Museum, Museum of Health Care at Kingston, Tett Centre for Creativity & Learning



Kingston Trolley Tours

www.kingstontrolley.ca
 (613) 549-5544
 248 Ontario Street
 Kingston ON K7L 5P7

A drive through the most fascinating and historic points of Kingston, Canada's First Capital. See buildings that have been standing since some of the earliest European colonists arrived, and learn about the people and stories that helped to make the Limestone City great.

Canada's First Capital Trolley Tour

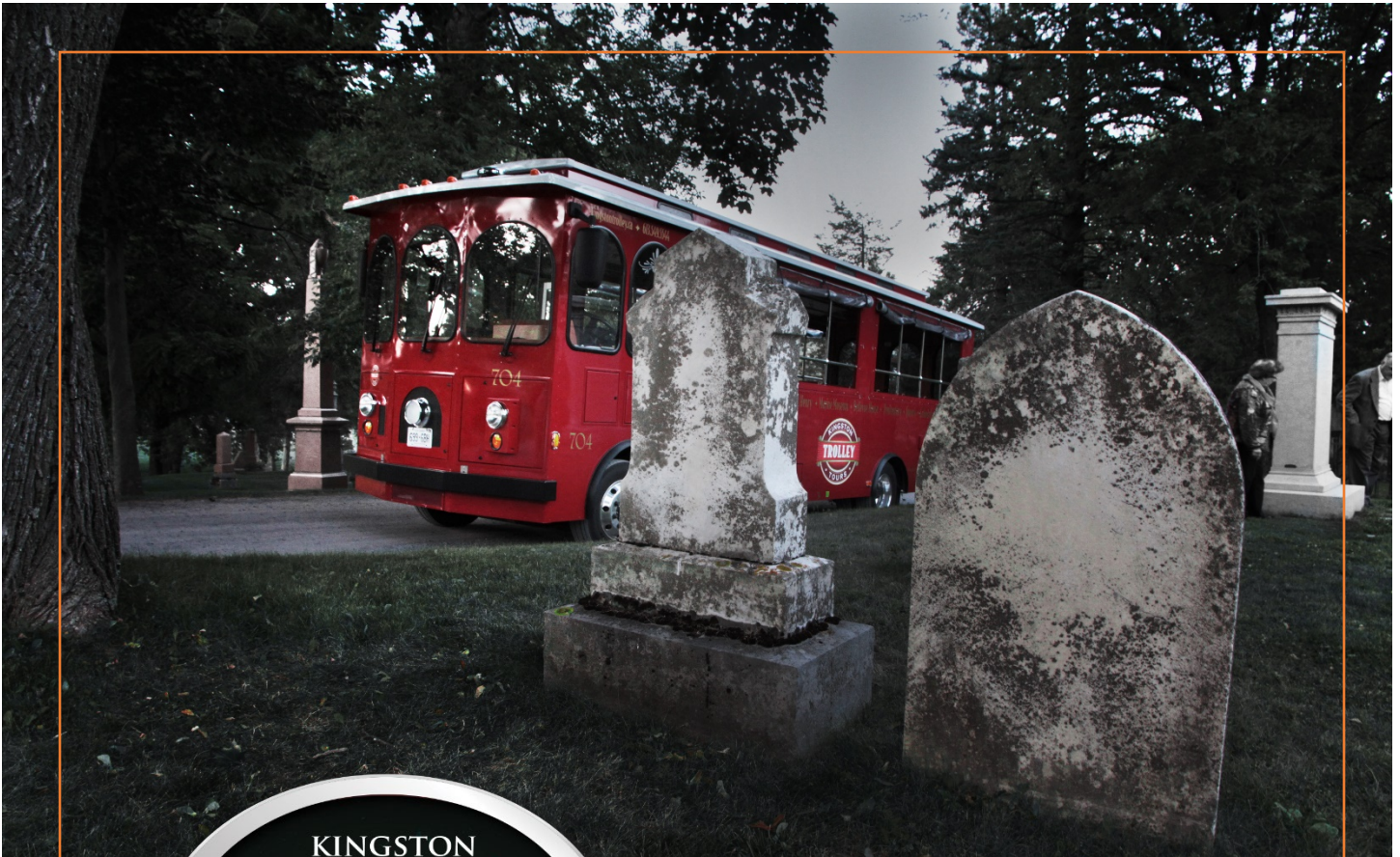
Class Size: 20-64	Length: 1 hour	Seasonality: September - June	Available Timing: 7 days/week
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A tour focused primarily on the 19th century in Kingston, exploring the political and military influence of the Kingston Area and the growth of our infrastructure to match our new role in British North America. The tour will extend to 1867, the year of Canadian Confederation.

Confederation and Beyond Trolley Tour

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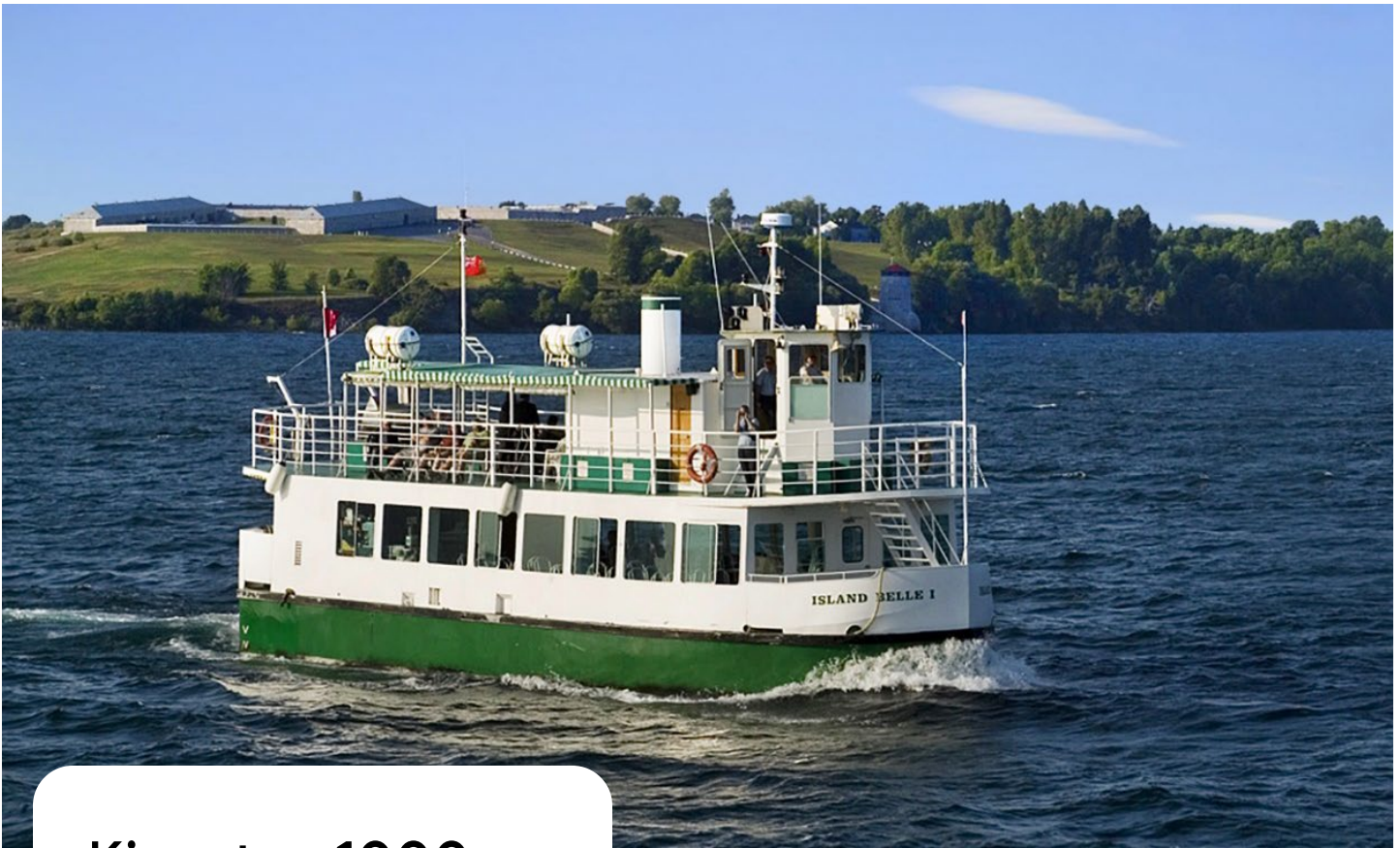
This tour will focus on post-Confederation Kingston and our place in a new nation. We'll also talk about the formation of Canada and some Kingstonsians who were vital to that process



Peer into Kingston’s mysterious and paranormal past on the Ghost and Mystery Trolley Tour.

The evening tour departs at 6:00pm and lasts 90 minutes: it takes you off the beaten path to Kingston’s lesser-known and difficult-to-access haunted spots.

At the Cataraqui Cemetery you’ll have the opportunity to disembark for an evening stroll among notable graves - none more so than that of Canada’s First Prime Minister: Sir John A Macdonald.



Kingston 1000 Islands Cruises

www.1000islandscruises.ca
 (613) 549-5544
 249 Ontario Street
 Kingston ON K7L 5P7

Sail through the picturesque Kingston waterfront, located at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River and the terminus of the Rideau Canal. An area rife with history of this region that would become Canada's First Capital

Kingston Harbour Cruise

Class Size:	Length:	Seasonality:	Available Timing:
40 or more	1 1/2 hours	April - June, Sept - October	7 days/week
<p>This tour will tell the stories of the Kingston Waterfront stretching from some of the earliest marine activity through to the present day.</p>			

Shipping and Trade Cruise

Class Size:	Length:	Seasonality:	Available Timing:
40 or more	1 1/2 hours	April - June, Sept - October	7 days/week
<p>This tour will explain Kingston's place as a shipping hub for the Province of Upper Canada, and later the Dominion of Canada following Confederation.</p>			



Take your school dance party to a whole new level.

Set sail on the glass-topped Island Star on a private two hour dance cruise: Enjoy picturesque views of Kingston's World Heritage sites, historic harbour and the start of the 1000 Islands while dancing the evening away on our splendid glass-topped catamaran.





Kingston Walks

www.KingstonWalks.ca
 (613) 549-5544
 249 Ontario Street
 Kingston ON K7L 5P7

Our immersive, 90 minute walking tours take you through the streets of Kingston where you'll learn about the city's captivating heritage and history.

Live-guided walking tours are narrated by knowledgeable guides, and enhanced by HearMe headsets from Audio Conexus. Listen along to your tour guide through a complimentary set of earbuds. Experience the freedom and flexibility to take in the scene a minute longer, or snap a memorable photo within a 50m range.

Kingston Walking Tour			
Class Size:	Length:	Seasonality:	Available Timing:
10-60	1 1/2 hours	Year-Round	7days/week
<p>Step into our city's past shaped by wind, fire, trade, art, and war. Explore Kingston's historic 19th century golden age, learning how Kingstonians of old lived, worked, worshipped and shopped. Tours are led by a live guide and enhanced by headsets from AudioConexus.</p> <p>Your guide will meet you at the Visitors Experience Centre where your tour begins. After getting to know one another, we'll demonstrate how our headset technology works and how it will enhance your tour. Each guest gets a receiver and set of earbuds to use along the way so you'll be able to hear your guide speak clearly as you walk. On our tours you'll experience sounds, smells and scenery all unique to the Kingston Experience. What stops will your tour make? Join us to find out!</p>			



Fort Henry

National Historic Site

www.forthenry.com

613.542.7388

1 Fort Henry Dr.

Kingston, ON K7K 5G8

Fort Henry is a learning environment unlike any other. It is an outdoor classroom that will provide students with an educational experience that is hands-on, exploratory and exciting. Our historical interpreters lead children through the fort so that they are immersed into the time period of 1867 and are actively engaged in living history.

Victorian Education Program

Class Size: Min 15 Max 35	Length: 1 1/2 hours	Seasonality: April 1st to Sept 30	Available Timing: 7 days per week 9:30am - 4:00pm
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In addition to a guided tour of the Fort, students will have the opportunity to learn military drill from 1867 in a muster parade, as well as participate in a Victorian schoolroom lesson.

Battle School

Class Size: Min 15 Max 35	Length: 3 hours	Seasonality: April 1st to Sept 30	Available Timing: 7 days per week 9:30am - 4:00pm
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Working in teams, students will face historic challenges including being tested on marching drill, historic games, organizing a barracks room, and an artifact history mystery. The program begins with a tour of the Fort before recruits are put through their paces.



Agnes Etherington Art Centre

www.agnes.queensu.ca

613-533-2190

36 University Ave.,

Queen's University, Kingston

Agnes Etherington Art Centre is a research-intensive art museum located on the historic campus of Queen's University. It illuminates the great artistic traditions of the past and the innovations of the present through exhibitions and outreach activities. The Agnes's superb collections include cutting-edge contemporary art and fine examples of paintings from the Dutch Golden Age, Canadian historical art, Indigenous art and artifacts and the Lang Collection of African Art.

Canadian Patchwork

Class Size: 30	Length: 1 hour tour	Seasonality: May 16 to June 23	Available Timing: 10 am or 1 pm Tuesdays to Fridays
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Students will explore the diverse artistry and narratives reflected in Canadian log cabin quilts. We will discuss works that represent different parts of Canada, analyzing the quilt features and how the artists' use of colour, texture and pattern were pieced together to symbolize family, culture and community. In the Studio, students will use mixed-media materials to create their own unique log cabin quilt square. The squares will be connected to create a singular composition.



Bellevue House

National Historic Site

613-545-8666

35 Centre Street

Kingston, ON K7L 4E5

Tour the restored home and gardens of historic Bellevue House knowing that seeds were planted here for the birth of a country. Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, and his family made Bellevue House their home from 1848 to 1849. Wander through the family's preserved kitchen garden, bite into an heirloom apple, and watch costumed gardeners wielding scythes to cut the lawn in the method of the 1840s.

How does Canada work?

Class Size: 30	Length: 2 hours	Seasonality: May 20 – Oct 9	Available Timing: 10:00 – 15:00
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Students gain a deeper understanding of the roles of government and responsible citizenship through activities at Bellevue House NHS. Prior to touring the historic house, students participate in an interactive exercise that promotes comprehension of the electoral process and the role of elected officials. After exploring the house and grounds, students wrap up their visit with a lively puzzle game where they can put their knowledge to the test!

Who was Sir John A

Class Size: 30	Length: 2 hours	Seasonality: May 20 – Oct 9	Available Timing: 10:00 – 15:00
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Students explore Canada's development from the perspective of one of Confederation's major players: Sir John A. Macdonald. Who were his influences? His allies? His foes? How did they all contribute to the Canada we know today? Led by an interpreter, students delve into these questions and more both before and after exploring the historic house and grounds.



MacLachlan Woodworking Museum

www.woodworkingmuseum.ca

613-542-0543

2993, Highway 2 East,
Kingston, ON

The MacLachlan Woodworking Museum holds one of the most extensive, nationally significant collections of woodworking tools in Canada. The Museum offers learning events throughout the season for museum-goers of all ages. Come and experience Hands-On History!

Trees, Seeds & Feathers

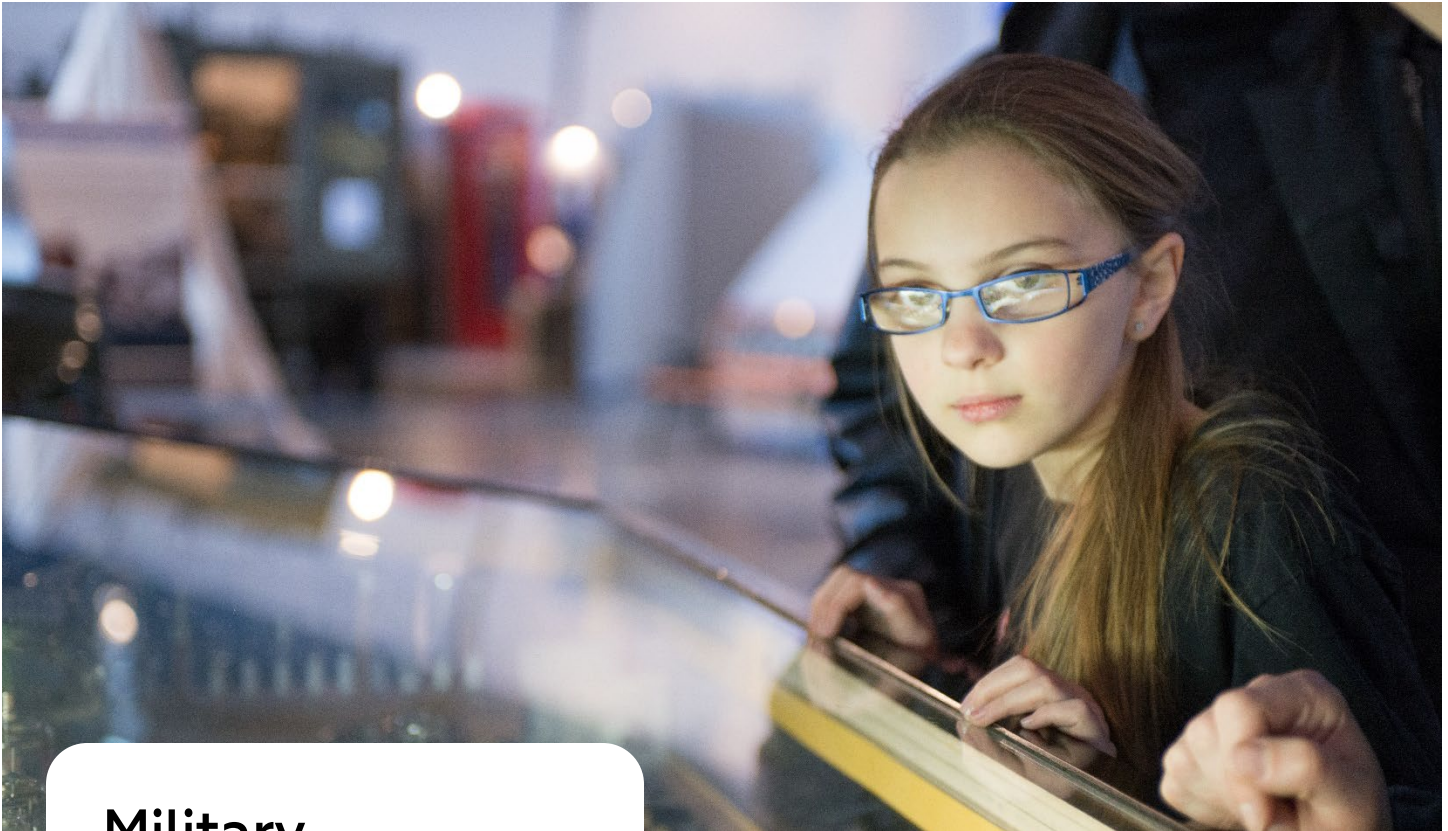
Class Size: < 50	Length: 90 min	Seasonality: May 21 – August 31	Available Timing: Tuesday – Friday
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Come and explore the biodiversity at the MacLachlan Woodworking Museum! Learn about the importance of biodiversity through hands-on activities, observe different species that make this site their home and discuss what we can do to preserve biodiversity for future generations.

Tink Tank

Class Size: < 50	Length: 90 min in class; 120 min at museum	Seasonality: May 21 – August 31	Available Timing: Tuesday – Friday
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Tink Tank allows your group to experiment, make mistakes, and share ideas to design and craft the best possible answer to the building challenge—all while practicing safe tool use! Taught over two days, our Program Leaders will come to your space to start the design and modelling process. On day 2, you come to us at the Museum to bring the vision to life with the real supplies and tools.



Military Communications & Electronics Museum

www.c-and-e-museum.org
613-541-5010 ex 3289
95 Craftsman Blvd
Kingston K7K 7B4

The Military Communications and Electronics Museum displays the history of the Canadian Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Branch: it is the largest museum of its kind in the western hemisphere. From the perilous life of the dispatch rider in the Second World War to the high-tech career of the information systems technician, our gallery honours their service.

General Museum Package			
Class Size: 50	Length: 1-2 hours	Seasonality: Year round	Available Timing: 8am - 6pm
Includes guided tour, artifact exploration and museum scavenger hunt or self-guided exploration of the gallery. All guided tours and artifact exploration activities are catered to each grade level. Prior consultation with the museum Education Programmer is encouraged.			

Canada and the First World War			
Class Size: 50	Length: 1-2 hours	Seasonality: Year round	Available Timing: 8am - 9pm
Includes First World War focused guided tour of the gallery, exploration and interpretation of period artifacts and/or soldier dossier interpretive activity. Self-guided exploration of gallery as time permits			



Museum of Health Care at Kingston

www.museumofhealthcare.ca

613-548-2419

32 George Street
Kingston

Explore this fascinating museum and National Historic Site to learn about the history of health and health care in Canada. The Museum of Health Care offers hands-on, curriculum-linked programs and tours for all ages. Our programs are led by trained and enthusiastic guides committed to bringing Canada's healthcare story to life for you and your group

The Biology, Control, and Prevention of Waterborne Diseases

Class Size: 30	Length: 1 - 1/2 hours	Seasonality: Year round	Available Timing: Monday to Friday
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What happens when our water isn't safe to drink? Through a combination of historical presentations and hands-on activity stations, students explore why controlling outbreaks and providing clean drinking water to people around the world is an important task.

From Madness to Mental Health

Class Size: 30	Length: 1 - 1/2 hours	Seasonality: Year round	Available Timing: Monday to Friday
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Historically, people who suffered from mental illness were defined as "mad." Today we have a better understanding of mental health, however, the stigma from our past remains. In this workshop students will examine the history of mental illness, its treatment, and ways to combat this stigma by creating their own positive mental health public service announcement.



Your Trip, our Destination Experts

A leader in creating memorable destination experiences since 1976, Kingston Destination Group has the experience and expertise to make your group's trip to Kingston and the 1000 Islands a success. **Contact us today to plan an itinerary: tour@ktic.ca 1.800.848.0011**



Our Trip to Kingston: