MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

Information on the attractions are below along with website information

› KINGSTON FOOD TOURS

Kingston Food Tours is a walking tour of Kingston’s hip and historic downtown that blends tastings at our best local restaurants with an insider’s perspective on our city’s history and culture. Their tours focus on unique shops, restaurants, artisans, and farmers who contribute to Kingston’s thriving local food movement. They are a locally owned and operated business with a passion for food, travel and most of all, their home city.

www.kingstonfoodtours.ca

› AGNES ETHERINGTON

Experience over 16,000 pieces of art in eight elegant galleries featuring cutting edge contemporary art, Canadian historical art, Baroque-era paintings and African art. The renowned Bader Collection of 200 pieces of European art paintings includes three by Rembrandt.

www.agnes.queensu.ca

› ISABEL BADER

The Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts is an 80,000-square-foot world-class facility purpose built to create exceptional experiences for our students and audiences alike. The site of the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts, on the shore of Lake Ontario, was previously known as the J.K. Tett Creativity Complex. The site included the J.K. Tett Centre, the former stable building and the Stella Buck building. Queen’s purchased the stable and Stella Buck buildings as the site for the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts.

www.theisabel.ca
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▶ TETT CENTRE
The Tett Centre is a City of Kingston-owned heritage building on the Lake Ontario waterfront. It is operated by the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning, a not-for-profit arts organization made up of tenant groups and community members. It originally formed part of the Morton Brewery and Distillery Company, which was built in the mid-19th century. If you are visiting Kingston, The Tett Center offers lots of opportunity to enrich yourself in Canadian arts, such as plays, concerts, dance and hands on workshops and classes. We have many visitors and members who join us from nearby places like Inverary, Verona, Seeley’s Bay, Mallorytown, Belleville, Odessa and beyond. The Tett contributes to a vibrant arts community in Kingston by fostering collaboration among the tenant groups and with Queen’s University, the Kingston community and beyond. The fully accessible Tett Centre engages and supports artists of all disciplines and levels of expertise.

www.tettcentre.org

▶ BELLEVUE HOUSE
This is Canada’s first Prime Minister, Sir John A Macdonald’s former residence, and a stylish example of Tuscan architecture in Upper Canada from the 1800’s. 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.


▶ CITY HALL
A prominent landmark on the Kingston waterfront since 1844, City Hall is the symbolic centre of the community’s civic government and administration. Originally designed by architect George Browne when Kingston was the capital of the United Province of Canada, City Hall is one of finest 19th century buildings in Canada and a nationally designated heritage site. In additional to municipal government and City Council, the building has hosted many different organizations and services over the years including a bank, a saloon, church groups, theatre productions, a court room and a women’s medical school.

www.cityofkingston.ca/explore/culture-history/history/city-hall
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Kingston’s Visitor Information Centre is located across from historic City Hall and is open daily to answer all of your questions about what to see and do or where to stay or dine. They have information on attractions, events and everything Kingston. They sell Kingston souvenirs, gifts and products, as well as tickets for some of Kingston's world-class attractions.
www.downtownkingston.ca/business/visitor-information-centre

KINGSTON PENITENTIARY TOURS
Tours through Kingston Penitentiary will offer a rare and unique opportunity to go behind the walls of Canada’s oldest and most notorious maximum security prison. Closed in 2013, the guided tours will provide an up-close look at KP as an amazing historical building and a national historic site, which predates Canadian confederation.
www.kingstonpentour.com

FORT HENRY
Fort Henry is administered by Parks Canada and operated by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. Uniformed military interpreters known as the Fort Henry Guard staff the fort and conduct demonstrations of British military life and tours for visitors. Self-guided tours are also available. Other activities and demonstrations include historical re-enactments of drills and battle tactics, the Garrison Parade, the Victorian School Room, and the Muster Parade, where young visitors are dressed in period uniforms and taught to march by a qualified member of the Guard. A Sunset Ceremony is held every Wednesday and Saturday in July and August, where a full program of historic drill, music and artillery is presented. During evenings year-round a tour company conducts tours of the fort that highlight the fort’s supposedly haunted past.
www.forthenry.com

MURNEY TOWER
Built in 1846 as part of the defensive Martello tower fortifications of Kingston, this museum has 3 floors displaying a collection of military and domestic artifacts of 19th-century Kingston.
www.kingstonmuseums.ca/murney-tower-national-historic-site-of-canada
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› KINGSTON 1000 ISLANDS CRUISES
At Kingston 1000 Island Cruises the theme is Food, Fun and Entertainment Ships! They are committed to fine food services, live entertainment and first-rate service aboard a fleet of three vessels that sail into the 1000 Islands from downtown Kingston. Guests can depart on a 3h Heart of the Islands sightseeing cruise, a lunch cruise or a sunset dinner cruises featuring a four course meal aboard the 1000 Islands’ only gourmet floating bistro.
www.1000islandscruises.ca

› KINGSTON TROLLEY
Kingston Trolley Tours takes an in-depth tour of Kingston’s historic downtown and waterfront, stopping at all of the city’s most well-known visitor destinations including Fort Henry, the Penitentiary Museum, and Queen’s University. Guests can hop off at any stop, stay for as however long, then hop back on and continue the tour. Trolleys follow a figure-8 route that divides the route into two halves: guests can begin with the east half of the tour, hop off at the Market Square stop (Stop 4) to get lunch, and take a cruise, then continue with the West half of the tour.
www.kingstontrolley.ca

› GRAND THEATRE
One of the main cultural venues in the greater Kingston region, the City of Kingston’s Grand Theatre serves as the prime performing arts venue for hundreds of professional and amateur performances annually including ballet, modern dance, theatre, variety, musicals, comedy and more.
www.kingstongrand.ca/about-grand-theatre

› IMPROBABLE ESCAPES
An activity that challenges all that is normal! Attempt to find keys, piece together clues and solve puzzles in order to make your way through the game and escape before time runs out! The odds are Improbable, are you up for the challenge? Perfect for team building and corporate groups along with fun for the whole family. Permanent location on Bagot St and pop up sites include City Hall, Murney Tower, Fort Henry and Bellevue House.
www.improbableescapes.com
BOILER ROOM
To provide a safe and fun atmosphere where climbers of all ages and abilities can enjoy a positive and rewarding experience. Climbing is a sport that can be enjoyed by everyone. Whether you are coming in just to have some fun, or you are trying to find a new hobby, we will provide you with everything you need to make your visit memorable.
www.climbinggym.ca

HAUNTED WALKS
Just a couple of the walks available through Haunted Walks are a tried and true favourite for all age.
The Original Haunted Walk of Kingston (Feb – Nov) Special midnight tours available on select evenings;
The Haunted Walk Experience at Fort Henry (May – Oct)
www.hauntedwalk.com

KINGSTON PUMPHOUSE MUSEUM
Located steps away from City Hall and the market square and in the heart of Kingston’s historic downtown,
Waterfront Gifts & Apparel features unique clothing, jewelry and gifts, focusing on local and made in Canada items, plus unique finds from around the world.
www.kingstonpumphouse.ca

KINGSTON ASSOCIATION MUSEUM
With over 25 museums and galleries, there is something for everyone.
www.kingstonmuseums.ca

QUEEN’S OBSERVATORY
and their free monthly Open Houses (on the second Saturday of every month):
It’s the most popular public attraction on campus!
http://observatory.phy.queensu.ca/index.html