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Homes for the Holidays! Historic Sites Put Heritage in Holidays

Sir George-Étienne
Cartier House,
Montréal, Quebec

*La maison sir
George-Étienne
Cartier, Montréal
(Québec)*

The holiday season is often a time for looking back, cherishing memories and sharing cultural traditions. Many historic sites and heritage museums host special activities or tours allowing visitors to mix the joy of the holiday season with a celebration of the past.

Here are some of Canada's historic sites that are putting heritage in the holidays this season.

Sir George-Étienne Cartier National Historic Site
458 Notre-Dame St. East, Montréal, Quebec

This historic house presents the life and work of Sir George-Étienne Cartier (1814-1873), one of Canada's Fathers of Confederation. The Cartier family home has been meticulously restored according to the tastes and customs of the Montréal bourgeoisie of the 1860s. Holiday programming includes *The Holiday Magic*, *Festive Tours*, *Storytelling* and *At the Christmas Table*, where the mysteries of a Victorian-era menu and the rules of entertaining are unravelled. Visit www.pc.gc.ca.

Photo: Lougheed House Museum



Lougheed House Museum National Historic Site

707 13th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta

Built in 1891 by Sen. James A. Lougheed for his wife, Isabella Hardisty, the house still stands as a historic landmark in the city. Today it is operated by the Lougheed House Conservation Society and offers visitors guided tours, special events, school programming, and more. This holiday season Lougheed House is presenting *Christmas All Through the House*, a fundraising event that transforms rooms into portraits of Christmas past and present. Visit www.lougheedhouse.com.

Fulford Place

287 King St. East, Brockville, Ontario

George Taylor Fulford made millions of dollars from “Pink Pills for Pale People”—a patent medicine he sold around the world. He built Fulford Place in 1899 overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River. Donated to the Ontario Heritage Trust in 1987, the vast house and grounds opened to the public after extensive restoration work. Trees festooned with postcards, flags, bugles and glass ornaments, greenery, candles and cranberry glass make a festive backdrop to the Friends of Fulford Place Association’s annual *Edwardian Holiday Tea*. Visit www.heritagefdn.on.ca.

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Cumberland Heritage Village Museum

2940 Old Montreal Rd., Cumberland, Ontario

A pioneer village of 28 buildings on 25 hectares recreates the rural life of the area in the 1920s and 1930s. The living museum is complete with residences, a schoolhouse, firehall, church and community hall, as well as a working sawmill, relocated railway station and early Imperial gas station. Visitors are invited to experience a *Cultural Christmas* where Irish and German traditions are shared—from cultural foods and activities to music and horse-drawn sleigh rides. Visit www.ottawa.ca.

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