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HISTORY COMES TO LIFE THIS SUMMER AT FORT GIBRALTAR

SAINT-BONIFACE, May 11, 2017 – Fort Gibraltar’s Historical Interpretive Centre is officially opening its doors to the public on Monday, May 15th. Guided tours will be offered until August 27. Locals and tourists will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in history and become acquainted with the fascinating beginnings of the Red River Colony.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH OUR INTERPRETERS

Travel all the way back to the year 1815, the fur trade era, and meet the colourful characters who lived in and around Fort Gibraltar. Our passionate bilingual interpreters will tour you around the blacksmith shop, the trading post, the workshop, the campfire, the warehouse and the winterers’ cabin. Through it all you’ll learn about the daily chores, traditions and hobbies of the inhabitants of Fort Gibraltar as well as the bitter rivalry between two fur trading giants; the Northwest and Hudson’s Bay companies.

EXPLORE THE FORT WITH YOUR STUDENTS

From May 15th to June 30th, 2017, Fort Gibraltar offers educational historical tours as part of Festival du Voyageur’s summer school program presented by **Bell MTS**. These tours can be booked Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our experienced interpreters adapt the tours to the participants’ ages and can accommodate groups from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Please note that **Fort Gibraltar remains open to the public during the school program hours**.

FREE ENTRY FOR 2 DAYS ONLY

Admission at Fort Gibraltar will be free for 2 days only. Fort Gibraltar will once again take part in *Doors Open Winnipeg*, when 80 historic sites across Winnipeg open their doors to the public. For the occasion, we will be open to the public **Sunday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** This year’s event coincides with the Union nationale métisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba’s annual picnic which takes place at Whittier Park, adjacent to Fort Gibraltar. Join us as we celebrate Manitoba’s strong francophone Métis culture. Admission will also be free on Canada Day.

A FUNDRAISING FEAST AT FORT GIBRALTAR

Festival du Voyageur is proud to present **Le Grand Régál 1815**, a **fundraising event** for our **Francofonds fund**. Le Grand Régál 1815 will be held on **June 15 at Fort Gibraltar** (866 Saint-Joseph Street) as of **6 p.m.!** Inspired by the large feasts that were held on the eve of the voyageurs’ long and arduous journeys to what is now known as Western Canada, Le Grand Régál 1815 will recreate the camaraderie and celebratory atmosphere of yesteryear. Festival du Voyageur’s much loved vibe will be front and center during this **unique culinary and cultural experience**.

For more information regarding admission, hours of operation and summer programming at Fort Gibraltar, please visit our new website at www.fortgibraltar.com. If you would like to keep up to date with the news regarding our interpretive center please subscribe to Festival du Voyageur’s [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts.

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About Fort Gibraltar:

Originally built at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers in 1810, Fort Gibraltar was a North West Company fur trade post built to control the region’s pemmican traffic. Festival du Voyageur Inc. built the existing fort in Saint-Boniface on the bank of the Red River, in 1978.