

## 2014 ROYAL TOUR + SPECIAL FEATURE + MAY 19, 2014

## **Their Royal Highnesses Visit Pier 21**

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The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market before making their way a few doors down to Pier 21 and the Canadian Museum of Immigration. This was near the Cunard Centre where the parents of Prince Charles, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh, had attended a reception in 2010.

Prince Charles and Camilla smiled for photos for an enthusiastic crowd as they entered Pier 21 to attend a Tea to pay tribute to war brides and veterans of World War II. Canada's military involvement was a central theme of the Royal Couple's tour of Halifax, and Pier 21 was the main point of departure for the almost 500,000 Canadian military personnel who served overseas in World War II. It has also served as an entry point for thousands of refugees, immigrants, war brides and children who fled Britain during the war.

Liz Rigney and members of the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy played period music on a stage shaped like a ship while participants enjoyed tea, sandwiches, biscuits and preserves.

As with their other stops, Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, took time to mingle with their guests. They took time to stop at each table to meet the veterans and war brides and listen to their stories. Before departing they both signed the official Guest Book.







After the event, they talked and shook hands with people on their way to the motorcade which left for the Robert L. Stanfield International Airport and a short flight to Trenton Airport for a tour of Pictou, Nova Scotia and a celebration of Celtic heritage at the Hector Heritage Quay. Later in the day the Royal Couple flew to Charlottetown to begin their tour of Prince Edward Island.









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