

RENTAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Diefenbunker: Canada's Cold War Museum

2026

INTRODUCTION

The Diefenbunker is Canada's most significant surviving Cold War artifact – it is an impressive four-storey underground facility that operated as the country's central communications headquarters during the Cold War, ready at any moment in case of a nuclear attack. Today, it is a one-of-a-kind museum and national historic site located in Canada's capital, preserving our history and telling stories of national and international importance.

Descend into history and immerse yourself in stories and artifacts from the past. We offer one-of-a-kind exhibitions, tours, programs, events, escape rooms, and rental spaces for tourists, students, groups, and businesses.

FACILITY RENTALS

Are you looking for a unique, out-of-the-box experience for your event? The Diefenbunker has rental spaces that can accommodate groups of up to 150 people for meetings, catered events, weddings, and evening receptions. Let us host your event, 75 feet underground!



RENTAL SPACES

Please see the table below for a summary of the spaces available for rentals. Rates listed exclude catering and alcohol services, supplementary materials (e.g., A/V, linens), and additional fees (e.g., staffing fees, cleaning fees).

Location	Capacity	Rate	Details
400 Level			
Allard Gallery	15-40*	\$110.25/hour	
Learning Lab	15-35*	\$110.25/hour	
300 Level			
War Cabinet Room	20	\$165.90/hour	Not available Thursday evenings through Sunday evenings.
Federal Warning Centre	20	\$165.90/hour	Not available Thursday evenings through Sunday evenings.
Conference Room	20-50*	\$121.80/hour	Not available Thursday evenings through Sunday evenings.
200 Level			
Youth Room	20	\$110.25/hour	Not available during Spy Camp or Bunker Birthday Parties.
Cafeteria (Daytime Hourly – up to 5 hours)	100-130*	\$176.40/hour	Applicable from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for any rental period up to 5 hours long.
Cafeteria (Full Day – 5+ hours)	100-130*	\$1234.80	Applicable from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for any rental period between 5 and 8 hours long. Additional hourly rate applies past the 8-hour period.
Cafeteria (Evening Hourly)	100-130*	\$254.10/hour	Applicable from 4:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for any rental period up to 5 hours long.
Cafeteria (Full Evening)	100-130*	\$1,984.50	Applicable from 4:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for any rental period between 5 and 8 hours long. Additional hourly rate applies past the 8-hour period.
Cafeteria (Evening Afterhours)	100-130*	\$400/hour	Applicable from 11:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

100 Level			
Bank of Canada Vault (Daytime Hourly – up to 5 hours)	60	\$176.40/hour	Applicable from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for any rental period up to 5 hours long.
Bank of Canada Vault (Full Day – 5+ hours)	60	\$1,234.80	Applicable from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for any rental period between 5 and 8 hours long. Additional hourly rate applies past the 8-hour period.
Bank of Canada Vault (Evening – up to 5 hours)	60	\$254.10/hour	Applicable from 4:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for any rental period up to 5 hours long.
Bank of Canada Vault (Full Evening – 5+ hours)	60	\$1,653.75	Applicable from 4:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for any rental period between 5 and 8 hours long. Additional hourly rate applies past the 8-hour period.
Bank of Canada Vault (Evening Afterhours)	60	\$400/hour	Applicable from 11:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
Outdoors			
Helipad	200	\$176.40/hour	Tent rental not included.
All Levels			
Entire Bunker	420	Please contact our team for more information.	

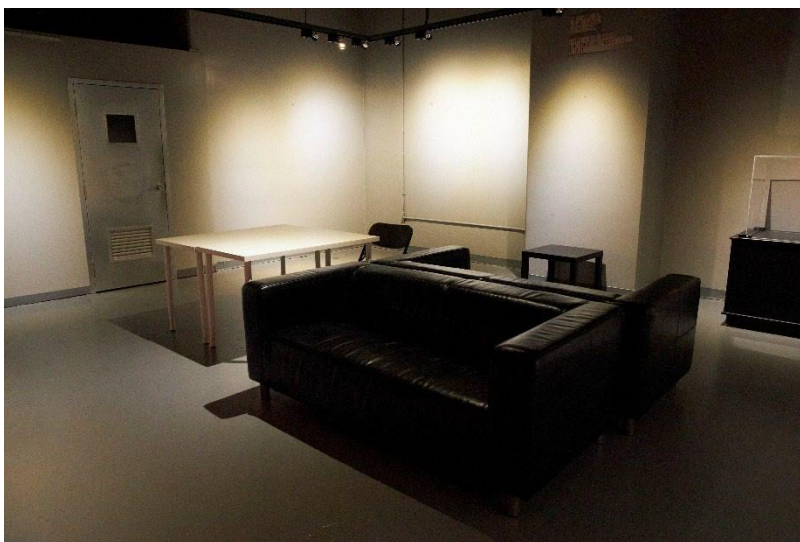
*Capacity dependent upon layout and seating arrangements.

400 Level

Allard Gallery

Capacity: 15-40* | \$110.25/hour

Intimate gallery space named for General Jean Victor Allard, Chief of the Defence Staff from 1966 to 1969.



Learning Lab

Capacity: 15-35* | \$110.25/hour

Bright and colourful room often used for camps and programs.



300 Level

War Cabinet Room

Capacity: 20 | \$165.90/hour

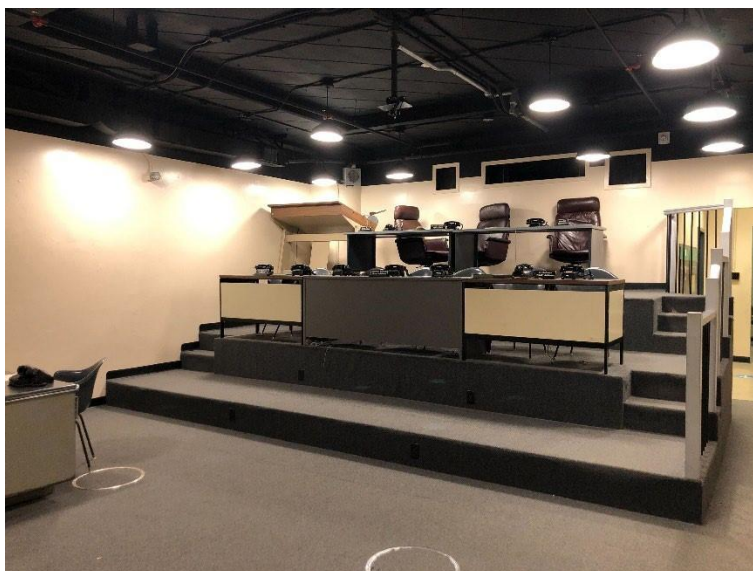
A room with a powerful presence, where important decisions would have been made by members of the Canadian federal government sitting around the table. Equipped with modern-day projector and SMART board.



Federal Warning Centre

Capacity: 20 | \$165.90/hour

Personnel in this room would have received information from NORAD and activated Canada's Attack Warning Sirens and Emergency Broadcasting System if necessary. Equipped with a projector screen.



Conference Room

Capacity: 20-50* | \$121.80/hour

Modern meeting space, equipped with a white board and large screen display.



200 Level

Youth Room

Capacity: 20 | \$110.25/hour

Home to Spy Camp, featuring an original mural that depicts the beautiful Yosemite Falls.



Cafeteria

Capacity: 100-130* | \$176.40/hour (Daytime, under 5 hours) | \$254.10/hour (Evening, under 5 hours) | \$1,234.80 (Full Day, over 5 hours) | \$1,984.50 (Full Evening, over 5 hours) | \$400/hour (After 11:30 p.m.)

Immerse yourself in the 60s with the Cafeteria's bright colours and classic serving counter. The Cafeteria would have been open 24 hours a day, serving meals every three hours and providing space for recreation and a "view" of the outside with the mural of Alberta's Bow Valley.



100 Level

Bank of Canada Vault

Capacity: 48-50* | \$176.40/hour (Daytime, under 5 hours) | \$254.10/hour (Evening, under 5 hours) | \$1,234.80 (Full Day, over 5 hours) | \$1,984.50 (Full Evening, over 5 hours) | \$400/hour (After 11:30 p.m.)

**Please note that this space is colder than the rest of the facility and temperatures cannot be adjusted.*

Host your guests in this cavernous space in the depths of the Diefenbunker that was designed to hold all of Canada's gold reserve in the event of a nuclear attack. When you enter through the solid stainless-steel door, you are 75 feet underground.



Outdoors

Helipad

Capacity: 200 | \$176.40/hour

Spend some time above ground on our Helipad, which was used for a helicopter landing by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau during his visit in 1976.



All Levels

Entire Bunker

Capacity: 390* | Contact reservations@diefenbunker.ca for more information.

**Please note that maximum capacity is divided over all four levels. Individual spaces are subject to their own capacity restrictions.*

Experience Canada's most significant Cold War artifact in its entirety — all its unique spaces and stories seemingly frozen in time.



CATERING & ALCOHOL SERVICES

We offer catering services through our preferred local caterers. If you would like to contract your own caterer, we are happy to accommodate, subject to an external catering fee of \$193.20. Please note for external caterers that the Diefenbunker does not have an active kitchen and all food must arrive pre-cooked. We also have a strict No Open Flames policy.

Catering Menu

The table below outlines menu offerings with our preferred local caterers. Minimum of 10 to order. Taxes, delivery, and gratuity not included. Offerings and rates subject to change.

Vegetarian options available upon request. Please indicate any dietary requirements, allergies, and special menu requests and our caterers will do their best to accommodate. There is an additional fee of \$7.00 per person for accommodated meals.

Item	Price per person	Details
Breakfast		
All options include seasonal fruit, juice, and cookie.		
Continental Breakfast Box	\$28.00	Includes muffin, pastry, breakfast parfait.
Full Breakfast Box	\$31.00	Includes choice of bagel sandwich (plain cream cheese, BLT, or salmon).
Lunch		
All options include seasonal fruit, juice, and cookie.		
Regular Lunch Box	\$31.00	Choice of ham & cheese croissant or sourdough bread -OR- Italian sandwich.
Full Lunch Box	\$35.00	Choice of roast beef on baguette sandwich -OR- chicken Caesar wrap.
Dinner – Individual Boxes		
All options include chocolate brownie and choice of market salad -OR- Caesar salad. Add seasonal soup for an additional \$8.00.		
Smoked Chicken, Sausage, and Shrimp Jambalaya	\$37.00	
Bi Bim Bap – Rice Bowl	\$35.00	Served with vegetables and choice of beef -OR- chicken -OR- tofu, with fried egg on top.
Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken and Shaved Parmesan	\$35.00	

Hot Buffet

All options include chocolate brownie and choice of market salad -OR- Caesar salad. Add seasonal soup for an additional \$8.00.

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera	\$35.00	Served with a rosé sauce & fresh parmesan.
Sweet & Spicy BBQ Pork	\$36.00	Included roasted vegetable side dish.
Butter Chicken	\$37.00	Included rice & roasted vegetable side dishes.
Chicken Florentine Au Gratin	\$39.00	Included roast potato & vegetable side dishes.
Roast Beef Au Jus	\$41.00	Included roast potato & vegetable side dishes.
Choose two main menu items	\$43.00	
Choose three main menu items	\$46.00	
Choose four main menu items	\$49.00	

Finger Foods – Additional Options Available Upon Request

Regular Platter serves 10 to 15 people. Large Platter serves 20 to 30 people.

Spring Rolls	\$39.95	20 pieces. Upgrade to 40 pieces (Large Platter), \$75.95.
Bruschetta	\$39.95	20 pieces. Upgrade to 40 pieces (Large Platter), \$75.95.
Vegetable Platter	\$86.00	Comes with two types of dip. Upgrade to the Large Platter, \$161.00.
Salad	\$66.00	Choice between Market and Caesar Salad. Serves 10 to 15 people. Upgrade to the Large Salad, \$121.00.
Fruit Platter	\$121.00	Upgrade to the Large Platter, \$201.00.
Cheese Platter	\$141.00	Upgrade to the Large Platter, \$221.00.
Cold-Cut Platter	\$141.00	Upgrade to the Large Platter, \$221.00.
Charcuterie Board	\$241.00	Serves 20 to 30 people.
Chocolate Brownie	\$61.00	20 pieces of dessert. Upgrade to 40 pieces (Large Platter), \$101.00.

Alcohol

The Diefenbunker is a licensed facility and can provide open bars or cash bars upon request. Please see the below table for a summary of pricing.

Item	Fee
Beer/Cider/Wine (per glass)	\$8.41
Mixed Beverage – Bar Rail (per glass)	\$10.62
Mixed Beverage – Premium Cocktail (per glass)	\$12.60 to \$15.75
Wine Bottle	\$26.25 to \$39.90
Bartending Fee (per bartender)	\$165.90

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

A/V Equipment

All rentals have access to the Diefenbunker's available A/V equipment as part of the rental fee, including projectors and a sound system. Please indicate your A/V needs on your application form. The Diefenbunker can provide additional equipment through local suppliers if necessary, subject to a corresponding fee.

Tables & Seating

The Diefenbunker provides tables, seating, and associated logistical setup for all rentals as part of the rental fee. The Diefenbunker can provide additional tables and seating through local suppliers if necessary, subject to a corresponding fee.

Linens

The Diefenbunker has several black tablecloths available for rent at the following rates when required for table setup:

Banquet Setup	Fee
0-25 people	\$52.50
26-70 people	\$105.00
71 plus people	\$157.50

The Diefenbunker can provide additional styles, colours, and quantities through local suppliers if necessary, subject to a corresponding fee.

Dinnerware, Glassware & Flatware

The Diefenbunker can provide dinnerware, glassware, and flatware through local suppliers if necessary, subject to a corresponding fee.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Music Licensing Fees

For all rentals involving music (live or pre-recorded), the Diefenbunker is required to remit a music licensing fee.

Item	Fee
0-100 people (without dancing)	\$52.50
0-100 people (with dancing)	\$78.75
101+ (without dancing)	\$78.75
101+ (with dancing)	\$105.00

Staffing Fees

Staffing fees are applicable during rentals that fall outside of the museum's normal operational hours (after 4:30 p.m.).

Item	Fee
Staffing Fee (per staff member)	\$24.00/hour
Staffing Fee (per staff member, overtime) (applicable between 11:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.)	\$37.00/hour

Cleaning Fees

Item	Fee
0-25 people	\$93.45
26-70 people	\$159.60
71+ people	\$320.25

GROUP TOURS

We are happy to accommodate private guided tours of the Diefenbunker as part of a rental. Please see the below table for rates. Prices below exclude tax. Rates valid until December 31, 2026.

Type	Fee	Cancellation Fee
60-minute Tour: 90-minute tours available upon request for an additional fee.		
Adult (18+)	\$17.50	\$8.75
Senior (60+)	\$16.25	\$8.10
Youth (6-17)	\$9.50	\$4.75
Student (18+)	\$12.00	\$6.00
Adult - Military	\$15.75	\$8.50
Senior - Military	\$14.00	\$7.50
After-Hours Fee (after 4:30 p.m.)	\$3.50	N/A

ESCAPE ROOMS

The Diefenbunker and Escape Manor have partnered to bring you the world's largest escape room: Escape the Diefenbunker. Challenge yourself and your friends or co-workers to two different escape experiences, each taking place over an entire floor (25,000 square feet!) of an underground Cold War-era bunker. Use logic and teamwork to find clues, solve puzzles, and make it out before the clock counts down.

We offer two different escape experiences that can be accommodated as part of a rental:

- **“Covert Ops” (300 Level)**
- **“Radioactive” (100 Level)**

Escape experiences are coordinated with Escape Manor to ensure availability, at a rate of \$41 per person plus tax. Our usual Escape Room operating hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings after the museum has closed to the public. Escape experiences booked outside of these hours are charged for a minimum of 12 people. Each Escape Room can accommodate a maximum of 15 participants.

Please note that “Covert Ops” is not available during regular museum operating hours (weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; weekends 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), and that when “Covert Ops” is running, we are unable to access the 300 Level of the museum to provide guided tours or room rentals. Other levels of the museum remain accessible.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please fill out our [Rental Registration Form](#) and email it to reservations@diefenbunker.ca at least two weeks prior to your rental date. Last minute applications are still considered when possible.

For more details, please call our Reservations and Administrative Coordinator at 613-839-0007 x227. Please note that all applications must be made in writing to be considered.

We look forward to welcoming you underground!