

What happened to guided tours?

- After many years, we've decided to retire the program offering of guided tours for school groups.
- We understand that many teachers have enjoyed guided tours with their classes over the years. We hope that you'll enjoy our new Self-Guided Discovery Visits just as much, and see how they can work with your students and field trip needs!
- The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village regularly reviews programs and offerings to ensure that we're meeting the needs of our audience and operating within our capacity.
- We've evaluated teacher feedback from the past few years and have seen again and again that access to the historic buildings and interpreters is very important to teachers.
- Switching to self-guided spring school programs allows us to maximize the number of historic buildings that are open and the number of costumed interpreters that we have on site for students to learn from.
- We know that there's no one-size-fits-all solution when it comes to school programming. Self-guided programming allows greater flexibility for schools who have different bell/bus schedules, longer travel times, or specific needs and wants for their program experience.
- Self-guided programming will allow for greater student choice, expression, and curiosity in their visit. Students will become more active participants and learners, rather than simply listening to a tour guide. Our interpreters and activities will spark curiosity, engage students, and provide opportunities for hands-on experiences.
- If you'd like to further discuss this change or if you have additional questions, please feel free to email us at uchvbookings@gov.ab.ca.