

MANITOULIN ISLAND

3 Days | Northern Ontario Student Tour

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TOUR SNAPSHOT

Take your class to Northern Ontario on this 3-day student tour to Manitoulin Island. Discover the traditions and history of the Indigenous peoples of Odawa Mnis as you tour the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Learn about the sacred Smudging ceremony and the Medicine Wheel. Hike the Cup and Saucer Trail and the Bridal Veil Falls. This school trip will inspire your class to embark on a lifetime of travel.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Sites & Activities:

Cup and Saucer hike, Smudging and Medicine Wheel workshop, Unceded Territory guided tour, traditional culinary experience, community drum social, guided tour at the Ojibway Cultural Foundation, Bridal Veil Falls Walk and Nature Trail, Kagawong visit



Your Brightspark
Tour Leader



Accommodations
2 nights hotel



Transportation
Private motor coach



Meals
2 breakfasts, 2 packed
lunches, 2 dinners





WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Our Tour Leaders Make All The Difference:** They are experts in fun and are equipped with educational content and interactive games that keep your students engaged. Extensively trained and masters in logistics, they deal with all the details to ensure a stress-free class trip!
- **The Best Support:** Our team is with you every step of the way from itinerary planning to board paperwork, online payment collection, and 24/7 on-tour assistance. We are dedicated to making the planning process simple and easy.
- **Go. Discover. Inspire:** You are not a tourist, but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.



EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

We have 40+ years of travel experience, exceptional supplier relationships, and an impeccable safety record, so you can rest assured your tour will be sparktacular!

95%
OF TEACHERS
LOVE OUR
TOURS

40+
YEARS OF
TRAVEL
EXPERIENCE

33K+
PASSENGERS
TRAVELLED
LAST YEAR



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

THE BEST INSURANCE

Feel safe with the knowledge that your students are fully protected with cancellation insurance provided by Travel Guard, which includes school board cancellation for **ANY REASON.**



"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime. Our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele, went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"

Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB

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DAY 1

- 7:30 a.m. **Board your motor coach and depart.** Appropriate rest and meal stops will be made. En route, your Tour Leader will get to know the students and lead discussions.
- 2:30 p.m. **Cup and Saucer Hike.** Part of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve, the Cup and Saucer Trail is named for its unique rock shapes. Spectacular views await you!
- 5:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m. **Welcome to Manitoulin & Introduction to Smudging and Sacred Medicine Teachings.** Learn the meaning and significance of the Medicine Wheel and Smudging, which are an integral part of many Indigenous cultures, during this workshop.

DAY 2

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **The Unceded Journey.** Learn the history of Odawa Mnis (Manitoulin Island) and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on this guided tour. You will marvel at the views of Manitowaning Bay from the Buzwah Lookout. Learn about the history of the Jesuits as you visit the oldest Catholic church in northern Ontario and make a stop at Holy Cross Mission Ruins, a residential school site.
- 12:30 p.m. **Packed lunch**
- 2:00 p.m. **Traditional Culinary Experience.** Participate in traditional culinary methods with sampling to follow.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m. **Community Drum Social.** Enjoy an introduction to an interactive Drum Social, featuring Rolling Thunder dance traditions.

DAY 3

- 7:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel** and load your luggage into your motor coach.
- 9:00 a.m. **Guided Tour at the Ojibway Cultural Foundation.** Learn about culture, spirituality, and traditions of the Anishinaabe people of Mnídoo Mnising and the surrounding areas. Begin to understand the legacy of the residential school system through art, language, songs, and stories.
- 10:15 a.m. **Bridal Falls Walk and Nature Trail.** This beautiful waterfall is more than 10 metres in height, fed from interior Lake Kagawong.
- 11:30 a.m. **Visit Kagawong.** Learn of Kagawong history as you visit the Old Mill Heritage Centre, Kagawong Lighthouse, and the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church. Explore local shops, including Manitoulin Chocolate Works and Boo-Bah-Lou Candy Cabin!
- 12:00 p.m. **Packed lunch**
- 8:00 p.m. **Welcome home!**

START PLANNING NOW!



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