

QUÉBEC CITY, MONTRÉAL & OTTAWA

7 Days | *Canada's History Student Tour*

BrightsparkSM



TOUR SNAPSHOT

This 7-day student trip to Québec City, Montréal, and Ottawa will take your students on a grand tour of Canadian history, culture, and politics. Soak in the unique architecture of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Old Town Québec City. Travel to Montréal to learn more about local history and culture with visits to an archeology museum, a space camp training simulator, and tours of iconic buildings like Notre Dame Basilica. Enjoy meals at local restaurants, views from Mount Royal, and then head to Canada's capital and Parliament Hill. Learn more about Canadian history at the Canadian War Museum and the Canadian Museum of History, and with a haunted tour of Ottawa. Your class will experience the unique cultures of Canadian cities, their local history, and more on this 7-day trip!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Sites & Activities:

Orientation Walk of Upper Town & Lower Town in Québec City, Musée du Fort, La Citadelle, Érablière du la Beauport, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica, Albert Gilles Copper Museum, Orientation Walk Old Montréal, Notre Dame Basilica, Pointe-à-Callière Museum, Cosmodome Gemini Space Camp, Mount Royal, Haunted Jail Tour, Canadian War Museum, Canadian Museum of History, National Gallery of Canada, Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, RCMP Rockcliffe Stables



Brightspark Exclusives:

La Chasse: the Hunt for Champlain's Remains, Quel Beau Pré, Discover Bytown, Sussex Drive Coach Tour, Gala Evening



**Your Brightspark
Tour Leader**



Accommodations
6 nights hotel



Transportation
Flights, private motor
coach



Meals
6 breakfasts, 6 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!
- **Always Something Fresh:** Brightspark Exclusive activities encourage participation through experiential education. Whether it's a Mystery Heist in Ottawa or Escaping the Port in Montréal, these activities add a WOW factor to your tour.
- **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, 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



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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

- 11:00 a.m. **Arrive in Montréal then transfer to your motor coach and depart for Québec City.**
- 3:00 p.m. **Orientation Walk of Upper Town.** Experience the city as it was in the days of New France. Your Tour Leader will guide you through the upper half of the UNESCO World Heritage Site to see Cannon Ball Tree, Rue du Trésor, or Artist Alley, and the iconic Château Frontenac.
- 5:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 p.m. **La Chasse: The Hunt for Champlain's Remains.** Your students will become amateur sleuths as they try to uncover the lost remains of Samuel de Champlain. Learn about the real-life events that led to the disappearance of Champlain's burial site as you explore Québec City with your Tour Leader.
- 10:00 p.m. **Night security** each evening between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

DAY 2

- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Sound and light presentation at Musée du Fort.** Watch as the Musée du Fort takes you on an extraordinary journey in time with a sound and light show that recounts the military history of Québec City. Make sure you pay attention, after the show you will take part in our interactive game for a chance to win a prize!
- 10:45 a.m. **Orientation Walk of Lower Town.** Experience the city as it was in the days of New France. Your Tour Leader will guide your through the lower half of the UNESCO World Heritage Site to see the Place Royal, and Fresque du Petit-Champlain.
- 11:45 a.m. **Explore Old Québec.** In small groups you will visit rue du Trésor, the street of artists, and the many shops and boutiques. Lunch at your own cost.
- 2:30 p.m. **Guided tour of the Citadelle/Royal 22e Régiment Museum.** Built by the British following the war of 1812, La Citadelle is the fortress home of the Royal 22e Régiment. A guided tour introduces students to the Citadelle's history and that of the "Vandoos".
- 6:00 p.m. **French Canadian Dinner at Érablière du Lac Beauport.** Enjoy a traditional sugar shack meal followed by lively folk music, dancing and maple taffy served on snow. You will also visit the maple sugar museum and the trapper camp where you will learn about the ancient and modern techniques of Québec trappers.
- 7:00 p.m. **Evening Walk, Bonfire and Marshmallows.** Wander through a forest of over 10,000 maple trees in the Maple Sugar Bush, followed by an evening bonfire where students will relax and roast marshmallows.

DAY 3

- 7:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 7:45 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 8:15 a.m. **Quel Beau Pré!** Explore the route to Nouvelle France and the people that inhabited the coast throughout history. As you drive along this historic coastline, your students will learn about a few of the important figures that once called this area home.
- 9:00 a.m. **Self-Guided Visit of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica.** Discover the Romanesque cathedral that began as a shrine to honour Saint Anne. Every year hundreds of thousands of tourists and pilgrims visit this impressive church where miracles are still believed to occur.
- 10:30 a.m. **Workshop at the Albert Gilles Copper Museum.** Visit the exhibition of 50 hand-wrought silver panels, executed by the internationally renowned artisan, Albert Gilles. After, experience the technique of "repoussé" with a hands-on workshop resulting in pieces students can take home.
- 11:30 a.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for Montréal.**
- 3:00 p.m. **Montréal Science Centre.** Enjoy a trip to the a vast interactive science complex that allows visitors to discover the major scientific and technological secrets of our time.
- 5:00 p.m. **Old Montréal Orientation Tour.** Your Tour Leader will guide you through Old Montréal to learn about this historic district. Students will see the historic Notre Dame Basilica, Place Jacques-Cartier and oldest skyscraper in Canada, the New York Life Insurance Building.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

DAY 4

- 7:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Biodome and Olympic Tower.** Enjoy the cable car ride up to the Olympic Park Observatory and the Biodome. The Olympic Park is made up of the Stadium, the Montréal Tower the Sports Centre, the fields and the outside grounds.
- 12:30 p.m. **Explore Old Montréal.** Free time to shop and explore the cobblestone streets of Old Montréal. Lunch at your own cost.
- 2:30 p.m. **Visit and Intro Tour of the Notre Dame Basilica.** Situated in the heart of Old Montréal, Notre Dame is an architectural masterpiece. Students will learn the history of the basilica as they marvel at the gorgeous paintings, sculptures and stained glass.
- 3:30 p.m. **Guided Tour of Pointe-à-Callière Museum.** The archaeology museum of Montréal looks at the history of the region dating back thousands of years.
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 6:00 p.m. **Quilles G Plus le Forum.** Enjoy two games of cosmic bowling at where you can dust off your bowling shoes and get ready for the good times to roll.



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DAY 5

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**

9:30 a.m. **Mount Royal Lookout.** The group will head up to the top of Mount Royal to get a bird's eye view of the city. From the lookout, students will get a great view of the Saint Lawrence River and the Monteregian Hills - the perfect place for pictures!

10:30 a.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for Ottawa.**

1:00 p.m. **The Byward Market.** Time to have lunch on your own and explore one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets. Lieutenant Colonel John By, builder of the Rideau Canal, laid out the plan for the market, which features museums, cafes, specialty food shops, restaurants and more.

2:00 p.m. **Discover Bytown.** Explore Ottawa's past and present with your Tour Leader as you walk through the important historical landmarks of our capital. Students will discover the dubious history of Bytown as they are guided through the streets of the Byward Market, walk along the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, see the National War Memorial, and visit the steps of Parliament Hill.

4:30 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

7:30 p.m. **Haunted Jail Tour.** Visit death row and the gallows inside the Old Carleton County Jail and other haunted locations for a haunted tour of Ottawa while your tour guide recounts supernatural encounters.

DAY 6

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. **Legislate This!** Join your Tour Leader on Parliament Hill to learn how a bill becomes a law. Students will debate a sample piece of legislature during the mock parliament and will discover the processes that MPs experience as they vote in new legislation. This Brightspark Exclusive is a fun game that ties perfectly into the curriculum.

10:30 a.m. **Visit the Canadian War Museum.** Wander through the halls to see the museum's award-winning architecture, its collection of war art and its large military vehicles. This stunning structure, on the banks of the Ottawa River, houses the largest military history collection in Canada and spans the period from The Seven Years' War to the present.

12:30 p.m. **Rideau Centre.** Enjoy lunch on your own with more than a dozen places to eat. After lunch, the students may be permitted some time to explore the mall.

2:30 p.m. **Canadian Museum of History.** Visit to see Canada's most popular and most visited museum. Journey through 1000 years of Canada's history in life-size settings and experience the richness of Canada's past.

6:30 p.m. **Brightspark Evening Gala.** After a delicious buffet dinner, students will party the night away at Lago, with gorgeous views of Dows Lake, and experience our interactive dance party and photo booth.

DAY 7

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**

10:00 a.m. **Self-guided Visit of the National Gallery of Canada.** See paintings and sculptures from around the world, including works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Warhol, the Group of Seven, and more.

11:15 a.m. **Sussex Drive Coach Tour.** Drive along the iconic Sussex Drive as your Tour Leader comments on points of interest. These include the residences of the Prime Minister, the Governor General and a number of foreign embassies.

11:30 a.m. **Guided Tour of RCMP Rockcliffe Stables.** A behind-the-scenes look at the facility where our famous mounted police and their beautiful horses train for their trademark musical rides. See where the horses are groomed and learn about the history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

12:00 p.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for the airport for your flight home!**

6:00 p.m. **Welcome Home!**

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