

# OTTAWA

3 Days | Economical Parliament Hill Student Tour







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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Discover Ottawa on this economical 3-day student tour through our nation's capital. Explore the Canadian Museum of Nature, the Canadian War Museum and the Bank of Canada Museum. Go off the beaten track to see our five favourite rarely visited monuments, get a behind the scenes look at the RCMP horses and enjoy unlimited laser tag and mini golf at Fun Junction. This trip is a perfect blend of education and fun to make sure every student in your class can take part in this exciting trip.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

-  **Sites & Activities:**  
Canadian War Museum, Supreme Court of Canada, Sussex Drive Coach Tour, Bank of Canada Museum, Byward Market, RCMP Rockcliffe Stables, Fun Junction, Rideau Centre
-  **Brightspark Exclusives:**  
The Adventure, The Heist at the Canadian Nature Museum, Legislate This!, Urban Caching, Capital Gems, Discover Bytown
-  **Your Brightspark Tour Leader**
-  **Accommodations**  
2 nights hotel
-  **Transportation**  
Private motor coach
-  **Meals**  
2 breakfasts, 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!
- **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



## 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.**



*"We had a great experience on our trip to Ottawa with Brightspark. Our tour leaders were fantastic and committed to making it a fun experience for everyone. The trip was well planned and everything went smoothly."*

Nancy, TDSB

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## DAY 1

7:00 a.m. **Board your washroom equipped, climate controlled highway motor coach** and depart for Ottawa via Highway #407. En route, your Tour Leader will get to know the students on a first name basis.

8:00 a.m. **Participate in The Adventure!** What time is it? Adventure Time! This Brightspark Exclusive spans the entire trip to keep your students engaged. The game bonds groups together as they try to win the most points, with correct answers to trivia, positivity and punctuality, by the end of the tour. Optional social media component with trip hashtags and a photo contest available.

2:00 p.m. **The Heist at the Canadian Museum of Nature.** In the nation's capital, a heavily guarded gem stone has been stolen! Students will learn about potential suspects from their Tour Leader, then will work together in groups to look for clues throughout the museum. Will your group solve the mystery?

4:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

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

7:00 p.m. **Discover Bytown.** Explore Ottawa's past and present with your Tour Leader as you walk through the important historic 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.

10:00 p.m. **Night security** each evening between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

## DAY 2

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

9:30 a.m. **Urban Caching.** Become a geocacher as you and your classmates hunt for hidden urban treasures. Using a GPS, you will navigate your way to key points in the nation's capital to discover a secret message. Will your team be the first to finish the challenge?

11:00 a.m. **Capital Gems.** Travel off the beaten track with your Tour Leader to see our five favourite, rarely-visited monuments. Share secrets at the Whispering Wall, step into hockey's history at Lord Stanley's Gift and marvel at the Peacekeeping Monument as you wander through Ottawa.

12:00 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.

1:30 p.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.

2:00 p.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.

3:00 p.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.

4:00 p.m. **Guided Tour of the Supreme Court of Canada.** This tour will familiarize you with all Canadian judicial system and how decisions made by the Supreme Court Justices affect all Canadians. Subject to availability, your students will participate in a Mock Trial, where they will play judge and jury to learn the process firsthand.

6:00 p.m. **Pizza dinner at Fun Junction**

7:00 p.m. **Attractions at Fun Junction.** Let your students work off some energy with 15 tokens for arcade games and unlimited laser tag and mini golf.

## DAY 3

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

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

10:00 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.

11:30 a.m. **Self-Guided Visit to the Bank of Canada Museum.** Step back in time with interactive stations that showcase the fascinating evolution of money from around the world.

12:45 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.

8:30 p.m. **Welcome Home!**

## START PLANNING NOW!



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