

QUÉBEC CITY, MONTRÉAL, OTTAWA, TORONTO & NIAGARA FALLS

8 Days | Eastern Canada Student Tour

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TOUR SNAPSHOT

This 8-day student trip to Québec City, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara 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, and tours of iconic buildings like Notre Dame Basilica. Enjoy views from Mount Royal before heading to Canada's capital and Parliament Hill. Learn more about Canadian history at the Canadian War Museum and then try a unique take on local history with a haunted tour of Ottawa. Toronto and Niagara Falls will round out this exciting week. Your class will experience the unique cultures of Canadian cities, their local history, and more on this 8-day trip!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Sites & Activities:

Orientation Walk of Upper Town & Lower Town in Québec City, Plains of Abraham, Musée du Fort, Érablière du Lac Beauport, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica, Montmorency Falls, Orientation Walk Old Montréal, Notre Dame Basilica, Pointe-à-Callière Museum, Mount Royal, Canadian War Museum, Haunted Jail Tour, Bank of Canada Museum, Nathan Philips Square, CN Tower, Queenston Heights and view Brock's Monument, Clifton Hill, Table Rock Lookout



Brightspark Exclusives:

La Chasse: the Hunt for Champlain's Remains, Quel Beau Pré, Escape the Port: City of Symbols, Discover Bytown, Legislate This!, Discover Toronto



**Your Brightspark
Tour Leader**



Accommodations
7 nights hotel



Transportation
Flights, Private motor
coach



Meals
7 breakfasts, 7 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.

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"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 & Adrielle went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"

Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB

DAY 1

- 9:00 AM:** Board your flight and depart for Montréal.
- 11:00 AM:** Arrive in Montréal where you will be met by your Tour Leader. Board your motor coach and depart for Québec City.
- 3:00 PM:** **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. Battle of the Plains of Abraham. Learn about the ongoing relationship between the French and English in Canada as you participate in a reenactment of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.
- 4:00 PM:** **Hotel Check-In**
- 5:00 PM:** **Dinner**
- 6:30 PM:** **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. artifacts to help retrace 200 years of history in North America.

DAY 2

- 8:30 AM:** **Breakfast**
- 10:00 AM:** **Orientation Walk of Lower Town.** Experience the city as it was in the days of New France. Your Tour Leader will guide you through the lower half of the UNESCO World Heritage Site to see the Place Royale, and Fresque du Petit-Champlain.
- 11:30 AM:** **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!
- 12:15 PM:** **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.
- 3:00 PM:** **Guided Tour at the Traditional Huron Site -Onhoüa Chetek8e.** Journey into the heart of Huron traditions, where students will discover their ancient way of life on a guided tour of the reconstructed Huron Village. Visit a longhouse and learn about the transportation, food preparation and spirituality of the Huron-Wendat people.
- 6:00 PM:** **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 PM:** **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 AM:** **Breakfast**
- 7:45 AM:** **Check out of your hotel**

8:15 AM: **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 AM: **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.

10:15 AM: **Visit Montmorency Falls.** Stop at one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the Beaufré Coast, Montmorency Falls! Students will explore the top and bottom of the falls and the brave can get photos from the middle of a suspension bridge spanning the top of the falls.

11:00 AM: **Board your motor coach and depart for Montréal**

3:00 PM: **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.

5:00 PM: **Dinner**

6:00 PM: **Old Montréal Orientation Tour.** Your Tour Leader will guide you through Old Montréal to learn about this historic district. Students will see Notre Dame Basilica, Place Jacques-Cartier and the oldest skyscraper in Canada, the New York Life Insurance Building.

8:30 PM: **Hotel Check-In**

DAY 4

8:00 AM: **Breakfast**

9:00 AM: **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.

10:00 AM: **Guided Tour of Pointe-à-Callière Museum.** The archaeology museum of Montréal looks at the history of the region dating back thousands of years.

11:30 AM: **Explore Old Montréal.** Free time to shop and explore the cobblestone streets of Old Montréal. Lunch on your own.

1:00 PM: **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.

3:00 PM: **Saint Joseph's Oratory.** The dome is second in height only to that of St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Learn of its history on this self-guided tour.

4:00 PM: **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!

5:30 PM: **Dinner**

7:30 PM: **Escape the Port: City of Symbols.** Head to the heart of Old Montréal to hunt for symbols hidden by generations past. This Brightspark Exclusive brings your students together to help solve a mystery and explore the history of this fascinating city.

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DAY 5

7:45 AM: Breakfast

8:30 AM: Check out of your hotel.

9:00 AM: Board your motor coach and depart for Ottawa.

11:00 AM: 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.

1:00 PM: 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.

3:00 PM: 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.

6:00 PM: Dinner

7:30 PM: 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 AM: Breakfast

8:30 AM: Check out of your hotel

9:00 AM: 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.

10:00 AM: 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.

11:00 AM: Board your motor coach and depart for Toronto

5:00 PM: Discover Toronto. Your Tour Leader will walk you through the downtown streets, highlighting historical happenings and cultural hotspots.

6:00 PM: Visit the Toronto sign at Nathan Phillips Square.

Initially installed for the 2015 Pan Am and Para Pan Am Games, the sign has been reinstalled on a permanent basis and is one of the most popular photo spots in the city.

6:30 PM: Dinner

8:00 PM: Visit the CN Tower. You will ride the elevator up 342 metres to the observation deck for incredible views of the city. Test your mettle by walking across the glass floor.

9:30 PM: Hotel Check-In

DAY 7

8:00 AM: Breakfast

9:00 AM: Board your motor coach and depart for Niagara Falls.

10:45 AM: Guided Tour of Queenston Heights and Brock's Memorial. Discover the sweeping landscapes surrounding historic landmarks on the site of one of Canada's most famous battles. During this walking tour, students will learn about this strategic point in the War of 1812 that took the life of Major General Brock and his aide-de-camp John Macdonell.

12:15 PM: Niagara Parkway Orientation Driving Tour. Get ready for a drive down one of the oldest roads in Ontario! With gorgeous views along the way to the Horseshoe Falls, your Tour Leader will guide you as you travel down the historic Niagara Parkway.

12:30 PM: Floral Clock. Do you have the time? The Floral Clock, along the Niagara Parkway, is the largest of its kind in the world and features over 24,000 colourful plants. This is the perfect place for a group photo or fun selfie with friends.

1:00 PM: Clifton Hill. Explore the main strip of Niagara Falls where you will find restaurants, souvenir shops, wax museums and fun houses.

1:15 PM: Lunch

2:30 PM: Imax Film at the IMAX Theatre in Niagara Falls. Ever wondered what it would be like to ride over Niagara Falls? Niagara: Miracles, Myths and Magic at the IMAX Theatre brings you up close and personal with the raging waterfall and its 12,000 year history. Through its 45 minute run, this show will expose your students to this natural wonder and the people who have braved the rapids.

4:00 PM: Hornblower Cruises Voyage to the Falls Boat Tour. Feel the mighty force of the Falls as you cruise to the base of Niagara Falls.

5:30 PM: Table Rock Niagara Falls Lookout. Experience Horseshoe Falls up close at the lookout. This magnificent view of the rushing water is mesmerizing and is the perfect spot for selfies! Table Rock is also the perfect spot to grab a souvenir at the gift shops.

6:00 PM: Dinner

7:30 PM: Board your motor coach and return to Toronto for the night.

DAY 8

8:00 AM: Breakfast

8:30 AM: Check out of your hotel

9:00 AM: Board your motor coach and depart for the airport.

12:00 PM: Depart on your flight home.

2:00 PM: Welcome Home!

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