

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

3 Days | Southwestern Ontario Student Tour

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TOUR SNAPSHOT

Tour south-western Ontario with your students on a 3-day school trip tracing the route of the Underground Railroad in Canada. Your students will discover the Freedom Trail as they explore the paths taken by runaway slaves after reaching the freedom of Canada. The tour will give students a chance to explore museums, historic sites, and geographic wonders to learn more and stay inspired by Canadian history.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Sites & Activities:

Uncle Tom's Cabin, John Freeman Walls Historic Site, Underground Railroad Museum, Amherstburg Freedom Museum, Zap Zone Fun Centre, Sandwich First Baptist Church, Buxton National Historic Site and Museum, Clifton Hill, Niagara Falls, Illumination of the Falls, Journey Behind the Falls, The Harriet Tubman Trek Tour



Brightspark Exclusives:

The Adventure



Your Brightspark Tour Leader



Transportation

Private motor coach



Accommodations

2 nights hotel



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.**



"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

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DAY 1

- 7:30 a.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for Dresden.** Your Tour Leader will be picked up en route.
- 10:30 a.m. **Uncle Tom's Cabin.** On this interactive, guided tour, students will be introduced to the Underground Railroad and some of its key figures. Its secret mode of operation will be brought to life through a Scavenger Hunt as your students begin to comprehend the risks and rewards of an enslaved person's flight to freedom.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Visit the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum.** Ultimately a terminal of the Underground Railroad, the log cabin built by John Freeman Walls is only one of the points of interest at this historic site.
- 3:00 p.m. **Visit the Amherstburg Freedom Museum.** Founded by Melvin "Mac" Simpson, this museum tells the story of the Black Canadian journey and contributions, by preserving stories and artifacts that educate and inspire. It remains a national symbol of courage, determination and freedom.
- 5:00 p.m. **Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m. **Zap Zone Fun Centre.** Enjoy Laser tag, Glo-golf and Balladium.
- 8:00 p.m. **Hotel Check-in**
- 10:00 p.m. **Night security** each evening between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

DAY 2

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 9:00 a.m. **Guided tour of Sandwich First Baptist Church.** The church served as a haven for refugee slaves fleeing mainly from the southern United States after the Fugitive Slave Act was passed in 1850. It was the first stop after runaway slaves crossed the border into Canada at Windsor.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. **Visit Buxton National Historic Site and Museum.** Former slave owner, turned abolitionist, Reverend William King bought 9,000 acres of land in 1849, and established a settlement for fugitive slaves and free Black people. For many, this was the last stop on the Underground Railroad.
- 2:30 p.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for Niagara Falls**
- 6:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 7:00 p.m. **Dinner at Boston Pizza Clifton Hill.** Enjoy unlimited pizza, caesar salad and soft drinks along with 25 game tokens per person.
- 7:30 p.m. **Explore Clifton Hill.** The main strip in Niagara, Clifton Hill is filled with souvenir shops, wax museums and fun houses.

- 8:30 p.m. **View the Illumination of the Falls.** If you think Niagara Falls is beautiful in the daytime, wait until you see them illuminated at night. This breathtaking, multi-coloured water and light masterpiece occurs year-round and is not to be missed.

DAY 3

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:45 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 9:30 a.m. **Journey Behind the Falls.** Discover the raging waterfall from a new perspective, as you step out from behind the falls and look up to see a once-in-a-lifetime view of this natural wonder. This experience takes you deep into the bedrock through 130-year-old tunnels to feel the water crashing through the viewing portals. Warning: you will get wet at Journey Behind the Falls.
- 11:00 a.m. **The Harriet Tubman Trek Tour.** The lower section of the Freedom Trail features the city of St. Catharines, Harriet Tubman's last stop on the Underground Railroad. The tour includes entry into her place of worship, the Salem Chapel, and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historic Sites, showcasing pertinent downtown landmarks where black abolitionists spoke.
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for home.**
- 4:30 p.m. **Welcome home!**

START PLANNING NOW!



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