

# VANCOUVER & VICTORIA

5 Days | West Coast Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Take your class to the West Coast on a 5-day student tour of Vancouver and Victoria. Cross the Capilano Suspension Bridge and head to the top of Grouse Mountain via cable car. Visit the Capilano River hatchery to learn about the life cycle of the salmon. Take the ferry to Tsawwassen on Vancouver Island to visit Victoria's beautiful gardens, the Parliament Buildings, and the Indigenous monuments in Thunderbird Park. This school trip will inspire your class to embark on a lifetime of travel.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:



#### Sites & Activities:

Granville Island, orientation tour of Vancouver, Capilano Suspension Bridge visit, Capilano River Hatchery visit, Grouse Mountain Skyride, FlyOver Canada, ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay, Craigdarroch Castle visit, Royal British Columbia Museum visit, Thunderbird Park visit, guided tour of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Parliament Buildings and Pendray Inn Ghost Tour, Miniature World visit



**Your Brightspark  
Tour Leader**



**Accommodations**  
4 nights hotel



**Transportation**  
Private motor coach



**Meals**  
4 breakfasts, 4 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 for Vancouver.** Appropriate rest and meal stops will be made. En route, your Tour Leader will get to know the students and lead discussions.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **Orientation walk of Vancouver.** With your Tour Leader, you will see some of the sites that make Vancouver such a beautiful city, including Stanley Park, the Waterfront, Gastown, Granville Street, and Christ Church Cathedral.

5:00 p.m. **Granville Island.** Granville Island is an urban oasis, filled with galleries, studios, fine waterfront restaurants, and a fabulous fresh food market!

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

7:30 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

## DAY 2

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge.** Make your way across Vancouver's most famous landmark. Originally built in 1889, the current bridge is 140 metres long and sits 70 metres above the forest floor. Pause in the middle and marvel at this feat of engineering, surrounded by the 300-year-old rainforest.

11:00 a.m. **Visit the Capilano River Hatchery.** Observe one of the great life-cycle stories as you see young Pacific salmon in the ponds and adult salmon struggling up fish ladders to spawn.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

2:00 p.m. **Visit Grouse Mountain.** There is no better view of Vancouver than the one you will see from the famous Grouse Mountain Skyride, the largest aerial tramway in North America!

5:00 p.m. **Dinner**

7:00 p.m. **FlyOver Canada.** Soar from coast to coast with the latest in-flight ride technology. The special effects will make you feel like you are really flying!

## DAY 3

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

9:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel** and load your luggage onto your motor coach.

11:00 a.m. **Ferry from Tsawwassen to Vancouver Island.**

12:35 p.m. **Arrive at the Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal** and transfer to Victoria.

1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

3:00 p.m. **Visit Craigdarroch Castle.** Built by Scottish immigrant and coal baron Robert Dunsmuir during the reign of Queen Victoria, Craigdarroch Castle is now a National Historic Site.

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

6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

## DAY 4

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

10:00 a.m. **Visit the Royal British Columbia Museum.** Founded in 1886, the Royal BC Museum merged with the Archives in 2003. This world-class museum houses artefacts, documents, and specimens of British Columbia's natural and human history.

11:30 a.m. **Visit Thunderbird Park.** Home to many totem poles and other First Nations monuments, the park takes its name from the mythological Thunderbird of Indigenous North American cultures.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch and some free time** for exploring, shopping, and photo opps around Victoria's Inner Harbour.

3:00 p.m. **Guided Tour of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.** Tour the Parliament Buildings, home to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, where elected representatives meet to shape the future of the province by debating and passing the laws that govern British Columbia

4:15 p.m. **Visit Beacon Hill Park.** With more than 200 acres of parkland, Beacon Hill Park has a number of protected, environmentally sensitive areas. It also has the important status of being Mile 0 as the western terminus of the Trans-Canada Highway!

5:30 p.m. **Dinner**

7:00 p.m. **Ghostly Walks: Parliament Buildings and Pendray Inn Tour.** The ghost of architect Francis Rattenbury is said to stalk the corridors of the Parliament Buildings. The tour ends near the Gatsby Mansion, the haunted former home of the Pendray family, whose paint factory stood on the disturbed First Nations burial ground at nearby Laurel Point.

## DAY 5

7:35 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel** and load your luggage into your motor coach.

10:00 a.m. **Visit Miniature World.** Welcome to the Wonderful World of Smallness. Step into storybooks of fact, fiction and fantasy!

11:30 a.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for home.**

1:00 p.m. **Ferry from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen.** Enjoy lunch on board.

9:00 p.m. **Welcome home!**

## START PLANNING NOW!



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