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Tour: Toronto & Niagara Falls

CANADA

Destination: Ontario, Canada

Itinerary: 6-days/5-nights in destination
Availability: Year-round; Sunday departures

Toronto & Niagara Falls							
Day		Morning		Afternoon		Evening	
1	Sun	Travel to Toronto, Canada; transfer to Hotel			o Hotel	Welcome & Safety Meeting	Dinner
2	Mon	Toronto Guided Tour		Royal Ontario Museum + Private Guided Tour		Medieval Times Dinner Theatre	
3	Tues	Ontario Science Center + IMAX Experience		CN Tower	Ripley's Aquarium of Canada - Private Tour	Transfer to Niagara Falls	Boston Pizza at Clifton Hill
4	Wed	Niagara's Fury - Creation of the Falls	Hornblower Niagara Falls Cruise		Journey Behind the Falls	Oh Canada Eh?	Dinner & Show
5	Thur	Niagara Glen Guided Ecology Hike OR Butterfly Conservatory		Clifton Hill Fun Pass: Niagara Sky Wheel, Mini-Golf, Coasters, Wax Museums and more		Farewell Dinner at Hard Rock Café	
6	Fri	Transfer to Toronto Airport; travel home					







As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.

Toronto.... Toronto is as cosmopolitan as they come. To newcomers, Toronto may seem like just

another big city - downtown is dotted with skyscrapers, the city's streets are bustling with people on the go and the public transportation system is top-notch. But lift up the hood of Canada's biggest city and you'll find there's more to the eye than an amazing skyline. Toronto is considered one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world, with more than half the population born outside of the city. Toronto houses 200 ethnic groups that speak upward of 140 different languages, making this Ontario destination a world all its own. With Greektown, Little Italy, Koreatown and Chinatown all within city limits, travelers may feel as if they've seen more than a couple of countries after a visit to Toronto.

Cultured and cosmopolitan, Toronto manages to remain relaxed, livable, and fun all at the same time. Canada's center of the arts and media has plenty of pleasant tree-lined streets in Yorkville for window-shopping and wandering; a host of independent galleries in West Queen West with edgy works; big-name music festivals year-round; and an adventurous, constantly evolving food scene. Toronto's impressive sights may be what pull you in, but its vibrant neighborhoods, artistic happenings, and friendly locals will make you want to return.





Did you know?

- ✓ Situated 566 feet above sea level on the northern shore of Lake Ontario (part of the Great Lakes system), Toronto is one of the southernmost cities in Canada. In fact, it has the same latitude as northern California.
- ✓ Home to more than 100 cultures, Toronto truly is the city of imagination.
- ✓ With a population of 5.5 million, Toronto is Canada's largest city
- ✓ Toronto is the 4th-largest city in North America, after Mexico City, New York, and Los Angeles
- ✓ One-quarter of Canada's population is located within 160 kilometers (100 miles) of the city
- ✓ More than 60% of the population of the United States is within a 90-minute flight
- ✓ There are two official languages in Canada English and French. In addition to these official languages, the top 5 languages spoken in Toronto are Chinese, Italian, Tamil, Portuguese and Spanish.



Groups will generally arrive in Toronto in the late afternoon. We use a variety of outstanding properties in Toronto so please let us know of any special requests when requesting a quote. Typical hotels will sleep 4 students in a room with two double/queen beds. Staff will sleep double occupancy in single beds.

After check-in, we'll have our Welcome, Safety & Orientation Meeting. We'll have dinner locally this evening and maybe even a chance to wonder! Once your flight time is secure, if you have a request for an evening activity, let us know and we'll be happy to explore the possibilities with you. With a city like Toronto, there's just so much to see and do!

Day 2

Breakfast & dinner Included; lunch on own

Good morning Canada! Today we'll start off by learning a little about this fabulous city!

"See Our City" Guided City Tour — As Canada's largest and most multicultural city, Toronto is a city where there is always something to see in the unique neighborhoods, from its renowned attractions to its cultural festivals. The highlights of this comprehensive city tour include City Hall, Queen's Park, Casa Loma, the CN Tower, the St. Lawrence Market and the Distillery Historic District. Hop on your bus for this 2-hour tour combining driving and walking. Have a special request? No problem. Just let us know and we'll make sure you are set up for success!



After our morning of getting to know our new destination, we'll grab lunch somewhere easy and then it's off to a very special place – The Royal Ontario Museum!

The Royal Ontario Museum – The Royal Ontario Museum is one of Canada's largest museums with vibrant communities, extensive collections and curatorial expertise. It's a museum of science, art, world culture and

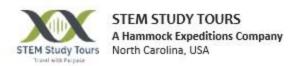


natural history; one of the largest museums in North America, and the largest in Canada. Immerse yourself in jaw-dropping dinos, glittering gems and mysterious mummies as these are just a few of the treasures on display. Expect extraordinary experiences as you explore how the earth and its cultures have evolved, and how the changes we face today will shape the world we'll live in tomorrow.

While here, groups will have an opportunity to explore the museum on their own, and also have a chance to participate in a private tour, just for your school, that brings together fun facts

and amazing stories to bring history to life. Schools will choose from fabulous education opportunities, such as:

- ROM in an Hour Discover the mysteries of Egypt, marvel at medieval armor, explore the diversity of life on earth and more all in one hour!
- Architectural Tour From the timeless architecture of the ROM's heritage galleries to the ultra-modern Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, discover how design concepts are used to enhance our understanding and appreciation of the Museum's collections.



- 4.5 Billion Years of Life on Earth Explore over 4.5 billion years of life on our planet! Discover ancient Cambrian creatures, meteorites, and be amazed by huge Jurassic dinosaurs.
- Queens, Goddesses, and Femmes Fatale Encounter the powerful queens and fatal beauties whose fascinating stories of ambition and influence are preserved at the Museum.
- Spotlight Tour Select a guided tour of one of our galleries spanning both world cultures and natural history. From Dinosaurs and Ancient Egypt to the rich history of China, the Museum offers an array of themed galleries for your guests to discover.

This evening we're off for a night of fun! Break out your armor, we're going to Medieval Times!

Dinner at Medieval Times - Travel through the mists of time to a forgotten age and a tale of devotion and courage at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament. Imagine the pageantry and excitement that would have been yours as a guest of the king ten centuries ago. See the show featuring heroic knights on spirited horses displaying the astounding athletic feats and thrilling swordplay that have become hallmarks of this unique entertainment experience. Enjoy a "hands-on" feast as the dynamic performance unfolds before you. A sweeping musical score and brilliant lights provide a fabulous backdrop for this spellbinding experience that blurs the boundary between fairy tale and spectacle. This imaginative entertainment sport was inspired by the true medieval tradition of royal families inviting guests to a festival and feast to watch knights compete on horseback.



Day 3 Breakfast & Dinner Included; lunch on own

Good day Canada! Pack your bags this morning and check-out of the hotel. We'll spend the day continuing to discover fantastic Toronto, but by evening, we'll be watching the falls thunder down!

Ontario Science Centre & IMAX - The Ontario Science Centre, one of Canada's most famous cultural attractions, has been creating engaging and thought-provoking experiences in science and technology for over 45 years. Visitors of all ages can explore more than 500 interactive experiences in eight exhibit halls, take in live daily science demonstrations, and view films under Ontario's only IMAX® Dome theatre. Discover the wonders of the galaxy in the Space Hall, home to a state-of-the-art planetarium. Visit the AstraZeneca Human Edge exhibit hall to learn about the boundaries and thresholds of the human body. Find out what lives in our backyard at the



new Cohon Family Nature Escape. The Ontario Science Centre also features a real-life Rainforest and a Science Arcade. Your ticket includes admission plus an IMAX film show.

After absorbing all the fabulous new ideas and experiments at the Science Centre, we're off to see one of Canada's main attractions – the CN Tower!

The CN Tower - Defining the Toronto skyline at 553.33m (1,815ft5in) the CN Tower is Canada's most recognizable and celebrated icon. The CN Tower is an internationally renowned architectural triumph, an engineering Wonder of the Modern World, world-class entertainment and dining destination and a must see for anyone visiting Toronto. Spectacular views include floor-to-ceiling panoramic Window Walls, world-famous Glass Floor, SkyPod and glass fronted elevators with glass floor panels. Helpful Hint – Ask us for educational resources!







Our final stop in Toronto is one of our favorites!

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada & Behind-the-Scenes Tour - Immerse yourself in a world of 20,000 aquatic animals and discover your own underwater adventure. Ripley's Aquarium of Canada features North America's longest underwater viewing tunnel with more than 5.7 million liters of water and over 100 interactive opportunities. Get up close and personal with several touch exhibits and soak in a live dive show daily. This awe-inspiring attraction consists of nine carefully curated galleries showcasing a cross section of saltwater and freshwater environments from around the world; starting with species from Toronto's backyard, the Great Lakes basin.



From the heart-pounding experience of Dangerous Lagoon, a football-field length acrylic viewing tunnel with moving glide-path sidewalk through sharks, green sea turtles, sawfish and moray eels; to the hypnotic dance of Pacific sea nettle jelly fish which are illuminated in an array of breathtaking colors from within the kreisel tank at Planet Jellies, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada will conserve, educate, and inspire!







After our full day in Toronto, it's off to Niagara Falls, approximately a 2-hour drive. On arrival, we'll get checked into our hotel and then off for a pizza party at Clifton Hill. Enjoy!

Niagara Falls... - It's not hard to understand why many consider Niagara Falls a top natural

wonder of the world. Or why it has been the location of some incredible daredevil antics over the years. The second you see the mammoth Niagara River rumbling toward a 188-foot waterfall at about 20 to 30 (and up to 68) mph, your mouth will drop. The speed at which the river falls creates a misty fog and an unmistakable roar heard from miles away. From the top, crowds flock to the railings to feel the mist on their faces. As you follow the water's path downward, boats, platforms and observation decks support colorful poncho-clad visitors. Few places in the world blend the majesty of nature with such a warm welcome!



<u>Day 4</u> Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

Good morning Niagara Falls! Today is a day to get entrenched in the fabulous sights and sounds of nature by discovering the incredible falls! We'll start with an introduction at Niagara's Fury.

Niagara's Fury - Discover the ancient story of the creation of Niagara Falls, then step back in time 10,000 years to re-live the glacial devastation and catastrophic changes across the ages. Witness the power and beauty of nature in stunning 4D.

The temperature will drop 20 degrees. Water will bubble and spray while snow falls all around. Standing in the mist on a massive platform you will feel the full wrath of Mother Nature as the floor trembles beneath you. Incredible images will immerse you in a Universal Studios-style attraction. The Niagara Fury experience starts with an 8-minute animated pre-show re-



creating how the Ice Age formed Niagara Falls. Then, in a specially designed, 360-degree theatre, witness the Creation of the Falls in a 6-minute, multi-sensory extravaganza!

Next, it's off to see the falls up close and personal!

Hornblower Niagara Cruise - Hornblower Niagara Cruises introduces a whole new way to experience Niagara Falls, with thrilling boat tours aboard state-of-the-art 700-passenger catamarans. Visitors will experience the world-famous tour of the Great Gorge, American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and get up-close-and-personal with the thundering and powerful Canadian Horseshoe Falls. WATCH THE VIDEO HERE







IMPORTANT – Cruising schedules are based upon weather conditions. Cruises are generally not operated from mid-December through late April or early May. If you are scheduled during standard times but local weather is not appropriate for cruising, please be prepared for a rescheduled date or a refund. It is important that safety is always first, and we only work with activity providers that put our guests' safety as their main priority. If you decide to come during a time when the cruise is not operating, there are many things for your group to do. If we are not able to reschedule your party, we are happy to use the funds allocated for this on another adventure!



Next, we're going to explore behind the falls!

Journey Behind the Falls - The sound is like thunder, the sight aweinspiring! Take a journey below and behind the heart of Niagara and stand in the mist and spray. Traverse the network of tunnels that take you deep through the rock behind the Canadian Horseshoe Falls and make your way to the outdoor observation decks that sit at the base of the Falls. A roaring experience!

After a fabulous day spent in nature, we're off for some local Canadian fun!

Oh Canada Eh? Dinner & Show - A true Canadian experience! This award-winning production features over 65 Canadian chart-topping hits from artists like Paul Anka, Shania Twain, Celine Dion, Justin Bieber and many more. Visitors learn so much about Canada, its people and culture; all presented in a fun and entertaining way! The surprising twist of the show is that the performers are also the waiters and waitresses – so when they're not on stage, they're either taking drink orders or serving authentic French-Canadian pea soup, salad, platters of delicious fish, chicken, and roast beef, as well as potatoes, veggies, and maple swirl cake for dessert together with hot tea and coffee.



Rise and shine Niagara! Today we'll start off with a fabulous Nature Walk.

Niagara Glen Guided Ecology Hike - Take a guided tour down into the Niagara Glen and observe native wildlife and the thundering whitewater rapids. Located deep in the Niagara Gorge, stairways lead to 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) of rugged paths that wind through this pristine pocket of Carolinian Forest, past prehistoric geological formations, wild flora and fauna. The Niagara Glen overlooks the rapid waters of the Niagara River and the natural phenomenon that is the Niagara River Whirlpool. It is one of the best-preserved remaining examples of Southern Ontario's original Carolinian forest. The park is operated by the Niagara Parks Commission, an agency of the Ontario government. Shorter hikes can be accommodated upon request. Sturdy footwear is required; available May through August, weather permitting.







If you are traveling during September through April, your Ecology Hike will be substituted with a trip to a stunning butterfly sanctuary!



The Butterfly Conservatory - Located on the grounds of the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens, visitors to the Butterfly Conservatory are transported to a tropical paradise full of lush vegetation, trickling waterfalls and thousands of vibrantly colored butterflies. Over 2,000 butterflies, made up of 45 different species, call this beautiful space home. The self-guided walking tour of the Butterfly Conservatory begins with a short, informative video presentation.

In the afternoon, it's time for some fun!

Clifton Hill Fun Pass – Welcome to Niagara Falls' mecca of fun! Just steps from the Falls, revel in dazzling sights, sounds and tastes. From thrilling rides, games and attractions, to an array of scrumptious dining, it's a hillside of fun that's buzzing all day and night and the place to create unforgettable memories. Your pass includes:

- ✓ Niagara SkyWheel Soar 175 feet above Niagara Falls for the most spectacular view you will ever experience. Climate controlled gondolas provide sightseeing comfort, day and night.
- √ 15 Midway Tokens included and access to over 300 games at the 70,000 square foot Great Canadian Midway family entertainment complex
- ✓ Ghostblasters Dark Ride OR Wild West Coaster



- ✓ Dinosaur Adventure Golf OR Wizards Golf
- ✓ Movieland Wax Museum of Stars **OR** Zombie Attack

You might want your students to bring a few extra coins as this night is fun for all. For a full range of attractions, visit <u>Clifton Hill</u>.

This evening, after our thrilling day of fun, we'll get together for our farewell dinner.

Hard Rock Café - Roaring waterfalls and roaring music — that's what you look forward to when you visit Hard Rock Café, Niagara Falls Canada. When you prefer to stay dry, stroll in for a wonderful meal near one of the natural wonders of the world. The cafe is divided into two very special rooms that offer a unique dining experience, including a room dedicated entirely to Elvis and one dedicated to the Beatles. Admire the memorabilia in both rooms, which includes Elvis' gold records and movie



posters, a drum set played by members of T-Rex, and Clarence Clemons' saxophone. Try to figure out all the stars in our unforgettable Mural of Rock Stars featuring Elvis, Jimi Hendrix, Elton John, and more. The world's best in music demands the best dining and atmosphere. Hard Rock Cafe gives you all that and more!

Day 6

Breakfast included; Lunch on own

Good morning Canada! This morning we'll start to say goodbye to fabulous Niagara Falls. We'll wave goodbye to our new friends as we leave for the airport and hopefully, take away memories that will last a lifetime!



CANADA: TORONTO & NIAGARA FALLS

Minimum Booking Numbers: 20 students

What's Included: Round-trip flights or motorcoach transfers

5-nights' accommodation in Canada: 2-nights Toronto,

3-nights Niagara Falls

Airport transfers in Canada plus transportation to all

scheduled activities

Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on arrival and

ending with breakfast on departure

Lunch on Day 4

Private Guided Tour of Toronto

Royal Ontario Museum + Private Tour

Medieval Times Dinner Theatre

Ontario Science Center + IMAX Presentation

CN Tower

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada + Private Tour

Niagara's Fury - Creation of the Falls

Hornblower Niagara Falls Cruise (season/weather permitting)

Journey Behind the Falls

Oh Canada Eh? - Dinner & Show

Guided Ecology Hike through Niagara Glen OR Butterfly
Conservatory exploration; dependent upon season

Clifton Hill Deluxe Group Fun Pass with SkyWheel, tokens, plus

an additional 3 included attractions

Dedicated Tour Ambassador

Fund-a-Forest: A tree is planted in the name of each guest Dollar\$ For Scholars: \$2 donation in the name of each guest

24-hour emergency cover

What's Not Included: Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)

Lunches in destination aside from Day 4

Transfers to/from home airport

Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary

Cost of visas, full or collective passports

Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel

Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown in Itinerary Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items,

recreation charges, purchases billed to room, etc

Any gratuities – coach drivers, maid / bellman services,

area guides, tour ambassador

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

