

# HALIFAX & THE BAY OF FUNDY

6 Days | East Coast Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Take your class to the East Coast on a 6-day student tour of Halifax, the South Shore, and the Bay of Fundy. Tour Halifax's historic seafront and Pier 21 for some of Canada's immigration history. Head to Peggy's Cove to see the famous lighthouse before continuing to Lunenburg, home of the Blue Nose II. Visit the Africville Historic Site and Monument, the site of a shameful period of Canada's Black history. Take the ferry across the Bay of Fundy from Digby to Saint John, where you'll explore Fundy National Park. This school trip will inspire your class to embark on a lifetime of travel.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:



### Sites & Activities:

Pier 21 visit and multimedia show, Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market, guided city tour of Halifax, guided tour to Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg, Halifax Ghost Walk, Africville Museum visit, Africville National Historic Site & Monument, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia visit, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic visit, theatre performance, guided tour of Fort Anne National Historic Site, ferry from Digby to Saint John, orientation tour of Saint John, Fundy National Park visit, Hopewell Rocks visit, view the Tidal Bore, Moncton Art Mural Walk



**Your Brightspark  
Tour Leader**



**Accommodations**  
5 nights hotel



**Transportation**  
Private motor coach



**Meals**  
5 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

- 9:30 a.m. **Approximate arrival time** at Halifax Airport. Your Tour Leader will meet the group at the airport.
- 10:00 a.m. **Board your motor coach** and transfer to the city centre.
- 11:00 a.m. **Pier 21 Visit and Multimedia Show.** The arrival point of so many immigrants to Canada, Pier 21 will introduce Canada's immigration history to your students. This visit includes a guided tour, a screening of "In Canada," and access to the Pier 21 Resource Centre.
- 1:15 p.m. **Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market.** Established by royal decree in 1750, the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market is the oldest continuously operating farmers' market in North America.
- 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:30 p.m. **Guided Coach Tour of Halifax.** Discover one of Canada's oldest cities. Apart from being the commercial capital of the Maritimes, it's also known for its maritime history. The city is dominated by the hilltop Citadel, a star-shaped fort completed in the 1850s. Waterfront warehouses, known as the Historic Properties, recall Halifax's days as a trading hub for privateers, most notably during the War of 1812.
- 5:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

## DAY 2

- 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Guided Tour of Peggy's Cove and the South Shore.** The historic lighthouse, built on large, smooth, wave-washed granite rocks, is the crowning feature of this beautiful Atlantic cove, which may well be the most photographed location in Canada. The small, picturesque fishing village (population: 120) surrounds a narrow ocean inlet which provides a haven for boats during the Atlantic's rough weather. Be sure to stop and see the Fishermen's Monument by artist William deGarthe, carved in-situ in a granite outcropping behind his home in Peggy's Cove. Time permitting, a quick stop will be made at the memorial for the ill-fated Swiss Air Flight 111 before heading to Lunenburg.
- 12:00 p.m. **Photo Stop in Mahone Bay.** The view across the harbour is of three prominent churches: St. James' Anglican, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, and Trinity United. It has become an iconic image of Nova Scotia, frequently photographed and featured on postcards and calendars.
- 1:00 p.m. **Visit Lunenburg.** Founded in 1753, Lunenburg was one of the first British attempts to settle Protestants in Nova Scotia in an effort to displace the French Roman Catholic Acadians and Indigenous Mi'kmaq. It is one of only two urban communities in North America designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Seventy percent of the original colonial buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries continue to greet visitors with their colourful façades.

- 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:30 p.m. **View Bluenose II.** A trip to Nova Scotia would not be complete without viewing the Bluenose II, a perfect example of Nova Scotia's fabled Tall Ships. Lunenburg is the home port of Bluenose II and the birthplace of the original Bluenose. It has a proud seafaring history that is still reflected today in its picturesque waterfront. More than 200 years in fishing, shipbuilding, and marine-related activities have established Lunenburg as a prominent maritime port. *NOTE: Admission is not included. Subject to the Bluenose II being in port.*
- 3:30 p.m. **Board your motor coach** to return to Halifax.
- 5:00 p.m. **Halifax Shopping Centre.** Explore the Halifax Shopping Centre, with over 170 shops and a massive food court, and enjoy dinner at your own cost.
- 7:30 p.m. **The Halifax Ghost Walk.** The oldest ghost walk in North America! You will walk through Old Halifax's haunted streets at night.

## DAY 3

- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Visit the Africville Museum.** First settled in the 1860s, Africville was a thriving African Nova Scotian community nestled on the edge of Halifax Harbour. In the 1960s, its buildings were destroyed, and residents displaced, to free up land for Halifax's industrial expansion. Today, the Africville Museum stands in a replica of the Seaview Baptist Church that was the emotional heart of Africville. Inside, audio-visual kiosks, pictures, descriptive panels, and artefacts tell the story of the Africville community by commemorating the injustice of this destruction and celebrating the strong community spirit that still endures to this day.
- 11:00 a.m. **Visit the Africville National Historic Site and Monument.** The open landscape is marked by a sundial-shaped monument commemorating the former community. The designation refers to the landscape and its associated resources, including a few foundation remnants.
- 11:30 a.m. **Visit the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.** The gallery's permanent collection holds over 18,000 pieces, including many by Maude Lewis, like the tiny house where she lived and worked. A must-see!
- 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 3:00 p.m. **Visit the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.** Learn about the rich history of the East Coast at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, located in the heart of Halifax's historic waterfront, on this self-guided visit. From small craft boatbuilding to World War Convoys, and the Titanic to the Halifax Explosion, you'll discover the stories, events, and people that have come to define Nova Scotia and its relationship with the sea.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner at Murphy's on Cable Wharf.**
- 8:00 p.m. **Enjoy a theatre or music performance.**

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## DAY 4

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

8:30 a.m. **Check out of your hotel** and load your luggage onto the motor coach.

11:30 a.m. **Visit Annapolis Royal.** Annapolis Royal is idyllically situated between the mountains and sea, offering a stunning waterfront shopping area with a selection of restaurants, a vibrant arts and culture scene, and plenty of outdoor activities. This waterfront community embraces thousands of years of Mi'kmaq heritage and over 400 years of French, Scottish, and British history.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Guided Tour of Fort Anne National Historic Site.** Settled in 1629, the fort consists of the remains of various 18th and 19th-century buildings and fortifications and the land surrounding them. Walk along the trails and enjoy grand vistas over the adjacent salt marshes, river, and town. The land on which Fort Anne now stands is part of the traditional homeland of the Mi'kmaq.

4:00 p.m. **Ferry from Digby to Saint John, N.B.** Sail across the Bay of Fundy on the Fundy Rose Ferry.

6:30 p.m. **Arrive at the Saint John Ferry Terminal.**

7:30 p.m. **Dinner**

9:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

## DAY 5

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

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

9:00 a.m. **Orientation Tour of Saint John.** With your Tour Leader, explore the city of Saint John on the Bay of Fundy, the oldest incorporated city in Canada. The Loyalist Burial Ground was established after the landing of the United Empire Loyalists in 1783. It hasn't been used as a cemetery since 1848; instead, locals stop here to enjoy the beautiful gardens and take a break from the bustling city. In 1849, a post containing three red gas lamps (called the Three Sisters Lamps), visible for three miles seaward, was stationed at the end of Prince William Street. If the three red lamps appeared individually, sailors would know they were heading straight into the harbour.

11:30 a.m. **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Visit Fundy National Park.** Located on the Bay of Fundy, near the village of Alma, New Brunswick, the park showcases a rugged coastline, the highest tides in the world, and more than 25 waterfalls.

2:00 p.m. **Dickson Falls Trail Hike in Fundy National Park.** This is picture-perfect Fundy Shore scenery. To see the most photographed waterfall of Fundy National Park, walk

the trail! It takes you down into a cool, lush valley along the swift and youthful Dickson Brook. This is the most popular trail in the park, so do not miss it!

3:00 p.m. **Visit the Hopewell Rocks.** The Hopewell Rocks, also called the Flowerpot Rocks or simply The Rocks, are rock formations caused by tidal erosion in The Hopewell Rocks Ocean Tidal Exploration Site. Standing 40-70 feet tall, they are located on the shores of the upper reaches of the Bay of Fundy at Hopewell Cape.

6:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

7:00 p.m. **Dinner**

## DAY 6

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

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

9:15 a.m. **View the Tidal Bore at Bore Park, Moncton.** A tidal bore is a phenomenon in which the leading edge of an incoming tide forms a standing wave of water that travels upstream, against the current of a river or narrow bay. The tidal bore in Moncton occurs when the unparalleled tides in the Bay of Fundy begin to make their way up the historic Petitcodiac River. Twice daily, observers can watch the tidal bore as this incoming rush of water overtakes the outgoing tide in the formerly placid river. *NOTE: Subject to availability based on dates of travel and times of the tide.*

10:30 a.m. **Moncton Art Mural Walk.** Discover stunning art as you view some of the numerous murals on buildings throughout Moncton. Through the work of Festival Inspire, local artists and artists from around the world have created masterpieces that transform Moncton into a spectacular outdoor art gallery.

11:30 a.m. **Lunch**

2:00 p.m. **Arrival at Moncton's Romeo Leblanc Airport** for your flight home.

5:30 p.m. **Welcome home!**

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