

OTTAWA

3 Days | Parliament Hill Student Tour

BrightsparkSM



TOUR SNAPSHOT

Explore Ottawa with your students on this 3-day educational tour through our nation's capital. Each Brightspark tour includes a Tour Leader to engage your class and share the history of Bytown, the Rideau Canal, and Parliament Hill. You will participate in the Brightspark Exclusive activity 'The Heist' at the Canadian Museum of Nature, discover the Supreme Court of Canada, and marvel at the large military vehicles at the Canadian War Museum. Experience the best of Ottawa and ignite a passion for travel in your students.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Sites & Activities:

Canadian War Museum, Supreme Court of Canada, Ghost & The Gallows Haunted Walk, Sussex Drive Coach Tour, Byward Market, Cycling Along the Ottawa River, Rideau Centre



Brightspark Exclusives:

The Adventure, The Heist at the Canadian Nature Museum, The Gala, Legislate This!, Urban Caching, Discover Bytown



Your Brightspark
Tour Leader



Accommodations

2 nights hotel



Transportation
Private motor coach



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.**



"Great trip and educational experience for all, especially our students. Well organized, great staff and the trip went smoothly overall."

Jessica, YCDSB

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DAY 1

- 7:00 a.m. **Board your washroom equipped, climate controlled highway motor coach** and depart for Ottawa via Highway #407. En route, your Tour Leader will get to know the students on a first name basis.
- 8:00 a.m. **Participate in The Adventure!** What time is it? Adventure Time! This Brightspark Exclusive spans the entire trip to keep your students engaged. The game bonds groups together as they try to win the most points, with correct answers to trivia, positivity and punctuality, by the end of the tour. Optional social media component with trip hashtags and a photo contest available.
- 2:00 p.m. **The Heist at the Canadian Museum of Nature.** In the nation's capital, a heavily guarded gemstone has been stolen! Students will learn about potential suspects from their Tour Leader, then will work together in groups to look for clues throughout the museum. Will your group solve the mystery?
- 4:30 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 8:00 p.m. **Ghost and the Gallows Haunted Walk of Ottawa.** Visit death row and the gallows inside the Old Carleton County Jail and other haunted locations in Ottawa while your tour guide recounts supernatural encounters.
- 10:00 p.m. **Night security** each evening between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

DAY 2

- 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:15 a.m. **Sussex Drive Coach Tour.** Drive along the iconic Sussex Drive as your Tour Leader comments on points of interest. Sussex Drive includes the residences of the Prime Minister, the Governor General and is the home to a number of embassies.
- 9:45 a.m. **Discover Bytown.** Explore Ottawa's past and present with your Tour Leader as you walk through the important historic 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.
- 11:00 a.m. **Guided Tour of the Supreme Court of Canada.** This tour will familiarize you with our Canadian judicial system and how decisions made by the Supreme Court Justices affect all Canadians. Subject to availability, your students will participate in a Mock Trial, where they will play judge and jury to learn the process firsthand.

- 12:00 p.m. **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.
- 1:15 p.m. **Lunch at the Rideau Centre**
- 3:00 p.m. **Cycling Along the Ottawa River.** Grab your helmets and follow your guide as you bike along the Ottawa River. This fun outdoor adventure runs rain or shine and allows students to see a different side of Major's Hill Park, Alexandra Bridge, Portage Bridge, Victoria Island and the Main Locks.
- 6:30 p.m. **Brightspark Evening Gala.** After a delicious buffet dinner, students will party the night away at Lago, with gorgeous views of Dows Lake, and experience our interactive dance party and photo booth.

DAY 3

- 7:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:45 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 9:45 a.m. **Urban Caching.** Become a geocacher as you and your classmates hunt for hidden urban treasures. Using a GPS, you will navigate your way to key points in the nation's capital to discover a secret message. Will your team be the first to finish the challenge?
- 11:15 a.m. **Guided Grand Tour of the Canadian War Museum.** This tour provides an introduction to the museum's award-winning architecture, its collection of war art and its large military vehicles. Sitting on the banks of the Ottawa River, the museum houses the largest military history collection in Canada and spans the period from The Seven Years' War to the present.
- 1:00 p.m. **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.
- 8:30 p.m. **Welcome Home!**

START PLANNING NOW!



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