

# UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

2 Days | Southwestern Ontario Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Tour south-western Ontario with your students on a 2-day 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, Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society & Black Mecca Museum, John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum, Sandwich First Baptist Church, Amherstburg Freedom Museum, Zap Zone Fun Centre, Buxton National Historic Site and Museum



#### Brightspark Exclusives:

The Adventure



Your Brightspark  
Tour Leader



#### Accommodations

1 Nights Hotel



Transportation  
Private Motor Coach



#### Meals

1 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner







# 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 Montreal, 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

With 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 AM: **Board your motor coach and depart for Dresden.** Your Tour Leader will be picked up en route.
- 10:30 AM: **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 as your students begin to comprehend the risks and rewards of an enslaved person's flight to freedom.
- 12:30 PM: **Lunch**
- 1:30 PM: **Guided tour of the Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society & Black Mecca Museum.** Your visit will start with a 21-minute film introduction, summarizing the history of the local Black community. Then visit the Black Mecca Museum, which houses the history of the Chatham-Kent Black community from 1790 to present day. A walking tour will follow of the neighbourhood that the early Black population called home, alongside abolitionists and prominent business men.
- 3:30 PM: **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.
- 5:00 PM: **Dinner**
- 6:30 PM: **Zap Zone Fun Centre.** Enjoy Laser tag, Glo-golf and Balladium at Zap Zone.
- 8:00 PM: **Hotel Check-In**

- 2:30 PM: **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 Blacks. For many, this was the last stop on the Underground Railroad.
- 3:30 PM: **Board your motor coach and depart for home**
- 7:30 PM: **Welcome home!**

## DAY 2

- 7:15 AM: **Breakfast**
- 8:15 AM: **Hotel Check out**
- 9:15 AM: **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.
- 11:00 AM: **Visit the Amherstburg Freedom Museum.** Founded by Melvin "Mac" Simpson, this museum tells the story of the African-Canadian journey and contributions, by preserving stories and artifacts that educate and inspire. It remains a national symbol of courage, determination and freedom.
- 12:30 PM: **Lunch**

## START PLANNING NOW!



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