



Tour:

HYRDO & HORIZONS

Middle School Edition

Destination:

Toronto & Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

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Day		Meals	Morning		Afternoon		Evening		
1	Sun	D	Travel to Toronto, Canada; Meet your Tour Director, Transfer to Hotel & Check-In			Welcome, Safety & Orientation Briefing		Canada Welcome Dinner	
2	Mon	B, D	Toronto City Tour	CN Tower	Royal Ontario Museum with Private Tour			Medieval Times Dinner Theatre	
3	Tues	B, D	Ontario Science Center & IMAX Experience		Ripley's Aquarium of Canada & Scavenger Hunt			Transfer to Niagara Falls	Local Dinner
4	Wed	B, L, D	Niagara Takes Flight	Niagara Falls Boat Tour		Journey Behind the Falls		Greg Frewin Dinner & Magic Show	
5	Thur	B, L, D	White Meadows Farms & Canadian Maple Sugar Tour		Niagara IMAX	Clifton Hill Fun Pass: Sky Wheel, Coasters, Mini-Golf, Museums & more			Boston Pizza Farewell Dinner
6	Fri	B	Transfer to Toronto Pearson International Airport; return flight 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.



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A Message From Our Team

At STEM Study Tours, we believe students learn best when they're immersed, engaged, and inspired. Every program is built with intention - blending hands-on discovery, academic depth, and meaningful experiences that help students see the world (and themselves) in new ways. Our goal is for each itinerary to spark curiosity, build confidence, and create moments students carry long after the trip ends. We're honored to partner with schools who share that vision and to help bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

— Michele & The Hammock Expeditions Team

Why Travel With Hammock Expeditions & STEM Study Tours

Schools choose us because we design programs that are organized, intentional, and built around real learning. Our itineraries combine strong academics with smooth logistics, giving teachers confidence and giving students opportunities to explore, ask questions, and grow. We partner with trusted local experts, communicate clearly, and support groups every step of the way so educators can focus on their students - not the logistics.

What Sets Us Apart

- **Purpose-Driven Itineraries** - Students actively participate in meaningful, real-world learning.
- **Safety, Structure & Professionalism** - From 24-hour support to vetted partners and clear communication, we ensure teachers can focus on their students while we handle the logistics.
- **Hands-On, High-Impact Learning** - Our programs emphasize field science, conservation, and experiential learning - the kind that sticks with students long after the trip ends.
- **Student-Centered Design** - We balance learning with fun, reflection with adventure, and structure with flexibility. Every day is crafted to keep students engaged, energized, and supported.
- **A Team That Travels With Purpose** - We're educators, planners, naturalists, and travel professionals who care deeply about student growth. Your goals become our goals.

Our Commitment to You

When you travel with us, you gain a partner who understands your vision, anticipates your needs, and delivers an experience your students will remember for years to come. We're here to support your school, empower your students, and make every moment meaningful.

We want to be your educational partner. Let us know how we may serve you.

Michele, Christina, Izzy, Dana, Taylor, and the Team



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Day 1

Dinner

Toronto.... Toronto is Canada's largest and most multicultural city - a dynamic hub where innovation meets inspiration. From its iconic skyline crowned by the CN Tower to its bustling neighborhoods filled with global flavors, Toronto offers students a chance to explore science, history, and culture all in one place. With world-class institutions like the Royal Ontario Museum and the Ontario Science Centre, students can dive into hands-on learning experiences that connect directly to STEM curriculum. Whether marveling at dinosaur fossils, experimenting with physics, or watching an immersive IMAX film, Toronto turns education into adventure.

Beyond academics, Toronto's vibrant arts scene, historic districts, and welcoming atmosphere make it a favorite destination for student travel. A guided city tour reveals the stories behind landmarks and neighborhoods, while evening entertainment like Medieval Times Dinner Theatre adds a playful twist to cultural exploration. With its safe, walkable downtown and reputation as one of North America's top student travel destinations, Toronto is the perfect launchpad for curiosity, creativity, and unforgettable memories.



Did you know?

- ✓ Toronto sits 566 feet above sea level on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, part of the Great Lakes system. It shares the same latitude as northern California, making it one of Canada's southernmost major cities.
- ✓ With over 250 ethnic origins represented, Toronto is one of the most multicultural cities in the world - truly a city of imagination and global connection.
- ✓ Home to more than 6.3 million people in the metro area, Toronto is Canada's largest city and a thriving center for innovation, education, and culture.
- ✓ Toronto ranks as the 4th-largest city in North America, following Mexico City, New York City, and Los Angeles.
- ✓ Nearly 25% of Canada's population lives within 100 miles of Toronto, making it a key hub for travel, commerce, and cultural exchange.
- ✓ Canada's official languages are English and French, but Toronto's linguistic diversity goes far beyond. The top languages spoken in the city include Mandarin, Cantonese, Italian, Tamil, Portuguese, and Spanish.



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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 up to 4 students in a room with two double/queen beds. Staff will typically sleep double occupancy in individual beds.

Day 2

Breakfast & dinner Included; lunch on own

Today's activities include:



Toronto City Tour – A Guided City Tour of Toronto offers students an exciting and immersive introduction to one of North America's most vibrant cities. Students explore Toronto's iconic landmarks while learning about the city's rich cultural diversity and urban innovation. The tour winds through bustling neighborhoods like Kensington Market and Queen Street West, offering glimpses of street art, local shops, and architectural gems. With engaging commentary this experience sets the stage for a fantastic Toronto experience.



The CN Tower - The CN Tower is one of Toronto's most iconic landmarks and a must-see for student travelers. Standing at over 1,800 feet tall, it offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city and Lake Ontario from its observation decks. Students can test their courage on the glass floor or learn about the tower's engineering marvels through interactive displays. It's a thrilling blend of architecture, physics, and skyline selfies - perfect for sparking STEM curiosity. *Helpful Hint – Ask us for educational resources!*



The Royal Ontario Museum – A private tour of the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) gives students a hands-on journey through science, history, and world cultures. From towering dinosaur skeletons to ancient artifacts and dazzling minerals, the museum's exhibits spark curiosity across STEM and humanities. Guided by expert educators, students explore real-world connections to classroom learning through interactive storytelling and inquiry-based activities. It's a dynamic experience that transforms the museum into a launchpad for discovery.



Dinner at Medieval Times – Medieval Times Dinner Theatre transports students back to the age of knights, castles, and chivalry for an evening of immersive entertainment. While enjoying a hearty, utensil-free feast, guests cheer for their assigned knight as he competes in jousting, swordplay, and equestrian stunts. The show blends history, drama, and action, offering a fun and memorable way to experience medieval culture. It's a high-energy night that sparks imagination and brings history to life.

Day 3

Breakfast & dinner Included; lunch on own

Pack your bags this morning. We'll check out of our Toronto hotel, do some final amazing activities, and then head for Niagara Falls. By evening, we'll be watching the falls thunder down!

Today's activities include:



Ontario Science Centre & IMAX - The Ontario Science Centre offers students a hands-on adventure into the world of science, technology, and innovation. With interactive exhibits covering everything from space exploration to human biology, it's a place where curiosity leads the way. The IMAX experience adds a thrilling visual dimension, immersing students in educational films that bring science and nature to life on a giant screen. Together, the Science Centre and IMAX create a dynamic learning environment that's both fun and unforgettable.



Ripley's Aquarium of Canada & Scavenger Hunt - Ripley's Aquarium of Canada plunges students into an underwater world filled with vibrant marine life and interactive exhibits. From the mesmerizing jellyfish displays to the moving walkway through the Dangerous Lagoon, students come face-to-face with sharks, rays, and sea turtles in an unforgettable setting. Hands-on touch tanks and educational scavenger hunts make the experience both fun and enriching. It's a perfect blend of science, conservation, and awe-inspiring discovery right in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Niagara Falls... Niagara Falls is a breathtaking natural wonder that captivates students with its sheer power, beauty, and educational value. Straddling the border between Canada and the United States, the Falls consist of three massive waterfalls - Horseshoe, American, and Bridal Veil - that together form the highest flow rate of any waterfall in North America. The thunderous roar, misty spray, and rainbows dancing in the sunlight create an unforgettable sensory experience that inspires awe and curiosity. For students, it's not just a scenic stop - it's a living classroom where geology, hydrology, and environmental science come to life.



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Day 4

Breakfast, lunch & dinner Included

Today's activities include:



Niagara Takes Flight – A thrilling multi-sensory ride that gives a bird's-eye view of the region's natural and historical wonders. This immersive experience combines motion-based seating, aerial drone cinematography, and a massive domed screen to simulate soaring over the Niagara River corridor - from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie. Before the flight, students explore themed rooms that highlight key moments in Canadian history, adding depth and context to the adventure. It's a high-tech, high-impact journey that blends geography, history, and innovation in one unforgettable ride.



Niagara Falls Cruise - The Niagara Falls boat ride with City Experiences offers students a thrilling front-row encounter with one of the world's most powerful waterfalls. Outfitted in signature red ponchos, they cruise past the American and Bridal Veil Falls before venturing into the misty roar of Horseshoe Falls. It's an exhilarating sensory experience - wind, water, and wonder - that brings geology and natural science to life. With safety, storytelling, and stunning views, this ride is a highlight of any Niagara adventure.

Note: Niagara Falls boat tours are weather-dependent and typically operate from late spring through early fall. If conditions prevent cruising during your scheduled visit, we'll coordinate with our trusted provider to reschedule or arrange a refund. Your group's safety is always our top priority, and we only partner with companies that uphold the same standards. Should the cruise be unavailable, we'll gladly redirect those funds toward another engaging activity to ensure your students still enjoy a memorable experience.



Journey Behind the Falls - Journey Behind the Falls offers students a thrilling, up-close encounter with the raw power of Niagara Falls. Descending 125 feet into bedrock tunnels, students walk behind the thundering Horseshoe Falls and feel the vibration of one-fifth of the world's freshwater crashing down just feet away. Outdoor observation decks and rock-cut viewing portals provide unforgettable perspectives; it's a sensory-rich experience that blends geology, engineering, and natural wonder into one unforgettable adventure.



Greg Frewin Dinner & Magic Show - The Greg Frewin Dinner & Magic Show delivers an evening of jaw-dropping illusions, dazzling costumes, and world-class entertainment. Students enjoy a delicious meal while watching one of the most celebrated magicians in the world perform grand-scale tricks, sleight of hand, and theatrical storytelling. The show blends mystery, humor, and spectacle in a way that captivates all ages. It's a perfect finale to a day of exploration - fun, engaging, and full of wonder.



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Day 5

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Today's activities include:



White Meadows Farms & Canadian Maple Sugar Tour – Just outside Niagara Falls, students step into the heart of Canada's maple country at White Meadows Farms, where they trace the journey of maple syrup from tree to table. Guided through the Sugar Bush, they learn how sap is collected, boiled, and transformed into syrup using both traditional and modern techniques, gaining insight into forest ecology, seasonal cycles, and sustainable harvesting. Tastings of maple taffy, fresh syrup, and maple-infused treats bring the experience to life, creating a sweet, memorable exploration of one of Canada's most iconic natural products.



Niagara IMAX: Miracles, Myths & Magic - The Niagara IMAX experience plunges students into the dramatic history and legends surrounding the Falls through a larger-than-life cinematic journey. On a six-story screen with surround sound, students gain a deeper appreciation for the cultural and geological significance of Niagara Falls while enjoying a thrilling visual spectacle. It's an engaging blend of storytelling, science, and adventure that adds depth to their visit. Specific films to be determined once dates are finalized.



Clifton Hill Fun Pass – The Clifton Hill Fun Pass packs six top attractions into one exciting bundle, perfect for student groups looking for high-energy entertainment. It includes admission to favorites like the Niagara SkyWheel, Zombie Attack, Movieland Wax Museum, and mini golf—all within walking distance of the Falls. Students can enjoy interactive games, quirky photo ops, and panoramic views from the SkyWheel. It's a lively way to unwind after a day of sightseeing, with something fun for every personality in the group. You might want your students to bring a few extra coins as this night is fun for all with over 300 games.

Farewell Reflection - End your adventure on a high note with an unforgettable Farewell Reflection. This isn't just your typical goodbye. It's a chance for students, faculty, and our team to come together and truly process their experiences. Through guided discussions, listening exercises, and thought-provoking questions, we'll unpack the amazing things you've seen, heard, and felt throughout the trip.

Day 6

Breakfast included, dependent upon departure time

Today it is time to say goodbye to Canada as we pack up and head for home. As our team's mission is to expand minds through transformative travel experiences, we hope that as you settle into your seat for the journey home, that all you have experienced during your trip will leave you with a feeling of increased confidence, knowledge, understanding and yearning for your next adventure!



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Dependent upon flight times, we'll have breakfast at our hotel and then our onward journey to the Toronto airport for our return trip home.



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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 scheduled activities
- ✓ Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on arrival and ending with breakfast on departure
- ✓ 2 days packed lunches
- ✓ Private Guided Tour of Toronto
- ✓ Royal Ontario Museum + Guided Tour
- ✓ Medieval Times Dinner Theatre
- ✓ Ontario Science Center + IMAX Presentation
- ✓ CN Tower
- ✓ Ripley's Aquarium of Canada & Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ Niagara Takes Flight
- ✓ Niagara Falls Cruise (season/weather permitting)
- ✓ Journey Behind the Falls
- ✓ Niagara IMAX Film
- ✓ Greg Frewin Dinner & Magic Show
- ✓ White Meadows Farms & Canadian Maple Sugar Tour
- ✓ Clifton Hill Fun Pass
- ✓ Dedicated Tour Director
- ✓ 24-hour emergency cover

What's Not Included:

- ☒ Fully comprehensive insurance (**mandatory**)
- ☒ Transfers to/from home airport
- ☒ Baggage costs, pay directly to airline if required
- ☒ Baggage handling; everyone should be able to pull / load their own bag
- ☒ Lunches except on days 4 & 5; snacks/beverages other than at meal times
- ☒ Meal selections other than ones provided for the entire group (we are generally able to cater for allergy conditions, vegetarians, halal and in some cases vegan)
- ☒ Sightseeing / Entertainment / Transport not shown in Itinerary
- ☒ Cost of personal passports, visas or visa waiver fees
- ☒ Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- ☒ Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar, movies, etc.
- ☒ **Gratuities – drivers, hotel services, area guides, tour director**
- ☒ Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH (online check)
- ☒ Additional taxes, fuel surcharges or fees levied by governments / suppliers

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.



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