



PROGRAM GUIDE



2018 STUDY TOUR: Challenge The Way You Think



About Study Tour 2018

Welcome to “Poland – Canada Study Tour 2018!”

Introduction

“Poland – Canada Study Tour 2018” is an exciting new initiative of Polish Academy of Canada (Poland) and YLCC Inc., (Canada), which offers its participants a unique in-depth experience of Canada through a two -week intensive programme of visits to major Canadian universities, high schools and government bodies. At each place, the students will receive briefings and have the opportunity to exchange views with representatives of these bodies, many of them leading experts in their fields.

The tour will begin in London, and travel to Toronto, Orillia, Peterborough, Oshawa and Kitchener. This experience isn’t only “about Canada: - it’s “in Canada”! Each year great effort is made to highlight topics of current relevance to Europe and Canada as well as continue a core program of economic, political, social, and educational themes.

Who we are

The organizers of the “Poland – Canada Study Tour 2018!” are a consortium of Canadian universities, High Schools, Polish and Canadian Educational Companies. It is a unique approach to the study of Canada for High School Students!

The Study Tour is an excellent educational and career opportunity: it is less a “course” than a learning immersion in Canada, a program which supports self-directed and independent study.

Language and program sessions

For practical and organizational reasons English is the language of the Study Tour, but knowledge of French is an asset.

Academic credit

Canadian universities and High Schools must give academic credit for Study Tour participation. At the end of the Tour, Canadian university/high school is provided with an individual assessment of the participation of each of his or her students. Faculty use this summary at their sole discretion.

Why this tour? (Alina Deja-Grygierczyk)

I believe that strong individuals and future leaders are created through civic engagement and mentorship. As the English teacher, English Language Coach Confidence, and university lecturer and researcher, I had the great chance to take part in many study tours in Canada, which built up my self-confidence and professional skills. It was always an amazing learning experience that I took in Canada and which I use in my daily professional career until today. In Canada I surpassed a lot of challenges, met different types of people and learnt to be proud of my roots and identity.



After a few years of working with students, I noticed that many young people in High School or at the university in Europe dream about visiting North America, but they do not always get the chance to challenge themselves and put their skills and ability to the test in North America.

So why this tour? This tour should really make a difference for you! It speaks to the needs of all young individuals who would like to get the life-transforming experience and step up to challenge themselves.

This tour serves as a pathway to fulfill your future goals and learn to build up your self-confidence and professional career, maybe also in future in North America?

Mission

The mission of the tour is to create more vibrant and active young people who are eager to challenge the way they think and gain not only very fluent English language skills, but also build up their early professional skills, or simply to accelerate their professional development while sparking their creativity and innovation in North America.

The tour is based on active participation of the students and during the tour the students will be given notebooks to write down their emotions and thoughts, as well as any future goals about their lives.

How would this work?

1. In Canada students will go through unique experience of taking part in an international conference – Global Summit Meetings and learn to surpass the challenges by interacting with other international students. The aim of the conference is to motivate students to make positive personal change or inspire them to larger actions in their school and global or local communities.

When you don't use your greatness, somebody will use your mediocrity!

2. In Canada the students will also go sightseeing with other international students and they will get the unique experience of exploring Toronto and living the big city life.
3. Another relevant experience would be the YLLC Camp Canada where students will attend workshops and learn to be more productive in life and govern their free time. YLLC Camp Canada is a cutting edge, dynamic and unique leadership program delivered by Canadian Leadership Training Centre. The camp offers a wide range of activities and team building initiatives, customized to meet the unique needs of your group.
During the camp the students will have the possibility to have their own first displays in English about their interests.

They will also attend lots of sports activities such as high ropes, canoeing.

Why sport? You also start to challenge yourself, and fight with your weaknesses. You often act in uncomfortable conditions to change yourself and your habits, as well as manage your fears.



4. Students will also have the possibility to know First Nations Cultures in Canada. The contact with First Nations will teach the students to reflect on the past, their traditions and the history of Canada, as well as Poland. They will learn to meet different types of cultures and get a new perspective about their lives, as well as they will learn to appreciate their national and family roots.
Learning how to think critically is an important skill that is taught by Indigenous Peoples and their Indigenous Studies programs.
5. Students will also attend High Schools and College in Canada where they will attend classes and talk with older students about their goals and university lives. They will have the chance to experience different styles of education. They will also have the unforgettable experience of billeting with a Canadian family and meet new lifelong friends from different backgrounds.
6. Finally, they will get in touch with some important Canadian institutions, parliament Advisors and have the possibility to talk with Polish-Canadian journalists and writers. In Canada the students will break the myths and clichés about both Canada and Poland and try to understand how the Polish-Canadians combine and live between the two worlds.

What activities are involved?

High School Experience in Canada; University & College Life & University Campus; Billeting in Canada; International Conference; Sightseeing Toronto & Niagara Falls Experience; Motivation; Canadian Camp; Sport; Presentation; Workshops; Meeting with First Nations in Canada; Polish-Canadian immigration; Learning English & Gaining Self-Confidence Skills & Challenging Yourself

Patronage

The Study Tour 2018 “Challenge the Way YOU Think - Becoming a Young Professional” is a unique project organized by Alina Deja-Grygierczyk (Director of Polish Academy of Canada) in collaboration with Ian Tyson and Kara Gunnarson (YLLC), Helen Bajorek MacDonald (Professor at Fleming College) and Bob Kline, the Leadership Advisor at Huron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener, Ontario.

Schooling before the Trip & Short Quiz Test

Before the trip the students will attend a short two-day course about Canada and they will get familiarized with possible psychological mental blocks when arriving in North America. In Canada they will be asked to write their daily diaries about their experiences.

**In Leadership,
Kara Gunnarson,**

**In Leadership,
Alina Deja-Grygierczyk,**

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“Challenge The Way **YOU** Think –
Becoming a Young **Professional**”

*Polish Academy of Canada in collaboration with
the Youth Leadership Campus Canada,
the Canadian Student Leadership Association,
Huron Heights Secondary School,
and Fleming College (Toronto, Canada)*

The 2018 Study Tour Programme

		Version: Preliminary
Date	Time 24 h	Event & Topic Presenters
		Warsaw, Poland -> London, Ontario, Canada
April 07 Saturday, Warsaw	During the day	Travel to Toronto Pearson Airport & London Accommodation in London, Delta London Armouries



CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

<p>April 08 Sunday, London</p>	<p>08:00 - 10:00 10:00 – 17:00 17:00 - 22:00 19:30 - 22:30</p>	<p>PRE-CONFERENCE</p> <p>Breakfast Informal introductory get-together (Hotel Lobby)</p> <p>Campus Tour at Huron University & Meetings with Faculty</p> <p>Registration opens at Hilton DoubleTree</p> <p>Early Arrival welcome for delegates and advisors.</p> 
<p>April 09 Monday, London</p>	<p>09:30 - 12:30 12:30 - 13:30 13:30 - 13:45 13:45 - 15:30 15:45 - 17:00 17:00 - 19:00 19:00 - 20:00 20:15 - 21:15 21:30 - 23:00</p>	<p>Registration continues at London Convention Centre; Advisors welcome; Student, university and college fun fair. Lunch - on your own - please return on time.</p> <p>Doors Open - Find seats for Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>Opening Ceremonies / General Session #1. School and Community Leadership</p> <p>Student program with leadership ambassadors.</p> <p>Advisor orientation and welcome session.</p> <p>Dinner - on your own - please return on time.</p> <p>General Session #2. Environmental and Global Issues</p> <p>First concurrent session.</p> <p>Evening activity for delegates.</p>
<p>April 10 Tuesday, London</p>	<p>07:00 - 08:30 08:30 - 10:00 10:15 - 11:15 11:15 - 13:30 13:30 - 14:30 14:45 - 15:45</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>General session #3. Entrepreneurs and Game Changers</p> <p>Second concurrent session.</p> <p>Lunch - on your own time - please return on time.</p> <p>General Session #4. Mind, Body & Soul</p> <p>Third Concurrent Session</p>



	16:00 - 16:45	Student Program with Leadership Ambassadors
	17:00 - 18:00	General Session #5 Social Activism
	18:00 - 20:30	Dinner - on your own - please return on time.
	20:30 - 22:30	Evening activity - street party!
	23:00	Lights out!
April 11 Wednesday, London	07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast
	08:30 - 10:00	General session #6. Social Activism
	10:15 - 11:15	Fourth concurrent session.
	11:30 - 12:30	Fifth concurrent session.
	12:30 - 13:00	Snack provided at the LCC.
	13:00 - 14:00	Student program with leadership ambassadors.
	14:15 - 15:30	Closing ceremonies.
	15:30	Goodbye and good luck!
		Toronto, Niagara Falls
		ENTERTAINMENT AND SIGHTSEEING
April 12 Thursday	During the Day	Post-Summit Toronto Tour
April 13 Friday	During the Day	Post-Summit Toronto Tour
		London, Ontario, Canada
		CANADIAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCES AND UNIVERSITY LIFE
April 13 Friday	Afternoon	Meeting with First Nations of Canada – Dan and Lou Smoke Aboriginal Awareness Training Workshop
		Lake Simcoe (Orillia, Ontario)
		CAMP EXPERIENCES & WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS
April 14 Saturday	During the Day	Camp Experience & Professional Workshops



		PAC Conference & High Ropes 
April 15 Sunday	During the Day	Leadership Training & Professional Workshops 
		Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
		UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE EXPERIENCE
April 16, Monday	8:00 - 9:00	Fleming College & Trent University  Breakfast at Trent University
	10:00 - 13:00	Trent University Campus Tour and Meetings with Faculty
	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch at Fleming College
	16:00 – 18:00	Lectures at Fleming College and Fleming College Students; presentations
	18:00 – 21:00	Late Supper: Peterborough/Oshawa
		Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
		HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
April 17, Tuesday	During the day	High School Experience in Canada 
April 18, Wednesday	During the day	High School Experience in Canada 
April 19, Thursday	During the day	High School Experience in Canada 
		Toronto, Ontario
		POLISH-CANADIAN IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE
April 20, Friday	10:30-12:30	Ontario Parliament – Meeting with Natalia Kusendova
	13:00 -15:00	Campus Tour of University of Toronto & Meeting with Veronika Waszewski - University of Toronto Student
	16:00 – 17:00	POLISH-CANADIAN IMMIGRATION STORIES Meeting with Polish-Canadian writers - Andrew Borkowski Roncesvalles Tour (Little Poland)
	19:00 - 20:00	Photo Shooting with Supendra/ Hockey Match/
	20:00 – 22:00	Keg house Restaurant – Goodbye Toronto Dinner
April 21, Saturday	During the Day	Last Minute Sightseeing and trip back to Poland



