

Fieldstone Day School - Grade 6-8 OTTAWA May 3 - 5, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian or Student,

Fieldstone School is offering students the opportunity to participate in an outstanding tour of Ottawa from May 3 - 5, 2017. The tour has been prepared by Brightspark, a full service, TICO-registered tour operator specializing in student group travel.

#### Your tour includes the following:

- Round-trip transportation by coach
- 2 night(s) Accommodation at the Hampton Inn Ottawa Or Similar
- 1 Tour Leader
- Night Supervision
- Meals: 2 Breakfasts,1 Lunch,2 Dinners
- All Attractions and Activities outlined in the attached Itinerary
- All Taxes and Gratuities
- Brightspark Staff/24 hour Emergency Hotline
- Access to phone card, Brightspark Souvenir with emergency contact number, Brightspark Knapsack

#### Price of the tour is based on 20 paying passengers:

#### Student

\$756 + \$38 Insurance

#### Quad Occupancy (2 beds)

These prices are based on a projected number of paying participants. If our actual passenger count varies from our projected number, the price of the tour may change to reflect our actual numbers.

Cancellation Insurance is optional but highly recommended. If you are declining this protection, please understand that you will be subject to Brightspark's cancellation policies outlined in the Conditions and Exclusions on the reverse side of this document.

Online registration is the fastest and easiest way to reserve your seat on the tour. Please go to www.brightsparktravel.ca and enter the Tour Web Code in the upper right hand corner of this document to get started. Registration online requires payment by credit card or direct deposit.

This is a fantastic opportunity to experience Ottawa with your classmates, we hope that you will consider participating in this trip of a lifetime! If you have any questions about the tour, please feel free to call Brightspark at 1-800-267-6425 or visit www.brightsparktravel.ca.

Sincerely,

Fieldstone School and Brightspark

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#### REGISTRATION IS EASY, PLEASE VISIT:

https://mytour.brightsparktravel.ca no later than: November 30, 2016 Create your account using:



A deposit of \$100 + \$38 Travel Guard Insurance is required upon registration.

#### PROTECT YOUR PURCHASE WITH Travel Guard Insurance

Brightspark strongly advises you to avoid cancellation penalties and protect yourself while on tour by adding **Travel Guard Insurance** to your registration for: \$38

Coverage includes "School Board Ruling to cancel for any reason." Please refer to the attached insurance document for coverage of highlights and Brightspark's website for additional details. Your purchase is protected and so are you.

STUDENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE	
Amount	Due Date
\$100 deposit* +	
\$38 ins.	11/30/2016
\$328	01/13/2017
\$328	03/03/2017

Total Student Price \$756 + \$38 Insurance

\*Please note that the deposit is nonrefundable. For complete details, please read the Conditions and Exclusions on the reverse side of this letter.



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# Simplifying Student Travel

#### CONDITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FORMING PART OF THE CONTRACT OF RESERVATION

Educatours, Ltd., doing business as (DBA) Brightspark, and its representative(s) (hereinafter "Educatours") is acting solely as agent for the suppliers who provide all accommodations and all transportation and other services for the Trip (hereinafter the "Suppliers") Booking a Trip with Educatours involves an agreement between the signor of this reservation form (hereinafter the "Passenger") and where the Passenger is under the age of 18, the agreement includes the custodial parent or legal guardian who signs this reservation form, and the Suppliers. The Suppliers are independent parties, over which Educatours involves an agreement. The travel services and other services provided are subject to the conditions imposed by the Suppliers and their liability is limited to tariffs, condition of carriage, tickets and vouchers and international conventions and agreements. The passenger acknowledges and agrees that Educatours is not in any way liable for personal injury, property damage, inconvenience, loss of time, or loss arising out of the act, omission, or negligence of any direct air carrier, motor coach company, hotel or any other Suppliers in conjunction with the Trip. Furthermore, the Passenger acknowledges and agrees that Educatours is not in any way responsible for any injury, damage, or loss due to reason of theft, accident, mechanical breakdown, government action, weather, failure to make timely payments, or any other reason beyond the control of any Suppliers in conjunction with the Trip. When booking the Trip with Educatours, the Passenger acknowledges and understands that the Trip and its related activities are ORGANIZATION SPONSORED (i.e. organized and sponsored through a school or club) and as a result decisions regarding, but not limited to, tour tineraries, participants, accommodations, meals, roommates, and costs will be made by the sponsoring organization or its representative (hereinafter the "Trip Planner") on the passengers' behalf. Educatours STAFF ARE NOT CHAPERONES. The perm

**DOCUMENTATION:** In the event that the Passenger does not obtain the required documents, the Passenger will be denied boarding by the carrier or refused entry into the country of destination. No refunds will be made should boarding or entry be denied because of insufficient or lost documents. In such an event, any cost associated with an early return home, or to the original departure point, will be the Passenger's expense. If a passport is required for travel, the expiry date on the passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from departure date.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS: Passengers should be aware that different living standards and practices, and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodations may exist outside of Ontario.

ROOM OCCUPANCY POLICY: It is the responsibility of the Trip Planner to fill each room to maximum occupancy based on price. If a cancellation by one or more Passengers changes the occupancy of an assigned room, leaving rooms filled below maximum occupancy, it is the Trip Planner's responsibility to reassign rooms to maximum occupancy. Rooms may consist of any combination of the following, based on occupancy: one king size bed, one queen size bed, one double size bed, two double size beds, a pull-out couch, a rollaway bed, or single bed. In accommodations other than hotels (i.e. university or college residences, international youth hostels, camps, pensions) there may be shared washroom and/or shower facilities.

ROOMING LIST DUE DATE: All rooming lists is due in our office 60 days prior to departure. Rooming list changes that occur between 30 days and 24 hrs (Cdn destinations), 30 days and 48 hrs (US destinations), and 30 days and 72 hours (international destinations) prior to departure are subject to a \$25 change fee.

PRICE INCREASES: The prices advertised are based on fixed costs at the time of printing the brochures. These costs are dependent on fuel costs, rates of exchange, and other factors. Should these costs increase, Educatours reserves the right to increase the price. Should the price increase be greater than 7%, the consumer has the right to cancel the contract for the travel service and obtain a full refund of all amounts paid to Educatours, unless the price increase is the result of government taxation or a fuel surcharge allowed by the Canadian Transportation Agency. Every effort will be made to advise you of any price increase at least 15 days before your Trip departure.

AIRLINE DEPARTURE TAXES: Departure taxes are not included in the cost of the tour and are subject to change without notice by the airlines. DAMAGE: Passengers in each room are responsible for damages in their respective rooms as well as any

DAMAGE: Passengers in each room are responsible for damages in their respective rooms as well as any unpaid room service bills. Passengers on each motor coach are responsible for any damage to that motor coach. Common area damage will be paid for by the entire tour group unless damage is associated to specific passengers. Common areas are defined as hallways, stairwells, elevators, lobbies etc. Accommodations can also hold the group responsible for the cost of excessive cleaning to the property.

**CONDUCT LETTER:** You may be required to sign a conduct letter before leaving for your destination. This will outline what our Suppliers, the sponsoring organization (i.e. school or club), and Educatours expect from you when travelling with us. Misconduct could result in being evicted from the Trip. Passengers who are evicted from the Trip in any way and for any reason are responsible for any associated costs and arrangements to return home. Educatours and the sponsoring organization reserve the right to decline or evict any Passenger from participating on the Trip at any time either before or during the Trip and for any cause.

**INSURANCE:** Educatours strongly recommends the purchase of Travel Guard Insurance. Travel Guard Insurance is non-refundable and non-transferable. Passengers must indicate if they wish to purchase or decline insurance on the registration form. If no indication is made this means insurance has been declined. If the Passenger chooses to decline the insurance package, they will be subject to the cancellation policies. Educatours will not be responsible for any denied claims by Travel Guard. Eligible expenses may include: cancellation charges prior to departure, trip interruption, excess hospital/medical, baggage, personal effects, out-of-pocket expense, return of vehicle, family transportation benefit, death after departure, and accidental benefits. This form is not an insurance policy. The policy, terms, conditions and restrictions are set out in the insurance certificate. All claims must be submitted in writing. Claims for reasons that are covered under the Travel Guard Policy must be made through Travel Guard Your reservation and insurance policy do not commence until your Reservation Form is received and accepted in our office at 3280 Bloor St. W, Centre Tower, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 2X3.

DEPOSITS: A minimum deposit of \$100 (Cdn. programs), \$200 (U.S. programs) or \$750 (international and air programs) per student is required. Final payment is due in our office 60 days prior to departure.

LATE REGISTRANTS: If there is room on the mode of transportation, space in an existing hotel room and the passenger is paid in full, passengers can be added to the tour up to 24 hours for Canadian destinations, 7 days for US destinations and 30 days for international destinations. All registrants must sign a registration form or accept our terms and conditions online.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. The amount of the deposit varies based on trip destination. All payment up to the full cost of the trip are non-refundable and non-transferable between 60 days and the date of departure. Special event tickets, including, but not limited to, sporting and theatre events, are non-refundable at any time.

UNCLAIMED LUGGAGE: Any lost or unclaimed articles that have been turned over to Educatours will be held by Educatours for 30 days from end of Tour date. After the 30-day period, any articles remaining unclaimed will be donated to Charity. Any expense in returning lost or forgotten items is solely at the expense of the Passenger.

TRIP CANCELLATION BY Educatours: Educatours and the sponsoring organization (i.e. school or club) reserve the right to cancel any Trip in its sole discretion. In the event that a Trip is cancelled by Educatours, Educatours shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid by the Passenger, which shall be deemed to constitute full settlement. Educatours cannot guarantee weather conditions nor can Educatours be responsible for any shut down, whether wholly or partially of the operations of any services in connection with the Trip whether they be caused by weather or for any reason or cause, and Educatours hereby expressly reserves the right to change the Trip destination if deemed necessary by Educatours.

**COMPLAINTS:** If the Passenger has a problem with the services provided on or in connection with the Trip at the destination, the Passenger will contact Educatours who will do its best to correct the problem. If the problem cannot be resolved at the destination, the Passenger may send a written complaint to Educatours when the Passenger returns from the Trip.

CHANGES IN ACCOMMODATION: Every effort will be made to ensure that the accommodation included in the prices of the Trip will be provided as advertised. Educatours reserves the right to substitute accommodation for equal or better accommodations. Educatours does not control the management of hotels and resorts.

CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION: The Passenger acknowledges that the hotel or other accommodation selected and confirmed by Educatours for the Trip may be undergoing construction or renovations during the Passengers Trip. The Passenger agrees that he/she shall not be entitled to any refund or discount due to any such condition. It is the responsibility of Educatours to inform the clients of any construction or renovation prior to departure.

Educatours RESPONSIBILITIES: Once travel has commenced, Educatours cannot assume responsibility for any refunds, losses, costs or expenses arising out of injury, accident or death, loss of or damage to or otleay in conventione, upset, disappointment, stress, frustration or loss of enjoyment or loss of holiday time resulting from: a) mechanical breakdown, government action, war, terrorism, revolution, elements of nature or acts of God, weather, strike, public health quarantine or any other action beyond Educatours' control; b) the Passenger's failure to provide documentation necessary for the journey and return to Country of Origin; c) being denied access to aircraft due to contravening the airline's conditions of carriage; d) being held by Government direction or security or law enforcement agency; e) the Passenger's missing connections or failing to follow the directions of Educatours or its representatives; f) the need for Educatours to change itineraries or substitute accommodation or hotels or services provided that every effort is made to supply the most comparable services and accommodations available. No refund is allowed for any unused tour or air service.

**INTERPRETATION:** This contract regardless of where it is performed shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada. If there is a dispute, the Passenger (and in the case of a Passenger who is under the age of 18, also the Passenger's custodial parent or legal guardian) and Educatours agree that any legal proceedings must be commenced and conducted in the City of Toronto, Canada. In the event that any covenant, provision or term of this contract should at any time be held by any competent Court or other tribunal to be void or unenforceable, then this contract for reservation shall not fail, but the covenant, provision or term shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this contract, which will remain and continue in full force and effect. Any oral or written assurance or statement that differs from the terms or conditions not expressly approved in writing by Educatours head office at 3280 Bloor St. W, Centre Tower, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 2X3, is not the responsibility of Educatours and does not form part of this contract. The provisions contained herein constitute the entire contract between Educatours and the Passenger (and in the case of a Passenger who is under the age of 18, also the Passenger sustodial parent or legal guardian). The Passenger (and in the case of a Passenger who is under the age of 18, also the Passenger's custodial parent or legal guardian) hereby acknowledges having read the contract or been given a reasonable opportunity to read and understand this contract.

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Registration #2422707/2267878 Date: 11/3/2016



# Online Sign-up Process for Parents

## It is highly suggested to **DO** this process on a **DESKTOP/LAPTOP** computer and **NOT** a **PHONE/IPAD/TABLET**

## Login and Create Account

- Visit www.brightsparktravel.ca → Click on the green login button on the top right hand corner of the page next to the search button.
  LOGIN / REGISTER Search...
- 2) Create the Parent Account (found on the right hand side of the page).
- 3) Enter the **PARENT/GUARDIAN** details (email address, first name, last name, password, tour webcode). **PLEASE NOTE:** It is imperative that you enter the **PARENT/GUARDIANS** information and **NOT** the **STUDENT.**
- 4) The **TOUR WEBCODE** is a **UNIQUE 7-DIGIT** number located on the right hand side of the first page of the parent information package provided to you by the school.

SAMPLE TOUR WEBCODE

- 5) Read the <u>Terms and Conditions</u>  $\rightarrow$  click **'Create account'**.
- 6) You are now on the **'Tour Homepage'** and will have to **'REGISTER A PARTICIPANT'**.

# PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

- 7) → Click on the 'REGISTER THE PARTICIPANT' link found on the 'My Tour Menu' on the top left hand side of the page.
- 8) → Click on the 'Register & Pay' button found on the middle of the page.
  PLEASE NOTE: If you see your name under 'my accounts' (because of previous registrations with us) DO NOT click the 'view and edit' button. It will take you to the wrong area.



- 9) Fill out all of the necessary fields. If they have any **ALLERGIES** fill out in the bottom section of the page. *PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT add the participants email.*
- 10) The next page shows the cost of the tour based on quad occupancy and allows you to choose the INSURANCE OPTION. You will be asked again if you have read the <u>Terms and Conditions</u> and you must click before proceeding → Click 'Next Step'.



11) You are now on the 'Deposit' page where you have two options of payment 'Pay by Visa or Mastercard' OR 'Pay by Online Banking'

## **Online Banking Option**

12) Your **'Reservation ID'** will be given to you on the next page.

SAMPLE RESERVATION ID Your Reservation ID: -----

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must make note of this **UNIQUE 6-digit number** that is assigned to you.

- 13) You will also be given the deposit amount owing.
- 14)  $\rightarrow$  Click on the financial institution that you bank with.
- 15) You will be taken from our portal directly to your banks homepage (For subsequent payment go directly to your bank website)
- 16) From here you will log into your bank account
- 17)  $\rightarrow$  Set **Brightspark** up as a **'Payee'** and follow your bank instructions from there.
- 18) When it asks you for your 'Account #', enter your 6-digit 'Reservation ID' provided on the previous page.
- 19) Online payments can take up to 72 hours to reflect on your Brightspark reservation.
- 20) You can go into your reservation and print an account summary at any time.

### Credit Card Option

- 21)  $\rightarrow$  Click **'Pay Now'**. You will be given the deposit amount due at time of booking **BUT**, if you prefer to pay the full amount right away  $\rightarrow$  click **'Another Amount'** and change the amount owing to the full cost of the tour.
- 22) You will also see the 'AutoPay' option which is automatically selected.

AutoPay - Your subsequent payments will automatically be processed on the due dates as per the payment schedule. Should you wish to deactivate this option un-click the box

- 23) If you do not wish to setup 'AutoPay', simply uncheck the box.PLEASE NOTE: If the card # changes before one of the next payments, you will need to change that on the autopay feature or the card will not work for any future payments.
- 24)  $\rightarrow$  Click on **'Pay Now'**. You will be re-directed to the **Moneris website**.
- 25) Enter your credit card information.
- 26) You have now completed the registration process.

## If you have any questions; please call 416-486-6440 x 2 for our Customer Service Team



### Day One - Wednesday, May 03, 2017

#### Preliminary Itinerary

This is your preliminary itinerary. The order of activities of your actual tour may vary based on the availability of attractions and restaurants.

- 7:00 AM Arrival at your school of a mini coach. Note: limited luggage room.
- 7:30 AM Board your motor coach and depart. En route your Tour Leader will get to know the students on a first name basis and lead discussions. Appropriate rest and meal stops will be made en route.

#### Participate in The Sparktacular Adventure!

Your specialized Tour Leader will lead the group through The Sparktacular Adventure! Students will have a great time as they work in teams to collect points by participating in challenges and activities at various attractions and locations throughout the tour. Let the adventures begin!

#### Mock Parliament en route

Discover how our Canadian Democratic system operates as you work with your group to create and pass your very own bill.

#### 1:30 PM The Heist

In the nation's capital a heavily guarded gem stone has been stolen! After learning about the potential suspects, it is up to the students to work together and look for clues to the crime. Can your group solve the mystery?

#### 3:30 PM Historic Walking Tour of Ottawa Walk through Ottawa's history with your Tour Leader. You will be captivated by the stories and legends told by your Tour Leader highlighting Ottawa's rich history as our Nation's Capital. Stops will be made at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the National War Memorial.

- 5:00 PM Hotel Check In Approximate time of arrival at the Hampton Inn.
- 6:30 PM Buffet dinner at Tuckers Marketplace
- 8:00 PM **Ghost and the Gallows Haunted Walk of Ottawa** Visit death row and the gallows inside the Old Carleton County Jail and other haunted locations while your tour guide recounts some of Ottawa's supernatural encounters.
- 9:15 PM **One-way school bus transfer** One-way school bus transfer on a 47 passenger school bus.

10:00 PM Night Security provided by G4S Security - 8 hrs Night Security will patrol hallways between 10:00pm - 6:00am

#### Day Two - Thursday, May 04, 2017

- 8:15 AM Hot Buffet Breakfast at your hotel
- 9:45 AM Parliament Hill Centre Block Tour OR Outside Looking In Program Situated on a cliff overlooking the Ottawa River, the Parliament Buildings are historical monuments, architectural treasures, and an important national symbol cherished by all Canadians. It is within the walls of these buildings that Senators and Members of Parliament debate the important issues of the day, and make our nation's laws.
- 11:15 AM **Guided Grand Tour at 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. This stunning structure on the banks of the Ottawa River houses the largest military history collection in Canada, and spans the period from The Seven Years' War to the present day.
- 1:15 PM Cold boxed lunch from Dunn's Famous Deli Elgin Street

Eat your boxed lunch in Major's Hill Park.

#### 2:00 PM SparkTogether

Participate in fun, cooperative, team building games led by your Tour Leader. This unique program will challenge students' problem solving and decision making skills in an exciting, interactive setting.

#### 3:00 PM Cycling Along the Ottawa River

This tour focuses on Pre-Confederation Ottawa and the lumber industry. It includes Major's Hill Park, Alexandra Bridge, Ottawa River, Portage Bridge, Victoria Island and the Main Locks. NOTE: Tours operate rain or shine.

- 4:30 PM Board your motor coach and return to your accommodations to refresh for this evening's activities.
- 6:30 PM Fajita dinner at Lone Star Cafe (chicken & steak)
- 8:00 PM **2 Games of 10 Pin Bowling at McArthur Lanes** Play two games of 10 pin bowling including shoe rental.
- 9:30 PM Board your motor coach and return to your accommodations.

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#### Day Three - Friday, May 05, 2017

#### 7:45 AM Hot Buffet Breakfast at your hotel

#### 8:45 AM Hotel Check Out

Check out of your accommodations and load your luggage onto the motor coach.

#### 9:30 AM Urban Caching

You're a geocacher! You hunt for hidden urban treasures! With the help of your classmates and a GPS, navigate your way to key points in the nation's capital to discover a secret. Will your team be the first to finish this challenge?

#### 10:45 AM Visit the Canadian Museum of History

The building itself is an architectural masterpiece and one of Canada's most popular and most visited museums. Journey through 1,000 years of Canada's history in life-size settings and experience the richness of Canada's past. Please Note: Canada Hall is closed until further notice.

#### 12:30 PM The Byward Market

Time to have lunch on your own and explore one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets. The legendary builder of the Rideau Canal, Lieutenant Colonel John By, laid out the plan for the Market. Within its streets, you will find museums, cafés, specialty food shops, boutiques, restaurants and more.

1:30 PM Board your motor coach and depart for home. Appropriate rest and meal stops will be made en route.

#### 7:00 PM Welcome Home!

Approximate time of arrival at your school.

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