

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Aldershot High School Halton District School Board Tour ID: 23-53908/1, Montreal March 11 to 17, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian or Student,

Aldershot High School is offering students the opportunity to participate in an outstanding tour of Montreal from March 11 to 17, 2023. 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 transportation
- One-way Motor Coach Transfer
- Accommodations at Tourist Class Hotel: Mar 11 Mar 13
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- · Accommodations at Tourist Class Hotel: Mar 15 Mar 17
- Night security each evening at the hotel(s) 2 guards
- 6 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners
- 2 Tour Leaders
- All attractions and activities outlined in the attached Itinerary
- All Taxes and Gratuities
- Brightspark 24/7 emergency on-tour support team
- Brightspark Souvenir with emergency contact number for every passenger

Price of the tour is based on 80 paying passengers:

Student \$1,397 including Insurance Quad Occupancy (2 beds)

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.

Please go to www.brightsparktravel.ca and enter the Tour Web Code (located 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 Montreal 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, Aldershot High School and Brightspark

# REGISTRATION IS EASY, PLEASE VISIT:

#### https://portal.brightsparktravel.ca/

Use the code below and register no later than:

Oct 14, 2022

## **Tour Web Code:**

**EWJYCGH** 

A non-refundable deposit of \$525 is required upon registration.

# PROTECT YOUR PURCHASE WITH TRAVEL GUARD INSURANCE

Travel Guard Insurance has been included in your tour. 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
\$ 525	Oct 14, 2022
\$ 436	Nov 15, 2022
\$ 436	Jan 11, 2023

#### **Total Student Price:**

\$1,397 including Insurance







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

Important Notice: By registering for this program, you are agreeing to participate in a full-service group educational travel experience. Because of the unique nature of group travel, many elements of your program and itinerary may be selected and/or scheduled at the direction of your group's Group Leader, who will act as your group's representative. Further, please note that, while WorldStrides and its affiliates will arrange the various travel elements for your trip, the total price quoted for your program includes additional pre-trip services, including but not limited to the development of the associated educational content and materials, the printing and distribution of program materials, the costs associated with our various group health and safety measures, and the administrative and service costs related to group management. Further, because of the nature of group bookings, and the fact that travel elements are not purchased on an individual basis, information related to WorldStrides purchasing from external suppliers will not be made available to individuals under any circumstances.

The following terms & conditions are valid until June 30, 2023, and for travel between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2023 for WorldStrides Canada Inc. (operating as Brightspark) hereafter referred to as "Rightspark".

WorldStrides Canada Inc., doing business as (DBA) Brightspark, and its representative(s) (hereinafter "Brightspark") 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 Brightspark involves an agreement between the signor of the 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 Brightspark exercises no control. The travel services and other services provided are subject to the conditions imposed by the Suppliers and their liability to tariffs, conditions of carriage, tickets and vouchers and international conventions and agreements. The passenger acknowledges and agrees that Brightspark 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 Brightspark 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 Brightspark, 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 itineraries, participants, accommodations, meals, roommates and costs will be made by the sponsoring organization or its representative (hereinafter the "Trip Planner") on the passengers' behalf. Brightspark STAFF ARE  $NOT\ CHAPERONES.\ The\ permission\ and\ signatures\ of\ a\ custodial\ parent/legal\ guardian\ is\ required\ if\ the$ Passenger is under 18 years of age

#### PAYMENT & CANCELLATION INFORMATION

**DEPOSITS:** A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$100 (Cdn.programs), \$200 (US programs) for coach tours or \$750 (international programs) or \$249 (N.A. flight programs) per student is required. Final payment is due in our office 60 days prior to departure for Canadian and US destinations, and 90 days prior to departure for international destinations.

STANDARD CANCELLATION POLICY: The services and value we provide begin long before your date of departure, and there are significant unrecoverable costs as your departure date approaches. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable. The amount of the deposit varies based on trip destination. Other non-refundable fees include the cost for insurance, handling charges, merchandise fees, fees for returned cheques, fees for declined credit cards or electronic drafts, late payments, name changes and registration fees plus special event tickets including, but not limited to, sporting and theatre events. The non-refundable cancellation charges are not intended to be a penalty, but rather a fair estimation of a portion of the unrecoverable internal and external costs related to planning, managing, and administering a full-service group travel program that are incurred by Brightspark prior to the date of departure. As noted above, travel elements are not purchased on an individual basis, and Brightspark cannot provide individualized refunds or credits for elements purchased from external suppliers.

#### Canada and USA Tours

- 60 days or more: Full refund less non-refundable deposit & non-refundable fees
- Under 60 days: 100% cancellation penalty

#### International Tours

- 90 days or more: Full refund less non-refundable deposit & non-refundable fees
- Under 90 days: 100% cancellation penalty

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing by the person listed on the registration form (or custodial parent or legal guardian) to customer service or your account representative at customerservice@brightsparktravel.ca or via mail to 3280 Bloor St, W, Centre Tower, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 2X3, and must be postmarked prior to the group's departure, and must include reservation number, registrant's name, and complete address.

The Group Leader, school, or school board (as applicable) may cancel the program on behalf of the entire group, or any individual participant. Within 24 hours following receipt of your registration confirmation or initial payment invoice (whichever is first), you may cancel your Brightspark program and receive a full refund. After 24 hours, the Standard Cancellation Policy applies.

All refunds are issued using the original form of payment on the account. Cheque refunds are only issued to the primary responsible party listed on the account. Brightspark accepts payment via cheque, debit card, and credit card. Brightspark only accepts personal cheques until 110 days prior to departure, and debit payments up until 65 days prior to departure.

**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.

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.

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, Brightspark 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 Brightspark, unless the price increase is the result of government taxation. Every effort

will be made to advise you of any price increase at least 15 days before your Trip departure. Please note that no price increases are allowed once you pay in full.

#### TOUR INFORMATION

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 maximize occupancy. Rooms may consist of any combination of the following, based on occupancy: one king size bed, one queen sized bed, one double sized bed, two double sized 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 are 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.

**AIRLINE BAGGAGE:** For air tours, airline baggage fees, unless otherwise indicated, are not included in the price of the Tour and are the responsibility of the individual or group checking bags or instruments.

**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 your home province.

CHANGES IN ACCOMMODATION: Every effort will be made to ensure that the accommodation included in the price of the Trip will be provided as advertised. Brightspark reserves the right to substitute accommodation for equal or better accommodation. Brightspark 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 Brightspark for the Trip may be undergoing construction or renovations during the Passenger Trips. 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 Brightspark to inform the clients of any construction or renovation prior to departure.

AIR TRAVEL: According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Resolution 830d effective 1 June 2019, Brightspark provides its emergency service information (as opposed to your personal contact information) to airlines participating in your itinerary in case of operational disruptions. Thus, you may not receive information from the airline relating to flight cancellation or schedule changes (including delay in departure). If you wish to have your contact information provided to airlines participating in your itinerary, please contact Brightspark Customer Service.

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 passengers or the group responsible for the cost of excessive cleaning to the property.

PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES: Any disability or allergy requiring special attention should be reported to Brightspark at the time you make your reservation. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate special needs, including food allergies, but we are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. Travellers requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the necessary assistance. Please refer to the Special Needs and Disabilities section of our FAQ at brightsparktravel.ca for more information.

**UNCLAIMED LUGGAGE:** Any lost or unclaimed articles that have been turned over to Brightspark will be held by Brightspark 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.

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 Brightspark 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. Brightspark 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 INFORMATION

INSURANCE: Brightspark strongly recommends the purchase of Travel Insurance. Insurance is provided either by Travel Guard Insurance or TuGo as indicated on your reservation form. Insurance is 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 any Passenger chooses to decline the insurance package, they will be subject to the cancellation policies. Brightspark will not be responsible for any claims denied by Travel Guard, TuGo or any other 3rd party insurers.

Eligible expenses may include cancellation charges prior to departure, trip interruption, excess hospital/medical, baggage, personal effects, out-of-pocket expenses, return of vehicle, family transportation benefit, death after departure, and accident 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 insurance policy purchased. 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.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

BRIGHTSPARK'S RESPONSIBILITIES: Once travel has commenced, Brightspark cannot assume responsibility for any refunds, losses, costs or expenses arising out of injury, accident or death, loss of or damage to or delay in connection with baggage or other property, delay inconvenience, 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 Brightspark's 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 the Government direction or security or law enforcement agency; e) the Passenger missing connections or failing to follow the directions of Brightspark or its representatives; f) the need for Brightspark to change itineraries or substitute accommodation or hotels or services provided that every effort is made to supply the most comparable

**PRIVACY:** Because the nature of our business requires coordination with various providers who deliver the travel services, it is necessary to share some personal information from time to time.

**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 Brightspark 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 Brightspark when the Passenger returns from the Trip.

WORLDCLASS FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM: Groups can plan trips with confidence. We understand your group may need to change your trip due to unforeseen circumstances. If your group decides they are not comfortable traveling to the planned destination or on the scheduled dates, the group can move the trip to an alternative destination or move to a new future date up until 45 days before departure. Changing the destination or date of the trip will be determined based on availability of trip components including, but not limited to, accommodations, venues, attractions, content, meals, and transportation. We will work with your Group Leader to find an alternative future date up to 24 months from your original departure date. Your group will be able to adjust your trip with no additional fees, just the difference (if applicable) in the price of the new trip. If you or your group reschedules to a new destination or date and then decides to cancel, the cancellation fees will be calculated from the date of transfer from the original tour and standard cancellation fees will apply.

TRIP CANCELLATION BY BRIGHTSPARK: Brightspark and the sponsoring organization (i.e. school or club) reserve the right to cancel any Trip at their sole discretion. In the event that a Trip is cancelled by Brightspark, Brightspark shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid by the Passenger, which shall be deemed to constitute full settlement. Brightspark cannot guarantee weather conditions nor can Brightspark 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 Brightspark hereby expressly reserves the right to change the Trip destination if deemed necessary by Brightspark.

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 Brightspark 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 servable 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 and conditions not expressly approved in writing by Brightspark head office at 3280 Bloor St. W, Centre Tower, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 2X3, is not the responsibility of Brightspark and does not form part of this contract. The provisions contained herein constitute the entire contract between Brightspark and 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). 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.

**EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** Without limitation, Brightspark, including its affiliates, owners, officers, agents, employees or any associated organization, is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely, dangers associated with animals, sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of or quality of medical care, illness or disease, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, or for any other inconvenience beyond the direct control of Brightspark, in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, Exceptional Circumstances.

Exceptional Circumstances may also justify rescheduling or cancellation of trips. Exceptional Circumstances include, but are not limited to, acts of force majeure, war (whether declared or not), criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, civil unrest, teacher's strike, illness or disease, actual, perceived or threatened epidemics or pandemics, government-imposed travel restrictions or closures, and other events outside Brightspark's control that make performance of a trip as contemplated impossible or impractical.

CANCELLATION DUE TO EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES: If your group is unable to reschedule your trip to a new destination or date, and/or cannot be delivered by Brightspark due to Exceptional Circumstances, you will be refunded all monies paid in, less non-refundable Fees and an additional cancellation fee of \$399 for trips involving international air travel, \$289 for trips involving domestic air travel, or \$100 for trips involving domestic bus travel.





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# Day One - Saturday March 11, 2023

#### 6:00 AM Coach transportation

Arrival at your school of a washroom equipped, climate controlled, highway motor coach.

6:30 AM Board your motor coach and depart.
Appropriate rest and meal stops will be made.

En route your Tour Leader will get to know the students on a first name basis and lead discussions.

#### Hotel check in

Approximate arrival at your Tourist Class Hotel.

6:00 PM Board your motor coach and depart for your next activity.

6:30 PM Dinner at Cafe Buade - Menu 3

#### 7:30 PM Orientation Walk of Upper Town

Experience the city as it was in the days of New France. Your Brightspark Tour Leader will take you through the upper half of the UNESCO World Heritage Site to see the Dufferin Terrace, Rue de Tresor "Artist Alley", and the iconic Château Frontenac.

9:00 PM Transfer by Autobus Laval motor coach.

# 10:00 PM Night Security provided each evening by Securite de la Capitale - 7 hrs

Night Security will patrol hallways each night between 10:00pm - 5:00am.

Day Two - Sunday March 12, 2023

#### 8:30 AM Full Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious full breakfast at a local restaurant.

9:30 AM Board your motor coach and depart for your next activity.

# 10:00 AM Sound and light presentation at Musee du Fort

The Musee du Fort takes you on an extraordinary journey in time with a sound and light show that recounts the military history of Quebec City. A giant model helps bring the story alive with the help of some spectacular special effects. You will gradually come to understand how the geography of the area around Quebec City shaped the military strategies of the time. Following the show, you will take part in our very popular interactive game and have the chance to win a prize!

### 10:45 AM Orientation Walk of Lower Town

Experience the city as it was in the days of New France. Your Tour Leader will take you through the lower half of the UNESCO World Heritage Site to see the Place Royale, and Fresque du Petit-Champlain.

#### 11:45 AM Lower Town Rally

Explore and discover Québec's Lower Town, filled with original architecture, murals and historic statues during an interactive historic facts finding rally.

#### 12:45 PM Old Quebec Exploration

Opportunity to explore Old Quebec in small groups. Visit rue du Tresor, the street of artists, and the many shops and boutiques.

Lunch at your own cost in Old Quebec.

#### 3:00 PM Guided Tour of the Citadelle/Royal 22e Régiment Museum

Built by the British following the war of 1812, La Citadelle is the fortress home of the Royal 22e Régiment. A guided tour introduces students to the Citadelle's history and that of the "Vandoos".

4:00 PM Board your motor coach and return to your accommodations to refresh for this evening's activities.

#### 6:00 PM French Canadian Dinner at Erabliere du Lac Beauport

Enjoy a traditional sugar shack meal followed by lively folk music, dancing and maple taffy served on snow. You will also visit the maple sugar museum and the trapper camp where you will learn about the ancient and modern techniques of Quebec trappers.

# 7:30 PM Evening Walk, Bonfire and Marshmallows Wander through a forest of over 10,000 maple trees in the Maple Sugar Bush, followed by an evening bonfire where students will relax and roast marshmallows.

8:30 PM Board your motor coach and transfer to your accommodations.

#### Day Three - Monday March 13, 2023

#### 7:00 AM Full Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious full breakfast at a local restaurant.

#### 7:45 AM Hotel Check Out

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



