



O Canada! Study Tour 2012

DRAFT ITINERARY

July 3 departure

Date	Activity	Overnight
DAY 1 Tues, Jul 3 (D)	Depart Australian ports for the US west coast and transfer to a flight to New York City. (you have the option of heading off a day or two earlier to acclimatise and break the long journey). Our tour kicks off in the eastern US and there's no more exciting city to begin our adventure than New York.	New York
DAY 2 Wed, Jul 4 (B,L)	Independence Day in New York. We enjoy guided tours of the major 'Big Apple' attractions including Central and Battery Parks and the Statue of Liberty. There's also time to enjoy some of the famed nightlife such as a Broadway show.	New York
DAY 3 Thurs, Jul 5 (B,L,D)	Morning departure on our deluxe coach through Connecticut, Rhode Island and on to Cape Cod. Farm visits on the way.	Cape Cod
DAY 4 Fri, Jul 6 (B,L,D)	Spend the morning enjoying Cape Cod then catch a ferry across the harbour to historic Boston.	Boston
DAY 5 Sat, Jul 7 (B,L,D)	Continue north through New Hampshire and Vermont in the magnificent Appalachians. Overnight in this winter wonderland.	Vermont
DAY 6 Sun, Jul 8 (B,L,D)	Cross the border into Canada and visit farms on the way to Quebec city, the most historic and cosmopolitan of Canadian cities. Tour of Old Quebec (make sure you brush up on your French).	Quebec
DAY 7 Mon, Jul 9 (B,L,D)	Leisurely start then head along the mighty St Lawrence to Montreal with farm visits along the way.	Montreal
DAY 8 Tues, Jul 10 (B,L,D)	Morning tour of Montreal then a short midday flight to Toronto on the shores of Lake Ontario. Toronto is a major shipping port for Canadian grain exports and also gateway to Niagara Falls. We will go direct to the falls and ride the Maid of the Mist before returning to Toronto for overnight.	Toronto
DAY 9 Wed, Jul 11 (B,L)	Full day of farm visits around this highly productive grain growing region where winter wheat harvest will be underway. Return to Toronto.	Toronto
DAY 10 Thurs, Jul 12 (B,L,D)	Morning flight to Winnipeg and visit the Winnipeg Commodities Exchange – a key player in global canola, barley and wheat marketing.	Winnipeg
DAY 11 Fri, Jul 13 (B,L)	Full day touring farming operations in Manitoba Province around Winnipeg. Free evening in Winnipeg.	Winnipeg
Day 12 Sat, Jul 14 (B,L)	Fly to Calgary and one of the highlights of the tour – the 100th anniversary of one of the biggest agricultural shows in Canada and the biggest rodeo in the world – the Calgary Stampede. We settle in to our hotel then head to Stampede Park to visit some of the farming exhibits. We then have some of the best seats in the house to take in the exhilarating action of the final of the chuckwagon races and the breathtaking evening show.	Calgary
Day 13 Sun, Jul 15 (B)	Morning free to explore Calgary then back to Stampede Park to take in more of the attractions before taking our grandstand seats for the final of the Stampede rodeo.	Calgary

Date	Activity	Overnight
Day 14 Mon, Jul 16 (B,L,D)	Head out from Calgary into the middle of the prairies of Alberta. Here we meet with leading researchers and farmers in the area.	Drumheller
Day 15 Tues, Jul 17 (B,L,D)	A busy day of farm visits on the way to to Red Deer	Red Deer
Day 16 Wed, Jul 18 (B,L,D)	In the morning visit a farm on the way to Canmore in the foothills of the majestic Rocky Mountains then on to beautiful Banff in time for lunch. Visit lake Louise in the afternoon.	Banff
Day 17 Thurs, Jul 19 (B,L,D)	An unforgettable day touring some of the great sights of the Rockies. Visit Moraine lake and Athabasca Glacier as we tour up the Icefields Parkway to Jasper.	Jasper
Day 18 Fri, Jul 20 (B,L,D)	This morning we take in the sights of Jasper before boarding the Skeena Train for one of the most spectacular train journeys in the world. We travel in glass-domed luxury through magnificent mountain scenery. The train stops in Prince George for overnight.	Prince George
Day 19 Sat, Jul 21 (B,L,D)	Early start to continue our train journey west through to Prince Rupert and the fertile farming valleys of the Skeena River. Vibrant farming communities etch out a living in these extreme conditions. Our journey ends at Prince Rupert on the Pacific coast.	Prince Rupert
Day 20 Sun, Jul 22 (B,L,D)	Full day tour to the Kluane National Park of the grizzly bears. Visit native villages and view grizzlies in this protected area as well as sea lions, humpback whales and a variety of other wildlife. Farewell dinner as many group members are likely to take up the option of transferring to nearby Ketchikan in Alaska for a small ship cruise through the famous and spectacular Inside Passage to Juneau.	Prince Rupert
Day 21 Mon, Jul 23 (B,L)	Fly to Vancouver. Tour of this beautiful city before a free evening.	Vancouver
Day 22 Tues, Jul 24 (B)	All day to explore Vancouver before late night flight back to Australia, arriving on July 26. For those staying on, there are Alaskan cruise departures on July 25 and any number of other options in Canada or the US. Please call us to discuss your plans.	On plane

