



**An educational and cultural experience for boys and girls 10-17 years of age!**



# International English Summer Language Program

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# ABOUT US

Our summer program is located on the magnificent campus of Carleton University, situated in the beautiful city of Ottawa, the Capital of Canada.

Since 1980, Destination Canada has provided students from all parts of the globe with an unparalleled educational and cultural experience. The principal objective of our summer language program is to offer a learning environment combining education, recreation and travel in a safe and relaxed setting. Our educational program focuses on the development of conversational and written English through formal classroom and informal social settings.

The weekend excursions which include visits to Toronto, Montreal, Niagara Falls and Ottawa are designed to improve the participants' understanding of Canada and Canadian culture. The diversity of our student body, the quality of our University trained staff, our well structured curriculum, and wide ranging activities program unite to enhance knowledge and create friendships and fond memories to last a lifetime.

## Top Ten Reasons to Choose Destination Canada

1. Our program is located on the beautiful and modern campus of Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
2. We offer twenty-five hours of English instruction per week (maximum of 15:1 student / teacher classroom ratio). Our classroom teachers are all university graduates, and certified classroom teachers that instruct at Canadian schools during the year.
3. We have two distinct teams of teachers. One group that teaches during the day and another group that manages the after class activities and leisure program.
4. Organized and supervised sports and activities program 7 days per week, before and after dinner. Students have access to university tennis courts, Olympic size pool, gymnasium and soccer (football) fields. There are also numerous supervised off-campus activities available to each student.
5. Organized, educational and entertaining weekend excursions to areas such as: Montreal, city Tour of Ottawa, various museums and theme parks.
6. All you can eat buffet in a modern university cafeteria, 3 meals per day, 7 days per week.
7. Student enrolment is comprised of individuals from all parts of the globe.
8. Students are supervised by Destination Canada personnel all day and all evening.
9. Destination Canada offers full medical coverage up to \$100,000 CDN per student.
10. Pre-assessment (arrival) and post-assessment (departure) results are provided to each student. Students attend a formal graduation ceremony with the presentation of a certificate of participation.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

University trained professionals are in attendance at all times and are responsible for the broad range of learning experiences made available and suited to each child's needs.

The Teaching Program is designed to provide students with an educational experience that will foster growth in learning English as a second language.

Our english classes provide opportunities for new learning experiences by exposing the students to conversational and written English in a formal classroom setting by increasing their knowledge and awareness of North American and Canadian people, customs, and traditions.

The classroom teacher will:

- Expect the students to speak English in class at all times
- Constantly evaluate the work
- Provide a dynamic learning approach with debates, group work, oral presentations, and team teaching
- Prepare the students for their city excursions
- Emphasis on grammar exercises and creative writing skills
- Teach Canadian history, local geography

Our Classes and learning environment:

- Class size limited to 15 students
- All teachers are University Graduates
- 5 hours of English instruction per day
- Morning learning session: Emphasis on grammar exercises and creative writing skills
- Afternoon learning session: Emphasis on conversational skills, Canadian History, and local geography
- Pre-assessment and post-assessment provided
- All students attend a formal graduation ceremony

## Morning Sessions

The learning sessions differ in the type of interactions they provide. The morning sessions are a more teacher-oriented period where information about Canada's language and customs is directed from the teacher to the student.

## Afternoon Sessions

The afternoon classroom session, although closely supervised by the teacher, is more informal and is structured in such a way as to allow the student to put into practice the knowledge learned in the morning sessions.



**UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE**  
**ESOL Examinations**

## Cambridge Examination Preparation Courses

Destination Canada offers you high quality Cambridge examination preparation courses. These courses have limited enrolment options which means you will be studying with a dedicated closed group of students focused on achieving a common goal. You will have the opportunity to increase your English ability to a level sufficient for a wide variety of academic purposes.





## SCALE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

### Level 1

- Demonstrates some understanding of written material.
- Simple communication of everyday information.
- Understands questions and is able to ask for information.
- Engages in simple conversations.

### Level 2

- Contributes information and ideas in the classroom setting.
- Is able to answer questions on a variety of topics.
- Asks for clarification of information.
- Responds to questions.
- Engages in conversation in small groups.

### Level 3

- Interacts comfortably with others in the spoken English language.
- Reads independently.
- Demonstrates a good understanding of written material.
- Answers are complete with several details.
- Communicates well with class and group members.
- Accepts various roles within the class and activity program.
- Uses well developed sentence structures.
- Writes with detail and expresses information in the written language.

### Level 4

- Reads independently and effectively
- Written and oral answers demonstrate a thorough knowledge of information.
- Uses the conventions of oral and written language effectively.
- Participates and communicates well in class.
- Expresses thoughts and opinions naturally.
- Presents points of view in debates and discussions.
- Writes with considerable detail and complexity.

*Based on Ontario Elementary and Secondary Curriculum*

## DAILY SCHEDULE

**Wake up** ..... 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Breakfast** ..... 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Morning Class** ..... 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Lunch Break** ..... 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Afternoon English** ..... 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Afternoon activities** ..... 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Options:*

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| • Tennis            | • Soccer           |
| • Basketball        | • Fitness/yoga     |
| • Arts & Crafts     | • Music            |
| • American Football | • Ultimate Frisbee |

**Dinner** ..... 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. .

**Evening Activities** ..... 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

*On Campus:*

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| • Swimming     | • Brewers Park |
| • Mooney's Bay | • Water Games  |

*Off Campus Activities*

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| • Biking                         | • Movies         |
| • Go Karting                     | • Bowling        |
| • Laser Tag                      | • Byward Market  |
| • Museums                        | • Paddle boating |
| • Graduation Dinner              | • Shopping       |
| • Parliament Sound & lights show | • Mini-Golf      |

**Camp Gathering** ..... 9:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

**Room Check** ..... 10:30 p.m.

All students must be in their room by this time.





# ACTIVITIES

The Activity Program is designed to help students relax and thoroughly enjoy their Canadian summer learning experience. All interaction between the activity teacher and students is in English and will complement and enhance classroom learning. Below are a few examples of the ACTIVITIES offered to the students during their afternoon activities program.

## OLYMPICS

All students get together with their respective countries and compete against one another in a night of fun and games.

## FOOTBALL/SOCCER

Carleton University has 4 regulation football fields available for the students to enjoy.

## TENNIS

Carleton University has 6 indoor tennis courts available for our students to enjoy each and every day.

## CALYPSO

The Calypso Waterpark offers good, clean fun to our students during the annual excursion to Canada's largest "Theme Waterpark". The world class water rides and water play areas make Calypso Waterpark a great place for students to cool down and enjoy a relaxing evening with their friends.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts Program is designed to help students relax and thoroughly enjoy their Canadian summer learning experience. All interaction between the activity teacher and students is in English and will complement and enhance classroom learning.





# PROGRAM STAFF



## SUPERVISORS



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University trained professionals are in attendance at all times and are responsible for the broad range of learning experiences made available and suited to each child's needs.

Each weekday the students participate in formal English instruction. Classes are taught by certified Canadian Teachers with a maximum student to teacher ratio of 15:1.

In the evening our classroom teachers are replaced by Activity Personnel who are responsible for coordinating the before and after dinner sports and leisure program.





# INTERNATIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION

Each year, a highlight of Destination Canada's teaching program is the International English Speech Competition. From Monday to Friday for 5 hours per day, all students attend formal classes to improve their English speaking abilities, as well as their English reading and writing skills.

A program expectation is that each student plan, research and deliver a speech. The topic of speech is of individual preference in order to make the presentation more engaging and passionate. Once prepared, each student presents their speech to their class and classroom teacher.

One student is selected from each class to move onto the semi-finals where they present their speech to all students in the University auditorium. Three senior finalists and three junior finalists are then selected to compete in the final round of the International Speech Competition.

During the finals of the Speech Competition, a panel of distinguished judges listens to each speech and then follows with a question period which competitors have to answer without preparation.

After careful deliberation, the judges select two winners, one senior and one junior, as the official champions of the International English Speech Competition. The two winners are awarded an Apple IPAD and a trophy to celebrate their victory.







## FACILITIES

Carleton University provides a setting and facilities equal to or better than any in North America. The campus is bordered on one side by the historic Rideau Canal and on the other side by the Rideau River, offering a safe and beautiful surrounding for our students.

- Modern air-conditioned classrooms
- Fully supervised residences by Program Staff
- Two students per residence room complete with individual single beds, individual desks, and closet space
- Modern washrooms
- Lounge areas with colour TV on every residence floor
- Room cleaning and linen change once a week
- Medical clinic on campus
- All you can eat Buffet Style Cafeteria Service with three complete meals per day seven days a week
- Direct access to city buses (10 minutes from downtown)
- In-residence laundry facilities
- Olympic size indoor pool with the most up-to-date diving facility
- Gymnasium
- Sports fields
- Tennis courts
- 24 hour per day campus security







# WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

During the weekend excursions our students will further improve their English language skills by experiencing firsthand our local culture and customs. Our program has been designed to ensure a direct connection between the classroom activities that transpire during the week and the tours that take place over the weekend. Classroom teachers plan their lessons and exercises to compliment our wonderful excursions in order for students to truly benefit from their travel experience.





UPPER CANADA VILLAGE



PARK OMEGA

## TWO-WEEK PROGRAM

### WEEKEND ONE

#### Ottawa City Tour

This breathtaking tour will provide students with an early awareness of Ottawa's beauty and will allow them to fully appreciate their temporary home. The city tour will include views of the Parliament of Canada, the Prime Minister's residence, the Governor General's Estate, the Byward Market, the Rideau Canal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

#### Museum of Nature

An ecological voyage into Canada's past and present.

### WEEKEND TWO

#### Park Omega

Located in Montebello, Quebec, a scenic 50-minute drive from Ottawa, this park allows students to experience from the safety of their bus, many species of Canadian wildlife (moose, deer, bear, wolf, raccoon, beaver, etc.) in their natural habitat.

#### Upper Canada Village

Visit Canada's finest example of an authentic Canadian heritage village - circa 1850.

## THREE-WEEK PROGRAM

*(The program consists of all three weekends)*

### WEEKEND THREE

#### Montreal City Tour, Canada's Cultural Capital

A wonderful experience for students of all ages. Students will visit the incredible Biodome located in the Montreal Olympic Village, tour the city in a luxurious motor coach and walk through Old Montreal, visiting the sites and sounds of this historical France inspired district.



#### Museum of Canadian History

A historical voyage through Canada's past, exposing students to most important aspects of Canada's culture and history. It is also a splendid example of Canadian architecture, located on the shores of the Ottawa River.

## FOUR-WEEK PROGRAM

*(The program consists of all four weekends)*

### WEEKEND FOUR

#### Walking Tour of Downtown Ottawa and Shopping at the Rideau Centre

Stroll through the historic Byward Market and experience life in Ottawa from a resident's perspective. Walk from the Parliament buildings to the National Art Centre while discovering all of the wonderful features of Canada's Capital City. After the walking tour, the adventure moves to Ottawa's largest and most luxurious shopping mall, the Rideau Centre.



#### Eco-Odyssey

Located one hour from Ottawa, this ecological marvel allows students to roam in paddle boats through a maze of rivers and creeks, experiencing firsthand Canada's incredible natural habitat.

*\*A full morning tour of the Parliament Buildings and if time permits a viewing of the Changing of the Guard Ceremony will take place as a class excursion during the program.*



# OPTIONAL TOURS

TOUR 1: TORONTO AND NIAGARA FALLS  
TOUR 2: ADVENTURE DAY







## TOUR 1: TORONTO — NIAGARA FALLS TOUR

To complete the Destination Canada experience, we highly recommend that students participate in an exciting and memorable tour of Canada's world famous Niagara Falls and Canada's largest city, Toronto.

Accompanied by members of our staff, the group travels from Ottawa to Toronto by luxury motor coach. Upon their arrival in Toronto, the group heads to Paramount Canada's Wonderland, where they spend an entire day enjoying one of the world's finest theme parks, featuring live shows and a multitude of exhibitions and thrilling rides.

The following morning, the group departs for Niagara Falls where they will enjoy a wonderful breakfast at the Skylon Tower which boasts an exceptional view of the Falls. Following breakfast the group embarks on an unforgettable boat ride to the Falls on the famous Maid of the Mist. The group then returns to Toronto for a city tour, dinner at Hard Rock Cafe and a visit to the top of the CN Tower, the tallest free standing structure in the world.

Included in this package are all meals, transportation, entrance fees and overnight accommodation. At all times the group is supervised by members of our staff who are present throughout the entire tour.





*This is not a weekend  
to be missed!*

## TOUR 2: OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY

When one thinks of Canada, they think of its friendly inhabitants, the vast and diverse landscape, the endless forests and the outdoor adventures that summon not only the Canadian citizens but thousands of tourists that frequent our beautiful parks and lakes during the summer months. As such, Destination Canada is proud to offer its students an opportunity to spend two fun filled days in the Great Canadian Outdoors.

Accompanied by members of Destination Canada's staff along with the professionally trained staff members from the outdoor camp where we will be staying, our students will spend two exciting days and one night in the midst of Canada's natural wildlife.

The Groups that attend this optional tour will participate in such activities as: kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, high & low rope courses, mountaineering, swimming in the river and roasting marshmallows in front of a roaring campfire where the counselors will regale the students with their favorite campfire stories.

All accommodation and meals during the Adventure Day will take place at the outdoor camp which will provide our students with rustic yet comfortable guest houses and meal facilities. The students will have the opportunity to understand why Canadians feel such an attraction to their natural surroundings and will be able to test their skills and limits during the many organized and supervised activities.





# ADMINISTRATION

## INSURANCE

All students are insured for medical indemnity up to \$100,000 CDN for the duration of their stay.

## SPENDING MONEY

It is strongly suggested that parents limit the amount of spending money per child. A bank representative will be available on a daily basis to exchange Canadian and foreign currency into travellers cheques. Alternatively, a bank card would provide an excellent means to withdraw funds in Canada.

All personal monies in excess of \$50 should be kept in the form of Canadian Traveller's cheques. For the student's convenience and security, a supervised exchanging of all monies by a bank representative will be conducted upon arrival.

## PASSPORT

All passports and airline tickets will be collected upon arrival and retained by the Director until departure. All returning flights will be reconfirmed by our staff before departure.

## GAMES AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

If convenient, students are encouraged to bring favourite games and musical instruments to help them relax before bedtime.

## RULES

- students are required to attend all classes and take part in all organized activities and tours
- proper dress, behaviour and decorum are required at all times
- no student is permitted to leave the campus without proper supervision or permission
- prescribed camp schedules must be followed
- any misconduct on the part of a student will be reported to the Director who will take appropriate action
- students whose behaviour is deemed inappropriate will, upon notification of their parents, be asked to leave the program
- smoking is prohibited in Canada for all individuals less than 19 years of age. This will be enforced for all Destination Canada students

## PROGRAM PRICE INCLUDES

- all instruction and supervision by professionally trained graduate teachers
- pre-assessments and post-assessments are made available to parents
- weekend tours provided in the regular three or four week package
- all airport transfers
- entrance fees to major attractions as described in program outline
- room and board with three buffet-style meals per day seven days a week
- linen changes and room cleaning once a week
- medical insurance of \$100,000 CDN per student
- daytime and evening supervision by members of our staff seven days per week

**IMPORTANT:** ANY ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL PROBLEMS THAT PARENTS ARE AWARE OF SHOULD AND MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR IF THEIR CHILD'S SAFETY IS TO BE ENSURED.

## CLOTHING GUIDE

All clothing and personal articles should be clearly marked with the student's name in full. We cannot be responsible for lost articles.

### CLOTHING LIST

- 2 pairs of pyjamas
- 6 pairs of underwear/socks
- 1 sweat shirt
- 1 pair of sandals
- 2 pairs of jeans
- 2 pairs of shorts
- 4 tops (blouse or t-shirts)
- 1 dress pant/or dress

### SPORTS EQUIPMENT

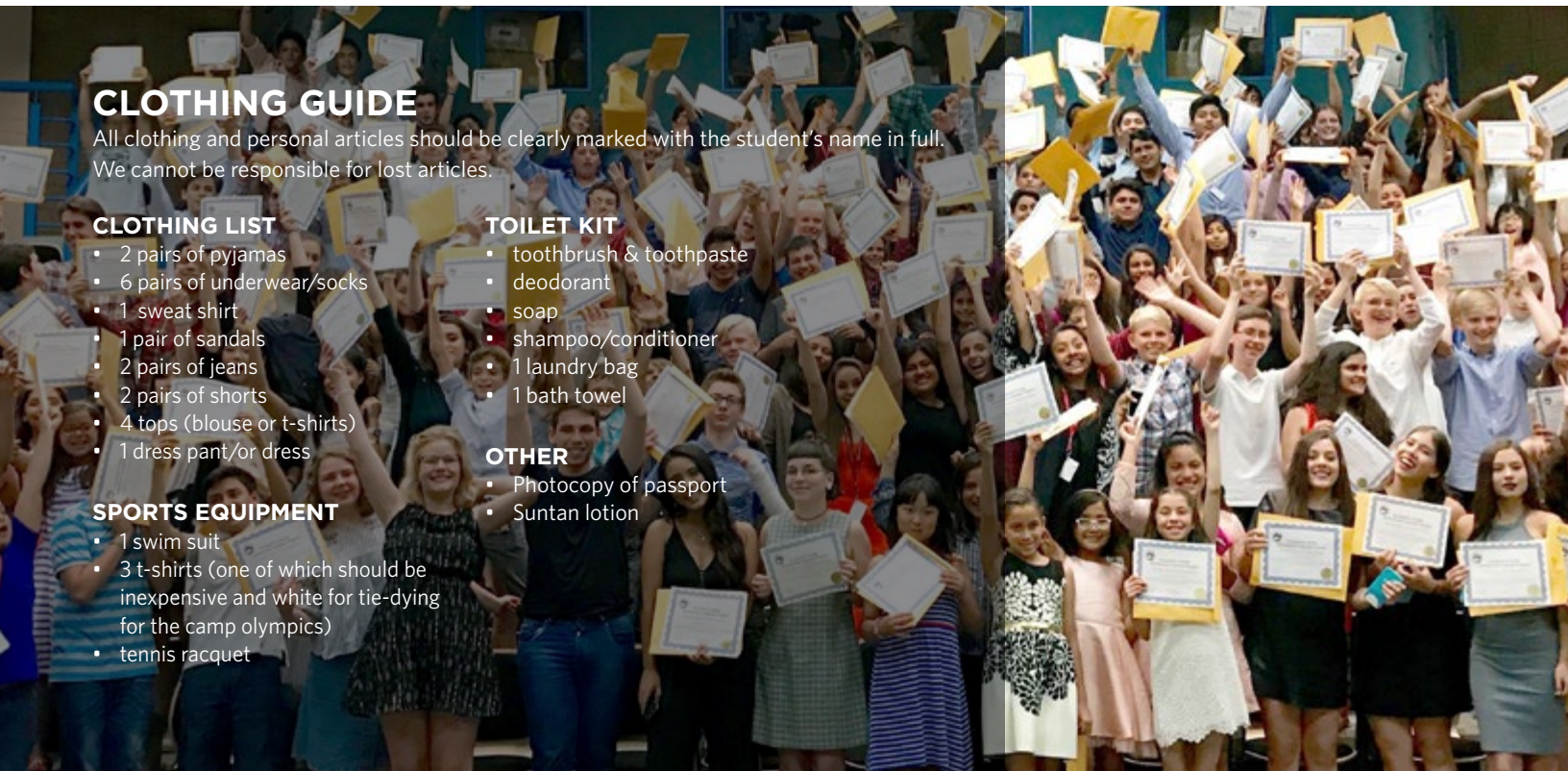
- 1 swim suit
- 3 t-shirts (one of which should be inexpensive and white for tie-dying for the camp olympics)
- tennis racquet

### TOILET KIT

- toothbrush & toothpaste
- deodorant
- soap
- shampoo/conditioner
- 1 laundry bag
- 1 bath towel

### OTHER

- Photocopy of passport
- Suntan lotion





# TESTIMONIALS



## **KATRINE DIGE OUESEN, DENMARK**

"The best thing about the program is the diversity of the student population. The students come from all over the world and it is great to learn about their way of life and culture. I also really enjoyed learning about Canada and its customs and traditions. I definitely improved my English while at Destination Canada. Being surrounded by an English speaking environment at all times allows us to continually practice and improve our English language skills. The Toronto / Niagara Falls tour was amazing. The falls were beautiful and the whole trip was really exciting. I will definitely recommend Destination Canada to all my family and friends in Denmark!"



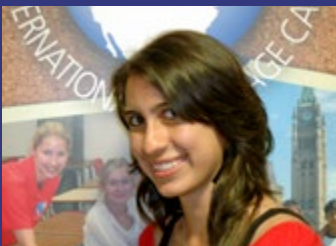
## **WILLIAM DESHAIES-PETITCLERC, QUÉBEC**

"I really want to thank Destination Canada for helping me perfect my English language skills over the past 3 years. This has been an unforgettable experience and I would recommend this program to anyone who wants to improve their English language skills. In my opinion, this camp is the very best place to learn English, while at the same time you are able to have an enormous amount of fun. The teachers and the activity staff are fantastic; they are always happy, helpful and eager to take us to wonderful sites such as Ottawa, Toronto, shopping and movies. My group was a mix of students from all over the world, such as Mexico, Peru, Denmark, etc, which provided me the opportunity to learn their customs and the manner in which they lived in their home countries. Finally, I have to once again say thank you for the huge improvement in my English language skills and I congratulate you for providing such a wonderful program!"



## **JOSHUA RESENDIZ - QUERETARO, MEXICO**

"Destination Canada was an unforgettable experience. From the moment I arrived, every waking hour was spent having fun and learning English. I spent three weeks meeting students from other countries and going on fantastic excursions to Canadian highlights. The atmosphere at the program is second to none which is in large part due to the quality of the Staff who are not only caretakers but friends who care a great deal for the students. If you have the opportunity to attend this program, do not miss out because you will have so much fun at Destination Canada that returning to your home country afterwards will be sad affair. I had an excellent summer at Destination Canada and the only thing I would change is the short duration of my stay which flew by in three short weeks. I truly recommend this incredible program to all students around the world."



## **MARIA FERNANDA VALDERRAMA VARGAS, BUCARAMANGA, COLOMBIA**

"Destination Canada was an excellent experience for me. Day after day I had the chance to practice my English not only inside the classroom but also during the extracurricular activities such as visits to museums, city tours, sports and evening activities. I met wonderful friends from many different countries. Throughout my time at Destination Canada, I learned a great deal about Canadian history and geography, English grammar and vocabulary and was presented with new challenges and responsibilities that allowed me to grow as a better human being. I even won the first place in the oral speech competition that took place in front of the whole camp. This is an unforgettable experience which I totally recommend!!!"

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TO SEE VIDEO TESTIMONIALS OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE  
PARTICIPATED IN OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM.





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