

SHUNG TAK CATHOLIC ENGLISH COLLEGE
CULTURAL STUDY TRIP
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA
CHINESE NEW YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL INTEGRATION PROGRAMME 2012
CIRCULAR #30



Dear Parents,

The English Department of our school is now exploring the possibility of exploring Vancouver, Canada as one of the ‘other learning experiences’ for your child. Overseas exposure is now becoming an essential part of school life to help students to learn about a new country, develop his/her language skills, be more independent by taking the initiative and responsibility for his/her learning and even more importantly to think globally.

In this study tour, we have included the element of classroom integration in a Catholic school, as it is an effective platform to deepen students’ interest on learning about different peoples, their cultures and lifestyles. Your child would also benefit from learning about the learning styles of students in other countries, their curriculum and Catholic education in Canada.

The application is open to **students of Secondary 1, 2, 3 and 4 classes**. The quota is 20 students. Applicants will be decided on by sex of group members, age, interests and conduct record. Priority will be given to students of S1-S3.

Two very experienced chaperons from Shung Tak will accompany the students. Your child will be staying in a hotel for the whole stay. We will have the class integration for 3 days and the rest of the time will be spent on outings accompanied by the chaperones.

Here are some of the preliminary plans for the Canadian programme.

Location:

Surrounded by water on three sides and nestled alongside the Coast Mountain Range, Vancouver is the largest city in the province of British Columbia with over half a million residents and one of the mildest climates in Canada. Home to spectacular natural scenery and a bustling metropolitan core, Vancouver was [Host City to the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games](#) in 2010. Whether just relaxing in a park or bike riding around the seawall, there is always something to do in Vancouver.

The price of the trip is about **\$18,000**. It includes direct flight to and from Vancouver, accommodation in hotels, breakfast and dinner daily (students are responsible for their lunch), school integration for 3 days, excursions and 4 day tour to the Candian Rockies and 1 day tour to Victoria including tips to driver,, guide and taxes, travel insurance, teacher chaperones from our school, and management fees payable to Easystays Canada, the provider in Canada who is helping coordinate the school integration programme and transport to and from the airport in Vancouver. Teacher chaperons from Shung Tak will accompany the group as per requirements of the Education Department’s guidelines. The following is a tentative schedule:

January and February 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23 Leave Hong Kong for Canada on Cathay Pacific	24 Arrive Canada & transfer to downtown hotel	25 School Experience & Chinatown and Sun Yat Sen Park	26 School Experience & UBC	27 School Experience	28 Canadian Rockies 4-day tour begins (all meals inclusive)
29 Canadian Rockies 4-day tour (all meals inclusive)	30 Canadian Rockies 4-day tour (all meals inclusive)	31 Canadian Rockies 4-day tour. Return to hotel in Vancouver(all meals inclusive)	1 Metrotown/ Movie	2 Victoria 1 Day Tour / Whistler 1 day tour	3 Mass at the Cathedral	4 Leave Vancouver for Hong Kong
5 Arrive Hong Kong						

If you are interested in joining this trip, we will contact your child with further details of the trip. Please also provide a deposit of **\$5000** to secure the airline booking. If your child is not successful in his/her application, the cheque will be returned to you.

We look forward to your reply and your support as we work together to broaden the horizons of your child, our student.



Yours sincerely,

Mr. Kung Kwong Pui, Joseph
Principal

Reply Slip

I am interested in having my child join this study tour to Vancouver, Canada, and I have attached a cheque for \$5000 payable to ***Shung Tak Catholic English College***.

Name of Student: _____

Class: _____

Age of student: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Contact number _____

Signature of Parent: _____

CANADIAN ROCKIES 4-DAY TOUR

Day1 Vancouver - Kelowna - Winery -Lake Okanagan - Salmon Arm

We will start our journey via the trans-Canada highway and head east for Kelowna, the heart of the Okanagan Valley. Stop at the renowned winery to learn about the basics of wine making. At Lake Okanagan, let us listen to its legendary story and search for the lake monster “Ogopogo.” Settle down at Salmon Arm in the evening.

Accommodation: Prestige Harbourfront Resort / Prestige Vernon or similar

Day 2 Salmon Arm – Gondola* in Banff National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site) – Sulphur Mtn Hotsprings (Adm incl.) – Banff

Proceed to the Eagle Pass and visit the “Last Spike” of the transcontinental railway where it connects the east and the west. Travel through the Rogers Pass. After a thrilling gondola ride* (optional) to the summit, you will be captivated by the majestic Rocky Mountains. Next, discover the town of Banff and Bow falls within the country’s first national park. Immerse your body in the soothing Banff Sulphur Mountain hotsprings. Definitely an experience of a lifetime (Admission incl.).

Accommodation: Banff International or similar

Optional Gondola Adult \$30 /Child \$15 plus applicable tax】

Day3 Banff National Park - Lake Louise (Jewel of the Rockies) – Salmon Arm

Journey to the Lake Louise, often referred as the “Jewel of the Rockies.” The panoramic view of magnificent snow-capped mountains surrounding the emerald colour of the lake attracts millions of visitors worldwide. If weather permits, you may enjoy snowshoeing** experience on ice surface of the scenic Lake Louise. Enjoy an atmospheric lunch at Chateau Lake Louise (meal plan) and a promenade along the lakeshore. Settle down at Salmon Arm in the evening.

Accommodation: Prestige Harbourfront Resort / Prestige Vernon or

Day 4 Salmon Arm - Kamloops – Ginseng Factory - Vancouver

Head west for the interiors in the morning. At Kamloops, a city with over 2000 hours of sunshine per year, we will join a tour of the Ginseng factory and learn about the Ginseng’s healing power. Continue our drive and arrive at Vancouver in the late afternoon

***Meal plan** which includes 10 meals include lunch at Chateau Lake Louise

VICTORIA 1-DAY TOUR

We will ride on the B.C. Ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island. The sailing will take about 1 hour 35 minutes. We can enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Georgia Strait, take pictures on the deck or simply enjoy a cup of coffee at the coffee shop or restaurant on board.

Upon arrival on Vancouver Island, we will travel to the city of Victoria. After lunch, we will visit the Legislative Buildings of British Columbia, Mile "0" - the starting point of the world's longest highway, Beacon Hill Park, inner harbour. In the afternoon, visit the world famous Butchart Gardens, which is now a National Historic Site of Canada. The Butchart Gardens tucked into a serene 130 acres country estate on the southeast corner of BC's Vancouver Island - is a garden of earthly delights in every season. From summers sight and sounds to autumns cascade of colors and sparkling holiday magic at Christmas Time Thousands of visitors come here to enjoy different settings of flower shrubs and gardens. After promenading the gardens, we will take the B.C. Ferry back to Vancouver

WHISTLER 1-DAY TOUR

Whistler is one of the best, year-round mountain resorts in North America. Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Sea to Sky Highway. We will pass through Horseshoe Bay, third tallest waterfalls in BC, second largest granite monolith in the world and Squamish.

★ At Whistler, co-host of the 2010 Olympics, tour the pedestrian-only Swiss-setting alpine village.

★ Take the gondola* (optional) to the peak for spectacular view of the surrounding mountains. Then, try the new world-record breaking **Peak 2 Peak Gondola*** for a 11-min, scenic 4.4km journey between Whistler and Blackcomb mountains.

★ Awe-inspiring scenery of village and evergreen forests.

★ A breath of fresh air **PRICELESS**

★ You may experience snowshoeing excitement for free.

★ You may also join a 2-hr snowmobile tour* (optional) A guide will take you for a driving tour in the wonderland.