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Global Perspectives on Education: Highlights of British Columbia

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YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

6 nights in handpicked hotels
6 breakfasts
3 dinners with beer or wine
Guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
2 ferry transfers

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Vancouver school visits, Stanley Park, downtown Victoria, Ministry of Education visit, Butchart Gardens, Duncan school visit, Sea to Sky Gondola, Sky Pilot Suspension Bridge

TOUR PACE

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and paths.



Learning Forward Colorado believes in a comprehensive model of professional learning, one where learning about exemplary practices is only the beginning. Learning Forward Colorado also believes that for true professional leading to be adaptive and sustainable, seeing examples of accomplished practice provides the learner with a more concrete view of the learning. But learning doesn't stop there, we also believe that our mission is to provide opportunities for the learning to be practiced and actualized. Learn about it, see it, do it, now that is a comprehensive model of professional learning! It is with this belief that we are honored to offer this professional learning tour to British Columbia.

World recognized for their exemplary work in equity and their relentless focus on student achievement for all students, British Columbia, through the Learning Forward BC Affiliate, is welcoming educators from the U.S. to take an in-depth look at what makes them successful from a system-wide lens. Educators will have the opportunity to learn about, see and ultimately plan for and practice their learning in the following ways:

- Visit local schools, observe teaching in elementary and secondary schools, talk with teachers and administrators to learn about what they are doing to ensure that all students are being successful.
- Visit with the Ministry of Education and discuss how they lead and support the work in British Columbia.
- Expand your professional repertoire by networking with educators from across the province to share exemplary practices using a variety of professional learning protocols and methods.
- Participate in professional learning activities which will facilitate the planning and implementation of new innovative practices in your own work.
- Explore Vancouver and surrounding areas. Experience the cultural highlights of the surrounding area.

Itinerary

Vancouver, British Columbia | 2 NIGHTS

Day 1: Arrival in Vancouver

 ${\it Included\,meals:\,welcome\,dinner}$

Welcome to Canada! Gather for a welcome reception and dinner this evening, where you'll learn about the British Columbia Education Collaborative and network with colleagues from the U.S. and Canada.

Day 2: School visit & sightseeing tour of Vancouver

Included meals: breakfast

- $Take \, part \, in \, a \, professional \, development \, and \, learning \, opportunity \, this \, morning.$
- Visit a local school to learn about and see how educators work with students
- Talk with teachers and administrators about the challenges and successes they have working with diverse populations of students

Please note: Today's school visit is being organized by Learning Forward Colorado, not Go Ahead Tours.

Tour multicultural, cosmopolitan Vancouver with a local guide this afternoon.

- Visit Granville Island and Stanley Park, a 1,000-acre public space
- See the historic Gastown district
- View Canada Place and the Vancouver waterfront

Tonight, participate in a debriefing to talk about the highlights of today's school visit. You'll discuss in job-alike groups to capture the learnings you want to explore more in-depth throughout the rest of the trip.

Victoria, British Columbia | 2 NIGHTS

Day 3: Ferry to Victoria, sightseeing tour & Ministry of Education visit *Included meals: breakfast*

Board a ferry to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, which is located on Vancouver Island.

Then, set off on a guided sightseeing tour of the city that's known for having the most beautiful gardens and mildest weather in Canada.

- Stroll along the charming Inner Harbour to see the Parliament Buildings and the Empress Hotel
- · Explore the colorful and eclectic downtown area

Visit the Ministry of Education this afternoon to learn more about the foundation and future of education in British Columbia. You'll discuss how this support is essential to the success of meeting the needs of the diverse learners represented in their communities.

Please note: Today's Ministry of Education visit is being organized by Learning Forward Colorado, not Go Ahead Tours.

Tonight, talk about highlights of the educational visits and use the research collected on the success of British Columbia's innovation in providing equity for each student to work to formulate ideas for implementation in your work.

Day 4: Butchart Gardens & school visit

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Head out into the countryside to visit the 55-acre Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada.

- Learn about the Butchart family and how they turned a former limestone quarry into a sprawling, beautiful green space
- Explore the lush gardens to see the wide variety of colorful flowers

Travel to Duncan and visit a local school to learn about and see how educators work with students. You'll talk with teachers and administrators about the challenges and successes they have working with diverse populations of students.

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Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Vancouver, British Columbia | 2 NIGHTS

Day 5: Ferry to Vancouver & school visit

Included meals: breakfast

Take a ferry back to Vancouver.

- Then, take part in a professional development and learning opportunity.
- Visit a local school to learn about and see how educators work with students
- Talk with teachers and administrators about the challenges and successes they have working with diverse populations of students

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Tonight, participate in a debriefing to talk about the highlights of today's school visit.

- Use the information to further refine your plans for implementation upon returning to your setting
- Work with a colleague using a protocol to provide clarity around the work you are considering

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Vancouver Region

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

From the depths of the earth to the heights of the mountains, you'll explore the Vancouver region from a new perspective today.

- Visit the charming town of Horseshoe Bay
- View the impressive Stawamus Chief, the world's second largest granite monolith
- Ascend 2,800 feet while riding on the Sea to Sky Gondola
- Cross the 210-foot-high Sky Pilot Suspension Bridge and see Canada's southernmost glacial fjord
- Take an underground train ride during a visit to the Britannia Mine Museum

Celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner this evening.

Day 7: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Please note: The inclusions and order of events on this tour are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to your departure.

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