



## EF Experiential Training Tour: Halifax

EF is committed to safety and support and we make it our priority to ensure that educators are fully prepared to lead educational tours. During an EF Training Tour, Group Leaders will collaborate and learn from peers along with EF staff and an experienced EF Group Leader to cover a wide range of important topics such as tour safety, traveller engagement, and on-the-ground logistics. By exploring a new destination and experiencing an EF tour first-hand, Group Leaders develop the skills and practical know-how to handle any situation and will be ready to confidently lead a safe and successful tour.

### What you'll experience on an EF Training Tour

#### **Experiential learning**

This Training Tour is a simulation of what you will experience with your students on tour. Experiencing an EF tour first-hand will not only help prepare you to lead students, but will also foster confidence as an educator and Group Leader.

#### **Connection**

Engage in thoughtful discussions with new and experienced Group Leaders as well as EF staff. Discover new ways of connecting your tour to the curriculum—and bring your classroom to life.

#### **Reflection**

Get insight into how to better engage your students in reflection exercises that connect on-tour learning with classroom lessons to encourage students' personal growth through travel.

#### **Building Perspective**

Group Leaders will build a richer understanding of what it means to lead a tour and gain a better perspective of a tour experience from a student's point of view.

# Halifax

## Experiential Training Tour

### Day 1: Board your flight

Check-in at your local airport.

**Arrive in Halifax:** With a history going back over 250 years, Halifax boasts a unique sense of identity and a fun loving, friendly maritime vibe.

**Welcome dinner:** Become acquainted with your colleagues, an experienced EF Group Leader, and EF staff members as you enjoy a typical on-tour meal.

#### Key learning:

- Dealing with unexpected events and issues related to flight travel.
- Effectively supervising a large group of students in a major city.
- Familiarization with the pace of a student tour.
- Keeping your group energized on arrival day.

### Day 2: Experiential Learning

**Workshop session:** In this collaborative session, you will cover safety and security with an EF operational staff member. Alongside other educators, you will run through various safety scenarios and consider what group management looks like in an unfamiliar city. Review a Group Leader's role and responsibilities on the ground and discuss how EF tours are designed, produced, and executed.

**Guided sightseeing of Halifax:** Gain firsthand understanding of the value of expert, local guides as you explore cultural and historical highlights of Halifax, including the Africville Museum.

#### Ghost Tour at Halifax Citadel National

**Historic Site:** Dates to be scared at the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site. There are many legends of ghosts haunting this historic British fort. Are they true? That's for you to decide. Slip into the shadows of the Halifax Citadel, and remember: stay close to your guide. You never know what lurks in the dark.

**Free evening:** Spend the evening discovering Halifax while engaging with other educators.

#### Key learnings:

- Familiarization of the key safety procedures of an EF tour and EF support on the road.
- Expecting the unexpected—learn procedures for dealing with everything from a lost passport to personal injury.
- Confidently leading a large group on public transportation and navigating through busy city streets.
- How to best set expectations and provide structure for free time on tour.

### Day 3: Experiential Learning

**Workshop session:** During this session, collaborate with new and experienced Group Leaders on different ways to ensure your students have positive physical journeys while travelling, but also meaningful personal growth. Discuss a range of important topics, such as curricular alignment, successful recruiting strategies, student-driven learning, and building a global education plan.

**Guided Tour of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21:** Explore Canadian stories of immigration and nation building through interactive exhibits, multimedia presentations and activities for all ages.

**Excursion to Peggy's Cove:** Explore the tiny fishing village famous for its unusual lighthouse and landscape dotted by giant boulders deposited by retreating glaciers.

**Farewell dinner:** Reflect with your fellow colleagues over dinner on what you've learned.

#### Key learnings:

- Preparing answers to questions from students and parents about tour specifics.
- Planning ahead to get the most out of your teacher-led activities.
- Best practices on how to build a sustainable travel program in your community.
- Maximizing student engagement on tour.
- Engaging your students in reflection exercises to connect on-tour learning with classroom lessons.

### Day 4: Experiential Learning

#### Visit the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic:

Gain experience visiting a major tourist attraction with a large group and learn how you can bring your classroom to life by connecting these visits to your curriculum.

**Transfer to the airport:** Your Tour Director will facilitate your transport to the airport where you will check-in to your return flight home.

#### Key learnings:

- Tour departure procedures—packing, early morning transfers, and other logistics.

*Please note: The order of this itinerary may vary and is subject to change.*

## EVERYTHING YOU GET



**Full-time Tour Director**



**Sightseeing:** Halifax; bike tour



**Entrances:** Africville Museum, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Ghost Tour, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic



Training workshops with EF and experienced Group Leaders.



**Key learning opportunities:** Every EF Training Tour has been designed to provide enhanced key learning points each day of the program—to ensure Group Leaders are fully prepared to lead a tour with students.



Round-trip flights on major carriers; hotel accommodations; comfortable motor coach; customary gratuities for your Tour Director and driver; breakfast daily and additional meals as specified.



**Not included:** Global Travel Protection Plan; activities during free time; select meals as per itinerary.



*The Training Tour helped me in an extremely positive way to prepare for my student tour. Without it, I wouldn't have had the experience necessary to give my students the best tour I possibly could.*

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