

Application Form - St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School

Europe 2021 – Canadian Battlefields

Sunday, May 2 to Thursday May 13

CHI4U – Canada: History, Identity, and Culture

Students enrolled in this course will embark on a journey to visit the Canadian battlefields of World War I and World War II in northern Europe. We will begin our journey in Amsterdam in time for the annual VE Day celebrations commemorating the victory over NAZI Germany in 1945. This city was liberated by Canadian troops and we will be visiting places of historical significance such as the Ann Frank house and the Jewish Historical Museum.

After three days here, we will move on to France and tour the Vimy Region which has great significance for Canadians for both world wars. We will visit the Essex Farm Cemetery, the Flanders Fields Museum, the Vimy Ridge Historic Site, the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, and other sites. The students will also be invited to participate in the Menin Gate ceremony honouring the war dead.

The tour then proceeds to the Normandy region where we will visit the Juno Centre. Here, Canadian troops participated in Operation Overlord, also known as D-Day. The Canadian sector of the Normandy beach was code named Juno. Together with the American and British troops, the Allies were able to form a beach head in France thus creating the Western front.

On the following day, we will travel to Paris and take part in a guided tour of the “City of Lights” and see such sites as the Place de la Concorde, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Hôtel des Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, and the Palace of Versailles.

After two days in Paris, we will take the Eurostar train from Paris to London. We will visit numerous historical sites such as the HMS Belfast and take a walking tour of London.

The trip will be a 12 day tour and it includes accommodations, breakfast/dinner daily, a tour guide, all transportation while in Europe, and all admissions as well as exclusive access to key historic sites. The trip will focus on the key areas important to Canadian historical battle sights but it will also provide an opportunity to visit other important cultural and historical sites.

This trip is offered in the second semester of the 2020 – 2021 academic year as an optional credit course, CHI4U – Canada: History, Identity, and Culture, Grade 12. Also, each family must be responsible for the costs associated with this experience. There are several payment options in order to meet these financial commitments and once your child has been invited into the program there will be an information meeting outlining these options. (The date is yet to be determined)

The trip cost payable to EF Tours is \$4,383.00. There will be additional costs and the exact cost per student will depend on the number of students participating. We are looking to take approximately 18 to 30 students on this journey.

If you would like to participate in this trip please fill out the application and submit it to Mr. Zorzi.

