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Quest Language Studies

Group Holiday *Adventures*

Overview

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``The best experience of my life`` **-** Quest's Holiday Adventures provide a fantastic learning holiday experience by combining English study with a variety of exciting activities. The program's goal goes beyond teaching English to include expanding horizons, making new friends and discovering new ways. The program is customizable and can be organized year round, in winter, spring, summer or fall. The Summer Adventure Program (June through August) is the most popular with a great international mix of students - over 350 participants.

Class Location and Size

Classes take place either at our main campus or summer campus, both in the very heart of **Toronto** and easily accessible by public transport - only two minutes from a subway station. The summer campus operates from the end of June to the beginning of August. Classes for youth in the Summer Adventure Program are held at Ryerson University. For adults and non-summer adventure programs, classes are held at our main campus. See map on back cover.

Smaller classes (maximum: 12, July and August: 16), led by professional, certified instructors, provide a comfortable, modern environment in which to learn practical English. Our strong communicative based curriculum makes learning what it should be - fun.

Hours: 15 or 20 Hours per Week

The standard program includes 15 hours of classes per week taking place daily from 9:00 am to 12:20 pm. 20 hours per week (9:00 to 14:15 Monday to Thursday and 9:00 to 12:15 on Friday) is optional. Extra hours are also possible but not for youth in the Summer Adventure Program.

School Facilities

Facilities include large bright modern classrooms, student lounges, movie rooms, language lab, lockers, numerous computers with internet access and free wi-fi. At both campuses there are several food and snack options right next door.

First Day - Testing, Levels and Progress Evaluations

On their first day of classes students are tested for all language skills and placed appropriately in one of **11 levels**. Testing includes a one on one oral test and a computer based test for grammar, listening and writing skills. After placement, weekly review tests help to measure student progress. Test scores and attendance are reflected in each student`s detailed on-line progress evaluation. This can be easily accessed by the parents of juniors.

First Day - Orientation

Following testing, all students are provided an in-depth orientation session covering all aspects of the program, including program guidelines, rules and policies. Orientation includes:

- Meeting with activity coordinators for overview and explanation of activities.
- Meeting with accommodations coordinator to discuss any needs and issues.
- Explanation of curriculum and academic requirements.
- Explanation of safety measures and what to do in emergency situations.

Activities

Exciting Variety of Activities

Activities are an essential part of our Adventure Programs. They provide students with the opportunity to experience a new world and new ways, discover new things, make new friends and practice their new English skills.

Our programs are activity packed and offer a wide and exciting variety of activities designed to provide a truly fun and memorable Canadian experience. There is an activity 6 days per week, including one full-day excursion every weekend.

Both the type and order of activities are specially selected to meet each group's unique needs and to deliver the most satisfaction. The standard program includes an activity everyday (except one day during the week) including one full day excursion per weekend. Virtually every day is filled with a new adventure.

Activity Leaders: All activities for Summer Adventure students are led by their English instructors. Mature, responsible, professional instructors who will ensure students:

- Get the most of their experience.
- Are updated daily on their activities.
- Are aware of times and venues.
- Are respectful and cordial at all times.

Activity Times: Most activities during the week start at 13:30 (after lunch) and end by 19:00, in time for dinner. Some activities start in the early evening and allow for students to have dinner first. All weekly full day excursions (such as Niagara Falls) start at 9:00 am and end by 20:00.

Optional Tours - New York., Montreal: Spice up your activity calendar with exciting 2, 3 or 4 day fully escorted trips to:

French Canada (Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City), New York City,
Chicago,US Experience (Washington, Boston, New York City).

All trips are by deluxe motor coach and include accommodation, in 3 or 4 star hotels, and professional tour guide. Meals and admissions are optional while on tour.

Optional Specialized Sports: Specialized sport camps are available for groups and individuals on a part-time basis allowing students to still take part in most of the regular activities. Sport camps allow students to either learn a new sport or improve their existing skills. Instruction is available in: tennis, sailing, football, skating, hockey and, in winter only, snowboarding and skiing.

Sample 4 Week Activity Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arrival. Students Met at Airport.	Testing , Orientation, City Tour	Canoeing on Lake Ontario	Activity Free day	CN Tower	Day trip to Niagara Falls	Canada Day Celebrations
Outdoor Sports at Beaches	Disco Night	Ontario Science Centre	Activity Free Day	Waterfront Concert	Wasaga Beach	Toronto Zoo
Outdoor Swimming	Disco Boat Cruise	Activity Free Day	Royal Ontario Museum	Laser Quest	Canada's Wonderland	Beaches' International Jazz Festival
Activity Free Day	QUEST Olympics	Bowling	Blue Jays Baseball Game	Certificate Ceremony at Hard Rock Cafe	Toronto Islands Beach, Sports	Departure

Accommodation

Homestay Accommodation

At Quest we know that quality accommodation is critical to a student's overall satisfaction. To this end we mamage our own specialized accommodation service with regular inspection and tracking of every accommodation to ensure comfort and satisfaction.

Homestay accommodation (one student per linguistic group guaranteed) is located within 30 to 45 minutes of the school by public transport.

Every student will receive a detailed accommodation profile prior to arrival, including:

- Pictures: minimum 3 - house, host and room.
- Video: Most profiles include a video clip of the host or accommodation.
- Map indicating location of school and accommodation.
- Detailed transit directions indicating bus number, subway, travel time.
- Detailed description of accommodation, neighbourhood and amenities included.

On the first day of classes, we check to ensure all students are satisfied with their homestay accommodation and follow up with them on a regular basis.

View a sample accommodation profile on-line at
www.studyquest.net/accommodation/profile

Residence Accommodation

Residence accommodation is only available from May through August. Two residence options are available: University of Toronto, 89 Chestnut Residence or the Ryerson University ILLC Residence. Chestnut residence requires a minimum stay of 4 weeks.

Both residences are within a short 10 minute walk from the Summer Campus and a 15 minute walk from the main campus. Both are housed in modern renovated buildings featuring:

- Single and double rooms
- Ensuite bathrooms
- On-site cafeteria for meals
- 24 hour security/front desk
- Fitness facilities (Chestnut only)
- Internet access (surcharge)
- Individual control AC/heating
- Student lounges with TV and games
- Kitchen facilities (ILLC only)
- Room cleaning (once per week)
- Linen & towels (once per week)
- Laundry facilities (coin operated)
- In-room telephone
- Iron and board on request

After arrival students will have an orientation session detailing residence rules, meal times, facilities, emergency procedures and support services.

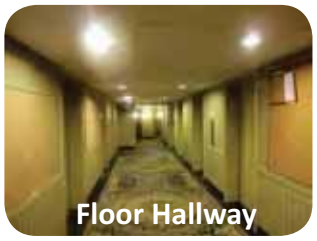
University of Toronto, 89 Chestnut Residence - see map other side

Building

Reception

Cafeteria

Gym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Room

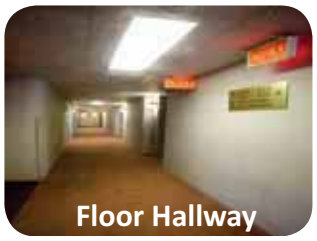
Ryerson University ILLC Residence - see map other side

Building

Reception

Entrance

Cafeteria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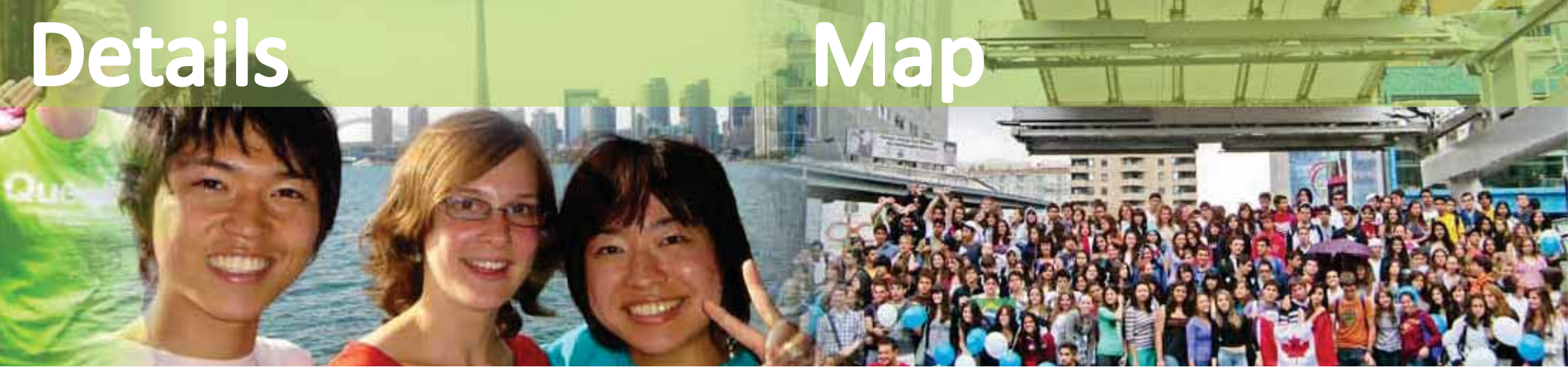

About Toronto

Located on the shores of Lake Ontario, Toronto is Canada's largest city, the fourth largest city in North America, and one of the most exciting, vibrant, safe and progressive cities in the world! As the most ethnically diversified city in the world (United Nations) students quickly blend into the city's multicultural mosaic, happily discovering the entire world in one great city.

Group size, age and individual registrations

We can accommodate groups of all sizes from 13 years old and up. Younger students (under 13) can be accommodated if they stay with an older sibling or group leader. Individual registrations are possible only in our Summer Adventure Program, June through August. Individual students are grouped together and assigned their very own activity coordinator.

Nationalities - An International Adventure

To provide an international experience our summer adventure program puts a limit of 35% on each nationality and linguistic group. In past years the program has included students from numerous countries, including: Brazil, Spain, Italy, France, Saudi Arabia, U.A.E, Russia, Japan, Belgium and Turkey

Transportation

Transportation to and from the airport is included in the program. Students are greeted at the airport by school representatives who will provide them with their transit pass, emergency contact card and transit map and information necessary prior to their orientation on the first day of school.

Transportation from accommodation to the school and during activities is normally by public transit. Transportation on excursions outside the city is by chartered bus. Toronto`s transportation system is the second largest in North America and ranks as one of the safest and most efficient worldwide. Students are escorted to school on their first day.

Safety and Service

We take every measure to ensure the safety and comfort of students. Activity coordinators are all experienced instructors with the maturity necessary to ensure students are safe. Multilingual school representatives are available 24/7 to assist students. In addition, leaders travelling with the groups are provided with a free cell phone for emergency communications and all students are provided emergency contact cards upon arrival at the airport.

Meals

Homestay students are provided 3 meals per day: breakfast, packed lunch (sandwich, drink, snack) and a warm dinner.

Residence students are provided 3 meals a day. Breakfast and dinner are buffet style and lunch may be either packed or buffet style depending on the residence. On full day excursions residence students may get either a packed lunch or an allowance to purchase food.

Map

Campus and Residence Map

Program is also available in Vancouver with our partner school Vancouver English Centre

Sample Day	
8:00 am	Breakfast and walk or transit to school
9:00 to 10:00	Class: Focus on Language Structure
20 minute break	
10:20 to 12:20	Class: Focus on Oral Skills. Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation.
12:20 to 13:30	Lunch (pack or buffet) and relax
13:30 to ~ 19:00	Activity: Canoeing on Lake Ontario
~ 19:00 to 20:30	Warm dinner at residence or with homestay family

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