



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO

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SUMMER EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE 2011

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO, a registered not for profit organization, is working in collaboration with long standing exchange partners in Europe and Quebec to offer the best possible programs to the greatest number of students at the lowest possible cost. Among these programs are reciprocal SUMMER EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES with a partner in France, Spain, Switzerland or Quebec. Participating Ontario students spend three or four weeks away, and three or four weeks hosting their exchange partner. These programs are opportunities to enhance language skills, to experience another culture and way of life, and to share family and summer holiday activities.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND TIME LINES

Completed applications submitted by **March 01** will be given first priority; applications will then continue to be accepted as long as places remain available. Applicants should receive the file of a proposed partner by **May 31**. Upon acceptance of the match and after a one week wait, students may begin communication with their partner.

Ontario students will receive a Program Handbook with advice on how to be a welcome guest and a good host, tips for packing, spending money etc, as well as Insurance information and an ISE carry-on sports bag.

FRANCE and SPAIN	Ontario students are away during the month of July (four weeks), and host their exchange partners during the month of August.
SWITZERLAND (French Language)	Ontario students are away for three weeks from the beginning of July, followed by three weeks of hosting to mid-August.

Students will travel as a group with Ontario escort(s), departing from Pearson International Airport in Toronto. Upon arrival in Paris, the group will have a one-day bus and walking tour of the major sites. Some students will meet their exchange partners and families at the orientation site the following morning; all others will travel by train or flight to their final destination.

- Participants will return to Ontario with their exchange partners and will be met at Pearson International Airport by the Ontario families. The visiting students will meet again at the airport on the day of their departure for their flight back home. Confirmation of all travel dates will be sent with the proposed partner's file.

A valid passport is required for all international destinations. Canadian passport applications are available at postal outlets; the completed application should be submitted to a passport office allowing at least eight weeks for processing. A visa is not required, however students who have a non-Canadian passport must contact ISE regarding additional documentation.

QUEBEC	Ontario students host their exchange partners during the month of July (four weeks), and are in Quebec during the month of August.
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In late June the students from Quebec arrive by train as a group at Union Station in Toronto, where they are met by ISE staff, their partners, and host families. In late July the Ontario students and their partners travel as a group with an Ontario escort from Union Station to Quebec City and are met there by their host family. Participants return to Ontario in the last week of August.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The application form must be fully and carefully completed according to the instructions, and submitted to ISE along with the original copy of the Request / Recommendation Form. Students should keep a copy of their application.

- Applications submitted to ISE ONTARIO by **March 01** will be given first priority for placement.

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2011 PROGRAM COSTS

- All students travel as a group with Ontario escorts
- Costs are based on travel to and from Toronto
- If a suitable match is not found all monies are refunded

FRANCE, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND

The cost of the program is \$2500

Program cost includes:

- return international airfare, from Toronto with Ontario escort
- connecting surface or air travel in the host country
- all inclusive travel insurance with emergency medical
- one-day bus and walking tour in Paris
- program handbook, ISE carry-on sports bag
- ISE administration fee

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$500 deposit with application

\$1000 due May 1

\$1000 balance due June 1

\$150 of the deposit is non-refundable; the remainder is non-refundable 30 days before program start.

QUEBEC

The cost of the program is \$850

Program cost includes:

- return train fare Toronto - Quebec City with Ontario escort
- all inclusive travel insurance with emergency medical
- ISE carry-on sports bag
- program handbook
- ISE administration fee

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$150 deposit with application

\$350 due May 1

\$350 balance due June 1

IMPORTANT DATES

- Applications received by **March 01** will be given first priority
- Applications will be accepted only as long as places remain available

PLEASE NOTE

- **Postdated cheques** included with the deposit for the May and June payment are requested
- All cheques are payable to ISE Ontario
- Receipts are provided upon request only; please provide a self-addressed, return envelope
- Travel costs are equalized for all participants

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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

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I/WE CONSENT to my child's participation in this exchange program and understand that he/she/we must abide by the Conditions of Participation as outlined for the duration of the exchange program.

I/WE AGREE to host the visiting exchange student during the exchange period and treat him/her as a member of our family; to provide all three daily meals, and a warm, safe and friendly atmosphere; to help him/her adjust to new surroundings; to assume parental care for the exchange student; to ensure that he/she is immersed in the target language and given full opportunity to hear and use English at home; and to ensure that he/she is exposed to as many cultural activities as reasonably possible, all of the foregoing at no cost to the visiting exchange student.

I/WE DECLARE THAT NO ONE LIVING IN THE HOST HOME(S) WHERE THE VISITING STUDENTS WILL BE LIVING HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENCE OR HAS CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING; THAT A CLEAR CRIMINAL RECORD COULD BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST; THAT OUR HOME IS FREE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF ABUSE.

I/WE UNDERSTAND that student exchange participants must consider their exchange partner to be their first priority and must not be employed during the hosting period.

I/WE UNDERSTAND that where the visiting exchange student is placed in a second family as a result of mismatching, every effort will be made to find an alternate suitable placement so that my child can complete the exchange.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY: I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD'S HOST FAMILY, THE EDUCATION AND/OR SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND EXCHANGE OFFICIALS IN THE HOST COUNTRY, THE SCHOOL AND/OR SCHOOL BOARD WHERE MY CHILD IS A RESIDENT STUDENT, AND ISE ONTARIO TOGETHER WITH ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS ASSUME NO LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL AUTHORIZATION: I authorize all medical and dental attention for my child judged necessary by medical authorities in the host country or the host family in the event of an accident or serious illness. I understand that every attempt will be made to reach me by telephone in case of emergency.

GROUP TRAVEL: I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD MUST TRAVEL TO AND RETURN FROM THE EXCHANGE COUNTRY WITH THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM GROUP, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

TRAVELLING IN THE HOST COUNTRY: I UNDERSTAND THAT TRAVEL DURING THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS RESTRICTED TO EXCURSIONS WITH THE HOST FAMILY, WITHOUT EXCEPTION. WHERE SUCH EXCURSIONS INVOLVE TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE HOST COUNTRY, A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FROM THE NATURAL PARENT IS REQUIRED.

I/WE PERMIT ISE Ontario to videotape and/or photograph my child while participating in program activities with the understanding that these materials may be used for promotional purposes.

EXPULSION FROM THE PROGRAM: The exchange program authorities reserve the right to immediately withdraw a student from the exchange program and arrange for an early return home, with no liability or cost to the exchange program authorities or to the host family, for any of the following reasons:

- withholding information and/or failure to tell the truth on the application form or during the interview
- failure to disclose any past or present medical treatment for physical or psychological conditions or disorders
- use of illegal drugs or abuse of alcohol
- failure to accept the authority of the exchange officials
- failure to comply with the house rules of the host family, without exception
- driving a motorized vehicle OR hitch-hiking
- undertaking independent travel that is not with the host family
- receiving, creating or distributing information which is unlawful including but not limited to materials or images which are racist, pornographic, dangerous, obscene or inconsistent with the values of your hosting family
- breaking the law of the host country, including, without limitation, shoplifting
- failure to abide by the Conditions of Participation

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