

# JUNIORS' PROGRAMME VANCOUVER



# Juniors' Programme

The LSI Vancouver Junior Course offers young people an excellent opportunity to improve their skills in English while making friends from around the world. Vancouver is Canada's 3rd largest city and one of its most beautiful and dynamic. Vancouver offers beautiful scenery, great activities, a multi-cultural population, and exceptional restaurants in all price ranges, a great public transportation network and very friendly people!

The Junior programme includes English Language Course tuition, full board accommodation in a twin room and an exciting social programme with regular excursions and fun activities. Students will get the chance to practice their English with people from around the world.

## What's included?

- Initial placement test & orientation
- English Course Monday to Friday (20 x 50 minute lessons per week)
- Course materials
- Full board accommodation in twin room homestay
- Guided activity programme
  - 5 morning or afternoon activities per week Monday to Friday
  - 1-full day Saturday excursion per week
- End of course certificate

## Dates Available

### Winter 2020

The program will run from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The program ends 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Groups only.

- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020
- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Summer 2020

The programme will run every Monday from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (course ends 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020).

- 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 37<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Winter 2021

The program will run from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The program ends 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Groups only.

- 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021
- 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**NB: LSI Vancouver can arrange juniors programmes for closed groups on request, throughout the year. Please contact the school for a quote based on your specific requirements.**

\*Where a public holiday falls on a Monday, the course will start on the Tuesday.

## General Information

<b>Ages</b>	12–17 years old*
<b>English levels</b>	Elementary to Advanced
<b>Arrival day</b>	Sunday
<b>Departure day</b>	Sunday
<b>Minimum stay</b>	1 week
<b>Suggested stay</b>	1–4 weeks
<b>Travel time from airport/station</b>	Approximately 45 minutes
<b>Transfer service</b>	We suggest that the student books an LSI taxi to ensure their safe transfer to their accommodation. This way an LSI representative will be waiting for the student in the arrivals area holding an LSI sign with their name.
<b>Travelling to school</b>	In all areas of the city, within 45 – 50 minutes of LSI. Our host families are an easy commute from the school. 2 students will be placed in each of our families so that they can travel together. Upon arrival, the host family will provide full instructions on how to reach the school.
<b>Travelling to activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Average bus journey from host family to LSI is 40 minutes.</li> <li>&gt; All our host families are located within easy access of the bus routes.</li> <li>&gt; Students travel to activities by bus, Skytrain or Seabus.</li> </ul>

\*16 & 17 year olds: These students have the choice of joining our Juniors' Programme or one of our adult programmes. The Juniors' Programme is a more structured programme and we require full participation unless parental consent is given to miss any activity. We understand that some 16 -17 year olds prefer a little more independence, so we suggest that the student and parent discuss which option would be most suitable for them.

## Meals – Homestay

<b>Breakfast</b>	A typical breakfast is cereal, toast, juice, tea or coffee.
<b>Lunch</b>	Students will receive a packed lunch (sandwich, fruit, and drink).
<b>Dinner</b>	Students will eat a hot meal with their host family.
<b>Dietary requirements</b>	Students must advise LSI at the time of booking of any particular dietary requirements.

## Medical History

LSI **MUST** BE NOTIFIED OF ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS, ALLERGIES OR MEDICATION THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN BY THE STUDENT.

<b>Insurance</b>	Students must travel with appropriate travel and medical insurance.
<b>Doctor visits</b>	If a student needs to visit a doctor, LSI will arrange an appointment for them. The average visit to a doctor costs CD\$50 for the initial consultation.

## Accommodation – Homestay

<b>Room type</b>	Students are placed in homestay with another student on the Juniors' programme.
<b>Bathrooms</b>	Shared bathroom
<b>Board status</b>	Full board accommodation (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner)
<b>Rooms include</b>	A bed, desk, table, storage space for clothes
<b>Bed linen / Towels</b>	All are provided
<b>Laundry</b>	Host families will wash the student's laundry once a week at no additional cost

## Other

<b>Curfew</b>	Students are expected to be back at the host family in time for dinner, unless they are on an LSI-approved activity.
<b>Internet</b>	The home may have internet facilities for the student to use.
<b>Valuables</b>	All valuables can be left with the Junior Programme Coordinator on the first morning in school if students require this. These will be kept securely locked in the school. Pocket money can be sent to LSI directly before the student arrives and the Course Director will be able to distribute it once a week.
<b>Group Leaders</b>	Group leaders are accommodated on a single room basis, unless otherwise stated.
<b>Special Requests</b>	LSI will endeavour to allow for all special requests

## The Programme

<b>First Day</b>	On the first morning, students should arrive at the school at 8.30am. They will have a written test and an interview to determine their level of English. Students will also receive an introduction explaining the school programme, rules and all the vital information they will need during their stay.
<b>English lessons</b>	Classes are held 9:00 am – 12:40 pm from Monday to Friday. Students are put into classes according to their levels. Students will study reading, writing, listening and speaking. If students have any problems with their classes they can speak with their teacher or Director of Studies, who are happy to help support students in their studies.
<b>Class size</b>	There is a maximum of 16 students per class.
<b>Class materials</b>	Students need to bring their own notepad/paper and pen. They will be provided with text books and learning materials on a loan basis.
<b>Activities</b>	Students go on morning or afternoon activities each day (Monday to Friday). There are a variety of activities, which vary depending on the weather and student numbers. Please see the timetable below for some examples).
<b>Attendance</b>	Students are expected to attend all classes and activities. If students are unwell and cannot attend, they must inform LSI immediately.
<b>LSI Certificate</b>	On completion of the course, students will be presented with an LSI Certificate.

## Sample Timetable

Activities subject to change - this is an example only:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arrival or free day	Welcome, testing and first lesson	Grammar, vocabulary skills				Trip to Whistler
	Break Time					
	Project Work					
	Lunch					
	Harbour Centre	Ice Skating	Aquarium	Games and sports afternoon	Science World	

\*The scheduling of lessons and activities may vary. For an up-to-date schedule check with the school when booking.

### Student Welfare & Programme Rules

- If students are unhappy with any part of their Junior Programme experience we encourage them to speak to an LSI staff member as soon as possible, so we can address any concerns they may have.
- Students are not permitted to smoke, take drugs, or drink alcohol.

### Rules for Accommodation

- Upon your arrival, you should discuss household rules with your homestay family. If you are in breach of any of these rules, a list of possible sanctions will apply.

### Further course information

- In class, we will focus mostly on your speaking, listening, vocabulary and pronunciation skills (there will be some grammar, reading and writing as well, but these are the most important parts). Most of your lessons will have a Vancouver or Canada theme.
- Some days your teacher will give you homework – please do this.
- **Excursions:** Please wear appropriate clothes! Look at the weather and ask your teacher about this. Take a waterproof jacket if you think it might rain. Wear sunglasses and sunscreen if it is sunny and, most importantly, always wear comfortable shoes! You will be doing lots of walking during the day and sore feet can ruin your day. When you are on excursions, you will sometimes have some free time. You will be told how often and when you need to check in with the teacher who is your guide for the trip. You need to stay in groups of 2 or more. If you don't want to go with another student, you can always stay with the teacher. Some days your teacher will give you homework – please do this.
- Please give us your passports, return plane tickets and any other valuables – we will keep them in our safe.
- **Identification card:** The LSI Vancouver paper card has emergency contact information. You can call the phone numbers on it or ask someone like a police officer to call if you get lost or have any emergency so you can find us again. The card may also include important medical information that doctors need to know. If you get lost and scared and can't find anyone to help you, you can show it to a taxi driver who will take you back to the university – don't worry if you have no money – we will pay when you arrive. Keep this in your wallet or bag at all times. If you lose this, don't be afraid to ask us for a new one.
- If you have an emergency situation, stay calm. Try to use your English to explain what the problem is, but if you can't then show somebody your emergency card so that they can contact the school and we can help you.
- No one under the age of 19 can buy tobacco. It is also illegal to buy cigarettes for anyone under the age of 19. If you break this rule, you will be subject to expulsion from LSI (see Expulsion in Sanctions section).
- No illegal drugs. Drugs are not tolerated in Canada. Getting caught using, under the influence of, or being in possession of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate involvement of the police. You will be expelled from LSI and may be fined, arrested, or deported by legal authorities.
- No fake identification. Fake identification is illegal in Canada. If you are caught using or are in possession of fake identification, you will be subject to expulsion from LSI (see Expulsion in Sanctions section).
- We have a zero tolerance attitude towards drugs and other breaches of the law. Any student found using drugs, stealing, deliberately hurting another person (physically or psychologically) or deliberately damaging private property may be sent home at their parent/guardian's expense.

### Sanctions

The following sanctions may be assigned if a student is found in violation of the Juniors' Code of Conduct. Sanctions may be imposed independently or in combination with other sanctions. Sanctions can be applied to an individual student, groups of students, or a group leader.

- **Warning-** A written or verbal warning will be issued to the student stating that any repetition of the behaviour will result in more severe disciplinary action.
- **Parental or Agent Notification-** A parent and/or agent will be notified of a student's violation of the Juniors' Code of Conduct by letter, fax, email, or telephone.
- **Restitution-** Students will be required to pay for damages they cause to the school or their homestays.
- **Fine/Administration fee-** Requires the student to pay a sum of money.
- **Probation-** A period in which the student must behave in a manner acceptable to the school. Conditions of probation may be set forth which restrict the student's participation in activities.
- **Loss of privilege-** The use of LSI services and facilities and participation in activities may be restricted.
- **Suspension-** Students will be excluded from class attendance, activities, and use of the school for a specified period of time.
- **Dismissal-** The withdrawal of school registration, class attendance, activities or accommodation. A student who has been dismissed may only be readmitted with the permission of the Director of LSI.
- **Expulsion-** The permanent loss of the privilege of registration and class attendance. A student who has been expelled is not eligible for readmission and not entitled to a refund of fees. The student is held responsible for all costs incurred by this decision.