

Ottawa Canada Journey June 6 - 14, 2026 / Ellen Brazauskus



June 7 - Twelve FFWNC Ambassadors who participated in this exchange arrived at their host homes. Wendy Adams from the FFO sent out nightly bulletins for the following day activities.

June 8 - The Journey officially started in the morning with a welcome breakfast arranged by FFO. Welcoming remarks were shared with a distribution of welcome bags with various information about the City of Ottawa. The group then went to the Bytown Museum, which is Ottawa's community museum that explores the history of residents from its First Peoples to present-day Ottawa. This was followed by a 90-minute boat cruise of the Ottawa River.

June 9 - There was a walking tour of the Mackenzie King Estate, the former Prime Minister of Canada's home for almost 50 years. This was followed with a trip to the Canadian Museum of History. It promotes Canadian history, and heritage.

June 10 - Unfortunately, due to unforeseen weather, the volunteer opportunity was cancelled. The JCs for the Journey organized a fun morning of 5 pin bowling which turned out to be enjoyed by all, along with a Canadian treat of moose tongues and mouse balls (similar to apple fritters). In the afternoon the Journey included a tour of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police followed with a dinner by dinner host.

June 11 - This was a free day for Ambassadors including taking their home host out for dinner.

June 12 - In the morning there was a visit to the Diefenbunker Cold War Museum, a 4-story underground communications headquarters and one of a kind museum. This was followed by a trip to Volkow Dairy Distillery which turns waste into world-class spirits. Lunch was at the Barley Mow Restaurant. The afternoon Ambassadors had choices between exploring the Textile Museum or the Basketball Museum.

June 13 - The last full day of the Journey featured with a tour of the Parliament Building. The Centennial Flame in front of Parliament was originally built as a temporary monument. Prime Minister Pearson lit the flame on December 31, 1966 to open the celebrations of Canada's 100th anniversary of Confederation. The Canadians loved the monument so much that it became a permanent feature.

After the Parliament tour, Ambassadors stopped at the Beechwood National Cemetery of Canada. It was established in 1973, renowned for its landscaping and monuments. A farewell dinner concluded the Journey activities.