

TIPS FROM THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FOR STUDENTS

BEFORE YOUR TRIP:

- » Make contact and start building a relationship with your twin.
- » Research the community you will visit.

DURING YOUR TRIP:

- » Immerse yourself in the culture.
- » Do not be afraid to try speaking another language.
- » Help your teacher in case of a change of plans to make sure everyone has a good time.

AFTER YOUR TRIP:

- » Join the social media group created by your teacher to keep in touch with your twin and share stories and opportunities you have gained as a result of your exchange.
- » Join the Experiences Canada Instagram and Alumni page to keep in touch with the organization.

GENERAL TIPS:

- » Pack for the weather. » Keep an open mind!

ABOUT THE YAC

The Experiences Canada Youth Advisory Committee, is made up of youth from across Canada who provide us with their perspective on how we can improve our exchange programs and forums.

FOR TEACHERS

BEFORE YOUR TRIP:

- » Consider student personality when using the twinning questionnaire.
- » Inform students about where they are going and what to expect.
- » Get student input on what you should do in your city.
- » Find somewhere to volunteer while everyone is together.

DURING YOUR TRIP:

- » Be open-minded and take notes to know what to improve for the next exchange.
- » Make guidelines rather than rules.
- » Allow students some freedom to explore.
- » Organize a variety of activities to cater to different people.
- » Have backup activities in case not everyone can participate.

AFTER YOUR TRIP:

- » Create a social media group so students can stay in touch.
- » Ensure all questionnaires have been filled out.

GENERAL TIPS:

- » Use a number system to easily keep track of students.
- » Things do not always go as planned. Sometimes it is necessary to “go with the flow” and can even make for the best memories!

