

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EXPERIENCE 2022

TOUR CITIES:

- **Kentucky** (Maysville, Mayslick, Old Washington)
- **Ohio** (Columbus, Wilberforce, Ripley, Cincinnati, Oberlin)
- **Michigan** (Dearborn, Detroit)
- **Ontario, Canada** (Windsor, Buxton, Dresden, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls)
- **New York** (Auburn, Seneca Falls, Rochester, Buffalo)

Footsteps to Freedom is a proven project based, hands on program that utilizes an empathy pedagogy that focuses on constant interaction, attentive listening, and deep dialogue to spark transformational leadership in participants. It is built on the practice of historical empathy, which has been considered one of the most powerful tools in altering negative ideologies and an experiential empathy curriculum, widely considered a vital leadership competency and single greatest skill needed by leaders today. The program satisfies: leadership and professional development training, civic engagement, equity, inclusion and diversity initiatives.

The program is designed as a transformative adult learning experience which expedites professional and personal growth. The foundation of the program is the study tour, an 8-day fully immersive learning experience that retraces the steps of freedom seekers from Kentucky to Canada. Before the tour, participants are expected to participate in a pre-tour learning opportunity that provides important background on the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Underground Railroad freedom movement by using primary sources. Participants also interact with the primary sources through the Jerry Gore Collection Historical Empathy Exhibition and complete a final professional leadership or personal growth project based on the pre-tour and tour curriculum.

PRE-TOUR COURSEWORK/CURRICULUM:

The program was developed to meet the California state (K-12) education standards, Common Core strategies in Social Studies/History and an understanding to Ethnic Studies.

- Virtual asynchronous lessons on thinking critically about the complexity of experiences found in the historical record of the United States during slavery and centering Africa's role in World History;
- Explain and analyze the Underground Railroad as a key historical event in the history of the America;
- Create environments, policies, programs, and services that promote deep learning and foster the success of all participants;
- Explain the historical background and repercussions of the Underground Railroad American culture and social justice;
- Apply empathy pedagogical approaches as a tool for dialogue and engagement;
- Formulate an understanding of personal and professional power to create change.

2022 TOUR DATES

Tour	Departure Date	Return Date	Attendees
Tour 1	June 7	June 14	0
Tour 2	June 21	June 28	0
Tour 3	July 6	July 13	0
Tour 4	July 19	July 26	0



REGISTRATION

Item	Description	Directions
Pre-Tour Videos	<p>Mandatory Pre-Tour Coursework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual asynchronous lessons on thinking critically about the complexity of experiences found in the historical record of the United States during slavery and centering Africa's role in World History, utilizing empathy to explore diversity as a critical component of history Explain and analyze the Underground Railroad as a key for a key historical event for social justice Apply empathy pedagogical approaches as a tool for dialogue and engagement Formulate an understanding of personal and professional power to create change 	Available Spring 2022
Leading with Empathy	<p>Training Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> training sessions led by Footsteps to Freedom principals and trainers Sessions build on the coursework and prepare participants for the rigors of the tour Final session serves as a platform to launch the participant's final projects 	Available To Schedule Winter-Spring 2022
Footsteps To You: Jerry Gore Collection Exhibit	<p>Engagement with Primary Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special curated exhibition with historical empathy lessons for staff & students Customized lectures and curated content 	Contact Footsteps To Freedom Staff To Design Curated Exhibition

**Tour dates fill-up quickly, payees are encouraged to confirm availability of specific dates as soon as possible with rosalia@footstepstofreedom.com.*

COST PER PERSON

Cost is \$5950 - \$6250, which includes airfare, hotel, most meals, and entry into all historic locations. This fee also includes ground transportation, 7 nights accommodations, excursions, admissions, as well as pre tour coursework, trainings and district & campus wide exhibits of Jerry Gore Collection. (Groups of 25 or above get discounted rate.)

Additional Cost: A minimum of seven (7) meals during the tour will be the responsibility of the tour attendee. Each tour attendee will be responsible for a \$25 dollar cash tip for the bus driver and a \$25 dollar gift exchange as a team building exercise. Each attendee is responsible for transportation to and from the airport, unless the district provides transportation.

ADDITIONAL TOUR INFORMATION

To confirm and plan the following:

- **Airfare:** All arrangements will be made out of Ontario, LAX, or John Wayne Airports depending on flight availability.
- **Bus Travel:** National Bus company with over 35 years of safety and experience.
- **Lodging:** All hotels will be no less than 3 stars.
- **Food:** Some meals will be available: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Attendees are responsible for a minimum of 7 meals at their own expense.
- **Sites:** Entry into all historic locations accommodations, excursions, admission fees.

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