

Norderstedt Inbound September 2026 Journey # 26033 for Web and Facebook

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September 18, Day 1 Arrival Day

We had a picnic at Dereck Double Day Arboretum Park for 7 Ambassadors with early arrivals, which was enjoyed with a walk, including the tree and plaque to Orest, our FFMV Founder. We enjoyed meeting our previous hosts for this reciprocal Journey and connecting with our new friendship force friends.



Derrick Doubleday Arboretum and walk

September 19: Welcome Luncheon White Rock Day

Our Luncheon provided us the opportunity to meet our Ambassadors as a group. The Menu was well received with great service and our Welcome to Vancouver cake, was allowed. Busy at Stewart Farm, with the Harvest Festival added to the venue. Crescent Beach had a bonus Canoe race and Art Display for added fun. White Rock Pier walk and views were enjoyed by all. Ambassadors were super happy with home dinners and the opportunity for small group connections.



Welcome to our new Friends from Norderstedt at the White Spot, South Surrey!



White Rock Pier and samples of Home Dinners

September 20: Vancouver day

The Museum of Anthropology was appreciated for the History of BC, and our Indigenous Peoples, by all of us. Granville Island and the Aquabus ferries were a hit, and Stanley Park, is always well received. Fly Over Canada was great for most, but some had slight motion sickness. We enjoyed the walk through historic Gas Town, and the Spaghetti Factory or a Home dinners, were a delight. Another chance for small groups to share and connect. A perfect Vancouver Day!



Vancouver Harbour, after Fly Over Canada!



Stanley Park, Gas Town Steam Clock and The Spaghetti Factory

September 21 Steveston Day

Our Ambassadors really enjoyed the Gulf of Georgia Cannery and the pizza was well received by most. The Hosts were treated to dinner out, at a variety of venues, and our new and old friendships were nurtured.



Steveston after Gulf of Georgia Cannery Tour

September 22 Free Day

Ambassadors enjoyed a variety of excursions around the city and a relaxing day with their hosts.



Stave Falls Dam and Haywood lake Picnic

September 23 North Shore Britannia Mine + Bowen Island Day

Britannia Mine tour was a highlight with the tour guide being extraordinary! The Drive up the Sea to Sky Highway and Shannon Falls Picnic were noted to have been spectacular for views and nature. The relaxing Ferry ride was appreciated for the seashore mountains and our BC coastline. Our Ambassadors enjoyed a short nature hike, followed by a grand picnic, complete with salmon and games of Corn Hole! Another day filled with the fabulous nature of Metro Vancouver and friendships blooming.



Britannia Mine and Bowen Island BBQ



Corn Hole Game to end the Day

September 24 Langley Day

Everyone enjoyed the Caves from “When Calls The Heart” at the James Town Movie Set. The Bison burgers, Brewery and the Farm in general were super interesting. Everyone enjoyed Fort Langley, the quaint village, the BC history and farm Museum. The Classic Car Display was a highlight for all. The Farewell dinner was a delicious Greek Smorgasbord, and the evening was completed with a Guest Speaker from the RCMP, Speeches, Poems and songs performed!



James Town Movie Set



Farewell Party for our new Dear Friends from Norderstedt

We will cherish our new friends with fond memories.

So Long, For Now!

September 25 Departure Day

Always sad to see our new friends leave. Always Blessed by the experience!

Journey Coordinator Comments

DAY 1

Optional Picnic Should not have planned for early arrivals. Straight to hosts!

Day 2

White Spot room bring a microphone.

Busy day in White rock, due to additional city activities, Harvest Fair and Races made parking tricky but attractions a hit!

Day 3

Vancouver Program had options of 2 set and 2 optional activities and it was rushed to do all 4. Recommend skip Fly Over Canada and have happy hour at Cactus Club and out before 6?

Day 4

Cannery tour guide spoke too fast and hard to understand.

Shipyards closed Mondays oops!

The Presenter spoke too fast and was hard to understand.

Recommend Fish and chips at restaurant for lunch, over ice Room!

Day 5 Free

Day 6

North shore was the perfect day but made stressful due to a serious MVA closing highway #1 for hours, making it a bit rushed, but best day for all at these venues!

Day 7

James town was great, we must let Ambassadors go first!

Ft. Langley quaint and historical so worth it. Classic Cars loved,

Farewell went well except rush to covered picnic area stressful due to rain but

Cooky & Gurin accommodated and fast with member helpers. Thank you!

