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**CANADA, UNDREAMED REALITY**

Conclusion report of English Immersion Course at ILSC Toronto, Canada, presented to the Instituto Federal de Educação, Ciência, Tecnologia e da Paraíba-IFPB, for finalization of the process of international exchange.

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## **ABSTRACT**

The English-language immersion course held at ILSC of city of Toronto, Canada, was promoted by IFPB-ARINTER, under the coordination of the Agency TORONTO FIRST STEPS. The course lasted four weeks, from April 23 to may 28 2018, consisting of lectures, listening, grammar and practice english conversation, permeated by cultural and tourist activities. The hosting was on a homestay for english training and new culinary customs. Immersion classes were held on the premises of ILSC, from Monday to Friday in the morning and evening period. Tourist and cultural activities consisted by visiting canadian cities, universities, museums, monuments, shopping centers, Lake Ontario Niagara Falls and Toronto downtown. The main objective of this exchange was the improvement of the English language and the knowledge of a culture overseas.

**KEY WORDS:** English-language; Toronto; English conversation; Immersion.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Canada is a country located in North America and extends from the Atlantic Ocean in the East to the Pacific Ocean to the West. Is the second largest country in the world in total area, surpassed only by Russia. Is limited to the North by the Arctic Ocean. Its border with the United States, South and Northwest, is the longest land border in the world. Their lands inhabited for millennia by arborigines people, began to be exploited in the late 15th century by British, Portuguese and French expeditions.

The Canada is a Federation composed of ten provinces and three territories, a parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy, with Queen Elizabeth II as head of State — a symbol of Canada's historical ties with the United Kingdom being = the Government run by a Prime Minister, a post currently occupied (2018) by Justin Trudeau. Is a bilingual and multicultural country, with both English and French as official languages. One of the most developed countries in the world, Canada has a diversified economy, reliant upon its abundant natural resources and upon trade — particularly with the United States, a country with which the Canada has had a long and complex relationship.

The Canada has a very long coastline on your North, East and West, and since the last glacial period consists of eight distinct forest regions, including the vast boreal forest on the Canadian Shield. The vastness and variety of the geography, ecology, vegetation and topography of Canada gave rise to a wide variety of climates throughout the country. Because of your big size, Canada has more lakes than any other country in the world, containing much of the fresh water on the planet.

Average temperatures in the winter and the summer in all Canada vary according to the region. Winter can be harsh in many regions of the country, where daily average temperatures are near  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but may drop below  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  with a wind-chill factor extremely cold. Inside, snow can cover the ground almost six months of the year (more in the North). The Canada is also geologically active, with many earthquakes and potentially active volcanoes, including the Monte Edziza Volcanic Complex.

The above features make Canada a country of great attractions, whether economic, cultural or touristic. For being a nation with high development index, attracts immigrants from other continents in search of English language learning opportunities as well.

For being geologist and teacher, I know Canada has a lot of natural underground resources. However, when taught the subject "prospecting and mineral deposits" for class, I never meet this country. My decision to come to Canada was sudden, without prior planning. It inspired me to write this report with the following theme: **"CANADA, UNDREAMED REALITY"**. Read the announcement, made the test and was classified. Read about the country, I prepared for the trip, I thought to share this new experience of life with my family. I bought the tickets on boarded into the unknown. My wife and daughter were later. It was not only a learning experience, but an experience of life. The city of Toronto, of futuristic architecture, provided us with security, promoted culture and education. Its monuments and museums, in carrying on the past and future as magically. The efficiency of transport used to take us to various parts of the city without overlapping.

## 2. TRAJECTORY

The period of study in Canada was a month, from April 23 to May 19 2018. Consisted of theoretical and practical classes, in addition to cultural and tourist activities.

### 2.1. Arrival to Toronto

I arrived at the Toronto International Airport on the morning of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. After passing the immigration service went to the airport lounge and I was impressed with the a giant dinosaur placed by the Royal Ontario Museum (Figure 1).



Figure 1. A dinossaur in Toronto International Airport. Donatin by Ontario Real Museum.



I take a taxi to my homestay and saw snow all parts, on streets, grasses and roof of homes. The snow seemed to cotton (Figure 2). In front of my homestay there was snow in the garden. I took a photo stroking the snow (Figure 3). Really exciting.



Figure 2. Snow (white seeming gardens of the buildings).



Figure 3. Snow in front of my homestay.

## 2.2. The English Course

Monday mornig april 23<sup>th</sup> at nine a.m., the immersion course in english began in the auditorium of ILSC Toronto. Initially there were spechcs with the guidelines of the course and after two written and oral tests of leveling

English classes were taught during four weeks, i.e. from April 24<sup>th</sup> to may 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 at ILSC Toronto from Monday to Friday. In the morning, from 09:00 to 12:00 a.m, with grammar, reading, text comprehension, conversation, group dynamics and workhomes. In the afternoon, from 01:00 to 02:30 p.m., conversations, grammar and homeworks. Students from various nationalities were present providing socialization and knowledge of their cultures.

At the end of the course, evaluation tests were made and issued the certificate of conclusion (in annex).

The course was useful, despite the short time and not suitable for a teaching intensive course, making repetitive grammar. For example, conjugation of verb to be on present and past simple during two weeks.

## 2.3. My Family

My wife and my daughter arrived on Toronto on may 12<sup>th</sup> to get to know the city, the cultural differences between Brazil and Canada and share with me this richest experience (Figure 4).



Figure 4. I, my wife,my doughthter and Norie, my momystay.

## 2.4. Touristic and Cultural Activities

Touristic and cultural activities was promoted by Toronto Firist Steps Agency, or by proper student. We visited the Toronto downtown, shoppingcenters, cafés, restaurants, cities of Ontario Province, museums, universities, monuments, parks, aquarium, Lake Ontario and CN Tower. The means of transportation was bouses, trains and metro. I also enjoyed walking around downtown.

### 2.4.1. Toronto Downtown

Toronto downtown is a wonderful place, with large avenues, , shoppingcenters (Figure 5), magnific buildings (Figures 6, 7) bars, pubs, cafés, restaurants, churchs, squares, meuseums, etc

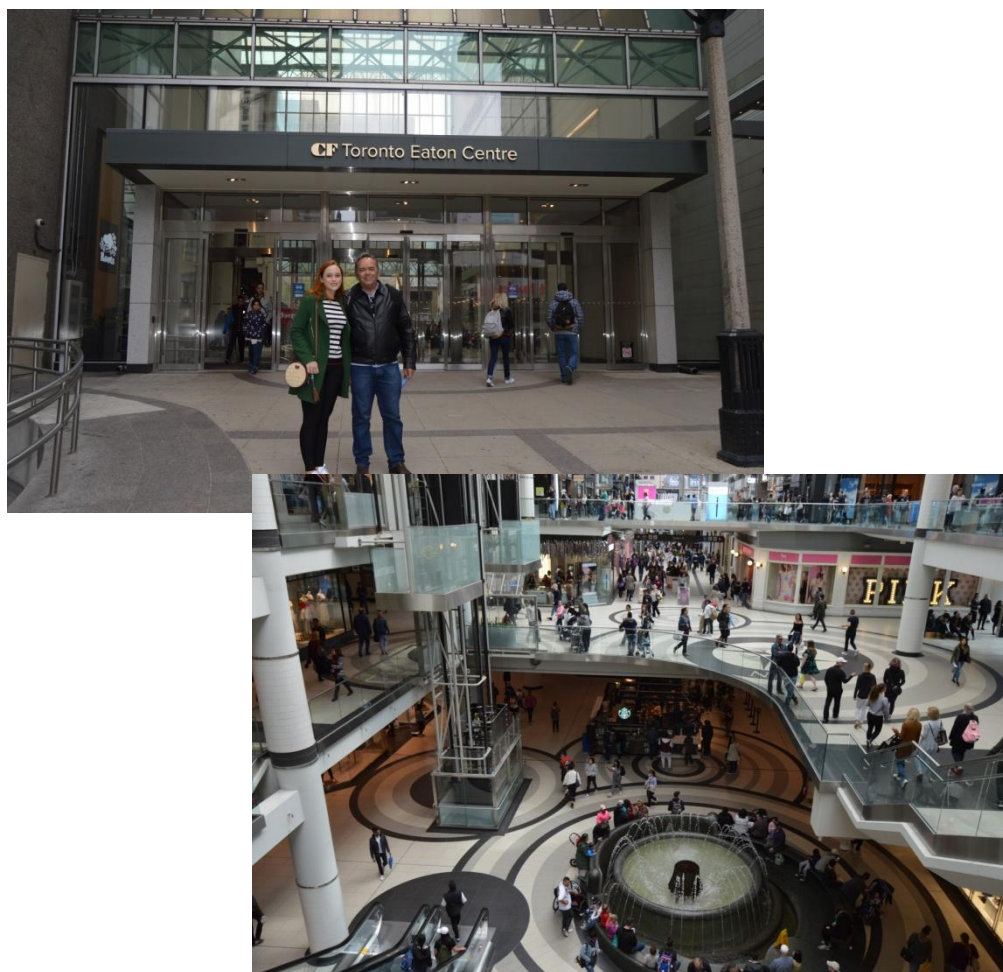


Figure 5. Toronto Eaton Center.



Figure 6. City Hall, Administrative center of Toronto.

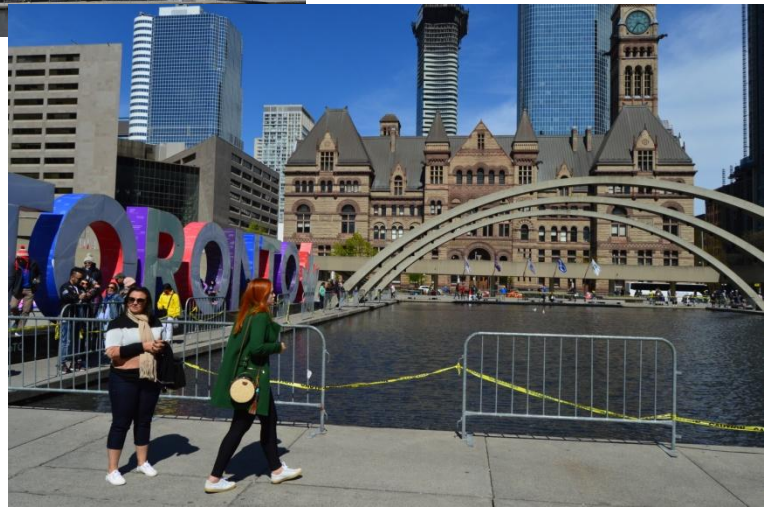


Figure 7. Magnificent buildings on Toronto Downtown.

### 2.4.2. Distillery District

Is a historic district of old downtown Toronto, with shoppes, cafés, restaurants, etc., a beautiful and very attractive place (Figure 8).

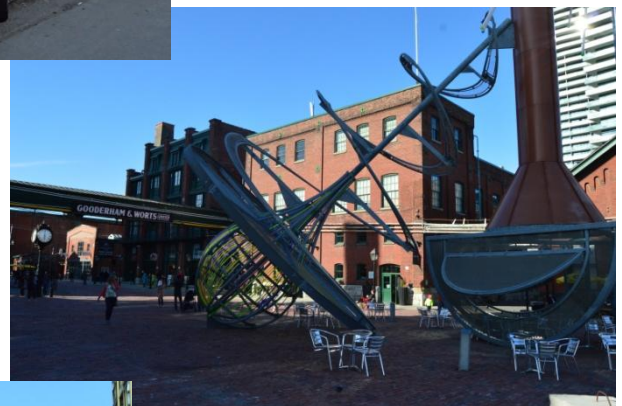


Figure 8. Distillery Historic District

### 2.4.3. Squares

There are many beautiful squares on Toronto. The most traditional is Dundas square, in downtown, meeting point in the late afternoon and the scene of many concerts and events (Figure 9). Berczy Park, a square in tribute to the dogs, with the central fountain composed of statues of 27 dogs and 1 little bone (Figure 10).



Figure 9. Dundas square, downtown Toronto.



Figure 10. Berczy Park.

## 2.4.4. Parks

There are many beautiful public parks in Toronto. We visited some of the most important parks on the city.

### 2.4.4.1. High Park

High Park is the largest and most beautiful park of Toronto with an extensive green area which is home to trails, Grenadier lake and good infrastructure. On spring the sakuras win the beautiful cherry blossoms (Figure 11). We visited this wonderful place in may, the flowering cherry trees. This is one of the best times to hike on the trails and meet the Hillside gardens with beautiful flowers (Figure 12), waterfalls, lakes (Figure 13). A beautiful place to walk, enjoy nature, watch birds and squirrels (Figure 14).



Figure 11. Cherry blossoms on High Park.

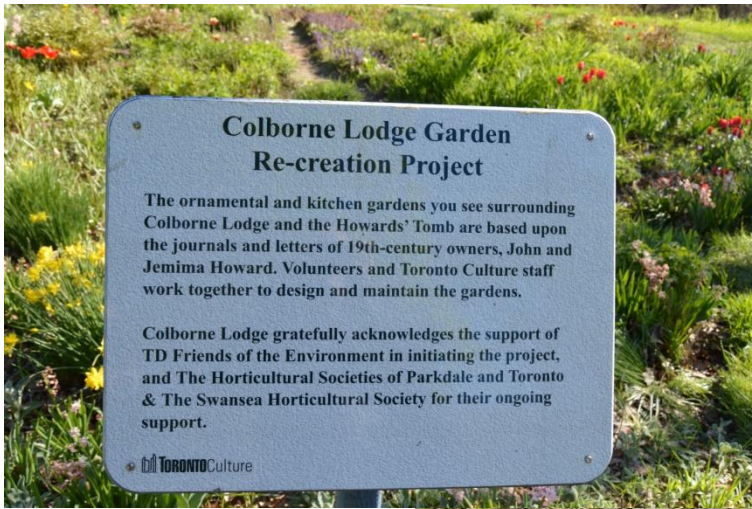


Figure 12. Colborne Lodge Garden, a Hillside garden on High Park.

Monument to memory of JOHN GEORGE HOAVARD. building in blocs of rocks





Figure 13. Grenadier lake on High Park.



Figure 14. Squirrels on High Park.

#### 2.4.4.2. Queen's Park

**Queen's Park** is an urban park in Downtown Toronto (Figure 15). Opened in 1860 by Edward, Prince of Wales, it was named in honour of Queen Victoria. The park is the site of the Ontario Legislative Building, which houses the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Figure 16), the historic provincial parliament building welcomes visitors year-round. Was build the 10.5 million bricks were made by inmates of the Central Prison, and the Ontario sandstone The park is nearly an enclave of the University of Toronto, which occupies most of the surrounding. Is surrounded by gardens wich rocks and a monument of wars.



Figure 15. Queen's Park.



Parliament



Legislative Chamber



# THE MACE

The Mace symbolizes the authority of the Speaker to oversee the Legislature. Crafted in 1867, it is made of copper and gold-plated.

In 2009, the first two diamonds mined in Ontario were mounted into the crown of the Mace. One was left unpolished (rough) to represent the mining process, and the other was polished to signify the value of the diamond industry in Ontario. The polished diamond is inscribed with the motto of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario *Audi Alteram Partem* – “Hear the Other Side”.



The peace of nickel comes from the INCO metal Company in Sudbury

Figure 16. Ontario Legislative Building - Government Buildings Complex

## 2.5. Lake Ontario

We visit Lake Ontario for two times on may. Is situated on urban zone of Toronto, next to High Park. Is one of the five Great Lakes of North America, the minor in territorial extension, with 18 960 km<sup>2</sup>. The most important towns on the shores of Lake Ontario is Toronto, Canada, and Rochester in the United States. The lake basin was sculpted by ice rocks the Wisconsin ice sheet during the last ice age. The ice action occurred along the pre-glacial period in the Valley. The Ontario Is a Lake Ontario Park is the City's largest urban waterfront park The park, which dates from 1894, is a day-use facility with picnic areas, picnic pavilion, walkways, and children's playgrounds. Is a wonderful place with blue waters, beaches, trees, beaches sands and rolled blocks of several types of rocks forming banks on your coast line (Figures 17, 18).

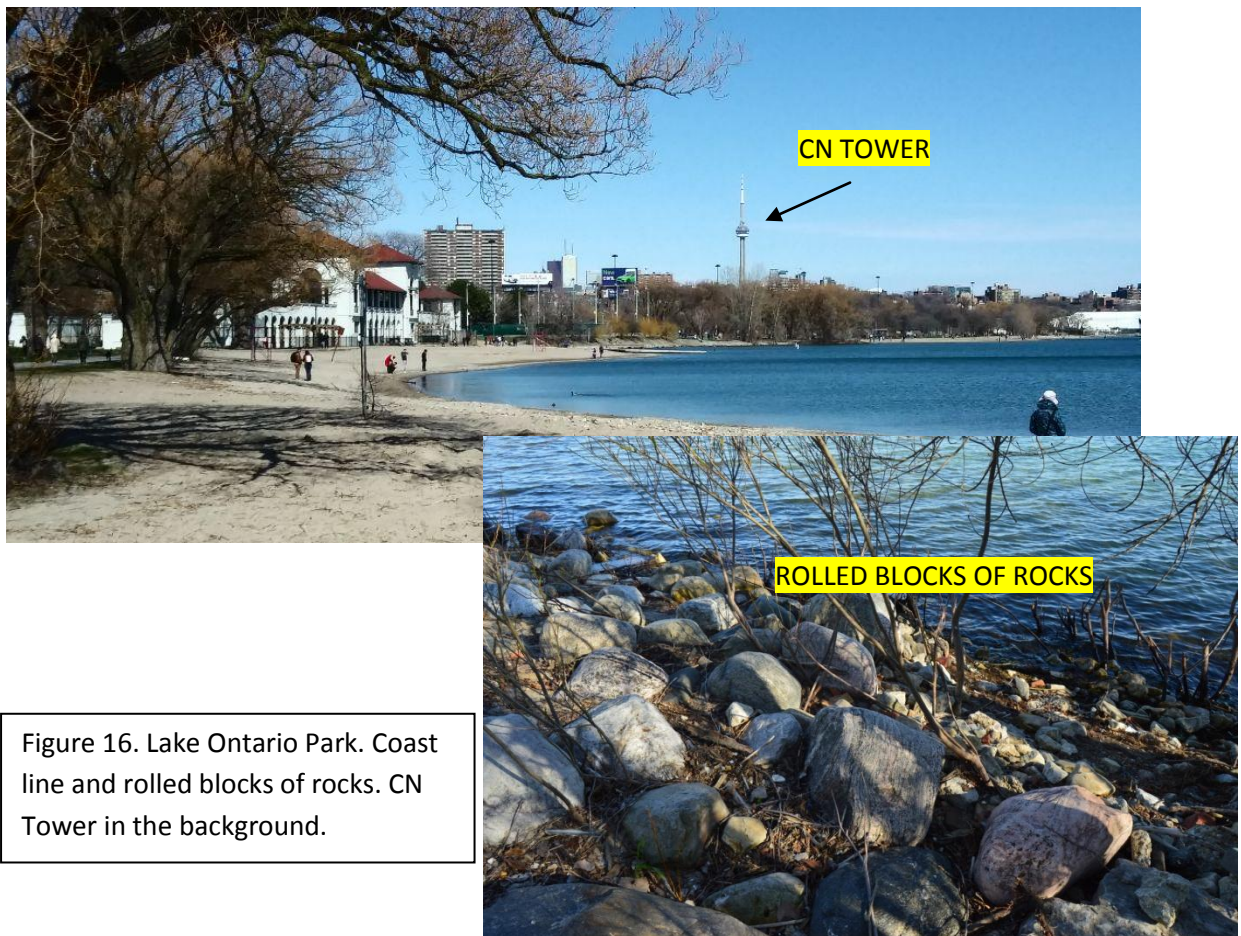


Figure 16. Lake Ontario Park. Coast line and rolled blocks of rocks. CN Tower in the background.



Figure 17. Lake Ontario Park.

## 2.6. University of Toronto

This centre of science and culture is the most famous and traditional of Canada. When visited the University of Toronto (Figure 18), I realized how much a first class education center grow intellectual and scientific development of a country. It is really great, with a magnificent library, museums and colleges aggregates, giving me sure that education is essential to elevate a country of first world.



Figure 18. University of Toronto.

## 2.7. The Museums

We visited two of the most important museums of Toronto, the Art Gallery and The Real Museum of Ontario.

### 2.7.1. Art Gallery

The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) is a complete art museum in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Its collection includes more than 90,000 works spanning the first century to the present day (Figure 19)..

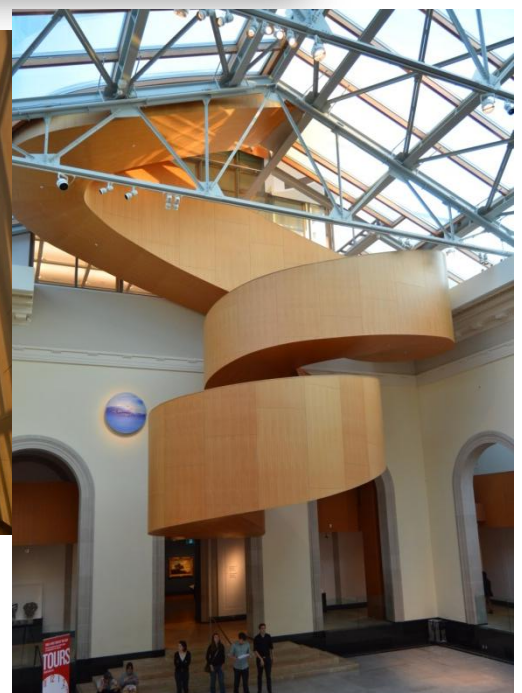
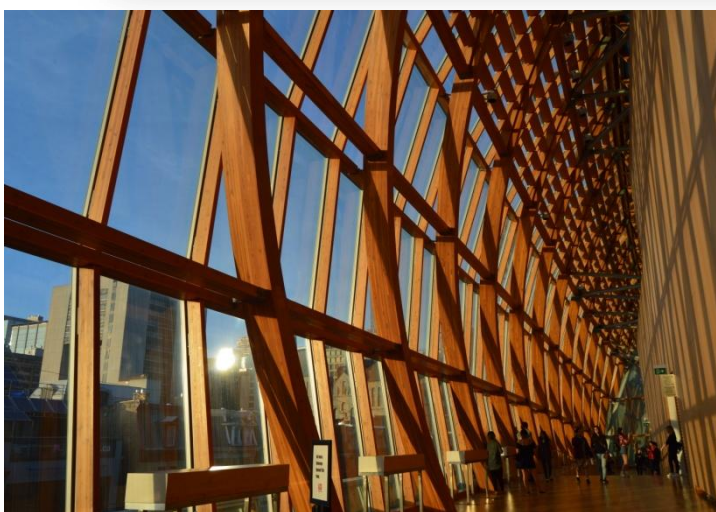


Figure 19. Art Gallery of Toronto.

### 2.7.2. Royal Ontario Museum

Is the Canada' largest museum (Figure 20) of natural history and world culture. With 6 million objects in the Royal Ontario Museum's collections. The museum boasts 5 major galleries, featuring the fields of zoology, paleontology, mineralogy, geology and archaeology. There are more than 100 species of birds on display.



Figure 20. Royal Ontario Museum: external facade.



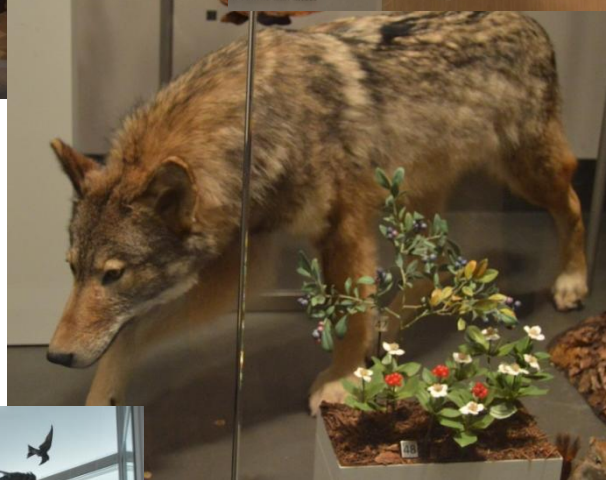


Figure 20. Royal Ontario Museum: zoology gallery.



Figure 21. Royal Ontario Museum: mineral and geology gallery.

## 2.8. CN Tower

The CN Tower, located in Toronto, a tourist and communications tower that has 553.33 metres (1.815 ft) in height, being the third highest Tower in the world (Figure 22). It is the main postcard from Toronto, attracting over 2 million visitors annually.

We visited us on mothers day for dinner in 360° Restaurant (Figure 23). Offer exceptional service and create a positive guest experience for those dining in 360 Restaurant. This position is responsible for professionally serving food, ice water and coffee/ tea service to dining guests at the table. Work with the 360 Captains to make guests feel welcome and comfortable, while always performing under the Food and Beverage Standard Operating Procedures.

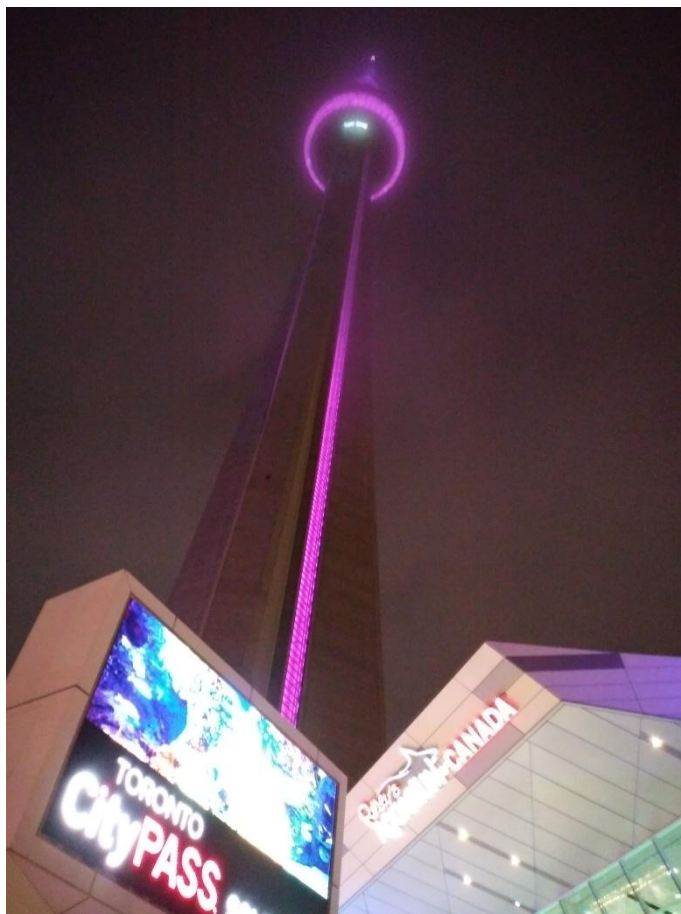


Figure 22. CN Tower, Toronto.



Figure 23. CN Tower. Dinner on the 360 restaurant, with a magnificent vision of Toronto landscape.

## 2.9. Repley's Aquarium

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada (Figure 24) is located in downtown Toronto, just southeast of the CN Tower. The aquarium has 5.7 million litres (1.5 million gallons) of marine and freshwater habitats from across the world (Figures 25, 26). The exhibits hold more than 20,000 exotic sea and freshwater specimens from more than 450 species.

We enjoyed the visit. It is truly a magnificent place where we were delighted with the variety of marine species in different environments.



Figure 24. Ripley's Aquarium of Canada.



Figure 25. Repley's Aquarium of Canada.

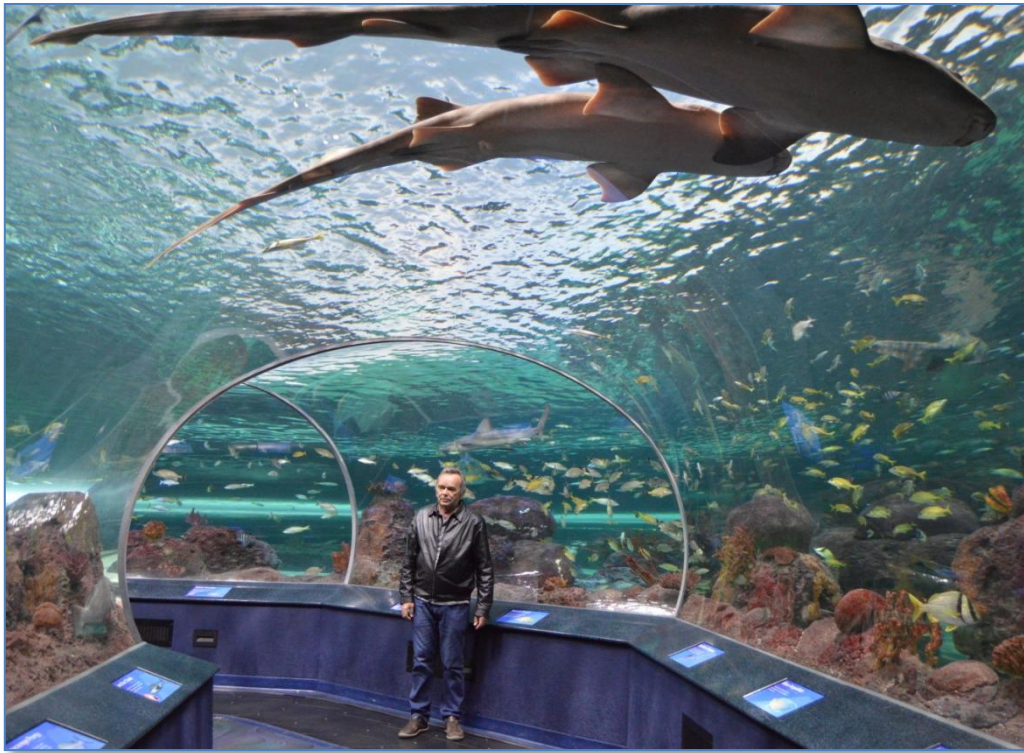


Figure 26. Repley's Aquarium of Canada.

## 2.10. St. James Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. James in Downtown Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is the home of the oldest congregation in the city (Figure 27). The Cathedral, with construction beginning in 1850 and opening for services on June 19, 1853, was one of the largest buildings in the city at the time. It was designed by Frederick William Cumberland and is a prime example of Gothic Revival architecture, with beautiful gardens on the outside (Figure 28).

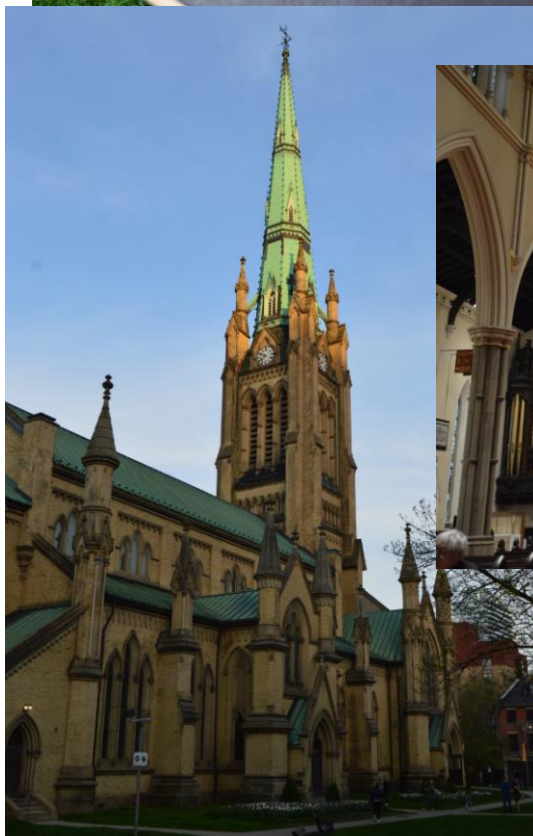
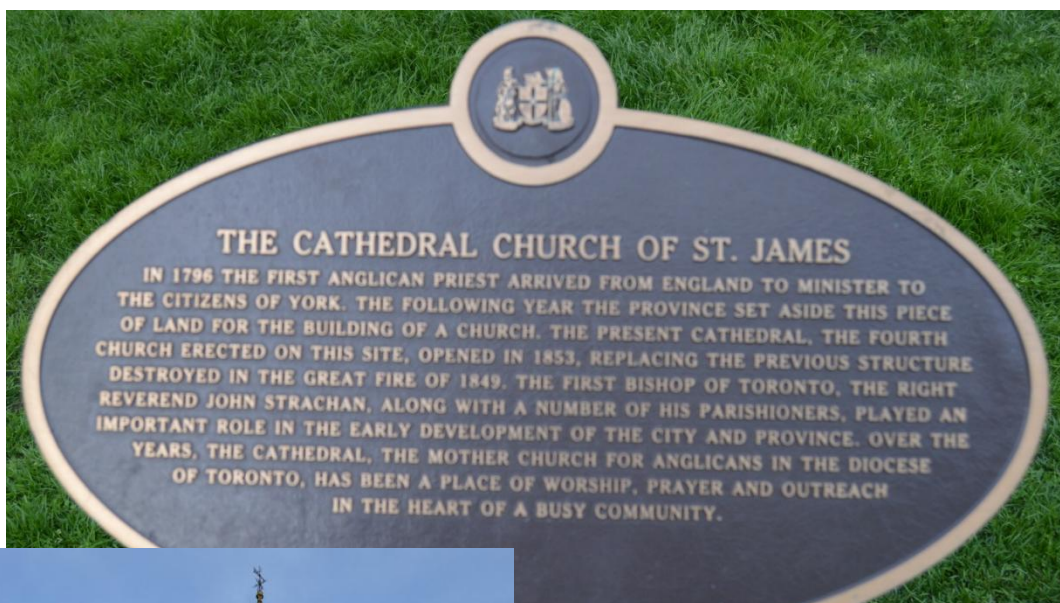


Figure 27. The Cathedral Church of St. James .





Figure 28. Beautiful gardens outside Cathedral Church of St. James .

## 2.11. Niagara City and Falls

Niagara Falls is situated on the border of the Canadian province of Ontario and the state of New York. The Falls consist of three waterfalls: the American Falls, the Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls. Horseshoe Falls is the largest of the three waterfalls, while Bridal Veil Falls is the smallest. Niagara Falls has the largest flow rate of any waterfall worldwide. Glaciers formed Niagara Falls several thousands of years ago (Figure 29)

The town of Niagara is very well structured with restaurants, hotels, casinos and magnificent mansions (Figure 30). We didn't get a chance to see Niagara Falls at night, when it is all lit up.

During our journey we visit a winery with a technical school that teaches cooking wine (Figure 31).





Figure 29. Niagara Falls and city.

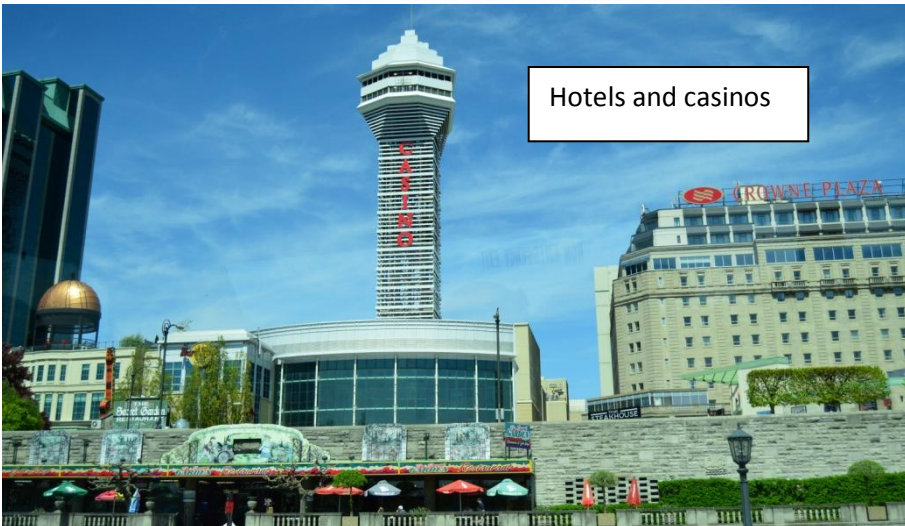




Construction in rock rolled blocks



Monument in honor of Nikola Tesla, a great scientist



Hotels and casinos

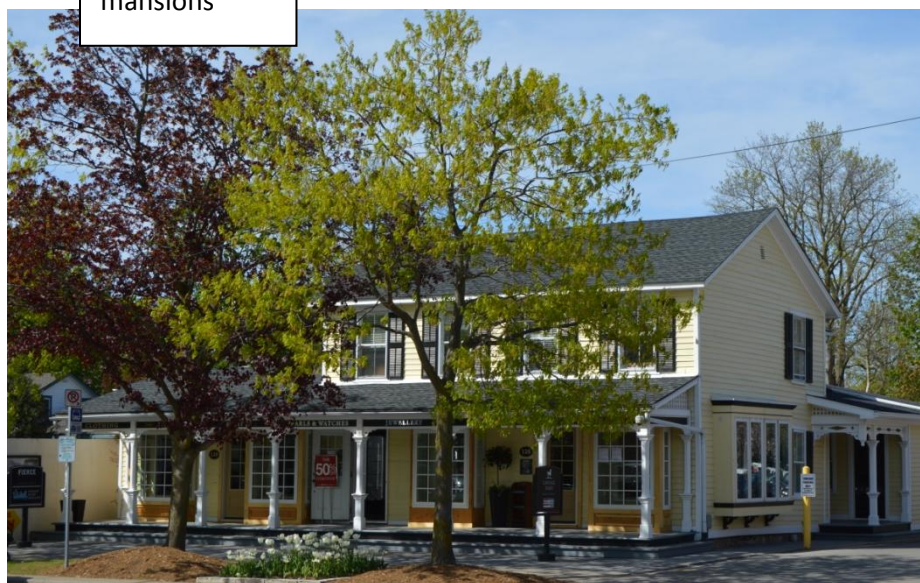
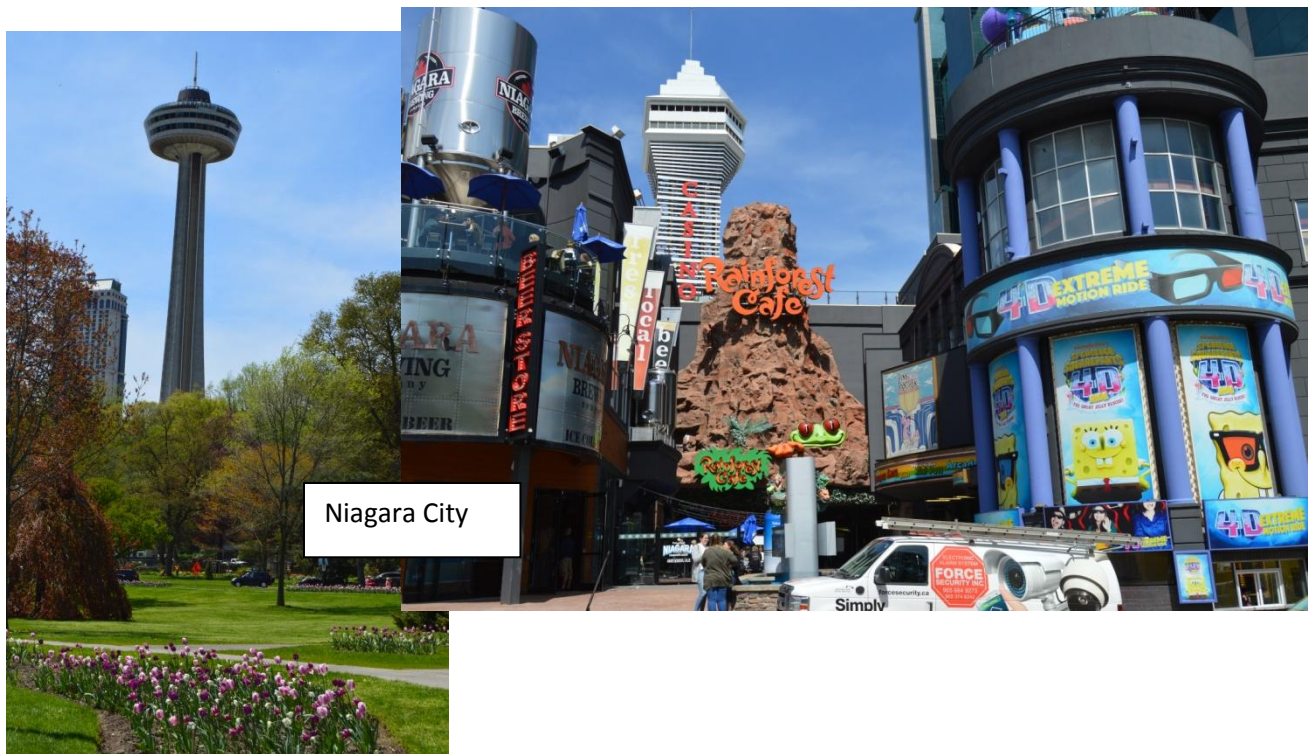


Figure 30. Some aspects of Niagara City,

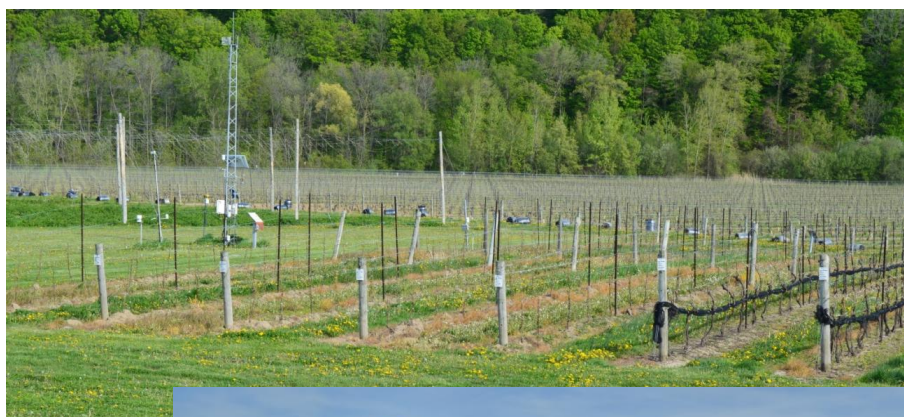
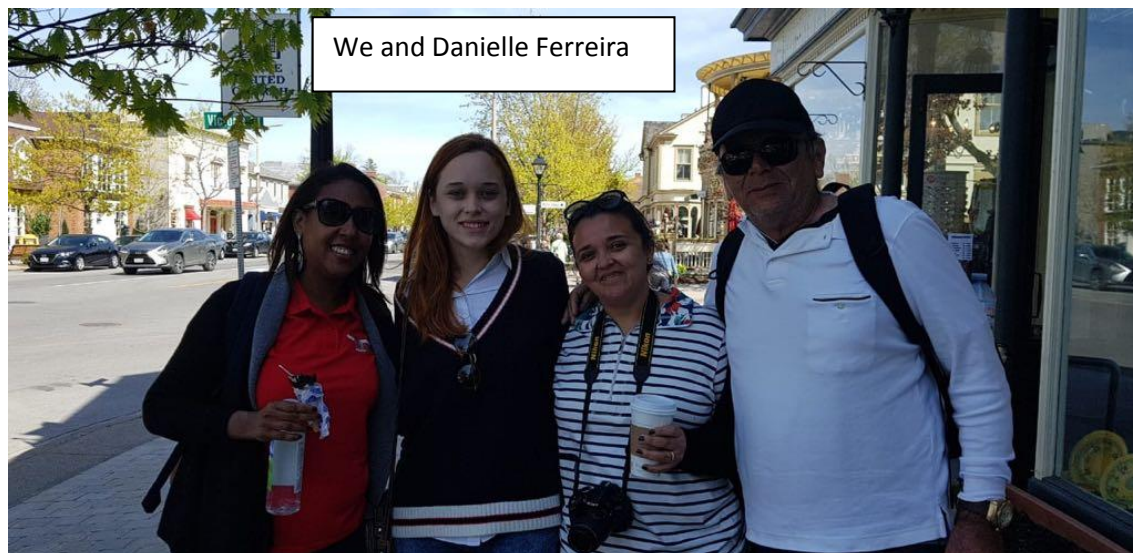


Figure 31. Winery

## CONCLUSIONS

According to the above in the present report we can complete the step of exchange between the IFPB and Toronto, left us extensive experience regarding the apendizado of the English language by the fact that we have updated the grammar, writing, listening and speaking, as well as the living with students from various nationalities that have sent us new knowledge.

Our living in a homestay was very positive, with our host family in transmitting cultural knowledge, culinary and helping us to improve the English.

The city of Toronto has many touristic and cultural attractions, as well as security and tranquility. During the period of the exchange we visit malls, restaurants, museums, monuments, universities, parks, plus we can walk on the streets and obtain photographic record of all beauty of downtown.

The tour for Niagara was gratifying, with the wonderful view of the falls, and Winery on the outskirts.

We Observe also the quality of life of population, the perfect public transportation, the futuristic architecture of the buildings and a planned city, open to tourists and immigrants.

ATTACHMENTS

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