



# Marc-André LeBlanc

## Why I love working with WorldStrides Canada

I instantly connected with my Sales Representative, and we've been friends ever since! Friends take care of friends, and they have more than taken care of me and my groups over the years. Why look anywhere else when you're treated like family?

## A snapshot of my teaching career

I began teaching in 2001 in the community of Bouctouche, New Brunswick, where I was happy to have taught for 18 years and led a multitude of school trips. Currently, I'm starting my fifth year at the school where I graduated from and delighted to have finally returned home. I have always taught English as a second language, despite having a variety of degrees allowing me to teach various subject matters. I'm also in my third year of offering a sport-études program for our basketball athletes here at the school.

## My favourite hobbies

I've been coaching for 27 years and have recently circled back to coaching our provincial summer teams to compete at nationals, so it consumes a lot of my time. If I'm not coaching, I am working on my yard and slowly transforming it into a little slice of paradise.

## A WorldStrides Canada trip to remember

I have snapshots of vivid memories that I will carry with me, notably the awe of my travellers when they saw the Eiffel Tower for the first time—it is iconic.

## What inspires me to organize educational tours

Opening the world to students and showing them what lies beyond their daily realities. It fuels their dreams to aim for bigger goals and achievements in life!

## Why I can help you lead a successful educational tour

Being organized and concise in communication so that the students have a clear understanding of the whole trip.

## My all-time favourite travel story

I was leading a tour in Switzerland and Germany with an incredible group of students. They really wanted to go somewhere that was surrounded by water, but neither of these countries borders the ocean. I told my guide, and she said to leave it to her. We ended up going to a campground, paid one Euro for entrance, and were able to spend one of the most memorable afternoons on the campground's private lake!

### Location

Live in Grand-Barachois, New Brunswick  
Teach in Dieppe, New Brunswick

### Languages

French and English

### Commonly used travel provider

Explorica

### My favourite subjects & interests

Coaching basketball, teaching English,  
and being outdoors

### My bucket list travel destinations

Portugal and Ireland

### My favourite international food

Italian

### My favourite travel destination

Barcelona

