



Prize Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL

What is the prize?

The top five finalists from the 2019 Canadian Geographic Challenge will win one of five berths on the One Ocean Expeditions, Canada's East Coast Fins and Fiddles voyage.

Who is One Ocean Expeditions?

One Ocean Expeditions is the exclusive ocean travel partner of the RCGS. With decades of experience they are committed to providing once-in-a-lifetime experiences for passengers. Visit their website to learn more.

When is the trip?

Winners will fly to Sydney, NS on July 9, 2019. They will board the ship on Wednesday July 10, 2019 and return to land on Saturday July 20, 2019. They will fly home from Sydney, NS on Saturday July 20, 2019.

What trip are they going on?

The top five finalists this year will be given a place on the One Ocean Expeditions Canada's East Coast Fins and Fiddles voyage. For details of the trip please click.

What is the itinerary for the trip?

Please see the full itinerary of the trip on the [One Ocean Expeditions website](#).

What language is the trip offered in?

All programming will be delivered in English on the ship.

WINNERS/PARTICIPANTS

How are the winners selected?

The top five finalists are determined by their combined scores in the first two rounds and each of these finalists will be given a berth on the Canada's East Coast Fins and Fiddles voyage in 2019.

What if one of the top five finalists is unable to go on the trip?

If for any reason a top five finalist is not able to go on the trip, he or she will forfeit their prize without any additional compensation.

I'm not able to go on the trip due to a prior commitment. Can I select another trip?

No. The prize is non-transferrable with NO flexibility in dates. If you are unable to go on the 2019 Fins and Fiddles Trip from July 10-20, 2019, you forfeit your spot with no compensation.

Can family members go on the trip as well?

The 2019 Fins and Fiddles voyage is sold out. There are no additional berths for purchase, so no additional passengers will be allowed on board.

Am I eligible to win this prize again if I received this prize last year?

No. If you received this prize last year you will not be eligible to win the prize again this year.

THE EXPERIENCE

Who will supervise the students while on the ship?

Two certified teachers will be responsible for the student for the duration of the trip. Each chaperone will be qualified teachers and will be certified in CPR and First Aid. Chaperons will be introduced to the top 5 finalists in June 2019, prior to the voyage.

Will I be able to contact my child throughout the cruise?

Connectivity at sea is limited. Please check the One Ocean Expeditions website for specific information about passengers' access to email and telephone while aboard.

What expenses are students responsible for?

The only costs that students/families must cover are as follows:

- i. Transportation to and from their house to the departure airport
- ii. Gratuities and purchases made on board (please see One Ocean Expeditions website for more information)

Who will book travel to Sydney, NS for my child and when?

As soon as students have confirmed their participation on the trip, RCGS will book flights from the closest major airport to Sydney, NS and back. These arrangements will be made through Sara Black as soon as possible after the National Final.

What is expected of students while on the ship?

Students will be expected to participate in all activities as outlined by the tour director as well as the RCGS chaperones. Additional details will be provided to successful participants.

What is the rooming like on the ship?

Students will be paired with another student of the same gender as them. For detailed descriptions of the accommodation aboard, please visit the One Ocean website.

Are we able to pay for an upgrade to a larger room?

No. The ship is completely sold out and no upgrades are possible for this trip.

I see that there are optional excursions listed on the One Ocean Expeditions website. Are there additional costs?

No, all costs for activities on the ship will be covered by One Ocean Expeditions and the RCGS.

What is the medical insurance required for the trip?

A detailed information package will be given to the top 5 winners. Medical insurance will be outlined in this package. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child is adequately insured for the voyage.

When do I have to confirm my child's participation on the trip?

The top five students will be notified of their win on May 26, 2019 in the evening. Students and parents of the top 5 finalists will have 24 hours to confirm their spot on the voyage (Monday, May 27, 2019 at 8:00pm EST). Completed forms and papers must be returned and submitted to Sara Black (black@rcgs.org) no later than June 7, 2019.

When will we find out if our child has been selected as a top five finalist?

The announcement of the top five finalists will be made no later than 8:00pm ET on May 26, 2019. You will be contacted by email once the announcement has been made.

Who do I contact if I have any additional questions?

Please contact Sara Black, Manager, Education Programs at black@rcgs.org.