



## Expression of Interest: Canadian Jesters UK Tour 2026

Dear Canadian Jesters,

We are excited to announce that the Canadian Jesters National Executive is now accepting Expressions of Interest from members who wish to participate in the prestigious Canadian Jesters Tour to the United Kingdom, scheduled for **September 4–18, 2026**.

This is a unique opportunity to join a tradition dating back to the 1950s, meet fellow "worldly Jesters" from the UK and Canada, and experience a new culture through the unparalleled hospitality of our hosts.

Currently the Jesters worldwide are in 5 major groups but you will find Jesters all over the world.

- Australia
- Canada
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States

### Tour Overview

The tour begins with a weekend at Oxford University from September 4–6, 2026, coinciding with the UK Jester's 2-year Jamboree. The itinerary is known for being action-packed, with continuous entertainment provided by various UK Jesters groups as you travel across the country.

### Financial Details

Successful candidates are responsible for arranging and funding their own travel to the United Kingdom. However, once you arrive, the UK Jesters generously cover most of your expenses. This typically includes accommodations (billeting with a host family) and meals. The host country may also cover the cost of activities like golf, or ask you to pay a fee if you wish to participate.

## **Selection Process**

Six successful candidates will be selected by the Canadian Jesters Executive, with one representative chosen from each of the following Jester Regions in Canada:

- **Atlantic Canada** (Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island)
- **Quebec**
- **Ontario**
- **Manitoba**
- **Prairies** (Saskatchewan, Alberta)
- **British Columbia**

Selection will be primarily based on your contributions to the Canadian Jesters over the years, and preference will be given to those who have not previously participated in one of these international tours. In the event of a region not having a suitable candidate, the National Executive may select an alternate from another region.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

Once the six candidates are chosen, the Canadian National Executive will appoint a Canadian Captain. The Captain will coordinate trip details with the UK Captain and will also be responsible for coordinating the next Canadian-hosted tour for the South African group in 2027. A scribe will typically be appointed to document the journey, often using social media so other international Jesters can follow the tour's progress.

## **How to Apply**

To get a better sense of what these tours entail, you can review some past trip details available on the Canadian Jesters website ([JestersClub.ca](http://JestersClub.ca)) using your membership credentials. As we build the Jesters archives you will see many more tours posted on the site.

If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime experience, please send an email expressing your interest, and include a brief biography detailing your contributions to the Canadian Jesters:

- **Mike Letourneau (Chair of the Canadian Jesters):** CanadianJesters@gmail.com
- **Please also send a copy of your email to your appropriate Jester Regional Chair.**

**The deadline for submission of your Expression of Interest is January 5, 2026.**

We look forward to receiving your expression of interest.

Cheers,

Michael Letourneau

Chair of the Canadian Jesters