

## Create a Virtual Tour with the Google Tour Creator

**Note:** You *must* have a **Google account** to use this tool.

**Note:** We will create a tour of Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada.

It is best used with the **Google Chrome browser**.

### Create a Google Tour

#### Find and download a Cover Photo

1. Locate a **photo** (eg: Coolcaesar's Parliament Hill picture)
2. Go to [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament\\_Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_Hill)
3. Click on the **image**



4. Click on the **download** icon  or save the image to your desktop

5. Change the download size from Original to **Medium**

6. Click on **Download medium size**

**Download medium size**  
635 × 480 px jpg

7. Click on **You need to attribute the author**

8. Click on the **Select and Copy** icon 

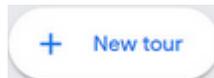


## Create the Tour

1. Sign on to your **Google Account**
2. Go to the site <https://vr.google.com/tourcreator>
3. Click on the **Get Started** button



4. Click on the **New Tour** button

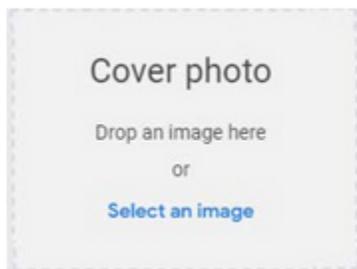


5. The **editing screen** appears
6. In the **Title** text box type Parliament Hill
7. Click in the **Description** text box
8. Paste the following **text** into this text box

Parliament Hill is an area of land on the Ottawa River in Ottawa, Canada. Its Gothic revival buildings are the home of the Parliament of Canada. Parliament Hill attracts approximately 3 million visitors each year. Originally the site of a military base in the 18th century, development of the area into a governmental zone began in 1859, after Queen Victoria chose Ottawa as the capital of the Province of Canada. Following a number of extensions to the parliament and departmental buildings and a fire in 1916 that destroyed the Centre Block, Parliament Hill took on its present form with the completion of the Peace Tower in 1927.

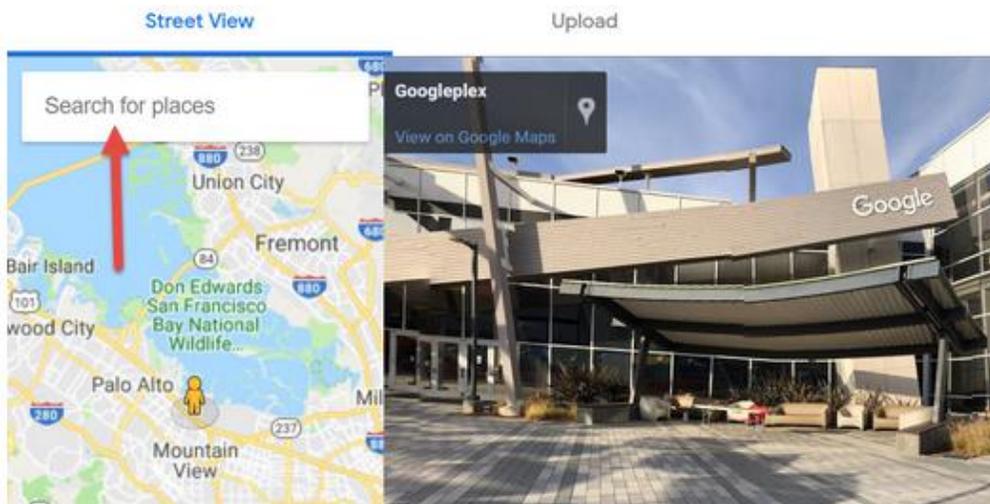
(source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament\\_Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_Hill))

9. In the Tour Creator editor, click on the **Select an image** link in the **Cover photo** box

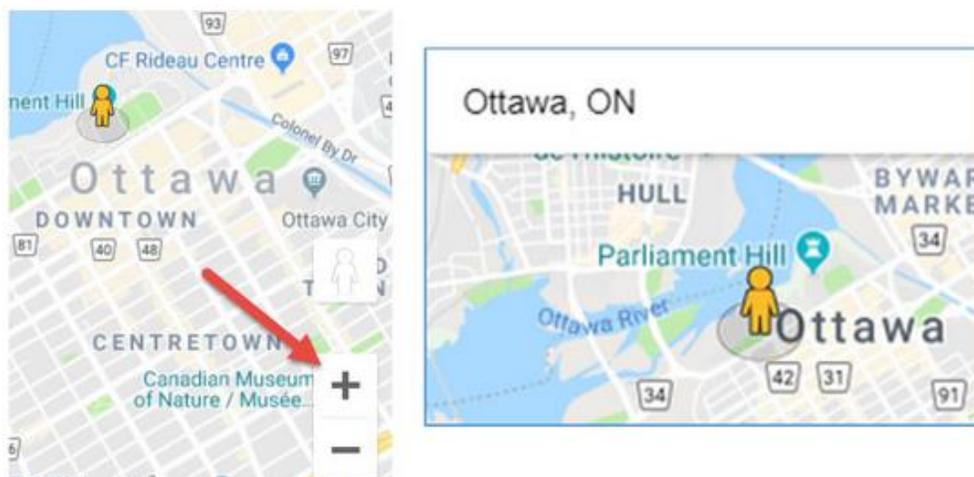


10. Click on the Cover **photo image file** from your file directory

11. Click **Open**
12. The **cover image** should appear in the Tour Creator editor
13. Click on the **Category** link
14. Click on the **Places & Scenes** option
15. Click on the **Create** link
16. **Google's Street View** appears
17. We must tell Street View where we want to look
18. In the **Search for places** text box, type Ottawa, ON



19. Press the **Enter** key
20. The **Street View map** changes its focus to on Ottawa, Ontario

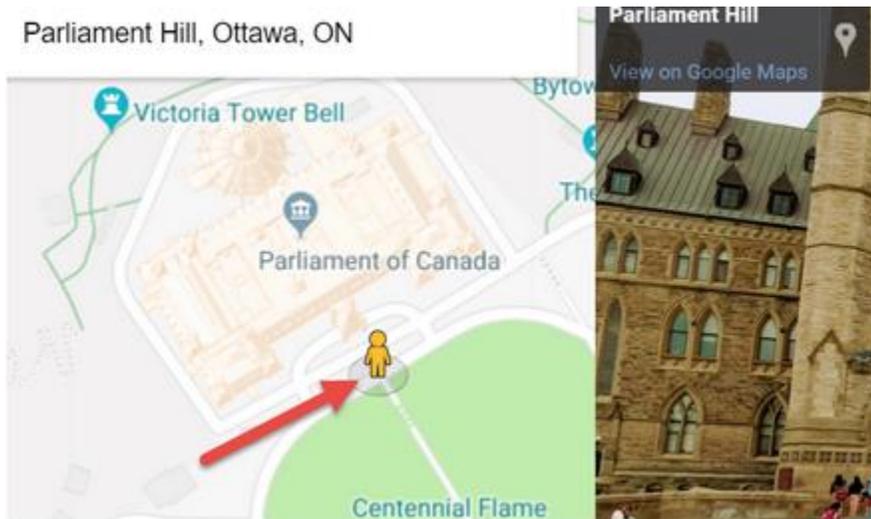


21. Click on the **Zoom in +** icon until Parliament Hill is visible

22. This icon is the Street View  **Pegman**

23. Drag **Pegman**, the Street View place person icon, onto Parliament Hill

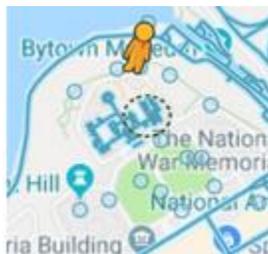
24. The map updates to a **Street View 360 view** of Parliament Hill



25. Press the **left** or **right arrow key** to see the complete view

26. To change the location of the Street View, click and hold on **Pegman**

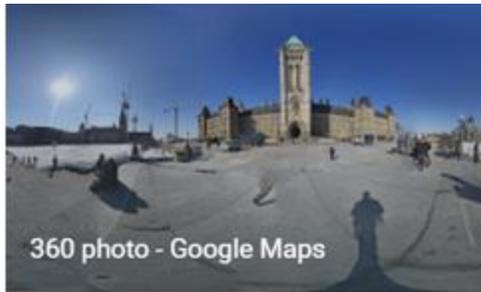
27. **Circles** appear on the map



28. These circles indicate **Street View 360 locations** - where you can choose view



29. Drag the **Pegman** over a circle in front of the Parliament buildings



Main Grounds|

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30. Click on the **Add Scene** link (bottom right hand corner)

31. The **Scene editor** appears

32. Click on the text **Untitled scene**

33. Type **Main grounds**

34. Click on **Location**

35. Type In front of the Parliament buildings

36. Click on **Description**

37. Type The view from the main plaza on Parliament Hill

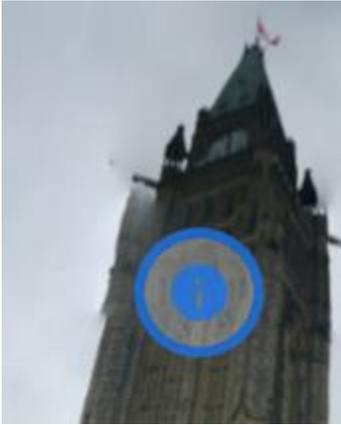
38. Click on **Credits**

39. Type the name of the photographer, if available

40. Click on the **+ Add point of interest** link

41. Type **Peace Tower**

42. Drag the **Point of Interest indicator** onto the Peace Tower



43. Click on the text **Describe this point of Interest**

44. Paste the following **text**

The Peace Tower is a main clock tower on the Centre Block of the Canadian parliament buildings in Ottawa. The tower is 92.2 meters tall. It has many stone carvings, including approximately 370 gargoyle and frieze sculptures, keeping with the Gothic style of the rest of the parliament building.

45. Click on the **+ Add point of interest** link

46. Type **Centre Block**

47. Drag the **Point of Interest indicator** onto the Centre Block



48. Click on the text **Describe this point of Interest**

49. Paste the following **text**

The Centre Block is the main building of the Canadian parliamentary complex on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, containing the House of Commons and Senate chambers, as well as the offices of a number of members of parliament, senators, and senior administration for both legislative houses.

50. Type the name of the photographer, if available

51. Click on the **+ Add point of interest link**

52. Type **East Block**

53. Click on the text **Describe this point of Interest**

54. Paste the following **text**

The East Block (officially the Eastern Departmental Building; is one of the three buildings on Canada's Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, containing offices for parliamentarians, as well as some preserved pre-Confederation spaces. It was built in the Gothic style.

55. Move the **Point of Interest indicator** onto the East Block



56. Click on the **Add scene link**

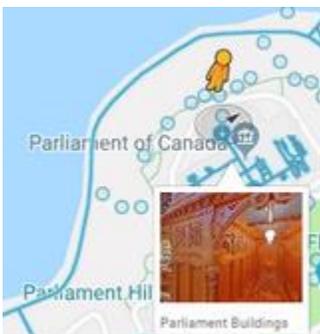
57. Click behind the Search text, Parliament Hill, Ottawa

58. Press the **Enter** key

59. Zoom into the Parliament Buildings

60. Click and hold on **Pegman**

61. Drag it over the circle indicated on this image, an interior picture appears to confirm that it is the correct picture



62. The View is of the interior of the Library of Parliament

63. Click on the **Add Scene link**

64. The **Scene editor** appears
65. Click on the text **Untitled scene**
66. Type Library of Parliament
67. Click on **Location**
68. Type Library of Parliament
69. Click on **Description**
70. Type The Main Reading Room of the Library of Parliament
71. Click on **Credits**
72. Type the name of the photographer, if available
73. Click on the **+ Add point of interest link**
74. Type Statue of Queen Victoria
75. Click on the text Describe this point of Interest
76. Paste the following text

A white marble statue of Queen Victoria, sculpted by Marchall Wood in 1871.

77. Drag the point of interest indicator on top of the statue of Queen Victoria



78. Click on the **+ Add point of interest link**
79. Type Document Collection
80. Click on the text Describe this point of Interest
81. Paste the following text

The library's collection comprises 600,000 items, covering hundreds of years of history and tended by a staff of 300. Access to the facility is generally restricted to those on

parliamentary business, but research publications are produced by the library and are available to the public.

82. Drag the point of interest indicator over books in shelves
83. Click on the Publish button
84. The publish pop up appears
85. Choose Private to keep your Tour hidden or Public to share it with the world
86. Click on the Publish button
87. The Tour pop up appears
88. Click on the copy icon to copy the URL or web link and share it with your students
89. Click on the Done link
90. You have created a Google Tour with two scenes. You can add more points of interest and scenes as your tour requires.
91. As a student, visiting the Tour link displays the first scene
92. Clicking on the points of interest icons reveal the text comments

At this time, it is recommended to view these tours with your workstation or tablet and not a viewer as with Google Expeditions. It is difficult to maneuver to the points of interest when using a viewer at this time.