# YOUTH EXCHANGE TRIPS 2024-2025





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### DEAR EXCHANGE STUDENT,

Are you ready to begin this experience of a lifetime - one that will inspire you and change your outlook on the world? Get ready for a year of learning, discovering, and adventuring - and also lots of fun!

Belo USA Travel has put together these travel tour opportunities for all exchange students, giving YOU the chance to visit some of the places that are the most beautiful and rich in culture in the USA.

Belo USA Travel has over 25 years of expertise in organizing cultural programs for exchange students all across the world. According to thousands of exchange students, cultural tours with Belo USA were created some of the most memorable moments during their exchange year!

In 2024-2025, you will have the unique opportunity to join us on these trips throughout the USA, meeting other exchange students from many different countries.

The following information will give you an overview of the trips we are offering this year.

## TRIP CALENDAR 2024-2025

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HAWAII	VISITS	DATES	DURATION	PRICE*	BRING**			
	Oahu Island	Mar 2-8	7 days / 6 nights	\$1,450	\$350			
	Oahu Island	Mar 16-22	7 days / 6 nights	\$1,985	\$175			
NYC, PHILLY & WASHINGTON D.C.								
	New York City Philadelphia, PA Washington D.C.	Mar 29-Apr 5 Apr 19-26	8 days / 7 nights	\$1,750	\$175			
NEW YORK CITY								
	New York City	Mar 29-Apr 2 Apr 19-23	5 days / 4 nights	\$1,280	\$150			
EAST COAST TRIP								
	Boston, MA New York City Philadelphia, PA Washington D.C. Myrtle Beach, SC Orlando, FL	Jun 16-29	14 days / 13 nights	\$2,930	\$350			
WEST COAST TRIP								
	Phoenix, AZ Grand Canyon Las Vegas Los Angeles Yosemite Nat'l Park San Francisco	Jun 7-20 Jun 10-23	14 days / 13 nights	\$2,950	\$350			
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\*Prices are in US Dollars. Prices and itinerary might change without previous notice according to US economy. Domestic travel to/from the start and end points is not included. \*\*Pocket money is used for payment of lunches and optional actives during the trip. Remember to take extra money for souvenirs. NOTE: A minimum of 35 students must sign up for each trip, by the deadline, in order for the trip to be confirmed. We will send an e-mail before the trip deadline confirming the trip.

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#### 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

We will be flying to Hawaii's most popular island, Oahu. Oahu, appropriately named "The Gathering Place", is home to the state's capital, Honolulu, where over 85% of Hawaii's populace currently lives, and is the third largest of the islands. We will be staying in Waikiki, famous for its delicious food and exciting pastimes. Our hotel is just one block from the famous Waikiki Beach. From global chic to local crafts, haute cuisine to plated lunch, and surf lessons to lomi lomi, the island spirit of "Aloha" (love, peace, and diversity!) is truly alive in Waikiki.

Experience this and much more on the gorgeous and unforgettable shores of Hawaii's paradise!

#### AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Same gender hotel accommodations:
- 6 Nights in Waikiki at Hyatt Place Waikiki Beach
  (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 6 Hotel Breakfasts
- Belo USA Coordinator
- Belo USA Staff
- Chaperone

#### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Visit to Pearl Harbor, \$65\*\*
- Visit to the North Shore and Polynesian Cultural Center, \$235\*\*
- Snorkeling, \$25
- Catamaran, \$50
- Diamond Head Hike, \$20
- Surfing Lesson, \$85
- Rock a Hula, \$130 for show and luau buffet dinner
- City Tour and visit to Kailua, \$90\*\*
- \*\*20 person minimum sign up

#### Note:

- Signups and payment for extra activities must be made 45 days before the trip starts.
- Signups made upon arrival will be possible based on availability and will be paid with cash (prices may also increase due to the late signup).
- Refunds for activities are available up to 45 days before the trip starts.
- If an activity is cancelled due to weather or not reaching minimum, full refunds will be given.

### HAWAI EXPEDITION (\$1450 + OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES)







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We will explore Honolulu's rich history, including its Polynesian roots, the largest attack on the American Navy at Pearl Harbor, and the historical Iolani Palace, former home to Queen Lili'uokalani.

We will also have the unique opportunity to hike the famous volcanic mountain, Diamond Head, and snorkel among the colorful fish in the beautiful, clear waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Then grab your lei and it's off to a festive Hawaiian Luau, where you will take a traditional hula dance lesson!

Experience this and much more on the gorgeous and unforgettable shores of Hawaii's paradise!

#### AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transportation during the trip on a charter bus
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Same gender hotel accommodations:
- 6 Nights in Waikiki (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 6 Hotel Breakfasts
- 6 Dinners (including 1 Luau Dinner and Show)
- Ticket to the Polynesian Cultural Center
- City Tour in Honolulu
- Yoga class
- Tour of Pearl Harbor
- Ticket to a Catamaran Tour
- Ticket to Diamond Head Trail
- Belo USA Coordinator
- Belo USA Staff
- Chaperone
- 1 Trip T-shirt \*

\*included only when registration and payment was confirmed 35 days before the trip start date

## HAWAII EXPEDITION MARCH 16-22 (\$1985) ALL -INCLUSIVE







# NEW YORK CITY, PHILLY & WASHINGTON D.C.









#### 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Who has not dreamed of visiting New York City? There is no place like it in the world!

Going for a nice walk in Central Park, stepping into the bright lights of Times Square, exploring the glamorous Upper East Side...there's so much to see in the Big Apple!

Experience the city's international significance on Wall Street. Discover American history at the Statue of Liberty. Broadway shows, fascinating museums, the electric lights of Times Square, a view of the city from the top of the Empire State Building... be a part of the city that truly "never sleeps!"

Continuing on to Philadelphia – we will see American history come to life! Explore the National Constitution Center, see where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and maybe try one of Philly's famous delicacies, the unforgettable "Philly Cheesesteak."

Next, we will head to Washington DC - the nation's Capital. Here, you will explore the many monuments and memorials in this important city! Enjoy an afternoon at the State Capitol, and explore the life of George Washington at his Mt. Vernon estate!

Get ready for a week of exciting adventures as you explore the heart of America with friends from around the world!

#### AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transportation during the trip on a charter bus
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Same gender hotel accommodations:
- 4 Nights in New York Area (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 3 Nights in Washington DC Area (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 7 Hotel Breakfasts
- 7 Dinners
- Ticket to the American Museum of Natural History
- Ticket to the Metropolitan Art Museum
- Ticket to the Empire State Building Tour
- Ticket to the Statue of Liberty Tour
- Ticket to a Broadway show
- Ticket to Mount Vernon in Washington, D.C
- City Tours
- Local guides
  - Belo USA Coordinator
  - Belo USA Staff
  - 1 Trip T-shirt\*

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# NEW YORK TRIP

#### 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Who has not dreamed of visiting New York City? There is no place like it in the world!

Coing for a nice walk in Central Park, shopping in Times Square, exploring the glamorous Upper East Side...a world of fun waiting for you in the Big Apple!

Experience the city's international significance on Wall Street. Discover American history at the Statue of Liberty. Take in a Broadway show, the electric lights of Times Square, fascinating museums, a view of the city from the top of the Empire State Building... and more!

Get ready to explore it all in this city that truly "never sleeps!"

#### AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transportation during the trip on a charter bus
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Same gender hotel accommodations:
- 4 Nights in New York Area (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 4 Hotel Breakfasts
- 4 Dinners
- Ticket to the Metropolitan Art Museum;
- Ticket to the American Museum of Natural History
- Ticket to the Empire State Building Tour
- Ticket to the Statue of Liberty Tour;
- Ticket to a Broadway show
- City Tours
- Belo USA Coordinator
- Belo USA Staff
- Chaperone
- ITrip T-shirt \*

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#### 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

#### Into the WILD:

This trip is sure to be a "wild ride!" You will have the opportunity to travel from sunny Phoenix to San Francisco, exploring along the way: the natural splendor of the Grand Canyon, the unparalleled energy of Las Vegas, the hip metropolis of Los Angeles, and the breathtaking beauty of Yosemite National Park.

The USA has continually expanded westward since its founding, and the definition of the West has evolved over time. Our trip will reflect the dynamic history of this truly unique part of the country!

Get ready for 14 days of pure adventure filled with culture, friendship, and fun!

#### **AIR FARE NOT INCLUDED**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transportation during the trip on a charter bus
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Same gender hotel accommodations:
- 13 Nights accommodation (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 13 Hotel breakfasts
- 13 Dinners
- Entrance Fee for the Grand Canyon National Park
- Entrance Fee for Yosemite National Park
- Night City Tour of Las Vegas in a Limo
- Ticket to the Stratosphere Tower
- 1 Ticket to Universal Studios Theme Park
- Ticket to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum
- Trip to Santa Monica Beach
- Ticket to Alcatraz
- Cable car ride in San Francisco, CA
- DJ Party in San Francisco, CA
- City Tours
- Local Guides
- Belo USA Coordinator
- Belo USA Staff
- Chaperone
- 1 Trip T-shirt \*

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Get ready to embark on two weeks of pure excitement – exploring the charming streets of historic Boston, the fast-paced urban life in New York City, the history and grandeur of Washington DC, the sunshine and sand of Myrtle Beach, SC and the magic and adventure in Orlando, FL!

This is the chance to see some of the most fascinating sights the East Coast has to offer! The adventure will begin in Boston, MA and head to the city that never sleeps – New York City!

Next stop is Philadelphia for a fascinating glimpse into America's past before heading to the nation's famous capital: Washington, D.C. Then, it's time to relax and have some fun in the sun in lovely Myrtle Beach, SC.

And let's not forget the world where all your dreams come true...the trip ends with the amazing Universal Studios and Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL - the "happiest place on earth!"

All this and much more are included in our 14-day adventure!

#### **AIR FARE NOT INCLUDED**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transportation during the trip on a charter bus
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Same gender hotel accommodations:
- 13 Nights accommodation (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 13 Hotel breakfasts
- 13 Dinners
- Ticket to the Empire State Building
- Ticket to the Statue of Liberty
- Visitors Center, Constitution Center, Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA
- 1 Ticket to Disneyworld
- 1 Ticket to Universal Studios
- City Tours
- Local Guides
- Belo USA Coordinator
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- Chaperone
- 1 Trip T-shirt \*

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Washington D.C.

New York City



# **REGISTRATION** www.belousa.com

#### Make your reservation online:

Log into the Members Area to view the trips you are interested in, then click on RESERVATION in the upper right-hand corner and complete the form.

If we receive your reservation, Belo USA Travel will send you a reservation email with the next steps within two business days.

You will also receive instructions on how to make the payment to guarantee your place on the trip(s). Please contact Belo USA Travel directly if you have any questions about making a reservation.

Contact us during business hours at 1.877.235.6872. Our office is open from 9AM to 6PM CST.

#### 1. Payment

To guarantee your place on the trip, you must first pay within 10 days of making a reservation.

If you are unable to make the payment within 10 days of your reservation, please send an email to **financial@belousa.com**.

#### 2. Cancellation

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Belo USA Travel, Inc. reserves the right to cancel planned trips if reservation numbers are not met (35 per trip). In this case, the client will be fully refunded. Belo USA Travel also reserves the right to postpone the trip or offer varied programs, with the client's consent.

If the student elects to cancel their trip reservation, they will pay a penalty according to when a written request to cancel was received by Belo USA Travel.

### Penalties for cancellation are as follows:

- \*Cancelled up to 60 days before the start date of the trip: full refund of amount paid by student.
- \*Cancelled between 59 and 21 days before the start date of the trip: pay 30% of the trip's price.
- \*Cancelled between 20 and 7 days before the start date of the trip: pay 60% of the trip's price.
- \*Cancelled between 6 days or less before the start date of the trip: pay 100% of the trip's price.

If a student leaves during the trip for any reason, no refund will be given. Belo USA Travel will reimburse clients in the form of payment in which it was received unless there is a written request to do otherwise.

#### 3. Confirmation

Your spot on the trip will be confirmed after paying the amount stated in your Reservation Confirmation e-mail.



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#### 4. Changing trips

If you wish to change trips or dates after you have already registered, please kindly send an e-mail to **belo@belousa.com** to request the change. If there are vacancies, we will be glad to honor your request.

Please visit www.belousa.com for more information regarding our tours.

We hope that you will be able to join us on one of our trips this year. We have designed these trips with exchange students in mind, providing a unique opportunity to see all sorts of different places and cities all across the US. In addition to the fantastic experience itself, we hope to provide memories that will last a lifetime.

#### **Belo USA Travel Team**



# **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. English is the official language of the trip.

2. It is not allowed, under any circumstance, for any student to separate from the program during the trip.

3. All students must bring their original passports on the trip. However, please leave a copy of your passport with your host family.

4. Each student must submit the proper authorization forms to the Belo USA Travel office 21 days before the start of the trip or the student's reservation may be cancelled. Students who arrive on the trip without the proper forms submitted will not be able to participate and will be responsible for any fees associated with an early return flight. Students must be approved by their exchange organization in order to travel.

5. At the beginning and end of the trip, each student must leave from and go directly to their host family, unless the student has written permission from their exchange organization.

6. Airfare is not included in the trip price. Belo USA Travel, Inc. is not responsible for buying any bus, airline or train tickets to/from the tour destination. It's the student's responsibility to pay for the ticket.

7. Drug use of any kind is prohibited. (This includes vapes, cigarettes, dab pens, etc.)

8. Stealing of any kind will be severely punished in addition to any possible legal consequences.

9. Purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages is strictly forbidden.

10. Tattoos and body piercings are heavily discouraged and allowed only with the preauthorization of the natural parents and exchange organization.

11. Our schedules and itineraries must be followed by all students. The trip coordinator reserves the right to make changes in the schedule when necessary or if it is in the best interest of the group.

12. Lodging does not cover incidental costs, such as phone calls, mini-bar purchases, porterage, etc.. If students decide to use these services, they are responsible for paying all fees included with costs.

13. Keep luggage to a minimum. All students will carry and be responsible for their own luggage at all times. The maximum amount allowed is a 50 pound (23kg) checked bag, and a personal item. Please remember to bring important items that you will need during the day - cell phones, cameras, wallets, etc. - in an easy-to-access bag.

14. All departure and arrival times to/from our activities will be decided by the coordinators, depending on the exact length of each activity.

15. The trip has a limited number of vacancies, which will be filled on a "first come - first serve" basis.

16. There must be at least 35 students signed up in order to run a trip. There is the possibility for us to open another bus depending on interest.

17. Belo USA Travel, Inc. reserves the right to operate the trip program on a reverse itinerary (i.e., switching the departure city and the arrival city) if needed because of scheduling and availability.

18. Swimming: Even if you know how to swim, please BE CAREFUL because you are unfamiliar with the pool/places and cannot be aware of all potential hazards.

19. Please note that additional expenses are different for each individual. We believe that \$25/per day is enough for food (\$50 for Hawaii). Please remember to bring additional money if you are planning to buy souvenirs and gifts. Also remember that anything you buy will have to fit into your luggage and return with you back home. 20. The currency for all trips is the USD (US Dollar). There will be plenty of ATM machines available during the entire course of the trip in case you need more money.

21. If you take any regular medication, make sure to bring enough for the trip's duration. Also, please bring a copy of the prescription in case you might need it (just to be safe).

22. Since we will be outside, please be careful and use lotion or sunscreen.

23. If any student's conduct is considered harmful to the rest of the students, or if any student breaks any of the program rules, they can be sent back to their host community immediately, assuming all extra costs, to their host city/family. Additionally, any violation of the rules and any students removed from the program will be reported to their exchange organization.

24. All prices are in US dollars and trip payments are only accepted in USD Dollar. In the event of payment by international wire transfer, you may be subject to your local bank's currency exchange rate, banking fees, as well as local bank and intermediary bank's fees. Students are responsible for all fees and Belo USA must receive the full payment amount for the trip. If Belo USA does not receive the full amount due to any banking fees or exchange rate deducted from payment, students must proceed with the remaining balance due.

25. All other optional activities that may be offered during student's free time are considered extra costs, and are not included in the trip price. 26. Belo USA Travel, Inc. is not responsible for items that are lost on the tour. Lost & Found: Student items that are found during the trip will be sent to Belo USA's office and kept for 60 days after the end of the trip. Any student who has lost something must send us an email with the description of the item and a photo (if possible) within 60 days of the end of the trip. Postage to return the item to any student is the student's responsibility.

27. All students will share a bed with another student from the same gender unless the extra charge is paid for a single bed, or single room. Last minute single room or single bed requests are not guaranteed and are based on the hotel's availability. Extra blankets can be requested from the hotel based on the hotel's availability. 28. All students who take part in this trip grant image rights to Belo USA, Inc. to use photos and videos from the trip on our website, social media, and program materials.

29. Once any person requests the description of any of the trip programs organized by Belo USA Travel, Inc., the client declares to know and to agree with all the terms of this General Conditions, which can be found in our trip program or on our website.

#### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

30. In case we do not achieve the minimum number of participants needed, Belo USA Travel, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the trip or to transfer the date and/or to offer other options of tours as well, according to the client's wish. If this occurs, all payments already made will be returned in full.

31. If the student chooses to leave their program or is sent home for breaking any program rules, they will pay a penalty according to the date of their written order to cancel their tour, as described below:

\*Cancelled up to 60 days before the start date of the trip: full refund of amount paid by student. \*Cancelled between 59 and 21 days before the start date of the trip: pay 30% of the trip's price. \*Cancelled between 20 and 7 days before the start date of the trip: pay 60% of the trip's price. \*Cancelled between 6 days or less before the start date of the trip: pay 100% of the trip's price.

32. If a student cancels their trip, any payments previously made cannot be transferred to another student or host sibling.

33. Any student who leaves the trip during the program for any reason will not receive any refund.

34. Any cancellations or withdrawals must be made in writing - via email - by the tour's participant to Belo USA Travel, Inc. After the initial request, reimbursement will be made in the same form of payment as the money was received. The reimbursement amount will be applied according to the Cancellation and Refund Policy's penalty amount (listed above).

35. Additional costs, bank fees, or taxes associated with the refund will be the client's responsibility and will be deducted from the reimbursement amount.

36. In case of early return of the student from the trip, cost of the return ticket is the student's responsibility.

37. Belo USA Travel is not responsible for any reimbursements or change fees associated with flight or travel arrangements.

38. If a student is sent home from a Belo trip due to misbehavior, they cannot attend any future Belo trips.







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