

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE IN THE USA

Will the lure of dramatic landscapes, pop culture, high technologies and iconic cities lead you on a schooling adventure like no other?

The United States of America, famous for its towering skyscrapers, breath-taking landscapes, innovative technologies, interesting politics, iconic TV shows and of course, its Hollywood stars!

Imagine exploring the diverse landscape of America that varies across the large country - from the tropical wetlands of the Everglades, to the snowy peaks of the Rocky Mountains, from the rolling prairie lands and barren deserts in the west to the huge areas of dense wilderness in the north. Interspersed throughout are the Great Lakes, the Grand Canyon, the majestic Yosemite Valley and the mighty Mississippi River.



The wildlife is just as diverse as the landscape. You can find American buffalo, bison, mountain lion, jaguar, alligator and coyote roaming in the wild. Not to mention, their largest carnivores are black bears, grizzlies and even polar bears, which mostly live in Alaska. And they say Australia is full of scary animals!

The Native people lived on the land for many centuries before the European settlers came in the 17th century, creating colonies and displacing the Native people. Eventually, declaring their independence from Britain on July 4th, 1776 the United States of America as we know was born. Since then, America has become one of the world's most ethnically diverse and multicultural nations, due to large-scale immigration from many different countries. It has also become a global powerhouse economically, technologically and militarily. Wouldn't it be great to get an inside perspective of this country?

The school year usually runs from early September until May or June and is divided into semesters, made up of two sessions: fall (September to December) and spring (January to May). The average school day can vary but typically runs from 8am to 3pm. Can you see yourself giving sports or cheer-leading a try? Or maybe you'll join the debate team for a semester or a year!



PROGRAM INFO

USA Traditional Program*

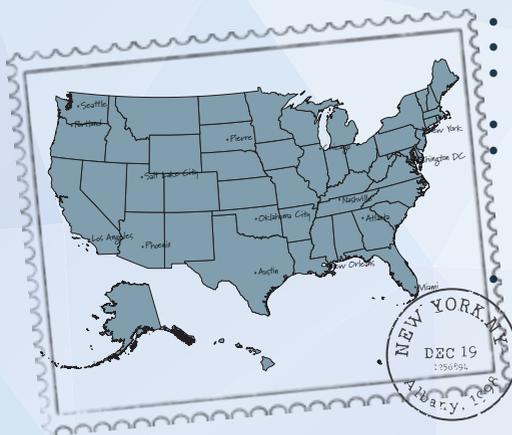
Programs	Travel Dates	Application Deadline	COST (from AUD)
One semester	August - December / January - July	1st April 2020	\$13,000
One full school year	January - July	1st October 2020	\$15,000
One full school year	August - July	1st April 2020	\$15,000

USA Enhanced Program**

Programs	Travel Dates	Application Deadline	COST (from AUD)
One semester	August - December / January - July	1st April 2020	\$16,000
One full school year	January - July	1st October 2020	\$17,000
One full school year	August - July	1st April 2020	\$17,000

Important Information

- Age: Between 14 and 17 years of age on departure
- Language pre-requisite: Not required
- Students will be placed in volunteer host families anywhere in the USA and attend a local secondary school.
- VISA cost not included
- * Optional New York City Experience Additional \$900 AUD - This is a three day, two night program in New York City upon the student's arrival into the USA. It includes access to the Empire State, Building Observation deck and a ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty.
- ** Upon arrival in the USA each Enhanced Program student will participate in an educational/cultural orientation trip of five days and four nights through New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, DC. **Additional cultural activities** will be conducted during the program. Enhanced Program students will receive a subscription to TIME Magazine while they are participating in the program.



The population of the USA is 329 million.



The capital city of America is Washington DC. The official language spoken in America is English. The official money used is the United States Dollar \$.



Depending on the city where you go, you might have the option of bus, train, subway and ferry.



The American cuisine blends the culinary contributions of various groups of people from around the world. Some of their most famous dishes would be apple pie, hamburger, clam chowder, deep dish pizza, bagel and lox, barbecue ribs, tacos, thanksgiving turkey, mac & cheese, peanut butter sandwich, fried chicken and waffles plus many more.



Being a huge country, the United States is home to a wide variety of climates. However, in general it has a continental climate, with cold winters (often frigid) and hot summers (sometimes very hot). With some exceptions on the west coast with moderate temperatures year round, down south being more humid and even tropical and the desert areas having freezing winters and scorching summers.