

## YOUTH EXCHANGE TRIPS 2025-2026



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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 discovery, learning, adventure - 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 culturally rich in the country.

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 created moments during their exchange year!

In 2025-2026, you will have the unique opportunity to join us on these trips throughout the USA, and meet other from many different countries.

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

## **TRIP CALENDAR 2025-2026**



HAWAII	VISITS	DATES	DURATION	PRICE*	BRING**
	Oahu Island	Mar 15-21	7 days / 6 nights	\$2,065	\$175

#### EAST COAST TRIP



Boston, MA Philadelphia, PA Washington D.C. Myrtle Beach, SC Orlando, FL

\$2.975

\$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 activites 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. 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.

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!

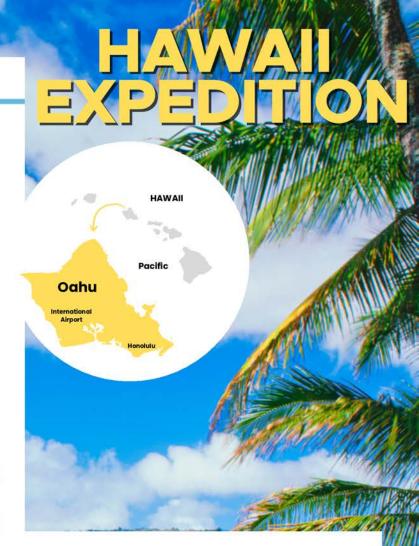
Experience this and much more on the gorgeous and unforgettable shores of Hawaii's paradise!

#### AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

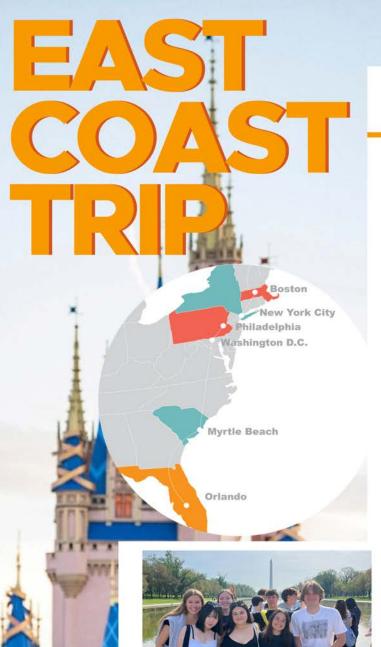
- · Transportation during the trip on a charter bus
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- · Same gender hotel accommodations:
- 6 Nights in Waikiki (4 students per room, 2 per bed)
- 6 Hotel Breakfasts
- 6 Dinners (including 1 Luau Dinner and Show)
- Ticket to the Polynesian Cultural Center
- City Tour in Honolulu
- Yoga class
- Visit to Pearl Harbor
- Catamaran Excursion
- Ticket to Diamond Head Trail
- Rock a Hula Luau Show
- Snorkeling
- Surfing Lesson
- 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













#### 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

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
- Ticket to Disneyworld
- Ticket to Universal Studios
- City Tours
- Local Guides
- Belo USA Coordinator
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- Chaperone
- 1 Trip T-shirt \*

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# REGISTRATION www.belousa.com

#### Make your reservation online:

- 1.Go to www.belousa.com
- 2.Click on the tab "Members Area" and login with the username: northstar and password: dreamtour
- 3. Click "Read More" on the trip of your choice
- 4.Click on the red "Reservation" button to access the application form

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

This reservation email will include 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 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.

Once you have paid for the trip, email a copy of the transaction receipt to **financial@belousa.com**.

Please note that it can take up to 7-10 business days to process transactions due to the high volume of international payments we receive.

#### 2. Confirmation

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

You will receive a payment confirmation email once your payment has been added to your account. This email confirms your spot on our trip(s).

#### 3. 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 <u>www.belousa.com</u> 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 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





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## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 1. English is the official language of the trip.
- 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 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. Ubers/Taxi are only permitted with a staff member present and the Trip Coordinator approval, and all costs will be the student's responsibility.

- 229. 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.
- 30. 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**

- 31. 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.
- 32. 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.
- 33. If a student cancels their trip, any payments previously made cannot be transferred to another student or host sibling.
- 34. Any student who leaves the trip during the program for any reason will not receive any refund.
- 35. Any cancellations or withdrawals must be made in writing via email by the tour's participants 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).
- 36. Additional costs, bank fees, or taxes associated with the refund will be the client's responsibility and will be deducted from the reimbursement amount.
- 37. In case of early return of the student from the trip, the cost of the return ticket is the student's responsibility.
- 38. Belo USA Travel is not responsible for any reimbursements or change fees associated with flight or travel arrangements.
- If a student is sent home from a Belo trip due to misbehavior, they cannot attend any future Belo trips.





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