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# welcome to the USA

## DEAR EXCHANGE STUDENT,

As an exchange student, you will begin an experience of a lifetime - one that will likely change and inspire your outlook on the world! Get ready for a year of learning, discovery, and adventure - and also lots of fun!

With all that in mind, Belo USA Travel has put together travel opportunities for all exchange students, giving YOU the chance to visit the places we think are the most beautiful and interesting in the USA.

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


In 2023/24, you will have the unique opportunity to participate with us on these trips throughout the USA with other exchange students from many different countries.

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


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## HAWAII

	VISITS	DATES	DURATION	PRICE*	BRING**
	Oahu Island	Feb 10 - 17 Mar 9 - 16 Mar 23 - 30	8 days / 7 nights	\$1,945	\$175


## NYC, PHILLY & WASHINGTON D.C.

	New York City Philadelphia, PA Washington D.C.	Apr 13 - 20	8 days / 7 nights	\$1,680	\$175
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## NEW YORK CITY

	New York City	Apr 13 - 17	5 days / 4 nights	\$1,260	\$150
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## CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE

	San Francisco Los Angeles	Mar 16 - 23	8 days / 7 nights	\$1,775	\$175
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\* Prices are in US Dollars. Prices and itinerary might change without previous notice according to the US economy. Domestic travel to/from the start and end points is not included.  
\*\* Pocket money is used for payment of lunches and optional activities during the trip. Remember to bring 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 one day after the trip deadline confirming the trip.



**8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS**

We will be flying to Hawaii's most popular island, Oahu, the third largest of the islands. Oahu, appropriately named "The Gathering Place", is home to the state's capital, Honolulu, where over 85% of Hawaii's populace currently lives. We will be staying in Waikiki, famous for its striking contrasts. From global chic to local crafts, haute cuisine to plate 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 history, including its rich Polynesian influence, the largest attack on the American Navy at Pearl Harbor, and the legendary North Shore, where the International Surfer's Competition takes place.

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:**

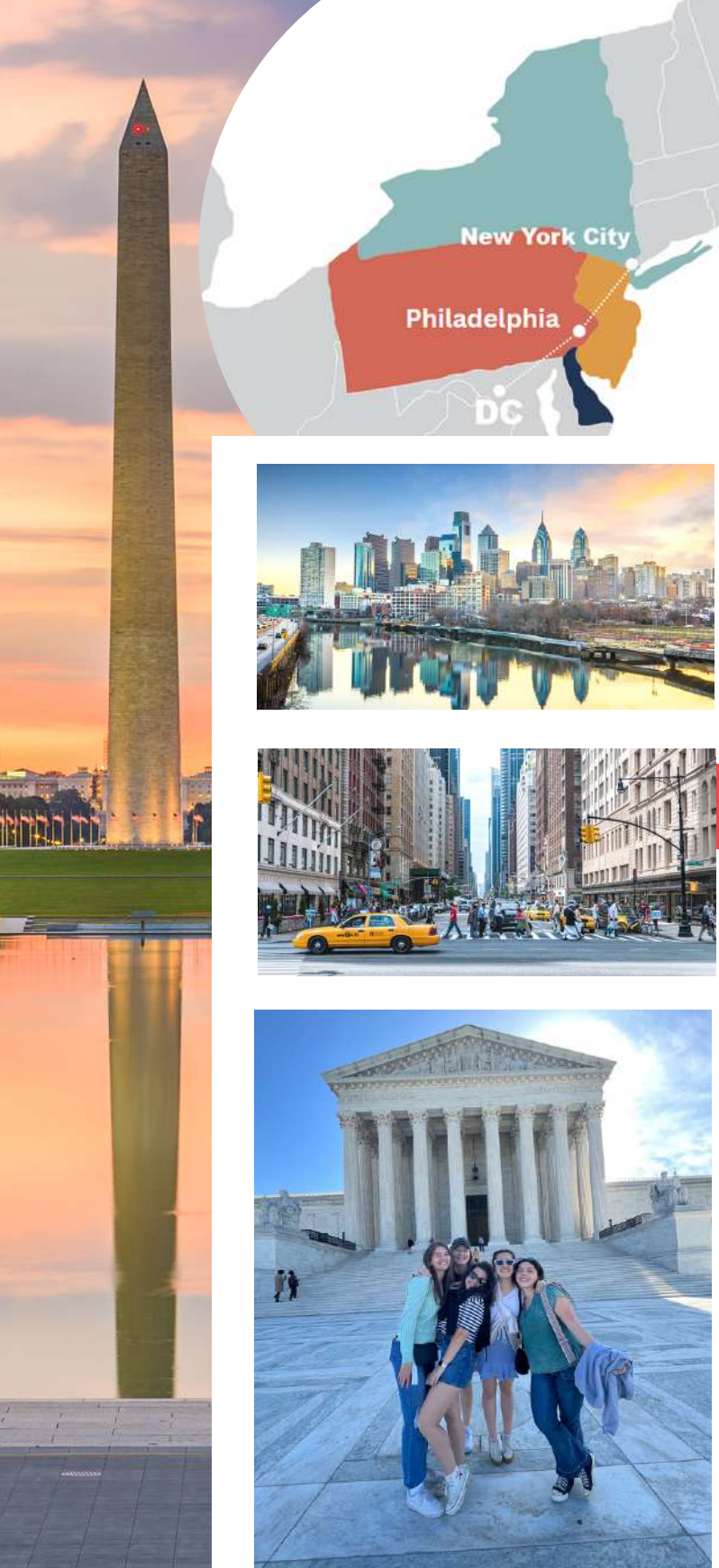
- Transportation during the trip on a coach bus
- 7 Nights accommodation in Hawaii (4 students to a room; 2 students per bed)
- 7 Hotel breakfasts
- 6 Dinners
- 1 Luau
- Catamaran Tour
- Surf Lesson
- City Tour of Honolulu
- Tour of Pearl Harbor
- Tour to the North Shore
- Snorkeling and equipment
- Ticket to and Tour of the Polynesian Cultural Center
- Ticket to Diamond Head Trail
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Belo USA Coordinator
- Belo USA Staff
- 1 Trip T-shirt

# **HAWAII EXPEDITION**





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



## 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

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

A nice walk in Central Park, shopping in the cool and modern neighborhood of Soho, exploring the glamorous Upper East Side... the possibilities are infinite!

Experience the city's international significance at the United Nations and 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 even 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 on the Smithsonian Museum campus, visit the White House, and explore the life of George Washington on 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 coach bus
- 4 Nights accommodation in New York (4 students to a room; 2 students per bed)
- 3 Nights accommodation in Washington DC (4 students to a room; 2 students per bed)
- 7 Hotel breakfasts
- 7 Dinners
- Ticket to the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Tour of the United Nations
- Ticket to the Empire State Building
- Ticket to the Statue of Liberty
- Ticket to a Broadway show
- Ticket to Mount Vernon in Washington, D.C. (historic home of President George Washington)
- Ticket to the Constitution Center
- City Tours
- Local specialized guide
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
- Belo USA Coordinator
- Belo USA Staff
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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! A nice walk in Central Park, shopping in the cool and modern neighborhood of Soho, exploring the ritzy Upper East Side... the possibilities are infinite!

Experience the city's international significance at the United Nations and 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 coach bus
- 4 Nights accommodation in New York (4 students to a room; 2 students per bed)
- 4 Hotel breakfasts
- 4 Dinners
- Ticket to the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Tour of the United Nations
- Ticket to the Empire State Building
- Ticket to the Statue of Liberty
- Ticket to a Broadway show
- City Tour
- Local specialized guide
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel
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# CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE

**8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS**

Think "California"... what comes to mind?

Maybe it's the glamour and glitz of Hollywood Boulevard, the gnarly waves of the Pacific Ocean in a surfer's paradise, or the breathtakingly beautiful Golden Gate Bridge reaching across the San Francisco Bay.

Get ready to visit a pair of the most unique, storied, and important cities in the Golden State of California – Los Angeles and San Francisco!

Dreams will come true as you explore magical Disneyland. Continue the adventure at Universal Studios - the entertainment capital of the world.

Ride a cable car through the colorful neighborhoods of San Francisco. Take a ferry out to the infamous Alcatraz Island.

Whatever your California dream, it's all a part of this week-long adventure!

**AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED**

## **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transportation during the trip on a coach bus
- Water inside the bus during the trip
- 7 Nights accommodation in California (4 students to a room; 2 students per bed)
- 7 Hotel breakfasts
- 7 Dinners
- Ticket to Universal Studios theme park
- Ticket to Disneyland
- Ticket to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum
- Cable car ride in San Francisco
- Alcatraz Tour in San Francisco
- City Tours
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# REGISTRATION

## www.belousa.com

### Make your reservation online:

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

Belo USA Travel will send you a confirmation email with the next steps the same day as you submit your form.

You will also receive instructions on how to make the deposit 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 9AM to 6PM CST.

### 1. Payment

To guarantee your place on the trip, you must first pay the reservation deposit:

- Full Trip Price (per 1-week trip).
- \$ 1000 (per 2-week trip).

This deposit will be applied to the overall cost of your chosen trip. You must pay the appropriate reservation deposit for each trip you wish to participate in.

### 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, he or she 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 more than 30 days before the beginning of the trip - pay 10% of the trip's price.
- Cancelled between 29 and 21 days before the beginning of the trip - pay 20% of the trip's price.
- Cancelled between 20 and 7 days before the beginning of the trip - pay 40% of the trip's price.
- Cancelled 6 days or less before the beginning 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 assured after paying the deposit amount stated in your Reservation Confirmation e-mail.

### 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](mailto:belo@belousa.com) to request the change. If there are vacancies, we will be glad to honor your request.

Please visit [www.belousa.com](http://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 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



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# 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 community, unless the student has written permission from their exchange organization.  
6. 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.  
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, etc.. If students decide to use these services, they are responsible for paying these 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 50 pounds (23kg) and a carry-on bag (small bag or backpack). 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. 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 are not comfortable traveling with cash, Traveler's Checks are a safer option. Most banks in the US can provide you with Traveler's Checks, which are accepted at most commercial locations.  
22. 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).  
23. Since we will be outside, please be careful and use lotion or sunscreen.  
24. If any student's conduct is considered harmful to the rest of the students, or if any student breaks any of the program rules, he or she can be sent back to their host community immediately, assuming all extra costs, to his or her host city/family. Additionally, any violation of the rules and any students removed from the program will be reported to their exchange organization.  
25. All prices are in US dollars. In the case of payment by international wire transfer, your local currency exchange rate will be the one listed by Chase Bank/ JP Morgan on the day that the payment arrives in the USA.  
26. 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.  
27. 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.  
28. All students who take part in this trip grant image rights to Belo USA, Inc. to use of 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 more than 30 days before the beginning of the trip: pay 10% of the trip's price.

\*Cancelled between 29 and 21 days before the beginning of the trip: pay 20% of the trip's price.

\*Cancelled between 20 and 7 days before the beginning of the trip: pay 40% of the trip's price.

\*Cancelled between 6 days or less before the beginning 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, he/she cannot attend any future Belo trips.





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