



AFS TOURS IN THE USA 2012

Dear **AFS** Exchange Student,

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

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

Belo USA Travel has 15 years of expertise in organizing cultural programs for exchange students across the world. According to thousands of exchange students, cultural tours with **Belo USA** were some of the most memorable times during their exchange year experience!

In 2012, you will have the unique opportunity to participate with us in these trips throughout the USA with other **AFS** exchange students from many different countries.

The information below will give you an overview of the trips we are offering **AFS** students this year:



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Hawaii Expedition

CITIES VISITED	PRICE*	DATES FOR 2012	NUMBER OF DAYS	POCKET MONEY **
- Oahu Island	\$ 1145	Feb 18 th to Feb 25 th Mar 10 th to Mar 17 th Mar 31 st to Apr 7 th	8 days/7 nights	\$ 175

New York City

CITIES VISITED	PRICE*	DATES FOR 2012	NUMBER OF DAYS	POCKET MONEY **
- New York, NY	\$ 880	Mar 17 th to Mar 21 st Apr 14 th to Apr 18 th	5 days/4 nights	\$ 125

New York City and Washington D.C.

CITIES VISITED	PRICE*	DATES FOR 2012	NUMBER OF DAYS	POCKET MONEY **
- New York, NY - Washington, D.C.	\$ 1280	Mar 17 th to Mar 24 th Apr 14 th to Apr 21 st	8 days/7 nights	\$ 175

California Adventure

CITIES VISITED	PRICE*	DATES FOR 2012	NUMBER OF DAYS	POCKET MONEY **
- Los Angeles, CA - San Francisco, CA	\$ 1090	Mar 10 th to Mar 17 th	8 days/7 nights	\$ 175

East Coast

CITIES VISITED	PRICE*	DATES FOR 2012	NUMBER OF DAYS	POCKET MONEY **
- Niagara Falls, NY - New York City, NY - Philadelphia, PA - Washington, D.C. - Myrtle Beach, SC - Orlando, FL	\$ 1980	June 4 th to June 17 th	14 days/13 nights	\$ 350

West Coast

CITIES VISITED	PRICE*	DATES FOR 2012	NUMBER OF DAYS	POCKET MONEY **
- Phoenix, AZ - Grand Canyon Nat'l Park, AZ - Las Vegas, NV - Los Angeles, CA - Yosemite Nat'l Park, CA - San Francisco, CA	\$ 2060	June 4 th to June 17 th June 7 th to June 20 th	14 days/13 nights	\$ 350

* 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 activities during the trip. Remember to take extra money for souvenirs.

*** 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.



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HAWAII EXPEDITION 2012

Welcome to the Hawaii Expedition!

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 population 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.

Let's not forget a festive and fun Hawaiian Luau, where you will take a lesson with traditional hula dancers!

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

DEPARTURE FROM: HONOLULU

PRICE INCLUDES



- Transportation during the trip on a coach bus;
- 7 Nights in Waikiki (4 person shared accommodations);
- 7 Hotel Breakfast;
- 6 Dinners;
- 1 Luau Dinner and Show;
- Catamaran Tour;
- Surf Lesson;
- City Tour in Honolulu;
- Tour to Pearl Harbor;
- Tour to the North of the Island;
- Snorkeling and equipment;
- Ticket and Tour to the Polynesian Cultural Center;
- Ticket to Diamond Head Trail;
- Transfer to and from Airport/Hotel/Airport;
- Belo USA Coordinator on the trip with students;
- Belo USA Monitor;
- Chaperone;
- 1 Trip T-shirt;
- 1 Trip VIDEO.

Check the program and photos in our website!



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NEW YORK TRIP 2012

Who has not dreamed of visiting New York City? It is a diverse city unlike any other! There are so many places to visit and things to do. You could take a walk in Central Park, grab lunch at a funky café in Greenwich Village, or explore the history of New York City in lower Manhattan and the Financial District. Whatever it is you like to do, the Big Apple does it best – world class museums, unbelievable shopping, and entertaining street performers.

You will experience the international side of the city at the United Nations and Wall Street, discover American history at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and enjoy modern New York City culture at a hip hop dance class and a Broadway play. Enjoy the view from the top of the Empire State Building, be amazed at the sights and sounds of Times Square, and get ready for adventure in “the city that never sleeps!

DEPARTURE FROM: NEW YORK CITY

PRICE INCLUDES

- Transportation during the trip on a coach bus;
- 4 Nights in New York (4 person shared accommodations);
- 4 Hotel breakfasts;
- 4 Dinners;
- Hip Hop Classes;
- Ticket to the Metropolitan Art Museum;
- Ticket to the United Nations Tour;
- Ticket to the Empire State Building;
- Ticket to the Statue of Liberty;
- Ticket to a Broadway play;
- City Tour;
- Local specialized guide;
- Transfer Airport/Hotel/Airport;
- Belo USA Coordinator;
- Belo USA Monitor;
- Chaperone;
- 1 Trip T-shirt;
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NEW YORK CITY & WASHINGTON D.C. 2012

Who has not dreamed of visiting New York City? It is a diverse city unlike any other! There are so many places to visit and things to do –take a walk in Central Park, find a unique gift in Soho, grab lunch at a funky café in the East Village, check out an art gallery in Chelsea, or visit some of the eclectic neighborhoods in the Lower East Side, or explore the history of New York City in lower Manhattan and the Financial District. There are so many things to do in New York, and so many ways to feel a part of the city and culture.

There are infinite combinations of ways to spend time in New York City. How many other places in the world can you watch a famous concert, eat a hot dog from a street cart vendor, go to a world class museum and cry over an incredible opera? This is the city that has the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Harlem gospel choir, the historic and charming Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, one of the best modern art museums in the world – and don't forget Broadway and the theater scene!

After spending five amazing days in New York City, we will be heading to Washington, D.C. – the capital city of the United States. We will see the Pentagon, the U.S. Capital Building, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, the Washington Monument, the Memorials to the Veterans of the Vietnam and Korean Wars, and the White House. Enjoy an afternoon in the Smithsonian Museums, and visit the quaint neighborhood of Georgetown.

These are just brief descriptions of what we will see and do in New York City and Washington, D.C. – the best way to discover both cities is to see them with your own eyes!

DEPARTURE FROM: NEW YORK CITY

PRICE INCLUDES

- Transportation during the trip on a coach bus;
- 4 Nights in New York Area (4 person shared accommodations);
- 3 Nights in Washington DC Area (4 person shared accommodations);
- 7 hotel breakfasts;
- 6 dinners;
- 1 dinner with International Representatives from around the world (to be confirmed);
- Hip Hop Classes;
- Ticket to the Metropolitan Art Museum;
- Ticket to the United Nations Tour;
- Ticket to the Empire State Building;
- Ticket to the Statue of Liberty;
- Ticket to a Broadway play;
- Ticket to Mount Vernon in Washington, D.C. (historic home of President George Washington);
- Visit to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.;
- City Tours;
- Local guide;
- Transfer Airport - Hotel - Airport;
- Belo USA Coordinator;
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- Chaperone;
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CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE 2012

Are you ready for a wild ride? The California Adventure trip will visit the two most famous cities in California: Los Angeles and San Francisco!

There were times in the history of the United States when Ohio and Missouri were considered “The West.” The West has played an important role in American history, and is forever embedded in America’s folklore and historical identity.

Prepare yourself to check out the glamorous Beverly Hills and Hollywood, visit the Pacific Ocean at Venice and Santa Monica Beaches, tour the infamous Alcatraz, walk across the man made wonder of the Golden Gate Bridge... and visit the happiest place on earth – DISNEYLAND!

On this trip, you will have the opportunity to travel in California, so get ready for these 8 days of pure California dreaming!

DEPARTURE FROM: LOS ANGELES, CA

PRICE INCLUDES



- Transportation in coach buses;
- Water inside the bus for the trip-days;
- 7 Nights (4 person shared accommodations);
- 7 Breakfasts at the hotel;
- 7 Dinners;
- Ticket to Universal Studios Theme park;
- Ticket to Disneyland;
- Ticket to Madame Tussauds – Wax Museum;
- Ticket to a cable car ride in San Francisco;
- Alcatraz Tour in San Francisco;
- City Tours in Los Angeles and San Francisco;
- Local specialized Guides;
- Transfer Airport - Hotel - Airport;
- Belo USA Coordinator;
- Belo USA Monitor;
- Chaperone;
- 1 Trip T-shirt;
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THE EAST COAST TRIP 2012

For those of you who choose the East Coast Trip, you will get to experience a vast diversity of places that includes the famous Niagara Falls to the historical city of Philadelphia.

This is your chance to see some of the sights the East Coast has to offer! The adventure begins in Buffalo, New York, where we will see the spectacular Niagara Falls. From there we head to the city that never sleeps: New York City! After a whirlwind tour of NYC, we head to Philadelphia for a glance at American history, and then continue our education in the capital of the US – Washington DC!

We will also have the chance to visit the hippest beach in the East: Myrtle Beach! And finally we finish in Orlando, for three days of dreams coming true in Epcot, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and the Magic Kingdom of Disneyworld... the “happiest place on Earth!”

All this and so much more are included in our fun-filled 14-day adventure of the East Coast!

DEPARTURE FROM: BUFFALO, NY

PRICE INCLUDES

- Transportation during the trip by coach bus;
- Water inside the bus for the trip-days;
- 13 nights (4 person shared accommodations);
- 13 Breakfasts;
- 13 Dinners;
- Ticket to the boat ride Maid of the Mist in Niagara Falls, NY;
- 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 Epcot Center, Orlando, FL;
- Ticket to Magic Kingdom, Orlando, FL;
- Ticket to Animal Kingdom, Orlando, FL;
- City Tours;
- Local specialized guide;
- Transfer to and from Airport - Hotel - Airport;
- Belo USA Coordinator;
- Belo USA Monitors;
- Chaperone;
- 1 Trip T-shirt;
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THE WEST COAST TRIP 2012

Those of you who have chosen the WEST COAST TRIP, are in for a “wild ride!” The west coast trip will encompass different American experiences; from the large, hip metropolis of LA, to the awe inspiring natural splendor of the Grand Canyon! “The West” has played an important role in American history. It's forever embedded in America's folklore and identity. Today, the west encompasses everything from chic world class cities, to natural wonders and miles of untouched American land that remains as it was hundreds of years ago.

These are places you just must see, from the speechless views of the Grand Canyon to the man made wonder of the Golden Gate Bridge. The glamour of Beverly Hills and Hollywood to the infamous Alcatraz Prison.

On this trip, you will have an opportunity to travel from Phoenix to San Francisco, exploring the states of Arizona, Nevada and the always incredible California!

It will be 14 days of pure adventure – historical, cultural, and natural – as well as the chance to build new and everlasting friendships.

DEPARTURE FROM: PHOENIX, AZ

PRICE INCLUDES

- Transportation in coach buses;
- Water inside the bus for the trip-days;
- 13 Nights (4 person shared accommodations);
- 13 Breakfasts;
- 13 Dinners in different types of restaurants, like Hard Rock Café, Bubba Gump, etc.;
- Entrance Fee for the Grand Canyon National Park;
- Night City Tour of Las Vegas in a Limo;
- Ticket to the Stratosphere Tower;
- Ticket to Universal Theme park;
- Ticket to an Amusement Park in Los Angeles, CA;
- Visit to Huntington Beach;
- Ticket to Madame Tussauds – Wax Museum;
- Entrance Fee for Yosemite National Park;
- Rafting at Yosemite;
- Park Ranger talk about Black Bears at Yosemite;
- Ticket to Alcatraz in San Francisco, CA;
- Ticket to a cable car ride in San Francisco, CA;
- Ticket to the De Young Art Museum in San Francisco, CA;
- DJ Party in San Francisco, CA;
- City Tours mentioned in the program;
- Local specialized Guides;
- Transfer Airport - Hotel - Airport (PHX in Phoenix and SFO in San Francisco);
- Belo USA Coordinator;
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RESERVATION

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

- \$200 (per trip) for Hawaii Expedition, New York Trip, New York and Washington D.C. and California Adventure.
- \$400 (per trip) for East and West Coast Trip.

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

Registration Procedures

1. Limited Capacity

All trips have a limited number of spots that will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, please send us your reservation form as soon as possible.

AFS students get first priority. If the trip is already fully booked, you will be placed on our waiting list. The host siblings/friends will be confirmed after the trip's deadline, if there is space available.

In case of cancellation of the trip by Belo USA Travel, your money will be refunded (for cancellation guidelines, please see item 3).

2. Signing-up and Receiving Further Information

Please visit our website www.belousa.com to place your reservation online.

Members Area:

- Login: **AFS2011**

- Password: **ADVENTURE**

Once in the "Members Area", click on "RESERVATION" on the left-bottom corner. After receiving your reservation, Belo USA Travel will send you a confirmation by e-mail in 48 hours. You will also receive the instructions of how to make the payment to guarantee your place on the trips. Please contact Belo USA Travel directly for any reservation requests.

3. Cancellation

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

If the student cancels his or her 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 - 10% of the trip's price.
- Cancelled between 29 and 21 days before the beginning of the trip - 20% of the trip's price.
- Cancelled between 20 and 7 days before the beginning of the trip - 40% of the trip's price.
- Cancelled between 6 days or less before the beginning of the trip - 100% of the trip's price.

If a student is returned home during the trip for any reason, no refunds will be given.

All reimbursements must be made to an account within the United States.

If a student has already left the United States and reimbursement is necessary, Belo USA Travel will make a wire transfer and all bank fees will be the student's responsibility.

4. Confirmation

Your place in the trip will be assured after proceeding with the reservation payment. Belo USA Travel will send you an email confirmation.

5. Changing trips

If you wish to change trips after you have already made your initial selection, please send us an e-mail (afs@belousa.com) requesting the change. If there are vacancies we will be glad to honor your request. Visit our website, www.belousa.com, for information regarding the programs for AFS exchange students, as well as tours especially developed for both international visitors and Americans who would like to visit the best of the US and the rest of the world.

If your natural parents or friends from your home country are coming to visit you or the U.S., we would be more than happy to organize a specialized tour. Please contact us!

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.

Kindest regards,

Belo USA Travel Team

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

01. English is the official language of this trip.
 02. It is not allowed, under any circumstance, for any student to separate from the program during the trip.
 03. All students must bring their original passport on the trip, however please leave a copy of your passport with your host family.
 04. 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 AFS and their host family.
 05. Belo USA Travel Inc. is not responsible for buying any bus, airline and train tickets from the trip's final destination to your host city. It's the student's responsibility to pay for the ticket.
 06. Illegal drug use of any kind is prohibited.
 07. Stealing of any kind will be severely punished in addition to any possible legal consequences.
 08. Purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages is strictly forbidden.
 09. Tattoos and body piercings are extremely discouraged and allowed only with the preauthorization of the natural parents and sponsor/local AFS.
 10. 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.
 11. Lodging does not cover incidental costs, such as phone calls, mini-bar purchases, etc. If the students decide to use these services, they are responsible for paying these costs.
 12. 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 (23 kg) and a carry on bag (small bag or back pack). Remember to keep those items you will need during the day with you on the bus - like iPods, cameras, wallets, etc.
 13. Students must be approved by AFS in order to travel. Students who have faced disciplinary action with AFS may be denied approval for participation.
 14. All departure/arrival times from/to 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 to open up the trip. However, there is a possibility for us to open more buses depending on the number of reservations.
 17. Belo USA Travel Inc. reserves the right to operate the trip program backwards (i.e., switching the departure city and the arrival city) if needed because of number of students and availability.
 18. Swimming: Even if you know how to swim please BE CAREFUL, because you are unfamiliar with the pool/places and are not 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, extra entertainment, optional items, etc, but remember to bring additional money if you are planning to buy gifts. Also remember that anything you buy will have to fit into your suitcase in order to get it on the bus and back home.
 20. There will be plenty of ATM machines available during the entire course of the trip in case you need more money.
 21. Please bring all cash in US dollars.
 22. 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.
 23. Travel expenses from your host city to the trip's departing airport are not included in the program fee.
 24. 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.)
 25. Since we will be outside, please be careful and use lotion/sunscreen.
 26. 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, with partial reimbursement, to his or her host city/family. Additionally, any violation of the rules and any students removed from the program will be reported to AFS.
 27. All prices are in US dollars. In case of payment by international wire transfer, the dollar/euro/your local currency exchange rate to be considered for conversion will be the one listed by Chase Bank / JP Morgan on the day that the payment arrives in the USA.
 28. All other optional activities that may be offered during student's free time are considered extra costs, and are not included in the overall trip price.
 29. Belo USA Travel Inc. is not responsible for the cost of the student's travel expenses from his/her host city to the departure point and back.
 30. Lost & Found: all the students' items 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 e-mail with the description of the item within 60 days of the end of the trip. Postage to return the item to any student is the student's responsibility.
 31. All students who take part in this trip grant image use rights to Belo USA to produce a Trip VIDEO, as well as use of photos from the trip on our website and program materials.
 32. Trip VIDEOS will be mailed to the host family's address in the USA, via registered letter. The VIDEO will be sent within 60 days after the end of the trip.
 33. In case of the VIDEO malfunction, please return it to Belo USA and a new VIDEO will be mailed within 15 days of receipt.
 34. Please make any comments or complaints regarding the trip in writing (via email or standard letter) to Belo USA Travel within 30 days of the end of the trip to ensure Belo USA a chance to respond. All contracts with Belo officially end 30 days after the trip and Belo USA, the tour operator, is therefore relinquished of any responsibility.
 35. Once any student requests the description of any of the trip's programs organized by Belo USA Travel Inc., the client declares to know and to agree with all the terms of this "General Conditions", that can be found in our trip program or on our web site.
- Cancellation and Refund Policy:**
36. 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 clients wish. If this occurs, all payments already made will be returned in full.
 37. If the student chooses to leave the program or is sent home for breaking any program rules, he/she will pay a penalty according to the date of his written order to cancel the tour, read below:
 - *Cancelled more than 30 days before the beginning of the trip: 10% of the trip's price.
 - *Cancelled between 29 and 21 days before the beginning of the trip: 20% of the trip's price.
 - *Cancelled between 20 and 7 days before the beginning of the trip: 40% of the trip's price.
 - *Cancelled between 6 days or less before the beginning of the trip: 100% of the trip's price.
 - If a student cancels his or her trip, any payments previously made cannot be transferred to another student or host sibling.
 38. Any student who leaves the trip during the program, for any reason, will not receive any refund.
 39. A request for reimbursement due to trip cancellation because of an early return of the exchange student to his/her original country, must be made to Belo USA Travel Inc. at least seven (7) days in advance of the program trip's departure. After initial request, reimbursement will be made to a U.S. bank account and the penalties will be applied according to the "cancellation and refund policy" above. If the student does not follow the deadline established by the program, making it necessary for us to proceed with the reimbursement through International Wire Transfer, all taxes and bank fees will be the client's responsibility.
 - In case of early return of the student from the trip or to his/her original country, cost of return ticket is the student's responsibility.
 40. Any cancellations or withdrawals must be made in writing - via letter, fax or email - by the tour's participant to Belo USA Travel Inc.
 41. Belo USA Travel is not responsible for any reimbursements or change fees associated with flight or travel arrangements.