



# Explore!USA

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*Explore!USA* was created to meet a growing need among international students: the desire to experience America beyond the classroom and dormitory or homestay life. This program offers safe, fully organized, all-inclusive travel experiences that immerse students in U.S. culture, history, and traditions.

Student engagement beyond academics is vital. These curated trips deepen cultural understanding, build confidence, and create lasting memories. Every experience is designed to inspire global awareness and personal growth.

#### **Why Explore!USA?**

##### **Timed with School Breaks**

Offered during Presidents' Day, Spring Break, Thanksgiving, Winter Break, and Memorial Day. No missed classes, just unforgettable journeys.

##### **Iconic Destinations**

- New York City – Times Square, Broadway, the Statue of Liberty
- Washington D.C. – U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian museums
- San Francisco – Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz
- Los Angeles – Hollywood, Pacific coastline
- Philadelphia – Liberty Bell, Independence Hall
- Hawaii – Natural beauty, Island heritage

##### **Educational & Cultural Impact**

Students walk through history, connect with U.S. traditions, and see real-world applications of what they've learned in school.

##### **All-Inclusive, Fully Managed**

- Flights, buses, hotel, and meals
- Site tickets, guides, and supervision
- Full insurance and pre-trip coordination
- ED Homestay manages it all

##### **For Agents & Schools**

- Boost Student Engagement & Retention
- Hassle-Free Planning—We Handle Everything
- Differentiate Your Program with High-Value Travel

##### **The Trip of a Lifetime**

With a strong track record and full-service support, *Explore!USA* turns each student's stay in the U.S. into a true journey of discovery—one that educates, connects, and inspires.

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## Program Overview

Holiday	Columbus Day Weekend	Thanksgiving	New Year's Winter Break	Spring Break March and April	Memorial Day
<b>Dates</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Destination</b>	San Francisco	Washington D.C.	Hawaii - 2 Island Trip	New York City	Philadelphia
<b>Type of Trip USD</b>	3 Day-3 Night <b>\$1,500</b>	5 Day/4 Night <b>\$2,050</b>	6 Day/5 Night <b>\$2,500</b>	5 Day/4 Night <b>\$2,750</b>	3 Day/3 Night <b>\$1,250</b>
<b>Points of Interest</b>	San Francisco State University Tour University of San Francisco  Pier 39 7D Experience Silicon Valley Intel Museum  University of California, Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science  Google Red & White Fleet Golden Gate Bay Cruise Alcatraz Google Headquarters	Library of Congress  Capitol Hill Tour Supreme Court Tour  National Archives Mount Vernon Museum of Crime & Punishment Alexandria's Ghost & Graveyards Tour Newseum News Museum International Spy Museum Ford's Theatre Arlington National Cemetery JFK Grave Site Memorial Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Iwo Jima Memorial  American University Campus Tour	Pearl Harbor & USS Arizona Memorial  City Tour of Honolulu National Cemetery of the Pacific Washington Place State Capitol Building  Iolani Palace King Kamehameha Statue Authentic Hawaiian Luau Day trip to the BIG Island Volcanos National Park Punalau Black Sand Beaches University of Hawaii at Manoa	 The Today Show Central Park American Museum of Natural History  Metropolitan Museum of Art Statue of Liberty/ Ellis Island 9/11 Memorial  Lower Manhattan Tour Midtown Walking Tour Top of the Rock or Empire State Building Times Square Broadway Play 5th Avenue Chinatown-Queens Columbia University	Liberty Bell  Independence Hall National Constitution Center Benjamin Franklin's Grave The Franklin Institute  Madcap Theater Betsy Ross House The Rocky Statue & the Rocky Steps  U.S. Mint PHILLY Cheesesteak University Tour Included: University of Pennsylvania

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# COLUMBUS DAY GETAWAY in the "CITY BY THE BAY!"

## Explore!San Francisco

This sensational three-day adventure introduces you to an array of excellent educational possibilities and gets you out on the town to explore historic San Francisco landmarks and hotspots. It's an enticing melding of education and recreation, just the ticket to get you fired up and on the fast track to a shining academic future in this vibrantly diverse and beautiful City by the Bay!



Pier 39, a 45-acre landmark attraction transporting you to that old-fashioned amusement park feeling against an artist's dream backdrop.



**The Intel Museum**  
You will have the opportunity to explore a variety of neat landmarks and attractions on this fun venture into the otherwise known, "Valley of the Hearts' Delight", including the HP garage, also known as, "the Birthplace of Silicon Valley", and Apple's Company Store and Headquarters.



San Francisco State University, a recognized leader in addressing issues both global and close to home, ranks second among U.S. universities for the number of students who study abroad for an academic year.



Red and White Fleet Golden Gate Bay Cruise. You are in for a thrill with this popular Red and White Fleet cruise tradition that gets you out and about on the glorious Bay waters and in the view of prominent San Francisco landmarks and points of interest.



**7D Experience** - This utterly awesome Pier 39 attraction - the one and only 7D Experience - treats you to the indescribable thrill of a rollercoaster ride and the frenzied excitement of a state-of-the-art laser blasting game - simultaneously!

**3 DAY  
3 NIGHT  
\$1,500**

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# Thanksgiving Holiday in the Capital of the U.S.A!



**5 DAY  
4 NIGHT  
\$2,050**

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## Explore! Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., is a fantastic historic destination offering so much to see and do, you will have no trouble staying busy the duration of your incredible Thanksgiving tour! You'll visit more amazing museums than you ever thought possible and explore all the important D.C. landmark attractions, including: Capitol Hill, Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Ford Theater - where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated - and President George Washington's home estate, Mount Vernon. As a special treat, you'll embark on a spooky lantern-lit ghost tour through the streets of Alexandria and a Traditional Thanksgiving dinner!

- Who knew a 5-day tour of the Capital could be so much fun?



Monuments and Memorials Tour. This walkabout tour gets you around to all of the monuments and memorials of Washington, D.C., each truly unique and important in its own right. Your invigorating excursion begins at the White House and continues through the National Mall, along the Reflecting Pool, around the Tidal Basin, and wraps up at the U.S. Capitol Building and Supreme Court.



Supreme Court Tour Shhhh! Very important work is underway as you visit the magnificent Supreme Court building which is home of the highest court in the nation! Visitors are encouraged to take advantage of a fascinating variety of educational programs including 30 minute Courtroom Lectures, a visitors' film, and court-related exhibitions. When court is in session, in October and April, guests may elect to sit in on oral arguments.



International Spy Museum. Delve into the mysterious, dark world of professional espionage at the International Spy Museum. This attraction promises to thrill and chill with their engaging exhibits just bursting with true tales and tools of the trades. Check out the "School for Spies," at this interesting and engaging activity!



You will recognize Arlington National Cemetery by the sea of remarkably uniform white headstones spanning the 600+ groomed acres that mark the graves of more than 400,000 soldiers and their loved ones laid to rest here. The cemetery is one of the most popular attractions among groups exploring Washington, D.C. It has rich history and a beautiful setting making it the perfect place for remembering, for reflection, and for honoring US soldiers past and present.



American University, founded in 1893, proudly boasts incredible academic programs in international service, public policy and public affairs, international law and human rights. Students from all 50 states are represented in this diverse student body as well as students from over 125 countries worldwide. American University is proud of the diversity and political activism of its unwavering commitment to study abroad, internships, community service and serving in the U.S. Peace Corps.



High on a hill overlooking bustling and beautiful Washington, D.C., you will find the world-renowned Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Here, you may witness the breathtaking precision of the changing of the guard; the Tomb is protected 24 hours a day. Inscribed on the back are the words, "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God" because buried inside it are soldiers from nearly all U.S. wars and conflicts. Their medals of honor and the flags that covered their caskets are located in the amphitheater below.



# New Year's Eve in Honolulu

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**6 DAY  
5 NIGHT  
\$2,500**

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## Explore! Hawaii

For the student that is ready to have the trip of a lifetime and an amazing New Year's... This 6-day 2-island trip to Hawaii is perfect for you! This trip packs in all the most popular attractions on the island of Oahu as well as some unforgettable cultural experiences that are synonymous with native Hawaiian heritage. With a day Trip to the Big Island included - you'll get to visit Volcanoes National Park and the Punaluu Black Sand Beaches! all you expect and more in just 6 short days, but the memories will last a lifetime!



Pearl Harbor & USS Arizona Memorial You will forever remember the powerful experience of a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Over one million guests make the trip across the water every year to pay their respects to the selfless 1177 men and women who lost their lives in the ultimate sacrifice on December 7th, 1941. On this, "The Day of Infamy" Pearl Harbor was attacked, leading the United States into WWII.



The University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus Tour. Founded in 1907, the University of Hawaii at Manoa is the flagship campus of the University of Hawaii Education System. The University of Hawaii at Manoa is a destination of choice as students and faculty come from across the nation and the world to take advantage of the university's unique research opportunities, diverse community, nationally-ranked each year, and it is one Division I athletics program, and beautiful landscape. The University of Hawaii at Manoa is located just outside of the bustling city of Honolulu, just a mile from the famous Waikiki Beach.



National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, located at Punchbowl Crater in Honolulu, Hawaii, is held with the important task of honoring those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Millions of travelers visit the cemetery of the most popular tourist attractions in Hawaii. The Cemetery showcases a magnificent pathway lined with dozens of memorials to honor America's veterans.



Punaluu Black Sand Beaches. Located between Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the small town of Naalehu, Punaluu Black Sand Beach's jet black shores are an unforgettable sight! Because of constant volcanic activity, you'll find white sands, green sands and black sands on Hawaii Island. Punaluu Black Sand Beach is not only one of the most famous black sand beaches in Hawaii, but in the world!



Get ready to help Hawaii celebrate 100 years of preservation, education and nature! Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park is celebrating its Centennial in 2016! Volcanoes are monuments to Earth's origin, evidence that its primordial forces are still at work. The eruption of the Kilauea volcano continues at two locations on the Big Island. In the park, the vent within Halema'uma'u Crater is easily viewed from the overlook at the Jaggar Museum. The second location is the Pu'u 'O'o vent located 10 miles east of the summit, on the remote east rift zone of Kilauea, however this area is not accessible to the public.



Hike Diamond Head. Wake -up to the first day of the New Year! The unique profile of landmark Diamond Head is where we will be visiting today! Le'ahi, as Diamond Head is called in Hawaiian, juts about the landscape near the eastern edge of Waikiki's coastline. You will enjoy a pleasant morning hike on the mountain and learn about its volcanic creation, European discovery and cattle ranching history as well as modern day military use of the "Gibraltar of the Pacific" as you're escorted on a 763' trek to the summit. What a great way to start the New Year!



**5 DAY  
4 NIGHT**

**\$2,750**

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## Explore!NYC

**Non-stop action each day allows your group to experience New York in a variety of ways! Starting with a night on the town in Times square, taking a trip to NBC studios and Rockefeller Center and culminating with unique cultural experience in Chinatown and Greenwich Village. Spend your Spring Break soaking in all of the sights new York City has to offer and making memories to last forever!**



Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. A visit to this incomparable Wax Museum is an absolute MUST while exploring New York City. Madame Tussauds presents the ultimate "celebrity wax experience" in the heart of Times Square! Madame Tussauds showcases more than 225 celebrity figures so lifelike you may expect them to duck away from your cameras. If you can't get to Hollywood, Madame Tussauds is the next best thing!



United Nations Tour  
Fantastic one-hour guided tours of the United Nations Headquarters offer an exciting behind-the-scenes view of the Organization at work. You'll visit the Security Council Chamber, the Trusteeship Council Chamber and the Economic and Social Council Chamber in the newly renovated Conference Building. Learn how the United Nations handles issues such as disarmament, peace, security and have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to interact with multilingual tour guides from 15 different countries!



Macy's Herald Square is said to be the largest department store in the world as it presently occupies an entire city block and features eleven floors, hosting a huge inventory of more than half a million items! For 150 years Macy's has been a true New York City icon. Originally built in 1902, Macy's Herald Square was the first building to house the modern-day escalator! Learn about the mega-store's retailing history and unique architecture, discover merchandising industry secrets like why products for the home are sold on the top floor and why most mannequins are created without features!



The Today Show  
Get up EARLY and head for the Today Show Plaza to watch a live taping of the show at Rockefeller Center! The Today Show is a daily live broadcast provides current domestic and international news, weather reports and interviews with newsmakers from the worlds of politics, business, media, entertainment and sports. See how it all comes together! Be sure to pick a spot at the front of the barricade for the best chance to be seen on TV! Make sure you tell your friends and family back home to try and look for you!



Top of the Rock or Empire State Building Observation Decks. For a bird's eye view of the "City that Never Sleeps." The Rockefeller Center is one of NYC's most famous landmark's. Board a supersonic elevator and soar straight to the twinkling, LED-lit "Top of the Rock" for an exhilarating, unmatched and unobstructed 360-degree view of Central Park and the breathtaking splendor of the city skyline from three observation decks. You may choose indoor and outdoor viewing options, or climb 200 feet higher to the 102nd floor observation deck which is the highest public point in NYC!



See A Broadway Play.  
Decide what to see, head to the theatre, find your seat, then sit back and enjoy the show! There is really nothing like catching a live performance on one of the World's greatest stages! New York City offers dozens of Broadway theatres to choose from so there's something for everyone! For this excursion, you will be given options of the Broadway shows available to you closer to the trip departure date.



**4 DAY  
3 NIGHT**

**\$1,275**

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## A Memorial Day Weekend in the "City of Brotherly Love!"

## Explore!Philadelphia

**Get ready for non-stop adventure for Memorial Day! You will be out and about in Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love", to explore its many historic high points and hotspots! Other nicknames of Philadelphia include Philly, The Birthplace of America, The City that Loves You Back, The City of Neighborhoods, The Quaker City, and The Cradle of Liberty! You'll see the Liberty Bell, stop by Independence Hall, enjoy a Philadelphia City tour, see the U.S. Mint, visit Benjamin Franklin's gravesite, drop by Betsy Ross' place, tour the University of Pennsylvania, and so much more. Maybe you will even run the famous 72 "Rocky Steps"!**



The Liberty Bell once belonged in the highest tower of Independence Hall. After nearly a century of use, the famous Liberty Bell developed a narrow split in the side and repairs were attempted by strategically enlarging the crack to prevent further damage. However, a second crack appeared, making it impossible for the bell to keep ringing. This iconic bell continues to stand as a symbol of liberty and hope.



U.S. Mint. Originally opened in 1792 as "Ye Old Mint," the Philadelphia minting facility is one of four responsible for production of circulating coinage in the United States. As Philadelphia was the capital of the United States of America in 1792, it was only natural that the first mint be built in Philly! This U.S. Mint not only produces coins that you use every day, it also produces a variety of other products including proofs, uncirculated, and commemorative coins, Congressional Gold Medals and silver and gold bullion.



The Franklin Institute  
This premier museum was founded in 1824 to honor our nation's first scientist, Benjamin Franklin. The Franklin Institute is one of the oldest centers of science education and development in the country. The Institute's 12 core galleries are bursting with fresh, exciting exhibits and intriguing interactive features. You will experience a series of incredible hands-on activities, see authentic artifacts from the earliest aviation pioneers and more!



University of Pennsylvania Campus Tour. According to Benjamin Franklin's autobiography, it was in the year 1743 when he first had the idea to establish an academy, an institution for higher learning, in the then capital city of Philadelphia. The Academy of Philadelphia opened in 1751 in the building which once housed George Whitfield's charity tabernacle on Philadelphia's Fourth Street. Today, over 250 years later, the campus of the University of Pennsylvania is almost 280 acres in the heart of Philadelphia.



The Betsy Ross House. This is the carefully restored home of Betsy Ross — the world-famous birthplace of the American Flag! Self-guided tours take you through the 18th century home, and exciting interactive programming tells the well-loved story of how the American flag came to be. Afterward, be sure to "meet" Betsy Ross, a revered businesswoman, revolutionary, mother, wife and most famous seamstress in America!



The National Constitution Center is the United States' first and only non-profit, non-partisan institution established by Congress to "disseminate information about the United States Constitution on a non-partisan basis in order to increase the awareness and understanding of the Constitution among the American people." The Constitution Center brings the United States Constitution to life with its series of highly engaging interactive exhibitions, fabulous theatrical performances, and constitutional conversations.

