

# WORLD TRAVEL Programs

**WHAT:** World travel companies offer programs for high school students to explore the daily life of another culture. Students live with host families, speak the local language and make new friends from around the world. Each organization offers programs for a summer, a semester or a full school year. Summer programs focus on cultural exchange, community service or ecological adventure. Semester or full-year programs also focus on academic and language enrichment.

**WHY:** The companies that send information to your high school were founded with the goal of promoting world peace and understanding through youth exchange. Benefits include learning a new culture and language, sharing the American culture, and learning to see the world through other people's eyes.

**HOW** do I choose which world travel program is right for me?

The following companies provide information to Bellingham high schools. Websites are provided for you to contact any for information on their programs and scholarship opportunities.

- These companies are commercial ventures not affiliated with the Bellingham School District. The Career Center provides this list only as an informational service.

**Academic Treks and Broadreach-** Broadreach summer adventures are intentionally designed to support students as they push beyond their comfort zones and challenge themselves through active, hands-on exploration and education. We seek out and work in unique global destinations that provide the perfect landscapes for meaningful intellectual discovery, skill mastery, rich cultural experience and incomparable adventure

**AFS International** Study abroad, host an international exchange student, or volunteer, connect across cultures, be a global citizen, and promote peace

**ASSE International Student Exchange Program-** ASSE's mission is to foster international understanding through educational and cross cultural programs.

**Cultural Homestay International-** CHI is a **non-profit educational organization**. CHI's Mission is to promote international understanding and goodwill through people-to-people exchanges. We believe that the best way to build bridges of friendship and trust among people is to experience directly each other's customs, languages and values. To live, study or work together leads to a transformational experience of acceptance and genuine affection.

**NACEL Open Door** From a year long to just a couple weeks, NOD offers programs that will fit what you are looking for. Also is host for the **The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)** Vocational Scholarship provides an opportunity for American high school graduating seniors to spend the year after graduation in Germany.

**Rotary Youth Exchange-** Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

*Contact the Career Center for Full scholarships available from local Rotaries*

**The Experiment in International Living-** A provider of summer abroad programs for high school students for 87 years. Immersive programs have allowed participants to authentically explore the world while developing enduring friendships through cultural experiences and homestays, leaving a lasting impact on students' lives.

**SPI Study Abroad** Intensive French, Italian and Spanish Language immersion, cultural leadership and volunteer service summer programs in Spain, France, Italy and Costa Rica

**Youth for Understanding USA-** Intercultural Exchange program since 1951 Some thing you're born with. Other things —your confidence, your individuality and perspective—you will discover. Study abroad, host a student or become a volunteer.

**YMCA Teen International Exchange** – The International YMCA offers international exchange programs for young people all over the world. Working within the YMCA network and with other partners locally, nationally, and internationally. In the summer of 2020, the YMCA of Greater Seattle will offer two trips, Shainghai, China and Kobe, Japan.

**Ie International Experience-** IE-USA places high school students from around the world in carefully vetted host families while attending local private or public high schools for a semester or full academic year.

**CSIET Standards for International Student Exchange For a listing of accredited programs!**

The mission of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) is to evaluate and certify long-term international student exchange programs at the secondary level. CSIET accredits only those programs that demonstrate:

Commitment to [CSIET's Standards of Excellence](#);

Engagement in the development and sharing of Community Preferred Practices; and

Advancement of the educational value of international student exchange.

**\$\$SCHOLARSHIP INFO\$**

**Each of these companies have partial to full program scholarships available.**

**When contacting for information, be sure to ask for scholarship information**

**As well as how you can apply. Some companies offer special discounts for particular countries or programs - ask what might be available.**

*\*Your high school Career Center receives scholarship applications for some of the above programs. Let the Career Center staff know that you are interested in being notified when these applications become available throughout the school year.*