States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs

2022 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

Program Details:
States’ 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families* and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

*Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program

2022 Travel Dates*

Japan 8-week: June 15—August 11, 2022
Costa Rica: June 16—July 15, 2022
Norway: June 22—July 22, 2022
Romania: June 22—July 21, 2022
Argentina: June 29—July 17, 2022
Japan 4-week: July 13—August 11, 2022
South Korea: July 20—August 18, 2022
Taiwan: July 20 —August 18, 2022

*Program dates subject to slight change or modification

Eligibility:
4-H youth ages 12 - 18 for Japan, Korea & Taiwan and 15 - 18 for Costa Rica, Norway, Romania & Argentina

Program Information:
- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States’ 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States’ 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Application Deadline & Program Fees:
Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply. Please note that program details are subject to change.

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Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with States’ 4-H and enter a world that most tourists rarely get to see.
States’ 4-H International’s mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.

Program Fees Include:
Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; country-specific activities as determined by international partner organizations.

FAQs:
Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?
A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak another language?
A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States’ 4-H prepare me for my homestay?
A: States’ 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States’ 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

Program Policies:
- Program Cancellations:
  * Prior to March 31, 2022: $100 cancellation fee. The remaining amount of program deposits will be refunded.
  * After April 1, 2022: No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States’ 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to $150 each way)
- No donor checks are accepted by the States’ 4-H Office, donors must send checks directly to the delegate
- Program details subject to change