



GLOBAL EDUCATION

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES
2023-2024

Global Education Travel Opportunities

2023-2024 School Year

Here you can find travel opportunities for all SJA students. Each one is paired with one of the Core Values of St. Joseph's Academy. It is our expectation that each participating student will grow in these values.

Language Immersions and Cultural Exchange Opportunities

Applications due May 1, 2023

SJA Core Value: We encourage leadership and influence through action.

Application notes:

- Some of the opportunities below are reciprocal exchanges, meaning you will also visit, and a monetary commitment is needed.
- If you are interested in ONLY being a host, please [fill out this application](#). You must check with your family first!
- If you are interested in participating in a full exchange program, meaning you will host AND then travel to visit your host, [fill out this application](#). This one takes thoughtful reflection.
- You must apply by 8:00 a.m. on May 1st, 2023. You will then be interviewed by a panel that week. Upon acceptance into the next phase, you will attend a mandatory parent meeting on May 17th at 4:00 p.m. Please email [Katie Richardson](#) with any questions.

Colombia:

Two or three families are needed to host students from the San Pedro Claver School in Bucaramanga, Colombia. This is one of our longest hosting experiences. Students join us for two months from mid-August through mid-October. It is possible to split this opportunity.

SJA students have 2 chances to visit:

- Senior Service in May: participate in a combination of classes and service while staying with your host family, or
- During the summer for a 3-week language immersion where you will attend classes, field trips, and stay with your host family. This is optional.

Estimated Cost: \$2,500-2,700

Open to all grade levels.

Poland:

We would like to host 2-3 students from Poland for 2 months from mid-August through early October.

If you choose, you have the opportunity to travel to Poland in **June 2024** for 2.5 weeks in a cultural immersion and service program at Kostka High and St. Stanislaus High School. You will live with host families, attend classes, and provide service to Ukrainian refugees. You will also visit museums and places of cultural significance in Krakow and Gdynia in the first 3 weeks of June. Final Dates TBD.

Estimated Cost: \$2,000-\$2,500

Open to Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors.

France:

This is a reciprocal program.

We are looking for 6-8 students to host and then travel to Lille, France.

Students from France will visit St. Louis **October 10-24, 2023**. You will then visit Lille, France over spring break (March 8-24, 2024) and attend school at Lycée Sainte-Marie. Students will stay with a host family. You have the opportunity to travel to Paris, Bruges, and the beach.

Enrollment in French is helpful, but not a requirement.

Open to all grade levels.

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Applications open August 2023

Spain:

SJA families will host 6-7 students from Madrid in October 2023. All host homes are filled.

Ireland:

SJA students will head to Letterkenny, Ireland over spring break, plus a few days in 2024. Our Irish guests will visit us for two weeks in April 2024. You will stay with host families, attend school during their gap year, complete a presentation, and visit cultural and historical sites. You will also have the opportunity to visit Northern Ireland and spend a few days in Dublin. April 2024, Estimated Cost: \$2500-\$2700

Through the Global Education program at St. Joseph's Academy, I have fostered my love for cultures and practices that are different from my own. I have also been pushed out of my comfort zone, strengthening my comfort levels and leadership abilities in new situations. I believe that this program has aided me in becoming a well-rounded woman, and I feel ready for all situations that college and the real world will bring. -Katie W. '23

Global Education has positively formed my outlook on the world. I went from being an individualistic individual, to deeply valuing the lives of others because of the opportunities Global Education provides. Which undoubtedly expanded both my knowledge and heart. Without my involvement, I firmly believe I would still be lost in what my passion in life is; now I know I strive for a lifestyle focused on international relations. Bridget S. '23

South Africa:

We are looking for 6-8 host families for 2-3 weeks in **January 2024** for students from [The American International School of Cape Town](#). This is a reciprocal program.

Once you host, you will then travel to South Africa for 2.5 weeks. This will be a two-part trip unlike any other!

Part 1: Explore South Africa through an historical lens of cities from apartheid to the current day. Visit all major cultural and historical sites and take an overnight safari in hopes of seeing the Big Five.

Part 2: Begin the exchange experience in an immersive school experience in Cape Town. You will be expected to participate in a final culminating activity and read a novel with all participants.

Applications for this program will be due at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Estimated cost: \$5,500-\$6,000. Open to Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors.

If you have questions about any of these trips, please contact [Katie Richardson](#).

SJA Core Value: We foster the desire to serve.

Alternative Spring Break Trip:

This trip will be returning in 2024. Look for details to come in the Fall. Contact [Sarah Boul](#) for more information.

Senior Service with the Sisters:

Spend three weeks studying the issue of immigration and get hands-on experience with the Sisters of St. Joseph. In the first week, you will be asked to collect supplies, learn about the immigration issue in the United States, and organize a drive to take the supplies with you. Then, travel to Laredo, TX for 10 days to work with Catholic Charities who are on the ground helping legal immigrants along their journey and to the path of citizenship. This work is strenuous, hard, and heartbreaking. You will help them get clothes, serve food, play with their children, and potentially check them into the

center. Strong Spanish or French skills are HELPFUL.

Through this process, you will gain a better understanding of the complex issue of immigration in our country.

May 2024 to coincide with Senior Service.

Cost: \$1,200, Open to all Seniors.

Mass at the Border:

Come experience Mass with the Archdiocese of St. Louis at the border of the United States and Mexico. **November 2023.** Please contact [Ann Hammer](#) if you are interested.

SJA Core Value: We believe in a balanced approach to developing the whole woman.

Beijing, China:

June 12-19, 2024, **Cost:** \$5,185 all-inclusive price, private tour (only SJA participants are on the bus). [Click here](#) to see the website and to learn more about this trip!

Italy and Greece:

Visit these beautiful countries while gaining a deeper understanding of the culture. This will offer a real-world travel educational experience for students, while specifically supplementing the Latin program curriculum, Theology curricula (namely Church History and World Religions), and Social Studies curricula (i.e., World/European history).

Please contact [Hannah Decker](#) if you are interested. [Click here](#) to learn more about this trip!

Summer 2024, **Cost:** \$5,800

Only 2 spaces left for Class of 2025 and Class of 2026

London, Edinburgh and Paris:

Students will have the opportunity to visit important cultural and historical sites in London, Edinburgh and Paris, including Edinburgh Castle, Westminster Abbey, WWII Normandy Beaches, Versailles and the Eiffel Tower.

Please contact Leigh LaMonica at llamonica@sja1840.org if you are interested.

Open to all SJA students, although French skills will be helpful when visiting Caen and Paris in France! [Click here](#) for trip information and to sign up.

June 10-20, 2024, **Cost:** \$4,992

Global Education has provided me with a chance to see the world from a new perspective. I have come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the cultures and people around me through research and engaging in hands-on activities. Before this program, I never knew that I would have such unique and global learning opportunities in high school education. This program has also allowed me to reach beyond my comfort zone and dive deep into what the world has to offer. - Emily M. '23

