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**International
Exchange Program**

USA Study Trip: STEM & Nature

San Francisco, Silicon Valley & L.A.

The bottom half of the image features a photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. The bridge is a large suspension bridge with orange-red towers and cables. It spans a body of water, and the background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape under a soft, orange-tinted sky, suggesting sunrise or sunset.

2025

13-Day USA West Study Trip – STEM & Nature

San Francisco, Silicon Valley & Los Angeles

Who: Students Age 15 – 18

When: Easter Break 2025
13th – 26th April

Cost: 3.900 €
(plus registration fee 150 €)



Education Program Overview:

- Expert-designed educational & cultural program including trips to historic landmarks, national parks, & scenic sights with focus on education, STEM, innovation, technology & culture immersion
- Visits to various institutions: California Science Academy, Stanford University, University of Southern California, Caltech, JPL, Google & Facebook company headquarters
- Seminars & discussions on technology & innovation
- English immersion at a local high school, shadow students to classes & after-school programs for two days
- Homestay with local high school students' families for three nights
- All English-speaking environment & daily journal entries in English, guided by the trip leaders

Package Includes:

- International flights
- All accommodations, including 3 nights at host family
- DAI trip leader(s) & a professional local English-speaking guide on side 24 hours a day
- All museum tickets, admissions to institutions, & lectures
- School visits
- Group meal arrangement according to the itinerary
- All domestic transport
- Group travel insurance

Requirements:

- Age 15 – 18
- Group size 16 – 20 students
- Individual travel insurance
- Valid passport (a biometric passport featuring a microchip)
- Approved ESTA with online approval OR valid Visa to enter the United States
- Required forms by DAI Heidelberg, such as registration form, liability forms & waivers



Itinerary



Day 1: Departure to San Francisco

- Flight from Frankfurt to San Francisco International Airport
- Transfer to accommodation in San Francisco
- Welcome dinner & orientation session

Day 2: San Francisco – City Highlights

- Guided tour: Golden Gate Bridge & Exploratorium
- Fisherman's Wharf & Pier 39
- Lunch at a local seafood restaurant
- Dinner in small groups & free time for exploring Union Square & City Hall area

Day 3: San Francisco – Silicon Valley & Tech Giants Visits

- Tour through Google headquarters & discussion on technology and innovation
- Tour through Facebook headquarters
- Computer Museum
- Group dinner
- Evening workshop on the U.S. education system

Day 4: San Francisco – Education & STEM

- Stanford University: campus tour & meeting with students of the engineering & machine learning departments
- Lunch in downtown Palo Alto
- Stanford's innovation center
- Meet & greet with students & host families at our partner high school
- Evening with the host families

Day 5: San Francisco – Cultural & Academic Immersion

- Immersion program at a local high school
- Hangout with host students, to classes, lunch, & after school extracurricular sport or club activities
- Accommodation with the host families



Day 6: San Francisco – National Parks

- Muir Woods National Monument Park
- California Academy of Sciences & Golden Gate Park
- Free time & group city exploration

Day 7: Monterey Bay – Nature & the Pacific Ocean

- Monterey Bay & Coastal High Way
- Monterey & Cannery Row
- Lunch
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- 17-Miles-Drive
- Group dinner
- Travel to Los Angeles

Day 8: Arrival in Los Angeles

- Universal Studio
- Guided L.A. city tour
- Hollywood Boulevard & TCL Chinese Theatre
- Check into the hotel & group dinner



Day 9: Los Angeles – STEM & Innovation

- California Science Center
- Picnic lunch in the Rose Garden
- USC: guided tour & STEM related lecture
- Exploring L.A.'s street food in small groups

Day 10: Los Angeles – National Parks

- Griffith Park: half-day hike, Griffith Observatory & Planetarium
- Film & TV Studio tour in Burbank
- Group dinner

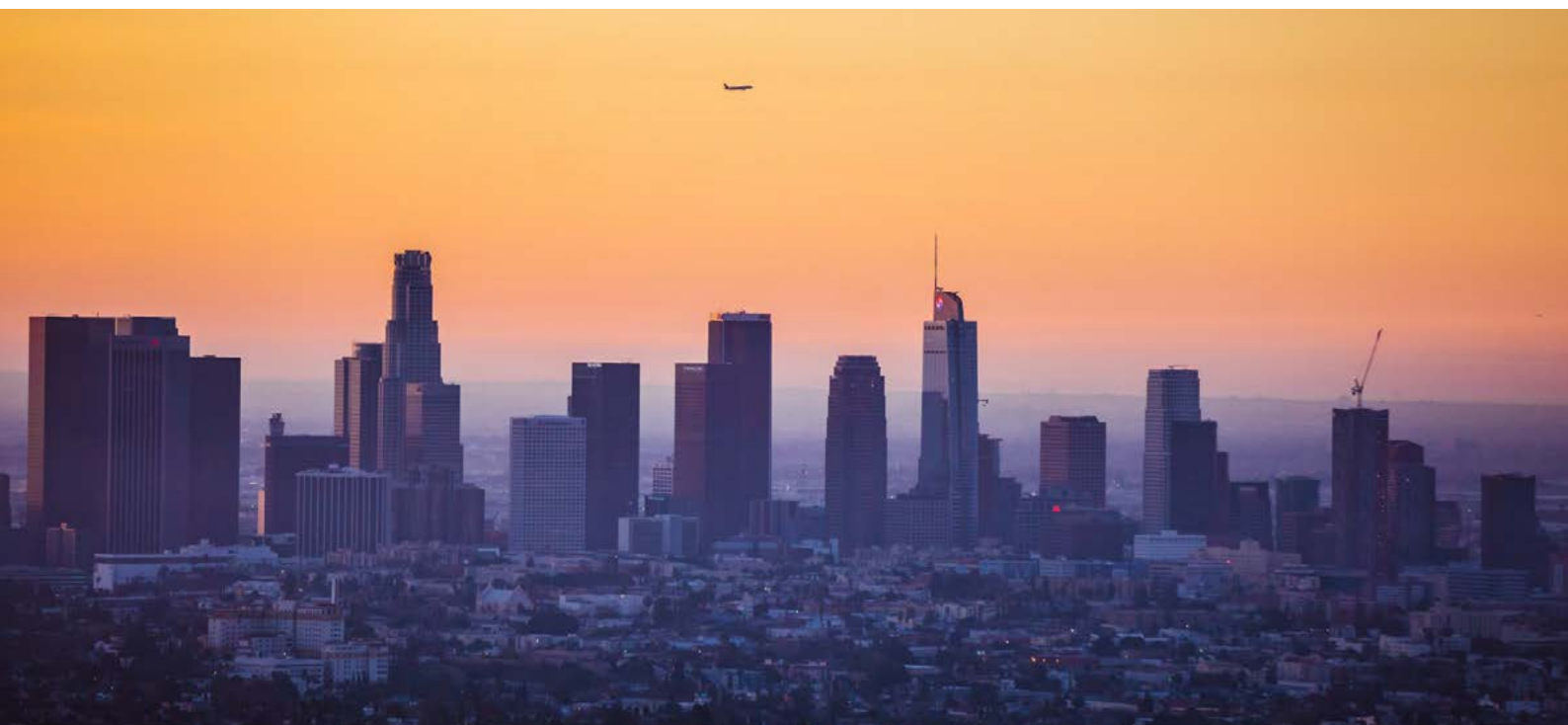
Day 11: Los Angeles – Culture & STEM Education

- Los Angeles County Museum of Art OR Natural History Museum
- Caltech OR Jet Propulsion Laboratory: guided tour
- Group dinner & shopping in small groups

Day 12: National Park & Beach Time

- Channel Islands National Park
- Picnic lunch in the Beach Park
- Malibu OR Venice Beach
- Farewell dinner

Day 13: Return Flight to Frankfurt



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