



BRENTWOOD ACADEMY

Winterim

Winterim 2025 Education Beyond the Classroom

WINTERIM EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL REGISTRATION

Signup dates/times

RISING SENIORS – Monday, May 6 at 6:00 AM (System will close 5/7 at 9PM.)

RISING JUNIORS – Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00 AM (System will close 5/9 at 9PM.)

RISING SOPHOMORES – Friday, May 10 at 6:00 AM

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL Registration for all students closes on Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 pm.

**STAY TUNED! Registration for local trips and opportunities will be open Fall 2024.*

Payment information

The following are the due dates for payment installments for Winterim Travel Courses.

Registration fee \$750 due at registration in May

Installment #1 Due June 30

Installment #2 Due August 1

Installment #3 Due September 20.

The travel sponsors will provide details of the exact installment amounts after registration. You are welcome to contact the sponsor directly for questions. You are also welcome to pay all at once if needed.

Educational Travel Refund information

We are bound by contracts with travel companies. If you must withdraw from a travel course for any reason, you will only receive a portion of your payments in return. See the scale below.

Withdrawal between May 6-May 17 – no penalty

Withdrawal between May 18-July 31 : \$750 deposit forfeited

Withdrawal between August 1-September 20: maximum refund available is 60%

Withdrawal between September 21 – November 10 – maximum refund available is 50%

Withdrawal after November 10 – no refund available

Your travel sponsor will discuss travel insurance options with all participants.



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2025 Educational Travel Course Offerings

Discover Natural Wonders of Puerto Rico (\$2900)

Combining adventure, science, service, and scenery, this trip will be one to remember! Explore Old San Juan—known for rich history, old forts and old world elegance, visit El Morro—a strategic fortress in the Caribbean, hike the trails and study the wildlife at El Yunque National Park--the only tropical rain forest in the U.S., swim in the pools, waterfalls and natural waterslides, kayak at sunset to the red mangrove forest and at night through the bioluminescent water, tour the Camuy Caves--one of the largest underground cave systems in the world, experience crystal blue waters on a Catamaran Cruise and snorkel at the island of Icacos, and learn about Ponce's cultural and scientific history. In addition, enjoy a full day of ministry with the kids at the local orphanage or participate in construction projects with Joshua Expeditions local mission partners. Cost includes Roundtrip Airfare from Nashville to Puerto Rico, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners, all tours with private tour guarantee, private land transportation, quality hotel accommodations, and a full-time JE tour director.

- Sponsors: Jamie Raab, Brittainy Tomichak, Andy Bradshaw
- Number of participants: 18-26 students; grades 10-12 only
- Cost: \$2900
- \$750 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- Departs on January 2; Returns on January 7
- Valid passport required.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip (\$1900)

Serve God's people through mission work in the Dominican Republic! We visit the DR for 5 days through the service organization, A Door to Hope. We have an opportunity to serve the impoverished village communities through construction projects, food distribution and teaching a Vacation Bible School. Outside of our missions, we will be able to experience the local culture and landscape that makes the DR such a spectacular place. We will also focus on developing the depth of our own individual faith journeys. Join us and do God's work! Cost includes: all housing, transportation, most meals, gratuities, and projects.

- Sponsors: Matt Golenor, Hannah Santi
- Number of participants: 15-30 students; grades 10-12 only
- Cost: \$1900 (estimated due to cost of airfare)
- \$750 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- Departs on January 2; Returns on January 7
- Valid passport required.

History and Culture in Germany and Austria (\$4325-\$4523)

We will begin our 8-day journey at our first stop in Munich where we will tour places such as the Palace of Nymphenburg, the Marienplatz, the Deutsches Museum, and Neuschwanstein Castle. We will then head to Dachau where we will tour the museum and then complete our service project. As we head to Salzburg, Austria, we will tour places such as Salzburg Cathedral, Mirabell Gardens, the Salt Mines, Fortress Hohensalzburg, and Melk Abbey. We will end our journey in Vienna, where we will tour Schönbrunn Palace, St Stephens Cathedral, and Prater Park. For those who love to ski, they will be given a day to ski through the Alps. For those who do not, they will have the option of a walking tour in Vienna and an afternoon to explore this beautiful city. The price includes flights, hotels, bus/train transportation, all breakfasts and dinners, tips, tickets to all tours and museums, and Vienna's giant ferris wheel ride. Skiing is optional and not included in trip price; this cost of \$150/skier includes lift tickets, ski rentals, and train ticket.

- Sponsors: Dana Atkins, Shannon Frost, Lindsay Wade, Jimmy Ker, Steve Widmaier
- Number of participants: 35-45 students; grades 10-12 only
- Cost: \$4325 (for 42) \$4523 (for 35)
- \$750 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- Departs on December 30; Returns on January 6
- Valid passport required.

Immersive Science Adventure in the Bahamas (\$3964/\$4369)

This course offers the exciting opportunity for students to experience a week-long field study, which includes 3 boat days, 2 north land days, and 1 south land day. Boat days are spent on the ocean snorkeling or scuba diving the third largest fringing barrier coral reef in the world, the Tongue of the Ocean, and oceanic blue holes. Land days explore the unique landscape filled with seven distinct plant communities, the largest concentration of freshwater blue holes in the world the endemic birds and reptiles, and the local artisans and community members of Andros. While at the station, guests can enjoy home cooked meals from our local staff, beach volleyball, basketball, ping pong, or swim on the beach. It's the ideal way to unplug and take a break from the constant buzz of our digital world. Most field study trips involve educational groups with a focus on Marine Science, Geology, Botany, Climate Change, or other fields of science, as well as social science topics.

Students will stay at Forfar Field Station, a rustic former dive resort nestled in a beachfront coconut grove on the east coast of Andros, the largest of the Bahamian Islands. Forfar Field Station is owned and operated by International Field Studies (IFS), a non-profit founded in 1970 dedicated to providing environmental education, scientific experiences, and cultural awareness through experiential learning. Forfar Field Station is named after Archie Forfar who originally built the field station as a dive resort in the 1960's. Forfar has educational staff who live on the island year-round facilitating guided field excursions, academic lectures, and general assistance for specific trip needs.

- Sponsors: Kathryn Cartwright, Bonnie Hall
- Number of participants: 20-25 grades 10-12 only
- Cost: \$4,369 (for 20 students) ***cost decreases with additional students (25/\$3964)
- \$750 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- Departs on January 2; Returns on January 7
- Valid passport required.

Taste of Texas (\$1900)

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of Texas with our Taste of Texas Winterim Trip. Spend five exhilarating days in the Lone Star State, participants will immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Texas history and culture, traversing iconic cities such as San Antonio, Austin, and Waco. From the legendary battlegrounds of the Alamo to the vibrant pulse of the San Antonio Riverwalk, every moment promises a new discovery. Students will delve into the unique heritage of Texas, gaining insight into its diverse traditions and customs. The itinerary is brimming with exciting excursions, including a campus tour of Baylor University, visiting Chip & Joanna Gaine's Magnolia Market, a duck boat tour around Austin, indulgent feasts of authentic Texas BBQ and TexMex cuisine, tour the historic Texas state capitol, and a unique dude ranch experience with campfire under the stars. This Winterim experience is not just a trip but an opportunity for students to expand their horizons, forge lifelong memories, and deepen their appreciation for the Lone Star State's distinctive place in US history and culture.

- Sponsors: Phil Goodman, Marshall Gray, Eryn Dennig
- Number of participants: 16-32 students; grades 10-12 only
- Cost: \$1900
- \$750 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- Departs on January 4; Returns on January 8

Unveiling the Mysteries of Panama (\$2869)

We will be visiting the country of Panama. We see the sights, experience the culture and cuisine as well as well-known national landmarks and as you see below, we will pack A LOT into this trip. Features include: Panama City landmarks Panama City guided sightseeing tour: Panama Canal, Casco Viejo, handicraft market, Biomuseo visit Punta Culebra Nature Center visit Panama Canal & Gatun Lake boat tour; Travel to Isla Galeta Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute visit La Granja Campo y Aventura visit; La Granja farm visit, La Granja ziplining tour, Kayak on Lake Gatun; Travel to Chorrera Pineapple Farm visit; Travel to Embera Village Chagres National Park and Emberá village excursion: Rio Chagres boat ride, Waterfall hike, and Emberá Village visit.

- Sponsors: Jim Chapman, Allie Raab, Katie White, Yolanda Chapman
- Number of participants: 20-30 students; grades 11-12 only
- Cost: \$2700.00 (includes all meals)
- \$750 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- Departs on January 1; Returns on January 6
- Valid passport required.

Wildlife, Exploration, and Culture in Costa Rica (\$3995)

Join us on an epic trip to Costa Rica! Get ready for heart-pounding ziplining, up-close encounters at a wildlife sanctuary, an enchanted trip to a butterfly farm, and lending a hand at a local school. Glide across the ocean on an outrigger, chill out on beautiful beaches, and explore the magical cloud forest on a night hike where bioluminescent wonders and nocturnal creatures await. It's an adventure-packed journey that'll leave you with unforgettable memories and stories to share!

- Sponsors: Tina Finley, Joshua Bell, Shari Christenson
- Number of participants: 20-40 students; grades 10-12 only
- Cost: 3995.00 (includes all meals)
- \$750 non-refundable deposit due at registration
- Departs on January 1; Returns on January 7
- Valid passport required.