



BRENTWOOD ACADEMY

Winterim

Education Beyond the Classroom

2025 Educational Travel Course Offerings

Discover Historic Charm and 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 Tomichek, 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! On this Winterim, will visit the Dominican Republic for five days with the BA's global service partner, A Door to Hope. We have an opportunity to serve the village communities alongside A Door to Hope by participating in construction projects, food distribution, and teaching a Vacation Bible School. Outside of this work, we will be able to experience the local culture and landscape that makes the Dominican Republic such a spectacular place. All the while, we will focus on

developing the depth of our own, individual faith journeys. Cost includes: all housing, transportation, most meals, gratuities, and project supplies.

- 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 eight-day journey through Germany and Austria in Munich where we will tour places such as the Palace of Nymphenburg, the Marienplatz, the Deutsches Museum, and Neuschwanstein Castle. We will then venture to Dachau where we will tour the museum there and complete a service project. Afterwards, we will turn our attention to Salzburg, Austria, where we will tour Salzburg Cathedral, Mirabell Gardens, the Salt Mines, Fortress Hohensalzburg, and Melk Abbey. We will end our journey in Vienna, where we will visit 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 entire 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; the cost is \$150/skier and includes lift tickets, ski rentals, and train ticket.

- Sponsors: Dana Atkins, Shannon Frost, Lindsay Wade, Colby Cameron, 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 (\$4369)

This course offers the exciting opportunity for students to experience a week-long field study focusing on Marine Science, Geology, Botany, Climate Change, or other fields of science, as well as social science topics.

Boat days will be spent on the ocean snorkeling or scuba diving in the third largest fringing barrier coral reef in the world, the Tongue of the Ocean, and oceanic blue holes. Land days will offer us the opportunity to explore the unique landscape filled with seven distinct plant

communities, the largest concentration of freshwater blue holes in the world, endemic birds and reptiles, as well as the local artisans and community members of Andros. 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.

- Sponsors: Katherine Cartwright, Bonnie Hall
- Number of participants: 20-25 grades 10-12 only
- Cost: \$4,369 (for 20 students)
- \$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, touring the historic Texas state capitol, and a unique dude ranch experience with a 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
- 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 (\$2700)

Join this Winterim where we will be visiting the country of Panama! We'll see the sights, experience the culture and cuisine, explore well-known national landmarks and so much more! Features include: Panama City guided sightseeing tour: Panama Canal, Casco Viejo, handicraft market, Biomuseo, Punta Culebra Nature Center, Gatun Lake boat tour; Travel to

Isla Galeta Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, visit La Granja Campo y Aventura; La Granja farm visit, La Granja ziplining tour; Travel to Chorrera Pineapple Farm; Travel to Embera Village Chagres National Park: Rio Chagres boat ride, Waterfall hike, and visit Emberá Village.

- 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 for 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, relax 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, Austin Groves, Jason Beddoe
- 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.