# Host Family Selection

The American host families are volunteers who willingly accept the responsibility of hosting a visitor in their home. EWT generally places one student per family, however, sometimes families may host 2 or more Australian students. Each traveller is required to write a personal biography complete with a recent photo.

The completed biographies are sent to our overseas Hosting Co-ordinators in America and it's their responsibility to manage the matching of the Australian student with an American student and their family, who have also completed a biography. From the information on both completed biographies the students will be matched on, where possible, the basis of compatibility. i.e. same hobbies, sport, music or interests. In addition the students will also generally be of the same age and same sex when possible. Hosts provide meals, complete living accommodation and transport to school during hosting. Meals away from the home are at the traveller's expense. One American High school will host the Australian school and all travellers will be staving in the surrounding local area.

The EWT Hosting Co-ordinator is available as a resource and contact person for the group during the host period.

#### **How To Join A Group**

Potential travellers express their interest to the Group Leader (teacher at your school) who will invite interested students and parents to attend an information meeting where a detailed explanation of the program will be given by the EWT staff. An Application to Travel Form, Medical Release Form and travel/ Medical Insurance Form (if applicable) must be submitted with a \$500 deposit approximately 10 days after the information meeting if you wish to join the program.

For more detailed information, please complete and return this slip to the Group Leader (teacher) at your school or forward direct to EWT. Please print your contact details.

Student Name:	
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School:	
Parent's Signature:	







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Travel in the January
School Holidays

## Tour Highlights:

- Disneyland
- Universal Studios
- Knott's Berry Farm
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Stay with an American Family
- Visit an American School





## **G'Day USA Concept**

The G'Day USA Program provides students with the opportunity to travel to the USA during the Australian school holidays. Students travel as part of a supervised group with a teacher acting as the Group Leader. The program is available to students aged 14 to 18 years.

## **Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 **Depart Australia**

Depart Australia for Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Transfer to your hotel in Orange County.

#### **DAY 2** Knott's Berry Farm

Knott's Berry Farm is now the United States' preeminent high-speed thrill park. You'll spin, drop, twirl, twist & turn through gravity-defying rides like Montezuma's Revenge, The Boomerang and The Ghostrider.

#### **DAY 3** San Diego

Get ready for sunshine and fresh air! Long known as "America's Finest City", you'll enjoy San Diego's famously great weather as you walk among the Spanish architecture and palm trees that make Old Town San Diego so unique. Then spend the afternoon at the Carlsbad Premium Shopping Outlets.

#### **DAY 4** Disneyland

Today you'll visit Walt Disney's world-famous masterpiece: Disneyland. The one and only home to Mickey Mouse, Disney is renowned for its "magical" immersion into the fantastic worlds of Buzz Lightyear, Sleeping Beauty, Star Wars. Combining both the latest technology and classic themes, Disneyland is, simply put, the measure by which other amusement parks are measured.

#### **DAY 5** Universal Studios

Lights! Camera! Action! Today we visit the theme park and movie set at Universal Studios, Hollywood. You'll also have plenty of time to take in the stunts shows, animal actors, and spectacular rides that make it an unparalleled experience. Make sure that you bring a camera to the studio. It's hard to say who you might see!

#### **DAY 6-15** Hosting - Live with an American Family

Visit your American host student and family. You'll stay with your host family in their home, get to know them, see their town, meet their friends and head out with them as they enjoy their favourite activities. Spend a day or two at an American school, have 2 full weekends with your American family and spend 4 great day tours out and about, taking in the highlights of your host city.

#### **Tour Inclusions**

- Return economy class airfares inclusive of airline fuel surcharges.
- \*\*\*Travel Insurance, as offered. See Insurance notes.\*\*\*
- Hotel Accommodation 3 star QUAD SHARE (two double beds).
- Continental breakfasts in hotels.
- All airport coach transfers in the USA.
- Coach transfers to all attractions.
- Entry fees to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Universal Studios.
- Full day tour to San Diego.
- All coaches required during hosting.
- Admissions to attractions during hosting (4 days).
- Full day tour of San Francisco.
- EWT tour jacket.
- EWT tour staff.

**DAY 16** 

**DAY 17** 

Bay Area dinner.

Francisco

Sav hello to the City by

the Bay! You'll arrive in

scenic San Francisco after

departing your host family and

will have the afternoon to explore

Pier 39 & Union Square

the city's famous twisting, hilly streets with your classmates and teachers.

Have a full day to get to know San Francisco. Visit

the shops and open-air markets you've seen countless times in the movies. Moving from there to iconic Union

Square Plaza by cable car, and stroll your way through the

crookedest street in the world, exclusive boutiques and old-

fashioned restaurants before stopping to take in another great

San

EWT hosting coordinator.

#### \*\*\*Insurance\*\*\*

EWT offers a Comprehensive Travel Insurance policy. Insurer and details will be provided with the tour application document.

#### Non Inclusions

- All Government taxes. (Approximately AUD \$198 per person. This amount is subject to change and will be advised approximately 75 days prior to departure.
- Passport Application.
- Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) application and associated fees.
- Processing of US Visa Application (if applicable), for passport holders from non US visa waiver countries.
- Spending money.

#### **Method Of Payment**

An initial deposit of \$500 followed by a second payment of \$500 and a third payment of \$1,000 are required prior to final payment. Final payment is due approximately 60 days before departure.

#### Cost

#### **DESTINATION: WEST COAST USA**

Ex: Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane Additional domestic add-on for Cairns & Adelaide

**TOTAL TOUR COST** 

\$6,895 (Incl. Travel Insurance -\*\*see Insurance Notes\*\*\*

Additional cost from other Australian cities. Complimentary tour jacket supplied to each traveller.

### Notes

Tour cost is based on rates for hotel accommodation, transfers, airfares, attractions, etc. including US dollar exchange rate of \$1.00 AUD to \$0.73 USD. Cost is subject to change and the final tour cost is advised approximately 75 days prior to travel.

> An initial tour deposit of \$500 is required. Cancellation penalties apply. See Application to Travel form for details. EWT reserves the right to alter or amend this itinerary at any time.

