

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2025 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Taiwan · Korea · Argentina



Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most visitors rarely get to see.

Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families* and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

*Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program

2025 Travel Dates*

| Japan 8-week: | June 11—August 8, 2025 |
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| Costa Rica: | June 19—July 18, 2025 |
| Argentina: | June 19—July 13, 2025 |
| Japan 4-week: | July 9—August 8, 2025 |
| South Korea: | July 16—August 15, 2025 |
| Taiwan: | July 16—August 15, 2025 |

*Program dates subject to slight change or modification

Eligibility:

4-H ages **12—18** for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan, **12—17** for Korea, and **15—18** for Costa Rica, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

Program Information:

- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States' 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States' 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Application Deadline & Program Fees:

Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply. *Please note that program details are subject to change.*

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States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and **global citizenship;** one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



Program Fees Include:

Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; countryspecific activities as determined by international partner organizations; overnight national departure debriefing upon return.

Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak another language?

A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.