

Organization beforehand

- After enrollment: mailing the documents in support of the application (CV, letter with pictures, recent school report and signed program regulations)
- February 2018: first information meeting
- May 2018: submitting the completed files
- End of May: two-day preparatory seminar
- End of June/beginning of July: Trip to US Consulate
- August 2018: last information meeting

Please take this into consideration while planning vacation

Preliminary Program Schedule:

Day 1, 8/14/2018 – Arrival

Participants meet at Düsseldorf airport for group check-in for flight to New York. After arrival and US customs, bus transfer to Vanderbilt YMCA, where rooms will be distributed. Dinner and walk to Grand Central and Times Square, followed by return to YMCA.

Day 2, 8/15/2018 – New York

Breakfast near YMCA, followed by walk through Manhattan with lunch in Battery Park. Staten Island Ferry ride past the Statue of Liberty, subway ride to Brooklyn, walk past Fulton Mall toward the Brooklyn Bridge. Dinner and return to Manhattan by foot over the Brooklyn Bridge. Return to YMCA via Subway.

Day 3, 8/16/2018 – New York

Following breakfast near the YMCA, bus trip to the Fulton Market, with free time on Pier 17, followed by walking tour of Wallstreet and Ground Zero. Continue past city hall toward Chinatown with lunch in a Chinese restaurant, followed by free time. Evening meeting in Times Square for dinner, return to YMCA.

Day 4, 8/17/2018 – New York

After breakfast, walk to and tour United Nations Building. Bus trip to Central Park for picnic. Optional Museum visit including the American Museum of Natural History or Metropolitan Museum of Art. Evening tour of the Empire State Building followed by dinner at a local restaurant and return to hostel.

Day 5, 8/18/2018 – New York - Buffalo

Breakfast near the YMCA, check-out and deposit of luggage in storage facility, walk to Fifth Avenue, afternoon return to YMCA

for departure to Buffalo via bus. Arrival in Buffalo with greeting by American Partner Lynn Engle and introduction to host families.

8/19 - 12/8/2018 – Buffalo

Attend a private High School while living with a host family and participating in informational and local sightseeing program organized by our partner, together with Buffalo Seminary residency program participants.

About 20 miles from Buffalo lies the world renowned Niagara Falls, a highlight of the program. Also on the itinerary are the following activities:

- Darien Lake
- Reception at City Hall
- Sky High Adventure Park
- Rafting
- and more...

12/8/2018 – Buffalo - Toronto

In the late afternoon, departure to Toronto airport and flight home.

12/9/2018 – Arrival

Morning arrival in Düsseldorf, participants met by parents/family/friends.

Program is subject to change!

Departure Airport

Departure/arrival airport may change from Düsseldorf to Frankfurt if necessary.

General Information

The Foreign Institute of North Rhein-Westphalia ® (Auslandsgesellschaft NRW e.V.) has coordinated the High School program in Buffalo and the surrounding region for over thirty years. Participants attend a private high school (fees for these schools, between 1,500 US\$ and 2,500 US\$ are paid directly to the schools). You will be under the supervision of not only our partner Lynn Engle and your host family, but your high school teachers as well.

Participants will be accompanied to and from Buffalo by a coordinator from the Foreign Institute. Mrs. Lynn Engle, a

teacher at Canisius College, is available to students, parents and schools throughout the duration of the program if questions or issues arise.

Eligibility:

Selection of participants by the Foreign Institute is based on the following criteria:

- Participant has completed either 9th grade (Gymnasium) or 10th grade (Gesamtschule)
- Advanced, proven knowledge of the English language
- Core subject grade point average of 2,5.
- Residency in Dortmund
- Willingness to host an American student in their own home
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It has been our experience over the last several years, that participants with allergies to pet dander (hair) are more difficult to place due to the high number of American host families with pets.

Applicants residing in areas outside of Dortmund may participate only if there are not enough participants already from the Dortmund area.

Please also take note that participation in the program is only possible when sufficient host families in Buffalo are being found!!

Entry Requirements

Passports submitted for visas must be valid at least **six (6) months after the scheduled return to Germany**. It is also necessary that you provide a digital copy of this passport at least three (3) months before departure, so that we may acquire the appropriate visa. If you do not yet have a passport, please keep in mind that this may take up to two (2) months to process a passport request. In addition to the american visa, you will need the canadian eTA (7,00 CAN\$) to be allowed to cross the border.



Included in your program quote:

- Round-trip airfare Düsseldorf - New York/Toronto – Düsseldorf in economy class
- 23kg of check-in luggage, with one additional carry-on weighing no more than 8 kg
- New York Programm including room and board
- Transfer New York – Buffalo – Toronto
- Placement in a local private high school
- Placement with a host family
- Accident, liability and health insurance
- Cancellation insurance
- Bankruptcy insurance required by law
- Group travel to US Embassy in Frankfurt for visa application
- Accompaniment to and from Buffalo by a colleague of the Foreign Institute
- German-speaking supervision while in Buffalo
- Informational program and excursions in and around Buffalo
- Prearrangement meeting with overnight at the Catholic Academy of Schwerte
- Additional prearrangement meetings and presentations

Not included in your program quote:

- Spending money
- School fees (1.500 - 2.500 US\$)
- SEVIS Visa fee (ca. 200 US\$)
- Visa administrative fee (ca. 140,00 US\$)
- Additional insurances

Minimum participant number: 12**Program cost: 5.799,-€**

We reserve the right to change the price in accordance with significant increases in either exchange rates or international flight taxes (Status: 08/17/2016 - 1 Euro = 1,12 US\$).

Terms and conditions of the Foreign Institute apply, and may be found on our webpage, www.agnrw.de.

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Program Director:
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Dates: **08/15 - 12/10/2017**
+/- 1 day

Price: **5799,-€**
Min. participant number:12



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