



School Break Travel Programs

We know it is important for families to make plans for their daughters during vacations when the dorms close (Thanksgiving, December, and spring break). We offer a number of travel opportunities for students to participate in leadership workshops or service work, visit a new city, enroll in an additional preparation session (e.g. SAT course), or visit a college. Some years, we offer school-organized service, cultural, and art trips over spring break and early summer vacation. Families should make plans as early as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Rasin Center for Global Justice: Kathryn Taylor at ktaylor@westoverschool.org.

1. Student Cultural Exchange: Travel Programs Inspiring Change

- Provides immersion-based travel opportunities for students to explore American culture
- Offers Thanksgiving break programs in Boston, Florida, Washington D.C., in addition to New England college tours
 - For more information, please visit: www.studentculturalexchange.com

2. Ivy Leader: Teaching Life Skills That Matter (New Hampshire)

- Available for all 9th graders, lasts 8 days during Thanksgiving break, takes place at Dartmouth University
- SSAT and TOEFL preparation sessions, essay writing and editing workshops, interview skills training course with mock interviews
- Application deadline is in September
 - For more information, please visit: www.ivyleader.com

3. Colibri (Boston)

- Based in downtown Boston, specializes in serving international boarders who want a fun and enriching experience when the dorms close
- Led by Boston college students, participants get both academic support and cultural exploration
 - For more information, please visit: <http://www.colibriboston.org/>

4. *United Planet*

- Provides students with a number of options for meaningful volunteering abroad during breaks
- Offers short term (1-2 week) service programs to 12 countries, including the U.S.
 - For more information, please visit: <http://www.unitedplanet.org/>

5. *Due West Education* (NYC)

- Designed for students who want to improve their English writing skills, focused support and guidance on a school-specific essay or research project, or to explore NYC during their school break
- Organized housing located near Columbia University with 24-hr monitoring and mentoring by Due West staff
 - For more information, please visit: <http://duewesteducation.com>

6. *Go Abroad*

- Offers a search function to find a program that fits your needs in terms of focus, duration and location
 - For more information, please visit:
<http://www.goabroad.com/highschool-study-abroad/search/alternative-spring-break/highschool-programs-abroad-1>

7. *Rustic Pathways*

- Offers a number of alternative holiday 1-week trips, specializing in meaningful travel
 - For more information, please visit:
<https://rusticpathways.com/programs/program-types/spring-break/>