

# Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange, Inc.

## Country Information Report 2022-23 - Long Term

### Austria

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/08/2004 to 08/08/2007 Arrival Date: 08/01/2022 Arrival Age: 14.9 to 18.4

### Belgium

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2004 to 08/01/2006 Arrival Date: 08/01/2022 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.5

2 years of French. No vegetarians. No Graduated students (legal requirement). No students with medical indications of mental disorders, including ADD/ADHD, or taking medications for same (generally not prescribed or allowed for people under 18yo)

### Bosnia

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/10/2004 to 08/10/2007 Arrival Date: 08/10/2022 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

LOCATION: whole country; D1910; RESTRICTIONS: prefer non-graduates; prefer non-smokers; LANGUAGE: basic Bosnian before arrival; beginner level course in Bosnian or Serbian language provide upon arrival no cost; INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ USD 1300; EMERGENCY FUND: BAM 600; VISAS: resident permit; fee BAM 60; OTHER FEES: translation charges & health assessment @ ~ BAM 150; ARRIVAL: Aug-10 to Aug-15; DEPARTURE: Jun-20 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: 2 strongly advised trips + 5 optional trips;

### Brazil

IB Slots: 5 OB Slots: 5 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2004 to 08/01/2007 Arrival Date: 08/01/2022 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

LOCATION: 13 districts of 38 throughout Brazil; RESTRICTIONS: none; LANGUAGE: basic Portuguese before arrival; INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ \$1000 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$350 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: July-25 to Aug-29; DEPARTURE: June-01 to July-10; FAMILY VISITS: may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Rotary tours are offered

### Colombia

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/10/2004 to 02/10/2007 Arrival Date: 08/10/2022 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

LOCATION: D4281; northern 2/3 of country RESTRICTIONS: all HS age students and graduates are OK; no smokers; dietary restrictions are OK LANGUAGE: basic Spanish before arrival; no formal language camp INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ \$1100 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$ 400 US VISAS: student visa during exchange; immigration fees \$100 US ; OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-10 to Aug-15 DEPARTURE: Jul 4 to Jul 20 FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered

### Czechia

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/15/2004 to 02/15/2007 Arrival Date: 08/15/2022 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

LOCATION: D2240 = 2 Countries: Czechia & Slovakia; RESTRICTIONS: non-graduates preferred (less than 18.0) and must be pre-approved; LANGUAGE: basic Czech before arrival; no language camp or organized tutoring offered; INSURANCE: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~ CZK 6 533 (~ USD 260) + Ohio-Erie specified supplemental insurance Plan B ~USD 400; EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 300 EUR or CZK 8.000; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: Aug-18 to Aug-29; DEPARTURE: Jul-01 to Jul-10 MUST; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered; 6 days (~EUR 400) & 15 days (~ EUR 1 000)

### Ecuador

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2004 to 08/01/2007 Arrival Date: 08/01/2022 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

LOCATION: D4400 = Entire country. RESTRICTIONS: will not accept smokers; HS Graduates OK; Dietary challenges OK. LANGUAGE: Basic Spanish before arrival; Spanish Language and Orientation Camps. Cost \$500.00 paid by the student. (MANDATORY). (5 days 4 nights). INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ \$1100 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 US. VISAS: Student visa is needed. <http://www.ecuador-travel-guide.org/general/VISAS.htm> . Fee is \$50. OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: 23-25 August; DEPARTURE: between 30-June and 15-July. FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS 4 separate Rotary Trips are offered. 1st trip in October is FREE, other three range from \$900 - \$1500 approx.

### Finland

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2005 to 08/01/2006 Arrival Date: 08/06/2022 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 17.5

LOCATION: Finland & Estonia (infrequent) RESTRICTIONS: No high school graduates; No smokers. LANGUAGE: Language test at the end of the exchange INSURANCE: O-E Plan 1. EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 300 on arrival. VISA: Travel to the Consulate in New York. No information for Estonia OTHER FEES: Monthly stipend is 11 months at EUR 60/month. ARRIVAL: Usually the first Sunday in August DEPARTURE: beginning of June after the end of school unless the student is going on the Euro tour FAMILY VISITS: Visits discouraged, but must be no earlier than 7 months after the start of the exchange. Family visits must be approved by the host club. TRIPS: Three trips: Northern Finland and Lapland (Nov); St. Petersburg, Russia (expensive visa) (Apr); Euro Tour, 2 weeks by bus (Jun) Costs not available.

### France

IB Slots: 5 OB Slots: 5 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/25/2005 to 08/25/2007 Arrival Date: 08/25/2022 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.5

LOCATION: 18 Districts in France and D-9220 Réunion Island, off of Madagascar (Travel costs may be higher. RESTRICTIONS: Age 15 17.5 upon arrival. Older qualified students considered on a case-by-case basis. No graduated students. High School is mandatory with demonstrated performance. No vegan or gluten-free; vegetarians may be accepted if approved in advance - no guarantees. Must meet French vaccination requirements before arrival, including COVID-19. NOTE: No students will be accepted that are prescribed psychotropic medications or diagnosed with history or current evidence of nervous, emotional, or mental abnormality, functional nervous fatigue, depression, suicide attempts, eating disorders, antisocial behavior, attention deficit disorders requiring medication, or other similar conditions. Undisclosed ailments, conditions or medications may be grounds for an early return. LANGUAGE: Knowledge of French Language required, at least two years of study recommended. INSURANCE: You must purchase the French insurance, 2019 fee was 675 . EMERGENCY FUND: 2019 requirement was 300 cash. VISAS: Consulate visit will be necessary. Plan on travel expenses for your in-person interview, amount depends on your location. Passport is required and must be valid for at least six months past the exchange, with special requirements if you turn 18yo while on your exchange. OTHER FEES: Approximately 150 for the Rotary Youth Days of REIMS CITY (except Réunion Island students) upon arrival in France. OPTIONAL: 2021 France and Europa Tour. Approx. 800 and 1,300 respectively based on 2019 cost. ARRIVAL: All students arrive on or about August 25, 2022, excluding Réunion Island.

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Some German required. Language Proficiency test @ 3 months. No high school graduates accepted. Students are charged a 100 euro fee by the German government to purchase their student visa once they have arrived in the country.

### Hungary

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/19/2005 to 08/19/2007    Arrival Date: 08/19/2022    Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.0

LOCATION: whole country; D1911;    RESTRICTIONS: non-graduates and students with less than 12 years of school only; no smokers; no tattoos or piercings during exchange;    LANGUAGE: basic Hungarian before arrival; mandatory two language camps at EUR 300 each;    INSURANCE: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~ USD 1 200;    EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 300;    VISAS: student visa during exchange; immigration SEVIS fee HUF 20 000;    OTHER FEES: none identified    ARRIVAL: Aug-20 to Aug-30;    DEPARTURE: Jun-15 to Jun-30;    FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made;    TRIPS: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered;

### India

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 07/01/2004 to 07/01/2007    Arrival Date: 07/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

LOCATION: D3030=Maharashtra State (Central India); D3060=Gujarat State (NE India);    RESTRICTIONS: most families are vegetarian;    LANGUAGE: basic Hindi before arrival; D3030 Marathi is regional language, lessons provided free throughout the year; D3060 Gujarati is regional language; no language camp or organized tutoring offered;    INSURANCE: must purchase O-E specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ USD \$1 100;    EMERGENCY FUND: USD 250-350;    VISAS: student visa during exchange;    OTHER FEES: none identified;    ARRIVAL: D3030: ~Jul-05-20; D3060: ~Jul-25-30;    DEPARTURE: Apr-15 to May-31;    FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made;    TRIPS: D3030: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered, 25 days each, INR 65000/- (~ USD 1 000); D3060 2 Rotary organized tours are offered, ~14 days, INR 55 000;

### Italy

IB Slots: 3    OB Slots: 3    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/01/2004 to 08/01/2007    Arrival Date: 09/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.1 to 18.1

LOCATION: Italy, Malta & San Marino; 11 districts = multidistrict;    RESTRICTIONS: no smokers; full disclosure required about dietary issues, physical limitations or mental health concerns;    LANGUAGE: basic Italian before arrival;    INSURANCE: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~ EUR 600;    EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 400;    VISAS: Residence Permit @ EUR 150;    OTHER FEES: n/a;    ARRIVAL: Sep-1st wk;    DEPARTURE: Jun-end;    FAMILY VISITS: may be permitted ONLY during 4 months quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made;    TRIPS: no information provided

### Japan

IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 2    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 03/01/2004 to 08/01/2007    Arrival Date: 08/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.4

LOCATION: D2500, 2520, D2550, D2610, D2630, D2690, D2700;    RESTRICTIONS: tattoos may be socially unacceptable    LANGUAGE: basic Japanese    INSURANCE: must purchase Japan specified medical & liability insurance ~ \*\*\*\*US;    EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 to \$350 US;    VISAS: student visa during exchange;    OTHER FEES: none identified; school uniform historically provided by District, but school-specific shoes are required for school and gym    ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29;    DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30;    FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from District Chair then host club agreement prior to any plans being made;    TRIPS: vary according to region, while not mandatory all Districts strongly encourage student participation (about \$1200 US and the District pays the rest); trips are a package-no ala carte or selecting one trip and not another

### Mexico

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/01/2004 to 08/01/2007    Arrival Date: 08/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

LOCATION: D4100 (NW), D4130 (NE), D4185 (Central) & D4195 (Yucatan)    RESTRICTIONS: non-graduates preferred & must be pre-approved;    LANGUAGE: basic Span before arrival; no language camp or organized tutoring offered;    INSURANCE: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~ MXN \$15,800 (~US \$775); Ohio-Erie specified supplemental insurance Plan B ~US \$400 (OPTIONAL);    EMERGENCY FUND: ~ MXN \$6200 (~ US\$300);    VISAS: student visa during exchange;    OTHER FEES: none identified;    ARRIVAL: Aug-01 to Aug-15;    DEPARTURE: 30-June (Suggested) MUST;    FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made;    TRIPS: There is Orientation and District Conference in each District, and will be in various locations. There are also different Rotary trips within each district. Once you know your district, we can drill down deeper. US\$200 US\$1800.

### Poland

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/15/2004 to 02/15/2007    Arrival Date: 08/15/2022    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

LOCATION: Whole country.    RESTRICTIONS: No high school graduates; No smokers;    LANGUAGE: Language camp at a cost of 1,550 PLN (approx. USD \$1,000).    INSURANCE: Rotary Compliant policy purchased from hosting district. Approx cost USD \$1,000 via wire transfer plus O-E Supplemental Plan.    EMERGENCY FUND: USD \$500 on arrival.    VISA: Travel to the Consulate may be necessary.    OTHER FEES: None identified. Monthly stipend is 10 months at USD \$100/month.    ARRIVAL: Mid-August.    DEPARTURE: 1 week to 1 month after the end of school, around the end of June.    FAMILY VISITS: After April 1 with consent of the host club. No friends. Siblings must be accompanied by natural parents.    TRIPS: No information provided. No independent travel.

### Slovakia

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/15/2003 to 02/01/2007    Arrival Date: 08/15/2022    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 19.0

LOCATION: D2240 = 2 Countries: Czechia & Slovakia;    RESTRICTIONS: non-graduates preferred and must be pre-approved;    LANGUAGE: basic Slovak before arrival; no language camp or organized tutoring offered;    INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance Plan A ~ USD 1000;    EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 600;    VISAS: "Temporary Residence Permit" (TRP) 1 year prior to leaving; post arrival get ID card (EUR 10); infectious diseases medical (~EUR 100);    OTHER FEES: none identified;    ARRIVAL: Aug-18 to Aug-29;    DEPARTURE: Jul-01 to Jul-10 MUST;    FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made;    TRIPS: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered; 6 days (~EUR 400) & 15 days (~ EUR 1 000)

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### South Korea

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LOCATION: district 3590 and 3600 (SKRYE multidistrict) and district 3750; RESTRICTIONS: tattoos may be socially unacceptable. No high school graduates LANGUAGE: basic Korean; language camp (US\$80) and organized tutoring offered (some charge \$60, some are free); INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical liability insurance ~ \$1,300 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 to \$350 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29; DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from SKRYE District Chair then host club to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Korean Explorer is 5 trips each 5 days long, total cost about \$1,800; optional trip to Japan for 5 days, \$1,000; optional trip to Thailand for 5 days, \$1,000

### Spain

IB Slots: 3    OB Slots: 3    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 03/01/2005 to 03/01/2007    Arrival Date: 09/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

LOCATION: whole country, includes Canary Islands; 3 districts = MD; RESTRICTIONS: non-graduates only; no smokers; LANGUAGE: A-1 level Spanish before arrival; INSURANCE: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance EUR 750; EMERGENCY FUND: EUR 500; VISAS: consulate visit required; notarized "Biological Parent Authorization" ~ USD 50 + consulate fees ~ USD 70; OTHER FEES: none identified; ARRIVAL: Sep-01 to Sep-10; DEPARTURE: Jun-15 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last 3 months of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: EuroTour 1-2 wks @ ~ EUR 2 500;

### Switzerland

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/08/2004 to 02/08/2007    Arrival Date: 08/08/2022    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

LOCATION: whole country; 3 districts = Multidistrict; German-speaking only placements; RESTRICTIONS: Non-graduates only; no recurring history of medical/psychological problems (e.g., depression, anorexia, bulimia, etc.); LANGUAGE: basic German/French before arrival; required completion of free online Rosetta Stone Level 1 & 2 before arrival; post arrival = mandatory 3 wk intensive language course CHF 800 paid before; INSURANCE: specific MD Switzerland policy ~ CHF 1 5000, purchased prior to arrival; + students MAY be required to also purchase Ohio-Erie specified supplemental insurance Plan B ~ USD 400 EMERGENCY FUND: none; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: n/a; ARRIVAL: Aug-03 to Aug-10; DEPARTURE: 1 wk after end of school year ~ Jul-15; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last month of exchange or last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: EuroTour 17 days = EUR 2 600; half tour = EUR 1 500;

### Taiwan

IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 2    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 03/01/2004 to 02/10/2007    Arrival Date: 08/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.4 to 18.4

LOCATION: TRYEMP and TRYEX multidistricts; RESTRICTIONS: none, liking fish or seafood helpful LANGUAGE: basic Mandarin; organized tutoring offered (some charge \$60, some are free); INSURANCE: must purchase Ohio-Erie specified medical & liability insurance ~ \$1,300 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$300 to \$350 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified + ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29; DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from District Chair then host club approval prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Explore Taiwan, total cost about \$1,800

### Thailand

IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 2    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 03/01/2004 to 02/01/2007    Arrival Date: 08/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.4

LOCATION: district 3330, 3340, 3350, 3360; RESTRICTIONS: tattoos may be socially unacceptable. No high school graduates LANGUAGE: basic Thai; Free language camp provided by district INSURANCE: must purchase O-E specified medical liability insurance ~ \$1,300 US; EMERGENCY FUND: \$500 US; VISAS: student visa during exchange; OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: Aug-18-29; DEPARTURE: May-31 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last quarter of exchange; strict permission protocol from District Chair then host club to be followed prior to any plans being made; TRIPS: Thailand Trip provided by each district which have 2 trips each 7-14 days long, total cost about \$1,300-\$1,700;

### Turkey

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/28/2005 to 02/28/2007    Arrival Date: 07/31/2022    Arrival Age: 15.4 to 17.4

LOCATION: D2420=Istanbul, D2430=Eastern Turkey; RESTRICTIONS: D2420: non-graduates only; 16.0 to 18.0 age; D2430: non-graduates preferred; 15.5 to 17.5 age; LANGUAGE: basic Turkish before arrival; D2420 provides weekend language training (64 hrs) @ ~ USD 200; D2430 provides free beginner Turkish language prior to orientation; INSURANCE: D2420: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~TRY 3 000; + O-E specified insurance ~ USD 1 100; D2430: must purchase in-country medical & liability insurance ~ USD 1 200 + O-E specified supplemental insurance Plan B ~USD 400; EMERGENCY FUND: D2420: USD 300; D2430: USD 500; VISAS: D2420: post arrival "Notary Translation" (USD 300) + Resident Permit (USD 175); OTHER FEES: none identified ARRIVAL: D2420: Aug-25 to Sep-01; D2430: Jul-30 to Aug-02; DEPARTURE: D2420: Jun-30; D2430: Jun-15 to Jun-30; FAMILY VISITS: D2420: not recommended/strongly discouraged; may be permitted ONLY during last month of exchange; strict permission protocol to be followed prior to any plans being made; D2430: NO visits permitted TRIPS: D2420: 2 Rotary organized tours are offered, 5-6 days each, ~USD 1000; D2430: 4 Rotary organized tours are offered, 3 days to 10 days, USD 350 to 1 300;

### Uganda

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 0    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/01/2004 to 08/01/2007    Arrival Date: 08/01/2022    Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0