

# Central States Rotary Youth Exchange

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### Argentina

IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 2    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/01/2003 to 02/01/2005    Arrival Date: 08/01/2020    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

Due to various Rotary District boundaries, assignment by the hosting District to Argentina is not guaranteed. If assigned by Central States to Argentina, you need to be prepared to accept assignment to either Paraguay or Uruguay by the hosting district. All districts accept the comprehensive Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Insurance. Students assigned to Argentina/Paraguay/Uruguay may have different entry/visa requirements. The Emergency Fund is \$400 to 500 USD. Students wanting to go to Argentina should have a basic understanding of South American Spanish (A minimum of 40 hours of instruction). A letter of intent to study basic conversational Spanish is requested. Students hosted in Argentina must submit a copy of the entire passport including empty pages. Entry to Argentina is by a student visa. Students are required to bring \$180 USD to reimburse the host district for the costs of the Student visa paperwork initiated in Argentina. This is above what the student will pay in the USA/Canada towards securing the Student Visa. Some districts charge \$150 to \$200 US for a trip associated with the 1st inbound orientation on arrival. There are 2 major trips one to the Southern Patagonia region (Nov/Dec) and one to the northern regions and wine country (April/May) The costs of these trips will be made available to the students approximately 2 months before the trip takes place. Students who have been treated for mental health conditions need to have been out of treatment and off medications for 2 years prior to applying for a position in Argentina. Students going to Argentina need to show proof of Yellow Fever Immunization.

### Australia

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/01/2002 to 02/01/2005    Arrival Date: 08/01/2020    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

Students have to purchase both Australian Medical Insurance and National Health Insurance. CSRYE insurance may also be required.

### Austria

IB Slots: 1    OB Slots: 1    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/01/2002 to 08/01/2004    Arrival Date: 08/01/2020    Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.0

Must be free of all medical or counseling for one year for ADHD, Depression or Eating Disorders. Two week mandatory language camp is 500 Euros. Visa will be done in Austria, 100 Euro. Vaccinations will also be done in Austria, 30 Euro. One year of German at date of application required. In-Country insurance is mandatory (2018 cost was 690 Euro). Also no students that have had active and prescriptive treatment for depression, attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, etc. for the 2 years prior to the application date will be accepted.

### Belgium

IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 2    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/10/2002 to 08/10/2004    Arrival Date: 08/10/2020    Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.5

Belgium country insurance required (avg. \$500 - \$600EU). Strict on rules. Several tours available (each \$400EU to \$1100EU). Language camp in September optional but very much encouraged. No ADD, eating disorders, depression, or anxiety; no vegans or vegetarians. NO smoking. \$500US emergency fund required for holding by District upon arrival. Age 15.5 with special permission.

### Bolivia

IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 2    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/01/2003 to 02/01/2005    Arrival Date: 08/01/2020    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

Bolivia is located in western-central South America. It is bordered by Brazil to the north and east, Paraguay and Argentina to the south, Chile to the Southwest, and Peru to the west. The whole country is one Rotary district. Students are hosted in the 6 major cities of Bolivia; La Paz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Cochabamba, Oruro, Sucre, and Tarija. Bolivia accepts Central States Comprehensive insurance. Students wishing to go to Bolivia need to know the basics of the Spanish Language. A letter of intent to study basic conversational Spanish is requested. The Emergency Fund is \$500 USD. The inbound orientations are provided at no cost to the student. There are several trips that are available to the students at their cost. These trips include a tour of the major cities of Bolivia, a trip to Machu Pichu- Peru and the Pantanal and Bonito trip offered in Brazil. A monthly allowance of \$60 USD per month is provided for the students. All students must demonstrate that they have been vaccinated for Yellow Fever. Any student who has been treated for a mental health condition is asked to be medication and treatment free for two years before applying to be hosted in Bolivia.

### Brazil

IB Slots: 11    OB Slots: 11    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/01/2003 to 02/01/2005    Arrival Date: 08/01/2020    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

Brazil is a very large country with 31 Rotary districts. The national language is Portuguese (with regional influences) and the country is 90% catholic. Knowing the basics of the Brazilian Portuguese language is expected of students assigned to Brazil. A letter of intent to study basic conversational Brazilian Portuguese is required to be submitted by student being hosted in Brazil. The emergency fund is approximately \$500. Each student must register and apply for a temporary resident card from the Federal Police within 30 days of arrival. The cost for this is approximately \$150 US. You will need to provide more than two passport photographs and an apostille birth certificate when you register with the Federal Police in Brazil. Some districts are starting to charge for a language camp and Rotary events held throughout the year. There are 4 trips that can be taken throughout the year that students can apply to take. The information for the trips are posted on the travel agency website which will be provided to you by the host district. The Brazilian districts accept Central States insurance but will recommend that students purchase CISI Bolduc insurance if no insurance is provided by the sponsoring district. Each student is required to provide proof of Yellow Fever Immunization. Students who have been treated for a mental health condition must be drug and treatment free for two years prior to going to Brazil.

### Chile

IB Slots: 5    OB Slots: 5    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/01/2003 to 02/01/2005    Arrival Date: 08/01/2020    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

Emergency Funds \$500 to \$550. Accepts Central States Insurance. In-country tours offered and cost about \$2000. No language camps, but knowledge of Spanish a plus. Will accept vegetarians. Students are not allowed to drink alcohol in Chile. It is easy to get access to alcoholic beverages, but if a student is found drunk, they will be given a yellow card. Foreign health insurances are not admitted in Chile, therefore if the student requires medical attention they must pay the full amount and then send the bills to their biological family for a refund from their insurance company.

### Colombia

IB Slots: 2    OB Slots: 2    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 08/01/2002 to 02/01/2005    Arrival Date: 08/01/2020    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

Accepts Central States Insurance. No language camp, but some covered at no cost during orientation meeting. Should know a few sentences in Spanish. Will accept vegetarians. Offers three optional tours: 1. Colombia Tour cost \$1400. 2. Amazon River Adventure cost \$700. 3. San Andres Caribbean Island \$700. Visas are obtained in your home country. Inbound orientation is required and costs \$120. Also required is a RH Blood test. Foreigners in Colombia are required to purchase an ID which is obtained upon arrival and costs \$60.

### Croatia

IB Slots: 0    OB Slots: 0    LTEP? Y    STEP? N    DOB: 02/10/2003 to 02/10/2005    Arrival Date: 08/10/2020    Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

Can't arrive over the age of 18.0

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### Czech Republic

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One Rotary District with Slovak Republic. Assignment specially to Czech or Slovak not guaranteed. One year free of ADHD or eating disorder treatment. Vegetarian okay. Emergency Fund, 350 euro. Get Visa Here. in-country Insurance required. Approx cost \$650

### Ecuador

IB Slots: 3 OB Slots: 3 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 04/15/2002 to 02/15/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.4 to 18.3

Summer Outbounds go to the highland area of Ecuador Quito and Cuenca. Ecuador accepts Central States Insurance. No language requirement to go to Ecuador, but the student is expected to learn Spanish and if sufficient progress is not made, then the student may be sent home. Student should bring a bilingual dictionary and learn some basic Spanish before arriving. September 2020 there is a Mandatory Spanish Language and Orientation camp. The cost is about \$500 and is paid by the student. There will be 2 optional tours to the Amazon cost \$890, Galapagos Islands cost \$1500. Also the cost of the district conference is \$450. The student needs a type 12 VIII visa available in the consulate of the home country. VISA INSTRUCTION:  
Every exchange student needs for his/her legal stay a one-year visa Resident Temporary - Student / Residente Temporal Estudiante, which can be obtained at the primary Ecuadorian Consulate in your area; it is necessary that every student gets his/her visa from the Consulate. The General Direction of Immigration Matters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has authorized the Consulates of our partner countries to issue these visas in due course total cost Application fee \$ 50 and visa cost \$ 100 To obtain the visa rapidly, the following steps must be undertaken by each student: IMMUNIZATIONS  
It is expected that all students have their immunizations as usually applied to children and youngsters and to bring along their personal vaccination certificate. Verify Tetanus and Polio vaccinations. It is a new regulation for Ecuador: You must have the immunization for Yellow Fever, since our trips include the Amazon Region.

### France

IB Slots: 9 OB Slots: 9 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/20/2003 to 02/20/2005 Arrival Date: 08/20/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

Will accept one or two students 18 years of age at arrival. There is additional visa work upon arrival for those older students. French country insurance is required and is approximately \$650EU. Language tutors are available at student expense. There are 19 districts and there is mostly uniform operation of rules (strict), study (strict rules for class). Some districts have orientation camps. An emergency fund of \$500US is required for deposit with each District upon arrival. Studying French before arrival is encouraged and requested. No psychological problems. Note reference Reunion Island: This location must be requested only after consideration by the student and parent regarding this exchange which is unique by its distance from France itself and because there is less opportunity to experience more than just that one island culture. There is usually one exchange available with an early application.

### Germany

IB Slots: 12 OB Slots: 12 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

It is preferred that Students have some German language skills but at a minimum they should start learning German before they leave and to arrive with some modest language skills. Language skills may be tested within 10 to 12 weeks of arrival. Students must purchase host country insurance (2018 cost was 450 Euros). Also no students that have had active and prescriptive treatment for depression, attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, etc. for the 2 years prior to the application date will be accepted. Some districts (but not all) will have a Language School which the student will be required to pay for (costs ranged from 300 to 500 Euros)

### Greece

IB Slots: 0 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: to Arrival Date: Arrival Age: 15.5 18.0

NO TWO WAY EXCHANGES AVAILABLE

### Guatemala

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: to Arrival Date: Arrival Age: 15.5 18.0

### Hungary

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/25/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

Student must be declared free of all counseling or medical for ADHD, Depression or Eating Disorders for one year. Mandatory two separate one week Language Camps (Cost 600 Euros) payable in advance before arrival in Hungary. Should have 300 Euros Emergency fund. Exchange is 10 months. depart by 6/30/17. 60 Euro Sevis fee. Arrive as Visitor. get visa there. Hungary accepts CSRYE insurance. Also no students that have had active and prescriptive treatment for depression, attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, etc. for the 2 years prior to the application date will be accepted.

### India

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2001 to 08/01/2004 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 19.5

In-country insurance not required.

### Indonesia

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2001 to 02/01/2004 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 16.5 to 19.5

In-country insurance not required

### Italy

IB Slots: 8 OB Slots: 8 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

All districts mandatory Italian country insurance (\$600 EU). Italian Residence permit \$80EU at arrival. Emergency fund of \$500 US required. No vegans. Can host vegetarians. No smokers. One year free of ADD, Eating Disorders, Depression, Anxiety. Allergies considered on case by case basis. Challenging schools: wants good students.

### Japan

IB Slots: 9 OB Slots: 9 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2002 to 02/01/2004 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 16.5 to 18.0

RIJEM Insurance is required as well as CSRYE insurance. Some districts have mandatory trips which are paid for in advance. Student must NOT have graduated from high school.

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### Lithuania

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

Mandatory one week language camp (no cost other than lunch money). Long term Visa obtained within 90 days of arrival in Lithuania. CSRYE insurance is accepted. 300 Euro Emergency fund required. Students required to provide criminal background check for Visa and parents must confirm via original documentation minimum \$3,500 US in bank. Also no students that have had active and prescriptive treatment for depression, attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, etc. for the 2 years prior to the application date will be accepted.

### Mexico

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 10/12/2002 to 02/12/2004 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 16.4 to 17.8

Due to Visa problems this past year, only citizens of Canada should apply for Outbound slots. Spanish courses not required, but prefer some understanding. Some districts offer language course at a cost of about \$300. No vegetarians. In-country insurance is now required by Mexican Government required. Some districts will accept older students.

### Morocco

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/16/2002 to 02/16/2005 Arrival Date: 08/16/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

### Netherlands

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/13/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

2018 costs (in Euros) Insurance (675), Visa (645), Dutch Orientation Course (\$375), Program Fee (100). All of these costs are MANDATORY. The Europe Tour cost (1.300 Euros) is Not Mandatory but almost all Inbound students go on it. All mandatory costs are to be paid to the Dutch Multi-District by mid June of the arrival year. Europa Tour costs will be paid by May 1st following the year of arrival. Also no students that have had active and prescriptive treatment for depression, attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, etc. for the 2 years prior to the application date will be accepted.

### Nigeria

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: to Arrival Date: 08/15/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

### Peru

IB Slots: 3 OB Slots: 3 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2002 to 08/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

Central States Insurance is acceptable, but student must have \$300 for medical emergencies. Student Visa will be granted upon arrival; cost is about \$200 and is for 6 months. An Intensive language camp is offered during initial orientation, cost is \$100. Knowing Spanish is helpful, but not required. Will not accept students treated for depression nor drugs. Will not accept students that smoke cigarettes.

### Philippines

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2001 to 02/01/2004 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 16.5 to 19.5

In-country insurance not required

### Poland

IB Slots: 3 OB Slots: 3 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

Language camp mandatory \$450 US. Some mandatory and some optional trips will be available. You must also purchase Polish insurance, COST IS APPROX \$1,000 USD-- PAYMENT DONE VIA WIRE TRANSFER. \$500 US Emergency Fund balance need to give to host club. Arrive before 9/3. Non- Smoking students only. No students who are suffering or have suffered in the past from attention deficit disorder, depression, anorexia or bulimia

### Reunion Island

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/15/2003 to 08/15/2004 Arrival Date: 08/15/2020 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 17.5

See France. NOTE: One exchange is possible for an early applicant. Since Reunion island is French it is included in the French count of 9 Outbounds. However, this location must be requested only after consideration by the student and parent regarding this exchange which is unique by its distance from France itself and because there is less opportunity to experience more than just that one island culture. Must be requested through District Chairman

### Romania

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/17/2002 to 08/17/2004 Arrival Date: 08/17/2020 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.0

Our insurance is good there

### Slovak Republic

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0

Age 15,5 - 19, it is better if students going to Slovakia are older than 18, because visa procedures are easier for them. You will enter as a tourist and get your temporary residency permit when you arrive in Slovakia. Emergency fund required. In-Country insurance may be required/ Slovakia is part of one district which includes Czechia and the student may be assigned to either of the countries.

### South Africa

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 03/01/2003 to 09/01/2004 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.9 to 17.4

can not have finished HS prior to Departure. They will take our insurance. They offer at least 2 bus trips. one is Kruger National Park, the other one is Capetown. cost is R13,500 each approx.

### South Korea

IB Slots: 2 OB Slots: 2 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2003 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

No vegetarian or vegan. Prefer the younger student. Central States Insurance required. District 3661 now requires \$US 2500.00 trips, emergency fund, medical language classes. In 2019-20 only ONE exchange in D3680.

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### Spain

IB Slots: 3 OB Slots: 3 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 11/01/2002 to 09/01/2005 Arrival Date: 09/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.8

Mandatory to purchase Spanish Insurance. 2018 cost was 720 Euros. Orientation Camp at the beginning of September is mandatory. Should have some Spanish and any student that has weak Spanish language skills will be required to attend Special courses at their own cost. Students must visit Spanish Consulate for an in person interview to obtain their Visa. Visa is issued for 90 days and once in the country the Student must visit the authorities (usually police) to register for long term stay. Students should not have completed high school. Students required to provide an emergency fund of 500 Euros to the host club. Also no students that have had active and prescriptive treatment for depression, attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, etc. for the 2 years prior to the application date will be accepted.

### Switzerland

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/15/2002 to 02/15/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.4 to 17.9

No students that have had active and prescriptive treatment for depression, attention deficit disorder, eating disorders, etc. for the 2 years prior to the application date will be accepted. Mandatory Host Country insurance. 2018 cost was CHF 1,600 (i.e. Swiss Francs). Also mandatory language course at a cost of CHF 800 (in 2018). Cannot have finished High School prior to departure. Any student going to Switzerland will be required to study the language (usually German although some may be placed in French speaking areas of the country) before they arrive. The students will be provided with on line access to a Rosetta Stone language training program which they will be required to study before arrival and successfully complete the tests and pass level ONE. On arrival students will attend a 3 week language course at the end of which they will be required to pass the test in order to gain admittance to their Swiss School. The Europe Tour is optional and the 2018 Cost was 2,700 CHF and for a half-tour it was 1,550 CHF.

### Taiwan

IB Slots: 9 OB Slots: 9 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2001 to 02/01/2004 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 16.5 to 19.0

No vegetarian or vegan. In-country insurance required, approx \$600.00 USD. but will require Central States Insurance. Students must not have completed High School. District will set your arrival time. Random drug testing may be required.

### Thailand

IB Slots: 7 OB Slots: 7 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.5

Will take up to three students that are over 18.5, but not 19 at time of travel

### Turkey

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 02/15/2002 to 08/15/2004 Arrival Date: 08/15/2020 Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.5

Country must be requested by District YEO and Student. District 2440 (Izmir district) is the one Turkey district in exchange agreement currently. If a request is for another district (Ankara or Istanbul) we can discuss. Turkish language study is important for success. Country Insurance is required and costs have ranged \$500US to \$600US. \$500US emergency fund required to be held by District upon arrival.

### United Kingdom

IB Slots: 0 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: to Arrival Date: Arrival Age: 16.0 18.5

DOES NOT DO LONG TERM EXCHANGES

### Venezuela

IB Slots: 0 OB Slots: 0 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: to Arrival Date: Arrival Age: 16.0 18.5

Venezuela is approved for Inbound only.

### Zimbabwe

IB Slots: 1 OB Slots: 1 LTEP? Y STEP? N DOB: 08/01/2002 to 02/01/2005 Arrival Date: 08/01/2020 Arrival Age: 15.5 to 18.0