



International Travel Programs with Jacksonville Sister Cities Association

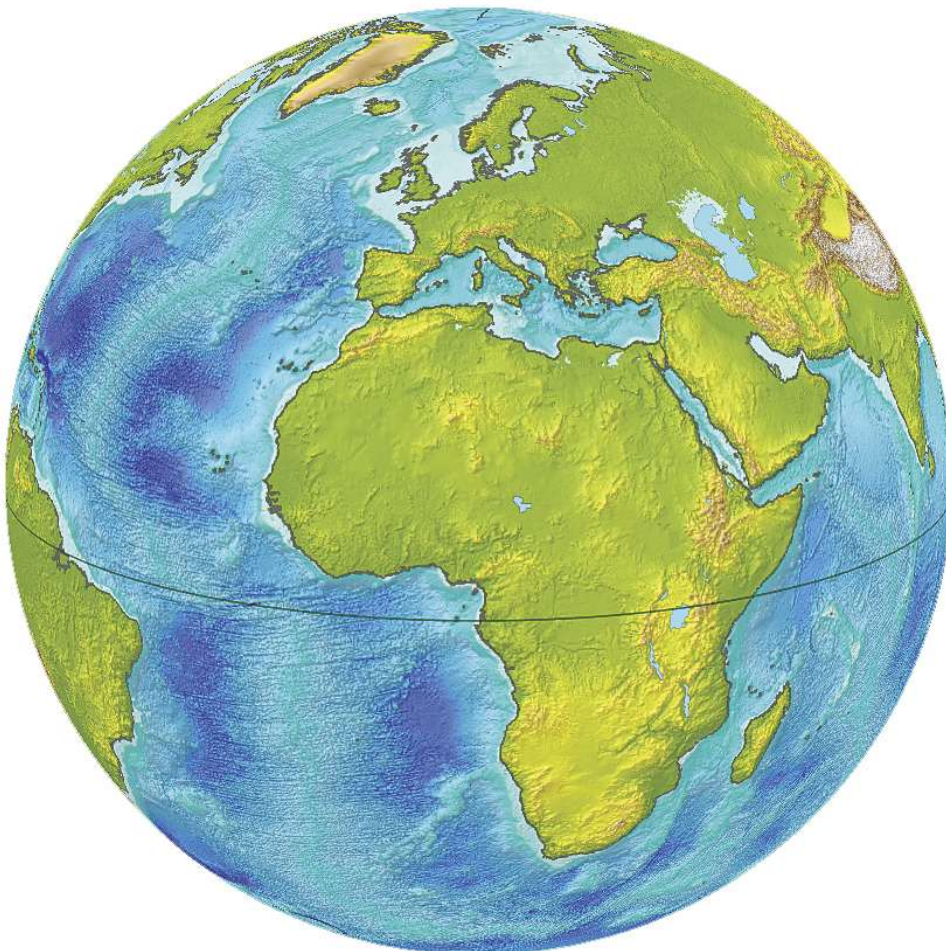
Purpose:

A student exchange program can be a transformational experience resulting in new perspectives on the world and what it means to be a global citizen. It also adds a new dimension to a student's life by exchanging ideas and understanding how cultures are intertwined.

South Africa: As a participant in the Ambassadorship program, students have the opportunity to meet youth from South Africa, discuss similarities in economies, education systems, culture, and international footprints.

Puerto Rico: As a participant in the Language acquisition program, students learning Spanish can deepen their knowledge and experience using conversational Spanish through interaction with locals in a Spanish-speaking city.

South Korea: As an exchange student will provides new opportunities to develop skills that impact future decisions during such formative years. The student will return with new friendships and second families with whom they can communicate with forever.





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What: South Africa 	In late June up to 15 students will spend approximately 2 weeks in South Africa. Students will be accompanied by at least 2 chaperones (Mr. Edwards from Landon College prep and one female chaperone which will be selected from one of the participating schools). During the tour, students will visit the city of Cape Town and Port Elizabeth Nelson Mandela Bay.
Student Eligibility:	All students enrolled in Julia Landon, James Weldon Johnson or other select middle schools who express interest are eligible to participate. All students must be approved by the Program sponsor and/or Principal to participate in the program.
Cost:	Program price is \$5,200 • Fee includes round-trip international flights • In Country flight to Port Elizabeth • In Country ground transportation • Cape Town Tour guide • Nelson Mandela Bay Tour guide • Group activities while in South Africa • Daily breakfast + 1 additional meal per day • Travelers will need money for one meal per day (Lunch or Dinner) • It is also recommended that travelers bring approximately \$40-\$50 per day for shopping, snacks & other incidentals while on tour.
When:	Departure: June 17, 2027 – Return: June 30, 2027, Tentative travel dates
Lodging:	Students will be housed in a hotel when visiting Cape town and will be housed at a guest house while in Port Elizabeth.
What will students experience:	Students will participate in a host of activities which include but are not limited to museum and art visits, city, and country attractions (i.e., Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope, beach walk), safari tour, city tour, and lessons in the history, art, and culture of the country.
Trip Sponsor & Coordinator	<u>Mr. Edwards (School Counselor)</u> edwardsm1@duvalschools.org Ambassadors@jsca.org



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What: South Korea 	In mid-July up to 10 students will spend approximately two weeks with host families in Changwon City, South Korea. Students will be accompanied by at least 2 chaperones (Mr. Edwards from Landon College prep and one female chaperone from one of the participating schools). In January, Julia Landon and James Weldon Johnson, will welcome a total of 10 students from Changwon City, South Korea to Jacksonville Florida. These students will stay with a U.S. host family during their visit.
Student Eligibility:	All students enrolled in Julia Landon, James Weldon Johnson or other select schools are eligible to participate. All students must be approved by the Program sponsor or Principal to participate in the program.
Cost:	Program price is \$5,300 • Fee includes round-trip International Flights from Jacksonville to Changwon City, South Korea • Group activities with Korean exchange students during the month of January in Jacksonville • Summer group activities during our stay in Changwon South Korea. • Accommodations • 3 Meals per day • In-Country Transportation • Travel Insurance • It is also recommended that students have \$50-\$60 per day for shopping, snacks, souvenirs & other incidentals while on tour in Changwon.
When:	Departure: July 15, 2027 – Return: August 1, 2027 (Tentative travel dates)
Lodging:	Students will stay with host families approved by Changwon City Hall while in South Korea. (There will be at least one member in the host family who will be able to speak English).
What will students experience:	The students will shadow their host students as they attend classes. Students will also visit local historical sites, parks, museums and participate in other planned group activities with their host student.
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Additional Information about International Tours

Contact:	Lead Contact Person: <u>Maurice Edwards (Landon School Counselor, JSCA Youth Ambassador & Exchange Program Chair Person)</u> Contact at: Ambassadors@jsca.org / edwardsm1@duvalschools.org • Caroline Sistare JWJ Teacher & JSCA Board Member: sistarec@duvalschools.org • Felice Franklin JSCA President: president@jsca.org / nelsonmandelabay@jsca.org
Communication during travel between Students, Parents and Chaperones:	It is mandatory for all travelers to have a working cellular phone with an international data plan. Chaperones need to be able to contact all travelers via phone at a moment's notice. South Korea: Due to the 13-hour time difference between the student communication with parents will be first thing in the morning when students awake and right before bedtime. Student travelers will need download the Kakao talk app so that they will be able to communicate with their host student prior to, during and after their visit to South Korea with this app. Additionally, usage of this app is another way that parents and students can communicate and share pictures and videos of day-to-day activities while abroad. South Africa: There is a 6-hour time difference. Student communication at a minimum should be first thing in the morning and during lunch. Puerto Rico: This tour takes place within the same time-zone so students will be able to contact their parents at anytime All travelers and parents of travelers will need to download WhatsApp. Students and parents will be able to make audio and visual calls using the app, as well as share pictures and videos of activities on tour.
Payment Plan & Forms of Payment:	The total program cost is determined by tour destination. This fee can be paid over ten installment payments during the school year or spread over a longer period if the student signs up for a later travel year.



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Zelle: jsca.youthambassadors@gmail.com Checks: Make payable to J.S.C.A. Cash	The deposit payment will be due the 3rd Friday in September, and all subsequent payments will be due on the 15th of each month with the last installment payment being in June. Monthly payments must be made in a timely fashion to avoid late fees (\$25 per occurrence) or trip cancellation (3+ months in missing payments).
Am I able to sign up and make payments earlier:	Yes, you can sign up as early as March of the previous school year. You will receive a \$100 discount as well as being able to stretch your payments over a longer period. Payments would be due on the 15th of each month beginning in March.
Payment Submission: <i>When submitting payments: Include your child's name in the notes and the tour they are signed up for so that funds are allocated appropriately.</i>	• Electronic Payments ◦ Zelle Banking App: Ambassadors@jsca.org • Checks or Money Orders: ◦ Make checks payable to JSCA and submit them to Mr. Edwards at Landon's Front office or your school's program designee. • Physical Cash: ◦ Please bring this form of payment in yourself to reduce the likelihood of misplaced funds.
Where to send inquiries and interest:	Mr. Maurice Edwards: ambassadors@jsca.org Ms. Felice Franklin: nelsonmandelabay@jsca.org / president@jsca.org Ms. Caroline Sistare: sistarec@duvalschools.org
Cancellation Policy: Dates based on travel year in the coming summer.	• Cancellations made by December 1st ◦ Refund of all program payments minus \$350 • Cancellations made from December 2nd to January 1st ◦ Refund of all program payments minus \$500 • Cancellations made from January 2nd April 1st ◦ If available, flight credit provided to traveler to be used on a future flight (subject to airline guidelines) ◦ \$750 cancellation fee ◦ Refund of any remaining program payments • Cancellations made from April 2nd to May 1st ◦ If available, flight credit provided to traveler to be used on a future flight (subject to airline guidelines) ◦ \$900 cancellation fee ◦ Refund of any remaining program payments • Cancellations made after May 1st of the program travel year would NOT be eligible for a refund.