

# Empire State Youth Exchange, District 7120

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### Argentina

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### Australia

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 01/20/2001 to 01/20/2003      Arrival Date: 01/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.0

The language spoken in Australia is English. The district lies in New South Wales, with the main city being Newcastle. The travel agency will obtain the student visa. There is no need to visit the consulate. Australia requires that their health insurance be purchased. Many Rotary clubs are located small towns, several hours away from the larger cities of Newcastle and Sydney.

### Austria

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 09/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.0 to 17.9

Preference is no students who have graduated high school. Definitely no one will be 19 during the exchange year. German spoken, germanic culture with regional variation.

### Belgium

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 02/01/2000 to 08/01/2002      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.5

Belgium does not require a consulate visit. Students learn Flemish/Dutch. The language is called Flemish in Belgium but before arrival, students can start learning Dutch. The last 3 years I have been working with Pierre. Pierre is usually quite understanding. His English language is good; I have had no problems with it. The only issue is that sometimes his English may seem aggressive or rude; this may be attributed to translation or choice of Words in English.

### Bolivia

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 08/20/2000 to 08/20/2002      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 16.0 to 18.0

### Brazil

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

Only country in South America where Portuguese is spoken as the first language!

### Chile

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

Need to visit Chilean consulate to obtain travel visa. They will not accept anyone who has graduated from high school after this year

### Czech Republic

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 08/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.0

Czech is the main language, but English is readily available. There is no language camp; knowing Czech is expected. Euro currency. Joint district with slovakia, but activities are separate. Student will travel on visitor visa and get temporary resident visa after arrival. Once selected, numbered emails will be sent to student with instructions from the host district. The student will also be added to a facebook page with multiple references and support group. Beer industry is big business and social, so student must know how to balance both carefully. Sexual orientation does not appear to be a problem. Patriarchal society. Sports are only available outside of school; host club can usually find classes of interest to students. Important to have these values: love of history, hiking, castles, rural life, city life. Prague is considered one of Europe's most progressive cities. Student is accepted to district, whether Czech Republic or Slovakia, which is determined by D2240 not by D7120. Climate similar to here.

### Denmark

Inbound Slots: 2      Outbound Slots: 2      DOB: 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

A good working knowledge of the Danish language ease the adjustment to becoming a teen in Denmark. Denmark is a multi-district country; you could be placed in any district in the country. One visit to the NYC Danish consulate is required. Rotary Denmark expects organization and timeliness in completing documents for the exchange.

### Finland

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 02/20/2001 to 08/20/2002      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 16.0 to 17.5

The language is difficult and therefore it is important to start learning the language as soon as you are accepted as an ambassador for Finland. A visit to the consulate is required. The country is beautiful but the country does have months when the night darkness lasts 23 hours. Finland is cold in winter and summers are short.

### France

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.0 to 18.5

Applicants should be able to have a basic conversation in French and understanding of cultural norms before they arrive in France. Students selected to go to France will need to go to the consulate in NYC twice in order to get their visa. Students are required to buy French AXA insurance.

### Germany

Inbound Slots: 1      Outbound Slots: 1      DOB: 02/20/2001 to 02/20/2003      Arrival Date: 08/20/2018      Arrival Age: 15.5 to 17.5

\*It is suggested you purchase Rosetta Stone (about 100euros). Students will be expected to take a language test upon arrival. If they do not pass, they will be expected to take a language course that costs 250euros.\*Students are expected to buy Health, Liability and Accident Insurance from the German Company Hanse-Merkur-Versicherung before arrival. This is mandatory and will cost 450euros (\$500 US). It is a flat fee for the year.\*A 300eors emergency fund will be given to students Host Club YEO upon arrival.\* No smokers will be considered for exchange.

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Older students can sometimes go, MUST ask hosting district in advance. Language is Hungarian, difficult! English is readily available. Language camp on arrival for 2 weeks which will also be orientation. Travel on visitor visa; get student visa once in Hungary. Sports available outside of school. Urban and rural areas and activities. Sexual orientation can be a problem, prejudice against GLBT. Patriarchal society. Currency is the euro. Climate similar to here.

### India

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 08/20/1999 to 08/20/2002      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 16.0 to 19.0

The district we exchange with is formerly 3140 which is now D3141 and D3142 in Mumbai. Suggest sending a male not a female to these districts.

### Italy

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 18.5

### Japan

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 2      **DOB:** 04/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 18.3

### Latvia

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 08/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 18.0

Latvia, the entire country, is included with District 2410 in Sweden and therefore under Rotary Sweden. Documents to enter the country of Latvia must pertain to Latvia. Latvian is a separate Slavic language.

### Mexico

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 04/20/2000 to 02/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.5 to 18.3

A personal visit to the Mexican consulate in New York City is required. In addition, the power of attorney document must be apostilled which affirms the authenticity of the notary public.

### Netherlands

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 18.5

Netherlands prefers students to be 17 and not graduated. Students will take a 7 days compulsory dutch course as soon as they arrive in the country.

### Nigeria

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 08/20/1999 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 19.0

Students should arrive around August 20. English is one of NIGERIAN languages. Inbounds should comp prepared for winter weather and enjoy the experience of snow and ice. Inbounds should buy CISI Bolduc insurance. Outbounds should come to Nigeria prepared for hot weather!

### Poland

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 02/20/2001 to 02/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.5 to 17.5

Applicants to Poland need to keep the following in mind: You will need to visit the consulate in NYC to get your visa. For this visit, you need "drft" flight arrangements which you can get from Tzell. You will also be expected to attend a 1-2 week language camp upon your arrival in Poland. The camp costs \$400 to \$500 US\$, which you will need to pay but will be reimbursed by Rotary District 7120. The camp focuses on The Polish language but also provides some wonderful activities and sight-seeing opportunities for the inbound exchange students to Poland. Many wonderful friendships are developed with other exchange students during this time.

### Slovakia

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2002      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 16.0 to 18.5

Language: Slovak. Arrival airports depend on placement: Kosie(KSC), Vienna (VIE), Budapest (BUD), Katowice (KTW, or Krakow (KRK). Arrival Augs. 18-28. Erotrip. Facebook page and database must be signed into. Once selected student will receive several enumerated emails with instructions from the host district. Emergency Fund is 300 euros. Go on travel visa, get student visa there. No Language camp. Patriarchal society. Sexual orientation does not appear to be a big issue. sports are available outside of school. Love of history a plus, numerous castles, etc. to visit. Hiking, biking, other outdoor activities are common, best if skier. Climate similar to here.

### South Africa

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:**                      to                      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 16.0      18.5

### Spain

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 08/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 18.0

Male dominant society. Girls treated differently than boys. Common Spanish (Castellana) is spoken throughout, but there are regional languages as well. Will need to make a visit to NYC for visa.

### Sweden

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 08/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 18.0

A good, working knowledge of the Swedish language eases transition into the culture and into the goal of becoming a teen in Sweden. No consulate visit is required. Timeliness and organization are two qualities that the Swedes expect of exchange students. Sweden is a multi-district; you could be placed in any district of Sweden.

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### Switzerland

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Students are required to learn basics of German or French before arrival and attend an 8 day language camp on arrival. There are some basic language tests before arrival in the country. Switzerland provides an online language course. Students cannot be over 18 years of age and should not have finished high school.

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### Taiwan

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 02/20/2000 to 08/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.0 to 18.5

Taiwan has two major multi-districts that encompass the whole small island. Exchange will depend on which one contacts D7120 first. A good knowledge of Mandarin Chinese is essential to an easier transition to the Taiwanese culture and to you becoming a teen in Taiwan. No consulate visit is required at this moment. Be prepared to meet many exchange students and expand your world exponentially.

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### Thailand

**Inbound Slots:** 1      **Outbound Slots:** 1      **DOB:** 01/20/2001 to 01/20/2003      **Arrival Date:** 08/20/2018      **Arrival Age:** 15.6 to 17.6

Students must practice and learn basic phrases of language. No online language course provided by Thai district. Very open and accepting culture.

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