



HOMESTAY EXPERIENCE

January 25 - February 5 2025

OVERVIEW



- The Homestay Experience, brought to you by Wheaton Academy Global, is a 12-day immersive academic and cultural experience that provides mentorship and connection with our U.S. based team, a host family, and students at Wheaton Academy.
- The Homestay Experience provides the perfect setting to make new friends, gain new experiences, and create lifelong memories in an immersive English environment.
- Participants will attend classes, workshops, and events at Wheaton Academy to experience the U.S. educational model.
- Participants will explore Chicago and its surrounding area through excursions to famous sites, top universities, an NBA professional basketball game, the theater district, and other activities.



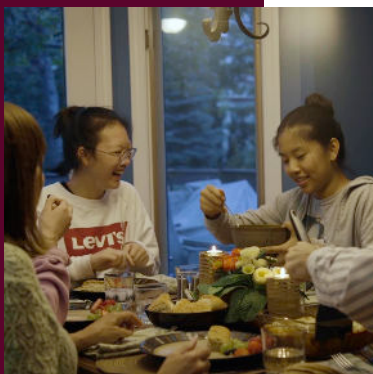
ABOUT US

With a rich history dating back to 1853 and numerous accolades, including the National Blue Ribbon School Award, Wheaton Academy is known for its traditional values, passionate teachers, innovative programs, exceptional learning opportunities and holistic student growth approach. Wheaton Academy provides rigorous college preparatory curriculum as well as co-curriculars, clubs and programs.

Since 2007, Wheaton Academy Global has offered an exceptional study abroad high school experience for students from all around the world. We partner to meet the social, emotional, cultural needs of students. We provide college counseling, placement services and help students increase English proficiency.

HOST FAMILIES

You will have the chance to stay with one of our host families vetted and trained by Wheaton Academy Global. Host families are from the surrounding community (i.e. parents, teachers, alumni). We ensure you are in a safe and caring home environment. Our host families make you feel welcome. On the weekend, your host family will plan activities for you to experience the local culture.





SHADOW DAYS

Before you arrive, we will assess your interests and pair you with a Wheaton Academy student who has similar interests and a class schedule that lets you experience various fields of study. You will also attend the weekly events at Wheaton Academy such as Advisory Groups, Chapel and Community Time

Some class options include:



Sports Broadcasting



WATV



Intro to Illustration



Intro to Media Arts



Intro to Engineering



Intro to Programming



3D Design and Fabrication



Business Principles



Intro to Entrepreneurship



AP Classes

EXPLORE CHICAGO

- Tour the most prestigious universities in the world; the University of Chicago and Northwestern University
- Serve the Community: Volunteer at a local non-profit
- Interview a US business professional
- Attend an NBA game and see a performance during Chicago's Theatre Week
- Visit iconic Chicago sites including, Millenium Park, Museum Campus, The Art Institute, Michigan Avenue, The United Center, The Civic Opera House



Millenium Park



Feed My Starving Children



University of Chicago



The Art Institute

WORKSHOPS DAYS

During the 12-day experience you will have the opportunity to attend multiple workshops that provide practical skills and insights for planning a successful U.S. high school experience.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:



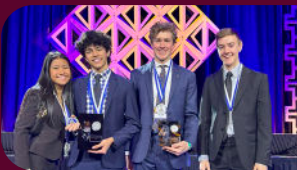
Workshop #1 – “Start with the End in Mind”

Overview of the U.S. education system and how to prepare for university in the US.



Workshop #2 – “Student Life & Co-Curriculars”

Learn about opportunities to integrate into the school community while nurturing your physical and mental health.



Workshop #3 – “Economics & Entrepreneurship”

Learn about opportunities to jump start your business ideas while you are still in high school.



Workshop #4 – “STEAM & Interdisciplinary Thinking”

Learn how to integrate the creative skills of arts with the technical skills of STEM.



Workshop #5 – “Service & Contribution”

Learn about the importance of leadership and community service.



Workshop #6 – “Academic English”


Learn the foundational English skills of academic vocabulary, reading and writing used in a typical U.S. class.





2025 SCHEDULE

 **Jan 25th:** Arrive in Chicago

 **Jan 26th:** Host Family Orientation

 **Jan 27th:** Orientation and Tour (Morning) - Shadow Day (Afternoon)

 **Jan 28th:** Excursion to Chicago (Visit Millennium Park, Art Institute, and more!)/
Chicago Bulls NBA game (Evening)


 **Jan 29th:** Workshops: STEM, Fine Arts, Business/Entrepreneurship, Academic English


 **Jan 30th:** Visit the campus of University of Chicago / Northwestern University


 **Jan 31st:** Shadow Day - Attend and participate in classes and co-curriculars

 **Feb 1st:** Host Family Activities

 **Feb 2nd:** Host Family Activities

 **Feb 3rd:** Shadow Day / Workshops (Morning) / Excursion to a local business (afternoon)

 **Feb 4th:** Shadow Day / Evening Kairos Gathering / Talent Show

 **Feb 5th:** Return home from Chicago

*Limited spots available and students must have a valid B1 visa to attend

Please Note: Some event dates may change due to availability of vendor

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