



Salt Lake City, Utah 3-Day Educational Trip Curriculum

Day 1: Foundations of the West & Civic Identity

Morning

- **Welcome Session & Orientation with Mentor**
Introduction to the trip, student expectations, safety, and trip objectives.
Educational Focus: Setting the tone for civic learning and historical context.
- **Utah State Capitol Tour**
Explore government chambers and historical murals during a guided visit.
Learning Outcome: Understand the structure of state government and civic responsibility.

Afternoon

- **Pioneer Memorial Museum**
Discover artifacts and narratives of Utah's early settlers and the westward expansion.
Learning Outcome: Analyze the challenges and innovations of 19th-century migration.
- **Mentor-led Discussion: "Building Community in the American West"**
Interactive dialogue around leadership, resilience, and social development.

Evening

- **Group Dinner & Evening Reflection**
Journal time and discussion on how history impacts present-day civic life.

Day 2: Environmental Science & Exploration

Morning

- **Natural History Museum of Utah**
Dynamic exhibits covering paleontology, geology, and Native American history.
Learning Outcome: Explore ancient life forms and Utah's changing landscape.

Afternoon

- **Field Experience: Antelope Island & Great Salt Lake**
A guided hike and observation activity to study wildlife, ecosystems, and lake biology.
Learning Outcome: Evaluate the impact of salinity and conservation efforts.
- **Mentor-led Workshop: "Salt, Science, and Sustainability"**
Students perform small experiments and develop ecological hypotheses.

Evening

- **Outdoor Picnic & Wildlife Watch**
Observe the island's buffalo herds and bird species at sunset.

Day 3: Art, Innovation & Cultural Discovery

Morning

- **Temple Square Cultural Tour**

A guided visit through beautiful gardens, historical buildings, and interactive exhibits.

Learning Outcome: Examine how belief systems shape architecture, art, and culture.

Afternoon

- **The Leonardo Museum**

A creative space that fuses science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM).

Learning Outcome: Engage in hands-on exhibits and explore creative problem-solving.

- **Closing Session & Student Presentations**

Students present key learnings or creative reflections. Certificates distributed.

Evening

- **Celebratory Dinner & Trip Wrap-Up**

Group photo, feedback session, and final discussion of lessons learned.

Educational Objectives:

1. **Civic Understanding & Historical Literacy**

- Develop an understanding of Utah's role in American westward expansion.
- Explore the function and structure of state government through on-site learning.
- Analyze the contributions of pioneer communities to regional development.

2. **Environmental & Scientific Literacy**

- Investigate the unique ecosystem of the Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island.
- Understand the impact of salinity, climate, and conservation on regional ecology.
- Engage in basic scientific inquiry and hypothesis-building through field-based observation.

3. **Cultural Awareness & Appreciation**

- Explore the influence of religion, architecture, and community on local identity.
- Reflect on cultural heritage and diversity in the American West.

4. **STEAM Exploration & Innovation**

- Participate in hands-on learning experiences at The Leonardo Museum.
- Connect scientific concepts with creativity, problem-solving, and innovation.

5. **Critical Thinking & Personal Development**

- Foster inquiry through mentor-led discussions and reflective journaling.
- Build confidence through collaborative learning and student presentations.
- Promote leadership, teamwork, and thoughtful civic engagement.