



EXPERIENCE AMERICA

Community Building in Portland

3-Week English Immersion Experience



This is Portland

A place where community, creativity, and sustainability shape everyday life

- **A Leader in Sustainability & Community Innovation:** The city is known for its environmentally conscious lifestyle and community-driven culture. Students explore how local businesses, nonprofits, and residents work together.
- **A Culture Built on Local Connection:** Independent cafés, bookstores, and small businesses are at the heart of the city. Students don't just visit, but they engage.
- **Where Urban Life Meets Nature:** From riverside walks to nearby forests, nature is part of everyday life in Portland. Students experience a lifestyle where nature is seamlessly integrated into urban living, learning how green spaces and design support sustainable cities.



Your Portland Experience

Live

Like a Local

Discover cafés and small businesses while observing how community is built through everyday interactions.

Taste the Creative Culture

Visit local markets & makerspaces, meet artists & creators, and explore how small businesses shape Portland's identity.

Do Something That Matters

Volunteer with local organizations and contribute to real community needs while learning how communities support one another.

Use English in Real Situations

Practice English in authentic contexts and build confidence through natural, daily use.

Make Real Connections

Form meaningful cross-cultural connections through homestay, group projects, and community interactions.

Explore Nature & City Life

Explore how nature is embedded in daily life from local foods to sustainable practices that foster community in urban spaces.



Program Dates

February 15 (Mon) – March 5 (Fri), 2027 (3 weeks)

- Students may arrive at homestay up to 2 days before the program start date and leave up to 2 days after the program end date. Please inquire about the possibility of staying longer with the host family.
- Pickup and drop off is available at Portland International Airport (PDX).

Cost

Program Price: \$3,780

- The program fee includes English classes, transportation for program activities, application and homestay placement fees, homestay accommodation with meals, round-trip airport transfers, and course materials.
- The program fee does not include airfare, local public transportation, personal expenses, and optional activities.



Eligibility & Application Information

Age Requirement

- Applicants must be 18 years or older.

English Proficiency

- There are no requirements, but basic English proficiency is recommended.

Application Deadline

- December 18, 2026

Student Outcomes

Practical English Skills

Students gain confidence using English in real-life situations.

Global Mindset

Students develop a deeper understanding of different cultures and perspectives.

Lifelong Global Connections

Students build genuine relationships with host families, classmates, and community members.

Real-world Communication Skills

Students develop the ability to connect, collaborate, and communicate across cultures beyond language.



Confidence & Initiative

Students learn to speak up and take action independently in an unfamiliar environment.

Awareness of Sustainability & Society

Students understand how communities address social and environmental challenges.

Experience America

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Week One: Portland Lifestyle and Local Community

February >>15	16	17	18	19
Campus Tour	Cozy Economy	Arts & Crafts Community	Music & Creative Culture	Community Impact
 English Learning  Downtown Exploration	 English Learning  Local Cafes & Neighborhood Culture	 English Learning  Market Places & Local Arts/Crafts Community	 English Learning  Live Music / Open Mic	 English Learning  Group Volunteering

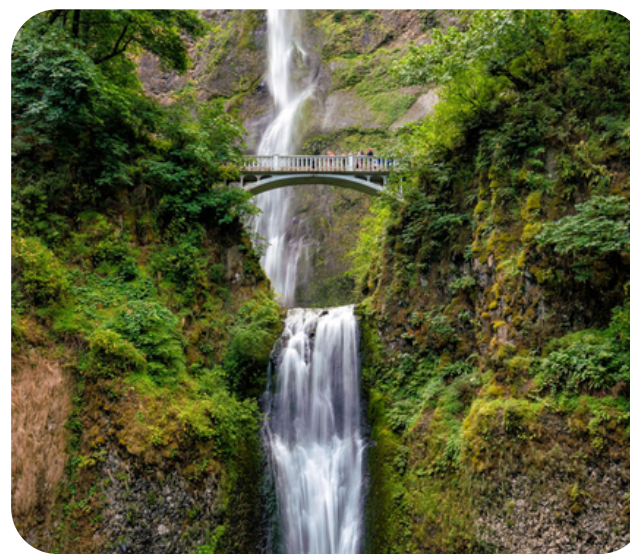
Week Two: Sustainability and Diversity

22	23	24	25	26
Conservation & Nature	Multicultural Communities	Economies of Food & Culture	Food & Community Support	Seattle Overnight Trip
 English Learning  Environmental Activity	 English Learning  Cultural Centers	 English Learning  Food Cart Culture	 English Learning  Group Volunteering	

Week Three: Contribution and Expression

March >> 1	2	3	4	5
Neighborhood Organizations	Education & Social Systems	Community Building	Field Trip Columbia Gorge	Final Presentations and Certificate Ceremony
 English Learning  Group Project Work Time	 English Learning  Group Volunteering	 English Learning  Group Project Work		*Schedule is subject to change

Your Portland Journey Starts Here



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