



2016 USA Study Tour

Delegate Information Package

Portland and Santa Fe



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*The future of education is in good hands, with Yong Zhao’s focus on “**Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students**”, and George Otero’s experience in “**Relational Learning**”. We are set to discover new and wide-ranging ways to engage students and families in education for a generation unlike any other. We will spend time in the presence of great leaders in education in Yong Zhao and George Otero, and observing best practice in school, community and business settings. We will speak with employers to discover the skills they require from successful employees in the 21st century, and meet with schools who are combining years of education experience and new research to develop learning programs and community relationships which will foster the untapped gifts and skills of every student. Educating students “out of the basement” (Yong Zhao, Briefing the Board, 2014), and empowering families and communities to be successful in all that they endeavour to achieve is our goal, and the focus of this study tour. We look forward to networking and learning from the broad range of participants on the tour, and together building on our current knowledge and expertise to create successful learning communities throughout Australia.*



Delegate Information Package

General Information

The 2016 AISWA USA study tour commences on 10 April in Portland, Oregon. Delegates will undertake various professional learning opportunities and attend educational briefings as per the itinerary that follows. We then travel to Santa Fe, New Mexico via San Francisco. The tour concludes with a bus transfer to Albuquerque airport the morning of Saturday, 23 April.

The study tour will highlight ways to improve student outcomes and provide an opportunity to learn from schools and educators in a different country and a range of different educational systems.

Study tour benefits will include knowledge and development across the following areas:

- Curriculum design and delivery in a range of contexts
- A broad range of pedagogical perspectives
- Leadership styles and contexts
- Best practice models for supporting “at risk students and communities”
- International and intercultural developments
- Potential partnerships with schools overseas

Essential Tour Information

Tour accommodation, the domestic flights from Portland to San Francisco and San Francisco to Albuquerque, transport to tour activities, tour/PD fees, most breakfasts, most lunches and the end of tour dinner are being arranged by AISWA.

Delegates should ensure they have provided AISWA with emergency contact information and arranged their own international flights, travel insurance, visa waiver (ESTA) plus any pre or post tour accommodation. Make sure you have organised any activities during allocated ‘free time’, spending money/allowances for evening meals not provided as well as any pre/post tour transfers.

When travelling overseas, the Australian Government request that you register your travel plans with DFAT through the Smart Traveller website: www.smarttraveller.gov.au. Please ensure you complete this online form prior to departure. It is also a courtesy to provide your listed emergency contacts with a copy of your travel details.

It is **mandatory** for all individuals who plan to travel to the USA under the Visa Waiver Program to receive an electronic authorisation known as ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation) before travel to the USA. Applications cost \$14 and are processed online at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/esta.html>. Please note that you will need to submit your ESTA application at least 72 hours prior to departure.

Note: For travel to, from, within or over the USA you must also now provide passenger information required by the US authorities under the Secure Flight and Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) programs when booking your flights. If you do not provide your full name, date of birth and gender, your airline tickets will not be issued. The passport details and destination address for each passenger is also required at the time of booking on qantas.com. If you have not provided all of this information, you may be disrupted during check in and you may not be able to board your flight.

Things to think about

- Mental tick-box: Passport +6 months; medical needs, travel insurance, DFAT information registered, USA Visa Waiver (ESTA) application.
- Taxation advice.
- Medication – note that some prescribed medication can be considered illegal – check with your doctor.
- School expectations (for reports on return, the online study tour blog will be a great resource!)
- Business cards and name badges
- Adaptors, chargers/batteries, memory cards etc



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Essential USA Information

Emergency number 911

Currency Exchange

Exchange offices with favourable rates are available in Portland, San Francisco and in Santa Fe. Banks also offer good rates and there are several near our Portland and San Francisco accommodation. The worst rate of exchange is at airports. There are several ATMS within walking distance from our hotels.

Dress

We ask that you dress in smart-casual attire when visiting schools and briefings, advice on weather conditions has been provided in the essential information for each city. The weather during April can be quite unpredictable so we recommend you pack warm clothing, dress in layers and consider including a light rain coat and/or umbrella in your suitcase.

Remember: *"There's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes!"*

Electricity

Sockets are 'Type B' according to standards. Take an adapter with you and you may need a converter too as voltage is 110-120 V.

Safety

Delegates are responsible for their own safety and security at all times. Please use in-room hotel safes and exercise caution where necessary. Delegates should arrange their own travel insurance.

Telephony

Pre-paid travel SIMs (i.e. Australia Post, Trusim, SIMple Mobile) can be purchased in Australia. Prepaid US SIMS can be purchased on arrival. A review of US SIM plans is available here: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2414494,00.asp>
Delegates will be provided with a US number to contact AISWA staff during the tour.

Tipping Guide

It is proper to leave 15-20% for meals (*unless you are really unhappy*). In taxis, it is OK to leave 15% or \$1-2, whichever is higher. For bellmen, leave \$1 per bag. For housekeepers leave tips on dressers, about \$1-2 per day.

Wi-Fi

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available at our hotels.

Study Tour Hotel details

Hilton Portland & Executive Tower (10-14 April inclusive)

921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland

Tel: +1-503-226-1611

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/hilton-portland-and-executive-tower-PDXPHHH/index.html>

Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf (15-16 April inclusive)

2500 Mason Street

San Francisco

TEL: +1- 415-362-5500

www.sheratonatthewharf.com

Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza (17-22 April inclusive)

100 Sandoval St, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501, USA

TEL: +1-505-988-2811

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-mexico/hilton-santa-fe-historic-plaza-SFEHIHF/index.html>



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Portland Information

Essential Information

Time Zone GMT -8 hours: 16 hours behind Perth.

Weather

Spring can bring unpredictable weather including warm fronts that send temperatures surging above 27 °C and cold snaps that plunge the daytime temperatures into the 4–9 °C range. However, mild temperatures in the 12–19 °C range are the norm. Make sure you pack warm clothing, dress in layers and consider including a light rain coat and/or umbrella in your checked luggage.

Emergency Contacts

Non-emergency police number: 503-823-3333

Nearest medical centre: ZOOM+Care, 900 SW 5th Ave (SW 4th & Taylor), Portland, 503-608-3082. Open Mon-Fri 8am-6pm. Online bookings via <https://www.zoomcare.com/>

Nearest Facilities

A fitness centre, pool and business centre are available at the hotel. Several ATMs and multiple pharmacies are located within 2-3 blocks of our hotel. A Safeway supermarket is located 10 minutes' walk from our hotel.

Hotel Details

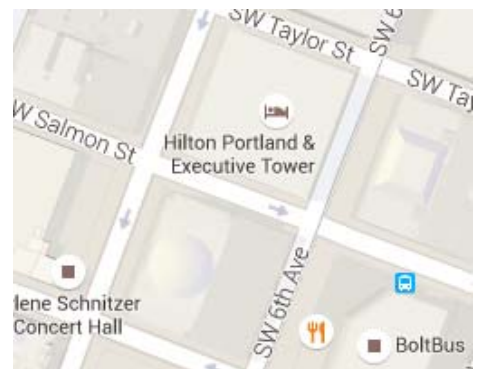
Hilton Portland & Executive Tower

921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland

Tel: +1-503-226-1611

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/hilton-portland-and-executive-tower-PDXPHHH/index.html>

The hotel offers free Wi-Fi, a business centre, fitness facilities and swimming pool. The hotel is located one block from the MAX Light Rail, is surrounded by restaurants, tax-free shopping and is only a 15 minute walk to the University of Oregon (Portland Campus). Please note that the hotel rooms do not include refrigerator or microwave.



Click [here](#) to view map

Nearby Attractions

- Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall - one of the last surviving theatre venues on Broadway
- Pearl District – shopping/restaurants
- China Town and Lan Su Chinese Classical Gardens <http://www.lansugarden.org/>
- Voodoo Doughnuts (as seen on TV!)
- Portland Art Museum
- Moda Center – home to the Portland Trail Blazers (basketball team) <http://www.nba.com/blazers/>. The Blazers will play the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday, 13 April, at 7.30 pm. Tickets available at: <http://portland.eventful.com/events/portland-trail-blazers-vs-denver-nuggets-/E0-001-086401479-0>

Transport

Public Transport System

The city bus service and the MAX (Metropolitan Area Express) light rail system connects the city and suburbs <https://trimet.org/max/>

The city-owned Portland Streetcar serves two routes in the Central City – downtown and adjacent districts.



San Francisco Information

Essential Information

Time Zone GMT -8 hours: 16 hours behind Perth

Weather

The rainy period of November to April can be slightly cooler than other times of the year with daytime temperatures of approx 17°C and 10°C overnight. Make sure you pack warm clothing, dress in layers and consider including a light rain coat and/or umbrella in your checked luggage.

Emergency Contacts

Non-emergency police number: +1 415 553 0123

Nearest medical centre: Traveller Medical Group (24 Hour hotel call service) (415) 981 1102

Golden Gate Urgent Care: 2395 Lombard St, San Francisco Ph: (415) 796 2242

Nearest Facilities

Safeway Supermarket, Walgreens pharmacy directly across the road from our hotel in the Northpoint Shopping Centre.

Hotel Details

Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf

2500 Mason Street

San Francisco

www.sheratonatthewharf.com

Hotel offers free Wi-Fi in the lobby, fitness facilities, outdoor fireplace and heated outdoor swimming pool.

The hotel is located only 500 m from Fisherman's Wharf, is in close proximity to bus stops, streetcar stops and cable car station. The hotel is surrounded by an array of dining and shopping choices.



Click [here](#) to view map

Nearby Attractions

Fisherman's Wharf

- Countless shops and eateries along the waterfront
- The famous Sea Lions who call the docks at Pier39 home
- The chance to see the city's fisherman at work along "Fish Alley"
- The Aquarium of the Bay, the Cannery shops, Ghirardelli Square

Golden Gate Bridge

- Walk or bike the Golden Gate Bridge, one of the seven wonders of the modern world.

Alcatraz

- Visit the historical landmark island that has been a civil war fort, a military prison and one of the most notorious federal penitentiaries. Official ticketing site: <https://www.alcatrazcruises.com/>

North Beach

- San Francisco's "little Italy" is known for its amazing Italian Cuisine, sidewalk coffee shops and lively nightclub scene.
- Enjoy views of Coit Tower or climb to the top on Telegraph hill.
- Enjoy a cup of Gelato or pick up a meal and dine al fresco with a picnic and a stroll through Columbus Square.





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Other attractions:

Presidio National Park, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, AT&T Park, Hyde Street, Lombard Street (most crooked street in the world), Historic F-Line Trolley Cars, San Francisco Bay Ferry Service, San Francisco Bay Cruises, Beach Blanket Babylon Production, Historic Ferry Building, Wax Museum, Union Square Shopping, Chinatown, Yerba Buena Gardens, Golden Gate Park, City Hall, Historic Haight Ashbury.

Transport

San Francisco is known as a walkable city and there are many local attractions are within walking distance/via public transport available from our hotel. Maps for bike routes, cable cars, the Muni system, taxi stands and walking maps are available here: <http://www.sfmta.com/maps>

MUNI System

The Muni system is a network of metro/subways, buses, streetcars and cable cars serving the city of San Francisco.

Muni passes (daily/weekly) are valid for all forms of Muni transport, with an added surcharge for riding the cable cars. Individual Muni tickets and transfers are valid on all Muni services except cable cars.

An adult bus and rail fare is \$2 and cable car fare, \$6.

For routes, stops, fare information and more visit: <http://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit>

F-Line Historic Streetcar Line

The F-line is open 365 days a year from 6:00 a.m. until after midnight. Streetcars are scheduled to run at least every 15 minutes and as frequently as every six minutes during daylight hours.

Ensure you have exact cash fare or valid ticket/pass/transfer ready before boarding. Deposit cash fares into the farebox near the boarding door or show transfers and passes to the operator.

Adult streetcar fare \$2.00

More information is available at: <http://www.streetcar.org/>



Click map to view services and attractions

Taxis

Popular tourist areas like Fisherman's Wharf and Union Square have a greater concentration of cabs than do outlying areas of the city. If you can't hail a cab on the street, try the nearest major hotel for a taxi queue. For less populated areas, make a call to one of the dispatch numbers listed below.

The following are some major taxi companies in San Francisco.

- Arrow Cab Company (415) 648-3181
- Metro Cab Company (415) 920-0700
- Yellow Cab (415) 333-3333

Tip 15 to 20 percent of the total fare.

Bike Hire

There are many well-known companies renting bikes in the nearby Fisherman's Wharf area, some having more than one rental outlet. All of these will outfit you completely: helmets, locks, maps etc. If you plan to ride across the Golden Gate Bridge you will find a detailed guide and directions on Trip Advisor [here](#).

Ferry

Returning from your ride, across the bridge, there are two different ferry companies which serve Sausalito. The Blue & Gold ferry will take you back to Fisherman's Wharf. The Golden Gate Ferry will take you to the Ferry Building. Arrive at the ferry dock 30 minutes early or so as there will be lots of people with bikes in line to board the ferry.



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Santa Fe Information

Essential Information

Time Zone GMT -7 hours: 15 hours behind Perth

Weather

Santa Fe experiences a semi-arid climate with chilly winters, and very warm summers. The 24-hour average temperature in the city during April ranges from 0.2°C to 18.2°C. Make sure you pack warm clothing, dress in layers and consider including a light rain coat and/or umbrella in your checked luggage. Year-round it is wise to carry sunscreen, chapstick and a brimmed hat and sunglasses as we will be high up and the sun is strong.

****Another Very Important Thing**

At 2100+ metres, the air is excellent quality, but thinner. Regardless of age or physical condition, your body may need a little time to adapt to the altitude. **DRINKING LOTS OF WATER IS A MUST!!!** You might think you drink enough already, but a minimum of 2 litres is a starting point in Santa Fe. And remember, drinking alcohol can hinder and extend the adjustment period.

When you first arrive, it is best to allow a day or two to adjust before any strenuous activity or excursions. Take it easy, drink plenty of water, skip the alcohol for the first couple of nights, eat regular light meals and take a nap if needed. Symptoms of altitude sickness can vary and may include: drowsiness, dizziness, fainting, prolonged headaches, extreme thirst, and sleeplessness. If you do feel you need some assistance, the uliMED Urgent Care facility is just a few blocks from our hotel. No appointment is necessary and most insurances are accepted.

Emergency Contacts

Emergency number: 911

Non-emergency police number: (505) 428-3710

Nearest medical centre: uliMED, 707 Paseo De Peralta, open 9am - 5pm, 7 days. Phone: (505) 989-8707

Nearest Facilities

An ATM, fitness centre, pool and business centre are available at the hotel. The hotel also has a pantry market.

Hotel Details

Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza

100 Sandoval St, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501, USA

TEL: +1-505-988-2811

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-mexico/hilton-santa-fe-historic-plaza-SFEHIHF/index.html>

The hotel is located two blocks from the historic Santa Fe Plaza, boutiques, restaurants and museums.

The hotel has internet access, a restaurant that serves breakfast and Starbucks coffee, light evening meals, room service, fitness centre, a year round hot tub and kiva fireplace.



Click [here](#) to view map



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Nearby Attractions and Dining

The hotel is surrounded by museums, art galleries, boutique stores, historical buildings, restaurants and cafes, all within easy walking distance. Some stores remain opening until 8 pm and most cafes and restaurants remain open until approx. 9.30 – 10 pm.

Further tourist information is available via the following website: <http://santafeselection.net/home.php>

- Collected Works Bookstore and Coffee House – Open until 8pm - <http://www.collectedworksbookstore.com>
- Keshi the Zuni Collection – Fetish art, jewellery and pottery - <http://www.keshi.com>
- C. G. Higgins Confections – Open until 8 pm - <http://www.cghiggins.com>
- The shop – A Christmas Store - <http://www.theshopchristmas.com>
- Casa Chimayo Restaurante – *homestyle Mexican food* - <http://www.casachimayosantafe.com/>
- Coyote Café and Rooftop Cantina - <http://www.coyotecafe.com/>
- Blue Corn Café and Brewery - <http://bluecorncafe.com/cafe/>
- The Palace Restaurant and Saloon - <http://www.palacesantafe.com/>

Transport

A wide range of tourist attractions and eateries are located within easy walking distance of our hotel.

Taxis

Taxis can be booked through Capital City Cab Co. (505)438-0000 www.capitalcitycab.com





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Itinerary - Portland

(b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner)

Sunday, 10 April - Portland

Tour begins in Portland

- 4:30pm** Meet in hotel lobby for introductions and briefing
- 5.30pm** Free time, arrange own dinner

Monday, 11 April (b, l) - Portland

- 8.30am** Full day master class with Yong Zhao (*held at hotel*)
- 4.00pm** Free time, arrange own dinner

Tuesday, 12 April (b, l) - Portland

- 8.00am** Meet on the bus
- 8.30am** Opal School of the Portland Children's Museum
- 12.00pm** Lunch at Portland Children's Museum Café
- 1.00pm** The Lemelson Foundation
- 5.00 pm** Return to hotel
- Evening** Free time, arrange own dinner

Wednesday, 13 April (b, l) - Portland

- 7.40am** Meet on the bus
- 8.00am** Catlin Gabel School (*Full-day visit*)
- 4.00pm** Return to hotel
- Evening** Free time, arrange own dinner

Thursday 14 April (b) - Portland

- 8.30am** Half-day reflection with Yong Zhao – time for reflection to consider where to now? (*held at hotel*)
- 1.00pm** Free time, arrange own dinner

Friday 15 April (b) – Portland to San Francisco

- 7.30am** Participants are to be checked out of hotel and meet on the bus
Excursion along the Historic Columbia River Highway Scenic Bypass – visit to Multnomah Falls
- 9.15am** Breakfast at Multnomah Falls Lodge
- 10.30am** Transfer to Portland Airport for flight to San Francisco
- 1.15pm** Flight to San Francisco



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Tour Activities: Portland

Sunday 10 April

Check-in at Hotel / Tour Briefing and Introduction Session

Please join us at the designated meeting point within the hotel at 4.30 pm for our first tour briefing and introductions. If you have not yet checked into the hotel you can do so at this time.

Monday 11 April

Master Class with Yong Zhao, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Portland Hilton & Executive Tower

The Master Class

Tuesday 12 April

Opal School

Opal School of the Portland Children's Museum is a beginning school (ages 3–6) and public charter elementary school (grades K–5). The mission of Opal School is to strengthen public education by provoking fresh ideas concerning environments where creativity, imagination and the wonder of learning thrive.

Opal School will provide a brief presentation about their approach to learning, a tour of the school including observation time in classrooms, and facilitated conversation. Delegates will have time to explore the Portland Children's Museum and a full lunch will be provided.

www.portlandcm.org

Recommended reading

The Lemelson Foundation

Founded in the early 1990's, The Lemelson Foundation is directed toward ensuring a robust pipeline of inventors, inventions and invention-based enterprises. Additionally, the Foundation works to strengthen the ecosystem that cultivates inventors while also helping them to translate their ideas to inventions with impact.

To create effective and appropriate inventions that will change lives requires people inspired to be agents of change through invention, and who are equipped or trained to effectively do so.

Young inventors require critical tools including:

- Cultivate the capacity to think critically, and identify real-world problems and possible solutions in the user's context through questioning, empathy, idea generation, and design process thinking.
- A strong base of knowledge in skills necessary to invent, including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- The ability to learn to turn ideas into solutions through creating designs, fabricating prototypes, and incorporating entrepreneurial thinking.

<http://www.lemelson.org/>



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Wednesday 13 April

Catlin Gabel School

An independent pre-school through 12th grade day school.

Children who are eager to understand the world around them and master new skills. Enthusiastic teachers who know and value every student. Engaged parents who share educational goals and want to participate. A community that values healthy relationships and personal integrity.

Students are on a transformational journey inspired at every grade level by meaningful work, high academic standards, and leadership opportunities. They learn how to think critically and creatively and exercise good judgment. They learn how to relate to all kinds of people with interest and respect. They learn the value of being curious and resilient.

This full-day excursion will include a tour of the school and classroom visits.

Thursday 14 April

Half-Day Reflection with Yong Zhao, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Portland Hilton & Executive Tower

Where to now?

Friday 15 April

Historic Columbia River Highway Scenic Byway - Multnomah Falls

Sit back, relax and enjoy a 1 hour journey along the Historic Columbia River Highway Scenic Byway. Our destination is Multnomah Falls which stands at 189 m. It is Oregon's tallest waterfall and the second tallest year round waterfall in the United States. The waterfall consists of a two-drop cascade and steep hiking trails that lead all the way to the top.

A 400 m walk will take you to Benson Bridge, a photogenic foot-crossing built in 1914 by lumber baron Simon Benson, which spans the falls' second drop. It's a great place to enjoy the view.

If you wish to take the walk up to Benson Bridge, remember to dress warmly and wear shoes with traction, because the waterfall's spray makes the entire area cool and slick. Dressing for the water also means you're already prepared for rainy weather, if storm clouds happen to roll into the Columbia River Gorge during our visit.



http://www.oregon.com/attractions/multnomah_falls

Delegates will enjoy a relaxed dine-in breakfast at Multnomah Falls Lodge at 9.15 am.

Please note the bus will depart Multnomah Falls at 10.30 am (sharp!) for our transfer to the airport.

Flight from Portland to San Francisco

AISWA has booked this flight for all tour delegates and we will **check-in at the airport as a group**.

Flight UA569, United Airlines departs at **1.15 pm** from Portland Airport and will arrive in San Francisco at approximately 3.00 pm. When you arrive at the terminal in San Francisco, collect your baggage and go to the designated meeting point to wait for the shuttle service to our hotel.

Check-in at Hotel

Please wait at the foyer for group check-in and to discuss any study tour-related matters.



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Itinerary –San Francisco

(b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner)

Friday 15 April (cont..) – San Francisco

3.00pm Arrive in San Francisco – transfer to hotel
Evening Free time, arrange own dinner

Saturday 16 April – San Francisco

Free day to explore San Francisco – have fun!

Sunday, 17 April (b) – San Francisco to Santa Fe

8.15am Participants are to be checked out of hotel and assembled in hotel lobby for transfer to airport
11.00am Flight to Albuquerque
3.00 pm Charter bus transfer to Santa Fe
4.00 pm Arrive in Santa Fe and check-in at Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza
Evening: Free time, arrange own dinner



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Tour Activities: San Francisco

Saturday 16 April

Free Day to explore San Francisco

See 'San Francisco Information' on pages 4-5 for activity and transport information. Suggestions:

- Fisherman's Wharf
- North Beach
- Alcatraz
- Golden Gate Bridge

Other attractions:

Presidio National Park, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, AT&T Park, Hyde Street, Lombard Street (most crooked street in the world), Historic F-Line Trolley Cars, San Francisco Bay Ferry Service, San Francisco Bay Cruises, Beach Blanket Babylon Production, Historic Ferry Building, Wax Museum, Union Square Shopping, Chinatown, Yerba Buena Gardens, Golden Gate Park, City Hall, Historic Haight Ashbury.

Sunday 17 April

Flight from San Francisco to Albuquerque

The hotel buffet breakfast will be available in the lobby from 6.15 am. Please check out of the hotel and meet in the foyer of the hotel at 8.15am *sharp* for transport to the airport. AISWA has booked this flight for all tour delegates and we will **check-in at the airport as a group**.

Flight UA5448, United Airlines departs at 11.00 am from San Francisco Airport and will arrive in Albuquerque at approximately 2.40 pm.

When we arrive at the terminal at Albuquerque airport, collect your baggage and go to the designated meeting point to wait for our shuttle service to Santa Fe.

Bus Transfer to Santa Fe

The bus transfer from Albuquerque to Santa Fe will take approximately one hour.

Check-in at Hotel

Please wait at the foyer for group check-in and to discuss any study tour related matters.



Delegate Information Package

Itinerary – Santa Fe

(b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner)

Monday, 18 April (b, l, d) - Santa Fe

8.30 am	Familiarisation and cultural immersion session with George Otero (<i>held at hotel</i>)
12.30pm	Lunch at Luminaria Restaurant
1.30pm	Half-day excursion to El Santurio de Chimayo, northern New Mexico communities
Evening	Dinner at Rancho de Chimanyó, world famous New Mexican Restaurant

Tuesday, 19 April (b, l) - Albuquerque

7.30am	Meet on bus to depart for Albuquerque
8.30am	La Mesa Elementary Community School
12.00pm	Lunch at Route 66 Diner
1.30pm	George I. Sanchez Collaborative Community School
Evening	Free time, arrange own dinner

Wednesday, 20 April (b, l) - Santa Fe

8.30am	Meet on the bus - El Camino Real K-8 School and/or Rameriz Thomas Elementary School
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Santa Fe District Schools – Parent Academy and Student Engagement
4.30pm	Wine, cheese, & cowboy boots (<i>kindly arranged by Ride Roadrunner Shuttles</i>)
Evening	Free time, arrange own dinner

Thursday 21 April (b, l) - Taos

8.30am	Meet on the bus – Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and Community School
12.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm	Taos Academy Charter School –5-12
3.00pm	Tour of Mabel Dodge Luhan House – Site of Multicultural Learning Center run by George Otero
Evening	Free time, arrange own dinner

Friday 22 April (b, d) - Santa Fe

8.30am	Half-day reflection with George Otero – time for reflection to consider where to now? (<i>held at hotel</i>)
1.00pm	Free time
6.30pm	End of study tour dinner La Casa Sena, Sena Plaza, 125 E Palace Ave

Saturday 23 April – Santa Fe to Albuquerque

9.30am	Participants are to be checked out of hotel and meet on the bus for transfer to Albuquerque airport
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Tour Activities: Santa Fe

Monday 18 April

Familiarisation and Cultural Immersion with George Otero

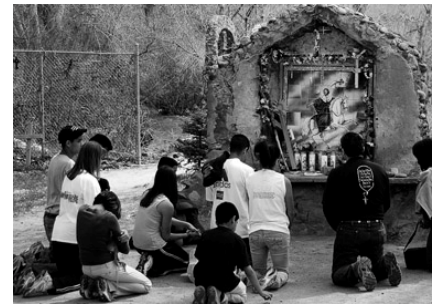
This Santa Fe familiarisation session will be held in a meeting room at the hotel and commence with an in-meeting room breakfast served at 8.30 am.

Lunch at Luminaria Restaurant

A feast for the eyes, Luminaria's decor is inspired by ancestral Anasazi people, New Mexico's first inhabitants. A flickering Kiva fireplace, copper top adobe bar, and colorful paintings by Native American artist, Mateo Romero, provide further rustic elegance. Enjoy progressive Santa Fe cuisine at its finest with ingredients sourced from by local farmers, as well as the finest regional meats and game, all in a tranquil, inviting setting.

El Santuario de Chimayó

The compound maintained by the Sons of the Holy Family contains two buildings of particular historical significance. The first is El Santuario de Chimayo, the tiny shrine that is built on the site of what many believe to be a miracle associated with the crucifix of "Nuestro Señor de Esquipulas" (Our Lord of Esquipulas). El Santuario de Chimayo is also the site of "el pocito" the small pit of Holy Dirt which many people attribute as possessing remarkable curative powers.



Separate from El Santuario de Chimayo but within easy walking distance is the Shrine of Santa Niño de Atocha. The shrine was originally built in 1856 and is the destination of what is a strong and growing tradition which now spans several generations. It is an Easter pilgrimage, originally began by the U.S. soldiers and sailors who prayed to the Santo Niño during the infamous Bataan Death March. These servicemen, upon their return to the United States, began the pilgrimage to Chimayo, where several statues of Santa Niño reside, to give thanks for their deliverance and in memory of their suffering. That tradition has now grown to encompass tens of thousands of individuals of all faiths and all walks of life.

<http://www.elsantuariodechimayo.us/Santuario/index.html>

Dinner at Rancho de Chimayo

New Mexico cuisine, permeated by the two official state vegetables of pinto beans and chile, is a tradition of regional cultivation, seed varieties and recipes passed down for generations. The fertile village of Chimayo, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo foothills of the Rocky Mountains, is known not only for its miraculous Santuario but also for its unique sought after varietal of red chile.

Florence and Arturo Jaramillo cultivated the menu for Rancho de Chimayó based on personal, local and ancestral family influences. Over the past 50 years, the restaurante became famous for its signature dishes of spicy guacamole, hand rolled tamales, blue corn enchiladas, carne adovada and chile rellenos. A refreshing prickly pear margarita made with our signature tequila or glass of fine wine from our full bar will compliment your meal but please leave room for a fluffy sopapilla dipped in fresh local honey or one of our seasonal desserts as a finale to your visit.

<http://www.ranchodechimayo.com/#welcome2>



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Tuesday 19 April – Community Development Focus

La Mesa Elementary School



Vision Statement

All La Mesa students will exceed common core standards. Each child will realize their importance as an integral and equal part of La Mesa and the greater, diverse, global community.

Mission Statement

We, the diverse La Mesa community, utilize high expectations, technology, hard work, and collaboration to achieve our highest academic and social potential.

<https://lmes-aps-nm.schoolloop.com/>

Lunch at Route 66 Diner

50's style Diner on Historic Route 66. Features Burgers, Blue Plate Specials and Albuquerque's Best Milkshakes. Our much photographed, internationally known restaurant is a hit with locals and tourists alike. Blue plate specials, a full soda fountain, burgers, sandwiches, salads, and a swingin' jukebox, you're sure to "get your kicks" at the 66 Diner.

George I. Sanchez Collaborative Community School



Vision Statement

At George I. Sanchez our students will be the highest performing in the state. Students will be critical thinkers who are engaged, focused and committed. We will provide a blended learning environment integrating innovative uses of technology, collaboration, and a global learning community to empower them as lifelong learners.

Mission Statement

At George I. Sánchez Collaborative Community School we are committed to the high achievement and growth of every student, providing them with a rigorous academic program that sets high expectations and develops critical thinking and problem solving skills through inquiry-based projects.

Through collaborative work between students, staff, families, and community partners, our students will be prepared with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for high school, leading to college and career success.

With the mindset of innovation and investigation as guiding principles, students will use technology as a tool for gaining, applying and sharing knowledge. Technology will be embedded in all that students do and no longer limited to a place they go.

Based on this philosophy we will strive for maximum flexibility to adapt to inevitable changes in technology and teaching methods. We will move beyond the traditional isolated classroom toward small groupings of partnerships working together to celebrate the differences and similarities between age groups and to foster an environment of mentorship and community.

<https://gisccs-aps-nm.schoolloop.com/>



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Wednesday 20 April – Learning Focus

El Camino Real School

El Camino Real Academy is a multicultural community of lifelong learners, preparing for meaningful contributions in an ever changing world.

School wide goals:

I will cite evidence from text

I will explain my thinking and learning

I know, and I will achieve my goals

<http://www.sfps.info/index.aspx?nid=1201>

Rameriz Thomas Elementary School

Vision Statement

The learning community at Ramirez Thomas Elementary believes that all children can learn, achieve and perform at the highest levels. We are dedicated to high expectations; a rigorous curriculum and data informed instructional decisions to insure that all students are academically and socially prepared for college and career.

Mission Statement

The mission of Ramirez Thomas Elementary School is to ensure that all students demonstrate grade-level proficiency as determined by Common Core State Standards (CCSS). With this in mind, we commit to:

Utilize focused assessments and rigorous evaluation of data to inform our instruction.

Participate in continuing professional development and collaboration in order to offer the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Team with and attain feedback from students, families, staff and community members.

We will accomplish our mission in an environment of trust and respect that fosters positive attitudes towards: self; others; cultural, linguistic and social differences; academic achievement; personal growth; and responsible citizenship. As a community, we will celebrate our successes.

<http://www.sfps.info/ramirezthomas>

Wine, Cheese, & Cowboy Boots (shopping Santa Fe style!)

Kindly organised by Roadrunner Shuttles, this delightful late afternoon event to be held at **Caballero Boots & Fashions** has been designed to take you shopping Santa Fe style! Wine and cheese tasting combined with cowboy boots - YeeeHaaaa!





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Thursday 21 April – Leadership Focus

Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and Community School

Juan de Oñate established the first Spanish capital city in New Mexico near Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo (formerly San Juan Pueblo) in 1598. Traditionally, San Juan (O'ke in Tewa) was the center of an Indian meeting ground, its people so powerful that only an O'ke native could declare war for the Pueblo Indians. Although called a Taoseño, Pueblo Revolt leader Popé actually was a San Juan native.

It is one of the largest Tewa-speaking pueblos with a population of about 6,748. Today, the pueblo is the headquarters of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council and home to the Oke-Oweenge Crafts Cooperative, (505) 852-2372, which exhibits the art of the eight northern pueblos. The main art focus of this Tewa village is redware pottery, weaving and painting.

Taos Academy Charter School

Taos Academy is a State Charter public school offering a dynamic and innovative educational delivery system. It is our privilege to provide 5th-12th grade students with engaging and rigorous core curriculum, highly motivating elective classes, leadership and career training, college preparation and community involvement through our state-of-the-art 21st century learning environment.

At Taos Academy, we hold the belief that every learner deserves access to excellence in educational opportunities regardless of his or her abilities or location. Our hybrid educational delivery model uses a unique combination of direct classroom and digital instruction with proven curriculum to address each learner's individual needs. Flexibility in scheduling allows for the student to work in our technology labs or wherever a high-speed internet connection is available. Students attend the Taos Academy facility for tutoring, workshops, and classes in our media arts lab or in our science/math/engineering lab.

Students are enrolled at Taos Academy through a lottery system. Each accepted student completes an application and has an interview. During the interview process, educational and career plans will be developed through the collaborative efforts of the student, parent, and instructional advisor. The student also undergoes academic assessment to determine the appropriate course placement.

<http://taosacademy.org/>

Tour of Mabel Dodge Luhan House

Rich in history, authentic in architecture, The Mabel Dodge Luhan House has been a center of Taos arts and education for nearly 100 years. Join us and experience the rustic and relaxing ambience that makes the Mabel Dodge Luhan house an artistic salon of the Southwest.

She was Mabel Gansen Evans Dodge Sterne Luhan – salon hostess, art patroness, writer and self-appointed savior of humanity. She was a woman of profound contradictions. She was generous. She was petty. Domineering and endearing.

Today as you approach the house of Mabel Dodge Luhan, it's easy to see why some of the greatest minds of the 20th century were inspired here. Situated at the end of a quiet road not far from the center of town, the house appears much as it did in the days when Mabel admired her views of the sacred Taos Mountain from the third-story solarium.





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About The Center for Relational Learning (CRL)

Bridging People, Communities and Schools

CRL Mission - Our mission is to encourage and support people, communities and schools to attend to their relationships as the best way to ensure the educational success of every child.

We believe that our relationships hold the keys to educational success. We now know the factors that determine achievement, well-being and better life chances, and we know that parents, communities and schools must work in partnership to assure these outcomes for every child. To this end Center for Relational Learning (CRL) offers facilitation, coaching, and training services as well as publications, learning journeys, and conferences. We have spent over 40 years developing our understanding and practices of learning and leading relationally.

We encourage people to attend to relationships as a major way to improve themselves, their communities and their schools. We invite you to enjoy and participate with us as we continue this journey to understand and improve our relationships with ourselves, each other and our environments. - See more at: <http://relationalearning.com/#sthash.7oFTEdeK.dpuf>

<http://relationalearning.com/>





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Friday 22 April

Half-Day Master Class with George Otero

Time to reflect - Where to from here?

This master class will be held in a meeting room at the hotel and commence with an in-meeting room breakfast served at 8.30 am.

End of Study Tour Dinner at La Casa Sena

La Casa Sena, located at Sena Plaza, 125 E Palace Ave (an easy 10 minute walk from our hotel), has proudly been a local and visitor favourite for over 30 years! Making La Casa Sena a true Santa Fe tradition. They feature New American West cuisine, inspired by New Mexican influences and seasonal ingredients. They also offer an award-winning wine list and a spectacular patio and outdoor bar. Their singing wait staff performs nightly in La Cantina, and the wine shop is the only place in downtown Santa Fe to purchase fine wine and spirits.

More information including the history of Sena Plaza, seasonal menus and the singing wait staff is available via the restaurant website.

<http://lacasasena.com/>

Saturday 23 April

Santa Fe Hotel Checkout

Bus Transfer to Albuquerque

The bus transfer from Santa Fe to Albuquerque will take approximately one hour. Please keep in mind that our bus transfer will depart from our hotel in Santa Fe at 9.30 am on the Saturday morning and will arrive in Albuquerque at approximately 11.00 am. We do recommend organising your forward travel with departure from Albuquerque scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, 23 April, in case there are any delays in the morning.

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Reflective Practice

Do talk to each other – peer support and professional learning comes from reflective experiences encountered. Talk about what has happened - what is happening and about the opportunities that can come of an experience by being reflectively critical. Don't fall into the trap of relying on personal observation. Collaborative collegial discussion can transform foreign ideas that are ultimately suitable to your own context. Make sure you:

- Ask questions about the theories and classroom practices presented
- Share resources
- Make links to set up collaborative projects
- Discuss the hot issues

Then, from what is provided, you take from it elements for your own purpose and specific context. Not all will be applicable, given the diversity of our group, but with an open-mind and respectful acknowledgement of culture, ultimately you will find what suits your needs.

Study Tour Blog & Photos/Video

During the course of the tour we ask that delegates contribute to an AISWA Study Tour blog. This blog is intended as a reflective narrative of our group's learning experiences during the tour. Feel free to provide the URL to your school's leadership group, fellow teachers, or even your family and friends to keep track of our journey in the USA.

<https://aiswausastudytour.wordpress.com/>

You have been sent an invitation to contribute to the blog which is hosted on WordPress. You can either sign-up for a new account or use an existing one and upload from your laptop, tablet or smart phone device (apps available). If you experience any difficulties, please contact Kylie Bice at kbice@growingupgreatness.com or Niki Preston at npreston@ais.wa.edu.au.

As a contributor you can create posts to be published on the blog site. If you would like to add photos to the blog, please email these through to either Kylie Bice kbice@growingupgreatness.com or Niki Preston at npreston@ais.wa.edu.au for upload.

It is also customary for AISWA to take photos and video of participants whilst on study tours to use in various publications including our blog, newsletters, the AISWA website/Bulletin and in future tour promotional materials. An online photograph release form is available for delegates to sign, however, please feel free to contact Niki at npreston@ais.wa.edu.au if you do not wish for your photo to be taken or used for any of these purposes. Please refer to the AISWA privacy statement for more information. Copies can be made available to you upon request.



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Tour Hosts

Dr Yong Zhao, Portland

Associate Dean for Global Education, University of Oregon

Dr Yong Zhao is an internationally known scholar, author, and speaker. His works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education. He has designed schools that cultivate global competence, developed computer games for language learning, and founded research and development institutions to explore innovative education models. He has published over 100 articles and 20 books, including *Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization* and *World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students*.



He is a recipient of the Early Career Award from the American Educational Research Association and was named one of the 2012 10 most influential people in educational technology by the Tech & Learn Magazine. He is an elected fellow of the International Academy for Education. His latest book *World Class Learners* has won several awards including the Society of Professors of Education Book Award (2013), Association of Education Publishers' (AEP) Judges' Award and Distinguished Achievement Award in Education Leadership (2013).

He currently serves as the Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon, where he is also a Professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy, and Leadership.

Until December, 2010, Yong Zhao was University Distinguished Professor at the College of Education, Michigan State University, where he also served as the founding director of the Center for Teaching and Technology, executive director of the Confucius Institute, as well as the US-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence.

www.zhaolearning.com

Dr George Otero, Santa Fe

Founder, Director, Consultant, Center for Relational Learning

George Otero is an educational consultant who was born and raised in New Mexico. He has worked as a teacher, educator, international consultant, social entrepreneur, and author. He and his wife Susan, operate the Center for Relational Learning based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has worked for many years in Australia and the United Kingdom as well as the United States.



His work with schools and community leaders in transforming schools is an outgrowth of his twenty years of work creating and directing a multicultural community learning center in Taos, New Mexico, attended by over 50,000 people. His approach utilized dance, play, dreaming, games, storytelling and an open inquiry process that builds community and stimulates learning and leadership.

Through his work new ways for schools and communities to secure equity, inclusion, and social justice have emerged leading to transformations in relationships. His work in transforming schools is done one at a time by clarifying the issues and problems within the context of their communities.

<http://relationallearning.com/>