

# STS Select

– An exclusive  
high school program



Choose to study in the USA, Canada,  
Australia or New Zealand.  
For students between 14 and 18 years of age.





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# Do you dream about living in another country, experiencing a different culture and learning to speak a second language fluently?

With STS Student Travel Schools you will have the opportunity to study abroad, stay in a host family and make friends for life.

STS started in 1958 as a Swedish company. Today, we have more than 50 years of experience working with international education and cultural exchanges for young people. We have established a worldwide network of offices and partner organisations that enables us to offer high quality study programs. Our main task is to take responsibility for you when you are abroad, away from your family.

Today we are represented in over 40 countries worldwide. We have offices in 16 countries and a large global network of partners and not-for-profit organisations, that are always ready to take care of and help our students. Many of our staff have been with us for several years and have unique experience in assisting students through their once-in-a-lifetime adventure. With STS, you will feel secure and well taken care of throughout your stay abroad.

All programs offered by STS encourage broadening of global perspectives, developing language skills, fostering a clearer understanding of diverse cultures, and an open and enriching exchange of ideas, values and beliefs. Our main focus is on having satisfied customers. This is why we continually work on product development and always aim to achieve the highest quality possible.

STS High School places high school students aged 14–18 with host families and in high schools for an academic year, semester or shorter period. STS Select is a high school program individually developed to meet students, requests regarding school, subjects, sports and geographic areas. The students have the possibility to tailor design their "own" program.

Welcome to STS and the best year of your life!



STS Student Travel Schools started in 1958 as a Swedish company. More than 50 years later, STS has evolved into a multinational network of staff members, part-time teachers, representatives and volunteers all around the world.



The Association of Language Travel Organisations (ALTO) is the only premium forum joining leading language travel agents, schools, and national associations as one global community.



The World Youth Student & Educational (WYSE) Travel Confederation is a not-for-profit association of youth and student travel operators. They are dedicated to supporting the global industry and connecting the organisations that serve young people who travel to study, work and grow.



The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSJET) is a not-for-profit organisation committed to quality international educational travel and exchange for youth at the high school level. STS is listed since many years.



I spent a year in the State of Pennsylvania in a private school, because I had a number of personal requests that only a private school could meet. I got on very well and quickly adapted to the new lifestyle. I was greeted warmly by both my classmates and the teachers, and not at least from my host family who I will always carry in my heart!

Agata Borrelli, Italy  
STS Select in USA, 2008/2009

#### INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM:

- Preparation materials.
- Pre-Orientation meeting.
- Host family accommodation.
- Placement and education in a public or private school (depending on the country).
- An area representative in the host country.
- STS ID card, t-shirt and rucksack.
- Transportation to the host country, including domestic transportation.
- Airport reception and local transport to the host family at arrival.
- Emergency phone, 24 hours support.
- Access to an STS office both in your home country and in the host country. You will be able to get help and advice throughout the entire program.
- STS Diploma.
- Opportunity to join the STS International Returnee Club.

# STS Select.

## An exclusive high school program.

STS Select is a high school program individually developed for students aged 14–18. It is a program all about choice and opportunity. If you have a particular interest (a sport, for example) or if you would like to focus your studies on a specific subject, you should choose STS Select. You will have the opportunity to select geographic area, school, subjects and sports that match your own requests and wishes. You can choose from highly rated schools in four of the most desirable destinations around the world: the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. During your stay abroad, you will experience a new country, take part in another culture, improve your language skills and make new friends. It will be an unforgettable time of your life.

### SCHOOL, SPORTS AND AREA – YOUR CHOICE

We have developed the STS Select program to encourage individual and social development while offering a safe and challenging learning experience. As a student, you are obliged to study a few compulsory subjects, but you may choose the remainder of your curriculum from a large selection of interesting subjects. Take the opportunity to select the school based on your favourite subjects. How would you feel about studying deep sea diving in New Zealand, outdoor education in Canada, graphic design in the USA or marine biology in Australia? You will be supplied with detailed information on a number of schools, which will allow you to select the one that best suits your needs.

The level of sports can differ from school to school. It is therefore important for us to know what you expect from your sport and on what level you are. To be able to offer the best program possible and recommend the best suitable school, we need to receive detailed information regarding your interests and your ambitions. On the STS Select program you have the opportunity to select area, state and city in the

country you would like to study. The staff at our STS offices has a lot of experience when it comes to matching schools with student requests. If you are having difficulty finding what you are looking for, STS is there to help. We will be happy to recommend a school that suits your preferences and requests.

Most of our schools offer after-school clubs such as sports, drama, photography, choir, computer and student council. This is an opportunity to maybe try something new. It is also a great way of finding new friends.

### HOST FAMILY

With STS Select, you will be placed in a host family. Our families are paid for hosting a student and they mostly live close to school. All host families are carefully chosen so we can assure that they will take good care of you. You will spend weekends and celebrate holidays together with your host family and get to know their relatives and friends. They will become your “own” family during your stay abroad. STS students and their host families often stay in touch with each other for many years.

STS is responsible for making sure that all students and host families have direct contact with one person, the area representative. This person will have regular contact with you and your host family during your entire stay, to give support, advice and assistance if needed.

This is also a person to turn to if you have any questions or if you just need to talk to somebody.

Choose STS Select for your studies abroad!





- ✓ Study at a private school.
- ✓ Extend your studies to more than one year.
- ✓ Select the state and city you like the most.
- ✓ Study English as a Second Language.

# STS Select: **USA**

Discover the country where everything is possible. USA has a fascinating landscape with vast prairies, cornfields, sunny beaches, mountains, rivers and metropolitan cities teeming with open-minded and lively people. With so many choices available, choosing to study in the USA will allow you to get the very most out of your academic year abroad.

As well as being able to choose a specific geographic area, school, subjects and sports, STS Select also enables you to make choices that will genuinely effect your educational development, such as extending your program to more than one year in preparation for admission to the US college system.

## **SCHOOL, SPORTS AND AREA – YOUR CHOICE**

On the STS Select program, you will be placed in a private school. The schools are spread out across this massive country, including such popular areas as California, Florida and the Northeast. This offers a unique opportunity if you have a desire to study and live in a specific area of the country. We have a selection of schools with interesting subjects such as business law, photography, physical education, space science, graphic design and creative writing. Our schools also have great possibilities for practicing sports, both competitive and non-competitive. Among the sports offered are basketball, football, soccer, cheerleading, swimming and

tennis. Take the opportunity to choose school based on your favourite subjects or sports. Some of our schools offer the International Baccalaureate Degree Program which is recognised by universities worldwide. For students from non-English-speaking countries, some of our schools offer ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. Private schools in the USA vary between secular and religious orientation, but both directions are open to all. Some schools require a uniform, while others just enforce a dress code requiring clothing to be modest and clean.

At private schools in the USA with STS Select, you can choose to study a semester, a full academic year or even longer. You have the opportunity to extend your studies when you are in the USA and you could also choose to graduate there. On average, over 90% of graduates attending private high schools in the USA later go on to college or university. For additional info about STS Select in the USA and a selection of schools, please visit our website: [www.sts-education.com](http://www.sts-education.com).



- ✓ Special-interest courses.
- ✓ Outdoor activities very close by.
- ✓ Exciting trips during the year.
- ✓ Study English as a Second Language.

# STS Select: **CANADA**

Canada is the second largest country in the world and home to some of the world's most spectacular sights. There is so much to discover here – from deep forests and pristine lakes, to quiet pastures and lovely wildflower fields, to rushing rivers and Rocky Mountain peaks. Explore this beautiful country on the STS Select program.

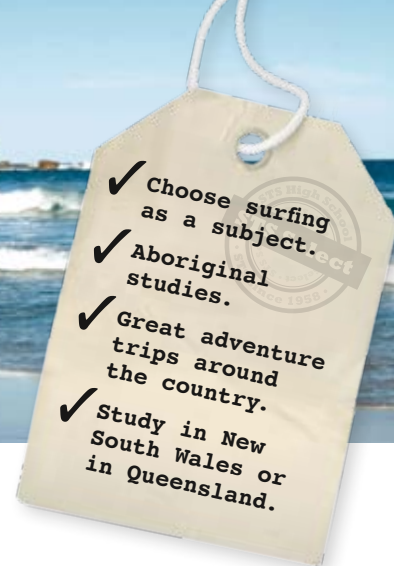
A bilingual country, both English and French are spoken in Canada, though English is far more common. As an STS Select student, you can choose whether you want to be placed in an English or French speaking public school. Regardless of language, one thing nearly all Canadians have in common is a love of sports, particularly ice hockey, Canada's national sport. If you are into sports, Canada is a great place to try something new.

## **SCHOOL, SPORTS AND AREA – YOUR CHOICE**

The school system in Canada is divided into school boards, and the STS Select program can offer school placements in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) and in the Rocky Mountain School Board. Schools in other parts of Canada can also be offered upon request. The OCDSB offers high schools around Ottawa in Eastern Ontario and there are many possibilities for outdoor activities within just 15 minutes from the city. The Rocky Mountain School District is located on the warm side of the mountains in British

Columbia. The schools in this area are known for their active athletic departments and competitive sports. For students from non-English-speaking countries, several of our schools offer ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. The Canadian schools are mixed schools with both boys and girls, so called "co-ed" public schools, and do not require school uniforms. You can attend any school for terms ranging from one month to three years or more. The choice is yours.

Students are welcome to participate in sports such as skiing & snowboarding, volleyball, basketball, soccer and golf. Specialty courses such as outdoor careers, digital media, culinary arts, equine studies and adventure tourism are popular with international students. There is also a sport school specialising in ice hockey, a fire-fighting academy and a chef training program. Students can also join of wide variety of clubs and activity groups. For additional info about STS Select in Canada and a selection of schools please visit our website [www.sts-education.com](http://www.sts-education.com).



# STS Select: **AUSTRALIA**

Australia is much more than a great destination for holidays and tourism. It is also a multicultural, industrialised and modern country. Its education and training system is one of the finest and most innovative in the world. Each year, thousands of students from Asia, South America and Europe enrol in Australian high schools and universities.

STS offers the opportunity to study in the two most popular states of Australia – New South Wales and Queensland. New South Wales has a diverse landscape of urban and rural communities located along the magnificent beaches of the east coast, on agricultural plains, near national parks and southern ski fields. Sydney is the capital city of the state. Queensland is known as the Sunshine State and offers lovely beaches, rainforests, the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef, tropical islands and outback heritage.

## **SCHOOL, SPORTS AND AREA – YOUR CHOICE**

The schools in Australia offer high quality education, which makes Australia a great country to study in. On the STS Select program, you are obliged to study English and may then choose from among many other subjects and sports on offer: marine biology, multimedia, drama, Indonesian language, Aboriginal studies, surfing and diving, performing arts, etc. Sports are an important part of the Australian lifestyle and most schools offer a wide range of both

individual and team sports as a part of their curriculum. You can choose the location for your STS Select program, either in New South Wales or in Queensland. Whether you prefer to live in a capital city, in the countryside or very close to the beach, we can match your placement with your wishes and requests.

The academic year in Australia begins in January and is divided into four terms. You can choose how many terms you would like to study. STS Select is a high quality program offered in selected schools only and monitored by government authorities in Australia. STS works closely with the DET (Department of Education and Training) in New South Wales and EQI (Educational Queensland International) in Queensland, providing all tuition and host family arrangements.

For additional info about STS Select in Australia and a selection of schools, please visit our website [www.sts-education.com](http://www.sts-education.com).



- ✓ Outdoor Education Program.
- ✓ Maori studies.
- ✓ Choose Deep Sea Diving as a subject.
- ✓ Endless opportunities for practising adventure sports.

# STS Select: **NEW ZEALAND**

About 4 million people live on the beautiful English-speaking island of New Zealand. The New Zealanders, or “Kiwis” as they are sometimes called, have a true passion for the outdoors. So if you’re into adventure sports, you will have an almost endless number of exciting options to choose from here.

Teeming with glaciers, fjords and rivers, forests and lovely beaches, New Zealand is a country with a fabulous, almost magical, natural environment – a fantastic place to study. New Zealand is a perfect choice if you love sports like skiing, snowboarding, kite surfing, kayaking, climbing and rafting.

## **SCHOOL, SPORTS AND AREA – YOUR CHOICE**

On the STS Select program, you can choose from schools all over the country. You are obliged to study English, but may then choose four to five other subjects. How would you feel about studying Maori, deep sea diving, debate, mountain biking or fashion design? You have the opportunity to combine your favourite subjects with your favourite interest or sport. We will be happy to recommend a school that suits your preferences and requests.

On the STS Select you will be able to combine fun and exciting activities in fantastic surroundings with academic

studies in a first class high school. You can, for example, choose our “Outdoor Education Program” where we focus on adventure sports from both theoretical and practical perspectives. It is an excellent opportunity to get a professional education and at the same time learn more about adventure sports.

School uniforms are common in New Zealand. There are girls-only and boys-only schools, but also mixed or “co-ed” schools. On the STS Select program, you can choose to study for a few months, a semester, a full academic year or even longer. You can also extend your studies when you are in New Zealand. STS offers two adventure trips, one around the South Island and one around the North Island. Two wonderful trips you should not miss during your stay!

For additional info about STS Select in New Zealand and a selection of schools, please visit our website [www.sts-education.com](http://www.sts-education.com).

# STS is there to support you – from start to finish and beyond.

At STS, your safety is our main priority. That is why we want to stay in touch with you the whole time – before, during and after your stay abroad. We want you to feel well prepared when you take off for your big adventure abroad, and

we will always be there for you when you need support in your host country. When you return to your home country with unforgettable knowledge and memories, we would love to hear about your experiences .

## 1 APPLICATION & INTERVIEW

Apply on our website or by contacting your local STS office. Once we have received your pre-application, we will invite you to an interview. We will confirm your suitability and acceptance only after the interview and when we have received your completed application form.

## 2 ACCEPTANCE & PLACEMENT

Once you have been accepted into the STS Select program, you will be placed in a school and host family that matches your wishes and requests in the country you have chosen. You will be able to get in touch with your host family and start to get to know them before you go.

## 3 PREPARATIONS BEFORE DEPARTURE

As the date for your departure approaches, you and your parents will be invited to a pre-departure meeting. We will review the program, provide information about the country and answer any questions that you may have. Everything to make you as prepared and comfortable as possible.

## 4 STS SUPPORT WHEN YOU ARE ABROAD

When you have arrived in your host country, you will be in contact with your area representative and other international students. Our local network of schools, STS representatives and your host family will give you the best conditions for a safe stay. You will always have someone to turn to.

## 5 RETURNING TO YOUR HOME COUNTRY

After all your experiences in another country, you will surely have grown as a person. When you return home from your stay abroad, you may experience a "reverse culture chock". If that happens, you can always turn to us at STS. We know what it is like and will understand your feelings.

## 6 STS INTERNATIONAL RETURNEE CLUB

When you have returned to your home country, you will be invited to join the STS International Returnee Club. As a member, you will be able to share your experiences with other students. In some countries you can also become an STS ambassador and represent STS.

### THREE WAYS TO APPLY:

1. Fill in the pre-application form on the STS website [www.sts-education.com](http://www.sts-education.com).

2. Apply by phone. Find the phone number to your local STS office on the STS website.

3. Email your local STS office. You will find email addresses on the STS website.

More than  
**50**  
years of  
experience

# Choose STS for your studies.

STS has more than 50 years of experience in language travels and exchange programs. We started in 1958 and have a network all over the world. This experience will make you feel safe with us.

STS has strong local support. We have our own offices in many countries and a strong support team among our partner organisations. STS local personnel will always be there for you.

STS is approved by CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel), which is the American authority that supervises all exchange organisations.

STS is there to support you all the way. Your safety is our main priority. We would like to keep close contact with you before, during and after your stay abroad.

STS offers 24-hour personal support, both in the host country and in your home country. This will make you feel safe during your stay abroad.

“ My year in Australia opened a new world to me. It strengthened me and my personality. It also developed and improved my opportunities for the future. Australia and my amazing host family will always remain my second home. Surfer's Paradise was, in the truest sense of the word, paradise.

Sophia Moeschlin, Switzerland  
STS Select in Australia,  
2010/2011



Life on the beach!



Me and my mates

“ I spent three months in Queensland, Australia and I wish I could have stayed longer, as this was one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen.

During my stay I had the chance to get to know a totally different school system than ours. Ancient Latin and Greek were substituted with much more appealing subjects and I regained the enjoyment of going to school on a daily basis.

It has been really fantastic to meet so many international students and, in the end, I also managed to make beautiful friendships with the local people. I'm still in touch with my host family and I learnt a lot from their lifestyle and habits. This has been an unforgettable...”

Luca Nucci, Italy  
STS Select in Australia 2010



# HIGH SCHOOL

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