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3RD FILIPINO EDUCATORS' GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVE:

Global Research and Education Leadership

LA ITINERARY (COHORT A)

10 days for $2,975 (air & land inclusive plus airline taxes, travel insurance, and 10D 9N accommodation)

THE GATEWAY TO GLOBAL EDUCATION

October 14 - 23, 2017

EXCLUSIONS:
US Visa Fee, Meals, and entrance fees to tourists spots

GLOBAL EDTOUR: LOS ANGELES

Our host, Break The Barriers - USA, is a non-profit organization founded in 1984 that celebrates awareness and victories of all abilities, ethnicities and ages through exceptional programs, outreach and inclusive education. It has been recognized by the US Department of Education as a Model for Inclusive Education. Break the Barriers is dedicated to accelerating awareness, understanding, acceptance, and education for all people with various abilities.

California Fun Facts: In 1850 California became the 31st State and is now the 3rd largest State behind Alaska and Texas. With Millions of Acres of farmland, California leads the U.S. in agricultural production. It is also home to world famous cultural institutions and national parks including: Hollywood, Disneyland, Yosemite National Park, Alcatraz Park, Alcatraz Prison, Angel Island, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Sequoia trees at the the Sequoia National Park

Day 1: Sunny & Upscale

We arive in California's celebrity epicenter and transfer to our hotel.

Day 2: American Picnic to Factory Outlets

We depart early today to experience American Picnic at the Sequoia National Park. General Sherman is a giant sequoia tree (Sequoiadendron Giganteum) located in a forest in Tulare County, California. By volume, it is the largest known living single stem tree on Earth. Save your dollars as we spend the afternoon at Tulare Factory Outlets! Following some retail therapy, the team will head to Bravo Farms for their famous tri-tip sandwiches.

Bravo Farm Restaurant

Fort Washington Elementary School

Day 3: Model for Inclusive Education

Today, we wake up to an inclusive physical fitness and sports programs by **Break the Barriers**.

Jefferson Elementary School & Fort Washington Elementary School Afternoon

This afternoon, we sit in on classes and engage with school faculty and administrators for processing of observations and sharing of best practices.

Jefferson Elementary School

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Day 4: Clovis North High School

This morning, we visit Clovis Unified Schools, recognized 29 times for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program and honored 80 times for California Distinguished Schools. The District's Title I schools have also achieved distinction through the California Academic Achievement Award designation on 12 different occassions.

Clovis North Educational Center

California State University and Fresno Pacific University

This afternoon, we take a peek at these universities and check out their advance education courses.

Fresno Pacific University

Day 5: Transition Program

We partake in an observation visit to community based Adult Day Programs and Adult Transition Programs.

California State University

- Closing Day Program at Break The Barriers for Debriefing -

Golden Gate Bridge

Day 6: The Cultural Experience begins

Today, we embark on a 3-hour drive to San Francisco, California to the Golden Gate Bridge. The Golden Gate Bridge, #1 on evey visitor's list, was once labeled "the bridge that couldn't be built." Today, it is one of the 7 wonders of the modern world. This magnificent span, perhaps San Francisco's most famous landmark, opened in 1937 after a four-year struggle against the relentless winds, fog, rock, and treacherous tides. Our ensuing scenic drive will include passing through the most crooked street in the world - Lombard Street, San Francisco, California. In the evening, we see local life up close as we explore the San Francisco Pier and taste their party food at the boardwalk!

San Francisco Pier

Lombard Street

Alcatraz Island

Day 7: World-Famous Alcatraz

Today, we experience the adventure of a 90-minute sail on the beautiful San Francisco Bay. We will be able to see Alcatraz by sea and by land.This includes an exhilarating catamaran cruise on San Francisco Bay along with a separate tour of world-famous Alcatraz, once home to America's most notorious criminals.

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Day 8: The City of Angels

Early this morning, we head to the City of Angels - Los Angeles, California. The 2nd most populous city in U.S. after New York City. Situated in Southern California, Los Angeles is known for its mediterranean climate, ethnic diversity, sprawling metropolis, and as a major center of the American entertatinment industry.

Los Angeles lies in a large coastal basin surrounded on 3 sides by mountains reaching up to and over 1000ft.

Los Angeles, California City View

Disneyland Theme Park

Happiest Place on Earth

This afternoon, we explore the Magical Kingdoms and storybook fairytales come to life before your eyes at Disneyland Resort Theme Parks. Discover why Walt Disney's enchanting kingdom is the happiest place on Earth. From a cheerful cruise around the world to a thrilling bobsled run down an icy mountain to parades and not to mention the spectacular fireworks. We will see our favorite Disney and Pixar's stories leap into reality!

Day 9: Lights, camera, action!

Get ready to see the sign we've been seeing for years in movies. We head downtown to tour the world-famous Hollywood, and the 'Entertainment Capital of the World.' The Team will proceed to Universal Studios - Hollywood, a film studio and theme park in the Universal City Country Island. In the evening, we will head back to the hotel to get our well-deserved rest in order to prepare for a long flight ahead.

Hollywood Hill

Day 10: Depart for Manila

"Traveling is an expense which yields great returns in the form of priceless memories and enlightening experiences. And traveling isn't only about hopping to different places and new cities. It's also about soaking in new cultures and faces."
-Anonymous

Bon voyage.

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GLOBAL EDTOUR: BOSTON

Our host: ***Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI)*** aims to create a world where people with disabilities are welcome and fully included in valued roles wherever they go. ICI, established in 1967 was one of the first inclusion programs in the US. They form partnerships with individuals, familes, and communities that work to further goals of independence and inclusion. ICI advocates for personal choice, self-determination, and social and economic justice.

Boston fun facts: Boston is the capital and most populous city of the Comonwealth of Massachusetts and one of the oldest cities in the US. It has ben called "the Athens of America" for its literary culture, earning a reputation as the "intellectual capital of the United States." Some of the most renowned and highly ranked universities in the world are located in the Boston area including Harvard University and the Masachusetts Institute of Technology.

Red Brick Path

Bagong Kulturang Pinoy Community

Harvard University

Day 1: Depart Manila for Boston, MA

Day 2: Get to know Boston and its Fil-Am Community

This morning, we walk down red bricked roads through the city to relive the History of Boston. We stroll through Harvard University's picturesque yard and get to feel like a Harvard student for the day.

Next, we meet and greet the Fil-Am Community through **Bagong Kulturang Pinoy**, a Boston non-profit organization building a reading culture in our motherland for over 15 years. Bagong Kulturang Pinoy has established mini-libraries in day-care centers, schools, and community centers to make books accessible to children. They also offer read aloud sessions to bring budding readers to the joy of reading.

Day 3: Power-Up Day at the University of Massachusetts Boston

Today, we engage with new peers as Boston teachers share their course project on transition leadership from the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development. In turn, we present to a panel of faculty from the University of Massachusetts our own research on inclusive education. Finally, we meet JFK's legacy at his Presidential library and museum.

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Day 4: Observe, Learn and Bring back to your Classroom

Today, we take a trip to the suburbs and visit a top rated Wellesley Public School to observe and learn their best practices in inclusion. Then, we get to visit an urban school in Boston.

Wellesley Public School

Day 5: Witness Transformation of an old Transition Model

We gain new perspective from the educators and innovators on a more inclusive community based program.

Yale University

Day 6: Welcome to the East Coast

We travel from Boston, MA to Newport, RI, where we will visit the Breakers Mansion, built in an Italian Renaissance style, it became a National Historic Landmark in 1994. It is famous because it was the home of Cornelius Vanderbilt II, one of the weatlhy families in US. We will then head to New Haven, CT for a detailed tour of Yale University. Finally, we will drive to New York City where we will get the chance to see the beautiful lights of the city that never sleeps.

Empire State Building

Day 7: Big Apple

We spend the day immersed in what's called the Big Apple. Today's stops include the Statue of Liberty Cruise, the Empire State Building, and the USS Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum. You can choose between Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, or Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, and the Museum of Modern Art.

Day 8: Famous Monuments and the Memorial of Lincoln

In the morning, we stop in Philadelphia, PA to see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, and then head to Washington D.C. to visit several of the nation's famous momuments and sights including the Lincoln Memorial, US Capitol, Vitenam Memorial, etc. This is where we will stay the night.

Lincoln Memorial

Day 9: View and Cruise

In the morning, we head north to the Corning Glass Museum in Corning, NY. We then continue on to Niagara Falls, NY where we will ride the famous Maid of the Mist cruise to explore the beauty of the falls and enjoy a local journey alongside the Thundering Water Cultural Show, and the Nighttime Illumination of the Falls.

Day 10: Niagara Falls - Boston

In the morning, we will continue to explore Niagara Falls, NY where we will see Niagara Falls Adventure Movie and have an in-depth tour that includes visit to the Whirpool State Park and Old Fort Niagara. From there, we will return to Boston, MA.

Niagara Falls

Day 11: Departure for Manila

"Traveling leaves you speechless, then turns you to a STORYTELLER."
- Anonymous

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Boston Itinerary Tour Package Rate:

Admission Fees:

Destination	Adult	Child	Senior
Corning, NY			
Corning Museum of Glass (Optional)	$20	Free (Under 17 yrs)	$17 (Over 65 yrs)
New Haven, CT			
Yale University In-Depth Tour (Optional)	$11	$7 (3-12 yrs)	$7 (Over 65 yrs)
New York, NY			
Empire State Building (Optional)	$34	$27 (Under 12 yrs)	$31 (Over 65 yrs)
Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum (Optional)	$33	$24 (Under 12 yrs)	$31 (Over 65 yrs)
Madame Tussauds Wax Museum (Optional)	$30	$25 (Under 11 yrs)	$30 (Over 65 yrs)
Museum of Modern Art (Optional)	$25	$12 (Under 12 yrs)	$18 (Over 65 yrs)
NYC Night Tour (Optional)	$25	$15 (Under 11 yrs)	$25 (Over 65 yrs)
Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum (Optional)	$25	$20 (Under 12 yrs)	$25
Statue of Liberty Cruise (Optional)	$29	$23 (6-12 yrs)	$28 (Over 65 yrs)
Newport, RI			
Breakers Mansion (Optional)	$24	$8 (Under 17 yrs)	$24 (Over 65 yrs)
Niagara Falls, NY			
Maid of the Mist (Optional)	$19	$11 (Under 11 yrs)	$19 (Over 65 yrs)
Niagara Falls Adventure Movie (Optional)	$12	$8 (Under 11 yrs)	$12 (Over 65 yrs)
Niagara Falls Illumination (Mandatory)	$6	$6 (Under 11 yrs)	$6 (Over 65 yrs)
Niagara Falls In-Depth Tour (Optional)	$25	$18 (Under 11 yrs)	$25 (Over 65 yrs)
Thundering Water Cultural Show (Optional)	$21	$13 (Under 11 yrs)	$21 (Over 65 yrs)
Washington, DC			
Potomac River Cruise (Optional)	$26	$15 (Under 11 yrs)	$26 (Over 65 yrs)

Prices are subject to change without prior notice.
All meals and drinks during the trip are not included in the tour price. The tour guide will make eating arrangements.

Additional Note:

Flights: If you are planning to take flight to join the tour or need to leave the tour in advance, please call us to confirm the tour and the itinerary before you make the booking.

Hotel pricing: Prices are based on two adults sharing. Single room occupancy requires an extra fee. Double, triple & quad prices are for two, three, and four people, staying in one room, respectively (including children). Please note that each hotel room can only accommodate a maximum of 4 guests (adults or children). Each guest room comes standard with two full-sized or one queen-sized bed.

Travel documents: All customers will be responsible for providing their own travel documents and visa if required.

Language: All tours are escorted by professional bi- or multi-lingual tour guides and/or drivers (English/Chinese). Depending on the number of passengers booked for a particular departure, tours and/or languages may be combined to operate the tours.

City Passes: No City Passes or any other kind of outside promotional offer may be used on this tour. Guests who buy tickets to attractions from elsewhere will not be provided with transportation.

Child Seat: Children aged under 8 yrs will have to have car seat to take our tours. Customers will need to prepare car seats themselves, tour operator is not responsible to provide car seats.

EDUCATORS' GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVE

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Observe first hand how inclusion is integrated in various educational settings in the US;
- Engage in relevant action-oriented research on curriculum development, teacher training, and school administration through collaborative discussions with visiting faculty and administrators;
- Present research to a panel of experts at the University of Massachusetts Boston School for Global Inclusion and Social Development;
- Consult with public policy experts, local government, service providers and advocates on educational and employment initiatives in inclusive education and
- Enrich lifelong learning through a 4-5 day cultural excursion on the West and East Coast

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What's in it for me as an educator?

A: Global learning matters. Recognizing that collaborative work and cooperative learning are critical in preparing educators with 21st century instructional skills, TTG offers educational trips where teachers can observe and reflect on US classroom instruction and exchange ideas that will ultimately help transform their own classrooms. Further, TTG includes a cultural/recreational tour in its program designed to add value to your learning experience.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Complete online application form at www.theteachersgallery.com and check the procedural flow below.

Q: How are applications evaluated

A: All applications, including an essay, will be evaluated on the basis of the applicant's potential impact to apply the knowledge s/he gained to his/her classroom. Due to the limited slots, applications are processed on a first come, first served basis giving priority to TTG Power Club members.

Q: When will I receive a response?

A: Applicants will be notified of their application status 2 weeks after application materials are received.

Q: What are the exclusions in the Global Initiative Learning Educational Trip?

A: US Visa Fees, meals and drinks, and the entrance fees to tourists spots.

Q: Is there a chance to participate with financial assistance or scholarship?

A: We advise the applicants to identify foundations that grant educational scholarships or reach out to their local government officials.

Q: What are the chances of obtaining a US visa?

A: The visa approval is still subject to the discretion of the US Embassy and TTG cannot guarantee the issuance of visa. However, TTG will provide visa coaching services as well as all documentation needed to address the US Embassy's requirements.

Q: I am not a teacher, can I join the Educators' Global Learning Initiative?

A: Unfortunately, if you do not currently work for a school system we are unable to accept your application. Qualified applicants include teachers, school administrators/owners, guidance counsellors, Department of Education officials and education consultants directly working for the education of school children Grades K-12.

GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVE PROCEDURAL FLOW

Step 1:

Go to **www.theteachersgallery.com** and fill-out the Global Learning Initiative Online application form and send the following materials to **globaledtour@theteachersgallery.com:**

(a) Reference Letter from your supervisor with contact number
(b) Reference Letter from your colleague attesting to your good moral & performance
(c) Scanned copy of your Faculty I.D.

Step 2:

(a) Upon approval, pay the Reservation Fee of 500 USD with accomplished reservation form. make sure to submit the following documents to **globaledtour@theteachersgallery.com:**

(b) Scanned copy of the deposit slip for Reservation fee and Visa Payment

(c) Proof of Financial Capability to cover tour expenses specifically scanned copy of bank certification

(d) Signed and notarized Affidavit of Return

(e) Signed and notarized Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement

(f) Accomplished US Visa Application - DS 160 Form

Payment Details:

Pay your 500 USD Reservation fee to BPI Family Savings Bank:

Acct. Name:
The Teacher's Gallery, Inc.
Acct. Number:
00655-1-00462-5

Pay your B1/B2 Visa Fee of PhP 8,160.00 (or more depending on exchange rate) to any BPI branch. Below is the link you will use to print the receipt that you will present to BPI when you make your payment.
http://www.ustraveldocs.com/ph/pmisdepositslip.htm?amount=160&country=philippines

Step 3:

Attend the Visa Coaching Orientation organized by The Teacher's Gallery.

Step 4:

Be present during the embassy interview.

Step 5:

Upon Visa approval, pay the required study tour fees.

Step 6:

Attend the pre-travel orientation covering the US immigration interview, detailed itinerary, dress code, and items to bring.

Step 7:

Learn and enjoy your Educational Tour experience with your peers!

TTG'S GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVE RESERVATION FORM:

Please check your chosen Cohort below:

[ ] Cohort A **[ ] Cohort B** **[ ] Cohort C**

Enclosed is my **$500** deposit (to be applied towards the participation cost and subject to 100% refund if visa is not granted) for Cohort chosen above. I/We understand that I have to present proof of financial capability for the payment of the balance before being scheduled for visa interview and that the final payment is due upon visa approval. Payment may be made to **BPI – FAMILY Bank** Deposit to account name: **The Teacher's Gallery, Inc.** or by personal check. Please make check payable to The Teacher's Gallery, Inc. and send with completed reservation form to:

The Teacher's Gallery, Inc.
Attn: Ms. Mai Roble
#42 Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.
(02) 769-3013; (0998) 8095110

Full Passport Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Gender:_____

Address:_____

E-mail:_____ Name(s) for Badge(s): _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cellphone Number:_____

I will share a room with _____ [ ] I request a single room (limited availability for extra fee)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the participation guidelines and tentative itinerary for TTG Global Initiative Learning Cohort _____ *(kindly input the chosen cohort above)*, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Method of Payment:
[ ] Check
[ ] TTG BPI Family Savings Bank
Account Name: The Teacher's Gallery, Inc.
Account Number: 00655-1-00462-5