



## **Salt Lake City, Utah 5-Day Educational Trip Curriculum**

### **Day 1: History and Settlement**

- **Morning:**
    - Arrival and check-in at the hotel.
    - Orientation session with the mentor: Overview of Salt Lake City, its historical significance, and geographic features.
    - Visit to the Utah State Capitol for a guided tour and discussion on state governance and local history.
  - **Afternoon:**
    - Explore the Pioneer Memorial Museum to learn about the early settlers, the Mormon migration, and life in 19th-century Utah.
    - Interactive session analyzing artifacts and discussing westward expansion.
  - **Evening:**
    - Group dinner and reflection session.
    - Walking tour of Temple Square, learning about the architecture, cultural history, and religious significance.
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### **Day 2: Science, Nature, and Innovation**

- **Morning:**
  - Visit to the Natural History Museum of Utah to explore exhibits on paleontology, geology, and the Great Salt Lake ecosystem.
  - Hands-on workshop on the prehistoric life and the formation of Utah's unique landscape.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Guided exploration of Antelope Island State Park, observing the Great Salt Lake and learning about the ecology of the region.
  - Wildlife observation and discussion on environmental conservation efforts.
- **Evening:**
  - Group discussion on the intersection of science, nature, and innovation.
  - Free time for relaxation or optional mentor-led group activity.

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### Day 3: Culture and Creativity

- **Morning:**
  - Visit to the Leonardo Museum, focusing on the connection between science, technology, and creativity.
  - Collaborative activity on problem-solving and innovation.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Visit to the Utah Museum of Fine Arts to explore Western, Native American, and global art collections.
  - Interactive session analyzing artistic expression and cultural storytelling.
- **Evening:**
  - Cultural immersion experience: attend a local theater performance or live concert.
  - Mentor-led discussion on cultural diversity and the role of the arts in society.

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### Day 4: Outdoor Exploration and Environmental Studies

- **Morning:**
  - Day trip to Big Cottonwood Canyon or Bonneville Salt Flats for a geological and environmental exploration.
  - Lessons on natural rock formations, erosion, and human-environment interaction.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Hiking and outdoor learning activities with a focus on Leave No Trace principles.
  - Field journals and group reflections on environmental responsibility.
- **Evening:**
  - Campfire-style group sharing and bonding activity.
  - Optional stargazing session and night sky navigation lesson.

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### Day 5: Civic Engagement and Reflection

- **Morning:**
  - Visit to a local community center or government office to learn about public service and civic engagement.
  - Panel discussion with local leaders on community building and leadership.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Student presentations on their key takeaways from the trip.
  - Closing ceremony with certificate distribution and mentor reflections.
- **Evening:**
  - Farewell dinner and departure.

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**Educational Objectives:**

1. Explore the historical and cultural roots of Salt Lake City.
2. Investigate Utah's natural landscape, geology, and ecology.
3. Foster innovation and critical thinking through museum and outdoor learning.
4. Encourage artistic appreciation and cultural awareness.
5. Develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills.
6. Promote civic responsibility and environmental stewardship.



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