



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Senior Summer School?

Senior Summer School is an organization that works with universities, hotels and private residence halls to arrange educational summer getaway programs. We provide active and adventurous retirees with an affordable opportunity to experience great institutions of higher learning, while also giving them an opportunity to relax and take in the sights and sounds of our many lovely locations.

Our vacations are all-inclusive, offering single or double accommodations, most meals, classes, evening entertainment, and sight-seeing trips. We'll also provide you with some free time to spend at your leisure.

Who are our participants?

Our participants come from different parts of the country and range in age from 55 and above. They are active adults looking to experience a new location and expand their minds. We have a variety of singles, couples and groups of friends that attend. We urge that our participants are physically responsible to keep up with the activities, such as, walking a few blocks and getting on and off a motor coach. We strive to create an environment where all feel welcome and to offer something for everyone in each of our programs!

What classes are offered?

Who teaches them?

Do I have to attend all?

Each Senior Summer School program will offer a variety of interesting classes. Popular subjects include: current events, political science, art history, literature, music and theater, and history of the local area. We do not focus on any particular subject; rather, we aim to touch on a variety of areas of interest, and make each curriculum unique, informative, and entertaining.

Senior Summer School classes are taught by university instructors, professors, local celebrities and professionals in their field.

Class attendance is not required however it is certainly encouraged to avoid missing any great planned experiences. We do encourage all of our participants to make the program their own. If you want to get out for a day to explore the city, by all means, feel free!

What is the meal plan like?

Most of your meals are incorporated into the cost of your stay with Senior Summer School. Meals may be served on-site, or within a short walk of your housing facility. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are typically served daily during the week, and one or two meals are typically served on each of the weekend days, although each program will vary slightly from this model.

On travel days we offer one meal: dinner on the day you arrive and breakfast on the day you leave – exceptions may be made for those arriving very late or leaving very early. There is no "credit" accrued for missed meals.

What additional costs are there?

- **Insurance:** We offer optional travel insurance, which for an additional fee includes medical coverage, flight, and baggage coverage, and cancellation reimbursement



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- **Sight-Seeing:** Each program offers a number of group sight-seeing opportunities. Typically, two or three of these are included in the price, with others offered at a nominal charge. Of course, all participants should feel free to break away from the group and do a little sight-seeing on their own as well!
- **Meals:** You will be responsible for at least two meals during your stay. These meals on your own are a fabulous chance to explore the fine dining establishments around town or while you are out on a trip!

How do I register for a program and what is the deadline for registration?

You can register by mail (forms are downloadable on the website), over the phone, or on-line. If you are receiving a discount off of the regular price, full payment is due upon registration. If you are paying regular price for the program a \$500 deposit is required. On April 2, 2012, all remaining balances are due and deposits will no longer be accepted.

*There is no deadline for registration, as long as space is available. Early registration is recommended because some programs sell out quickly and you will be sure to get the accommodation of your preference. After April 2, 2012, deposits will no longer be accepted, and payments must be made in full upon registration.

When should I make my travel arrangements?

We recommend you make travel arrangements upon receipt of "Program Confirmation" from Senior Summer School, keeping in mind that plane ticket prices are generally most competitive 2-3 months prior to planned dates of travel.

What if I have to cancel?

In the case of cancellations, we will return any deposits or payments until March 30, 2012, less a \$100 administrative fee. After March 30, 2012, refunds will be available only to clients who have purchased travel insurance, either through Senior Summer School or an outside provider. Senior Summer School offers comprehensive travel insurance, which includes program cancellation, airfare, baggage, and medical coverage. For a low additional cost, this insurance is available to all Senior Summer School participants. Information with further details, including rates and terms, will be sent upon registration.

What if I have health or physical limitations?

You can expect to experience a variety of activities and terrains during your stay. The program is designed for retirees who are **in favorable physical condition, and do not have severely limited mobility**. Participants should be able to handle their luggage, climb a flight of stairs, stand for up to an hour, get on and off a motor coach and walk a few blocks, either indoors or outside. Each location has different levels of handicap accessibility and availability, so please inquire about specific programs if you have concerns. Handicap accessible rooms are available on a very limited, first-come, first-served basis. If you have special physical or dietary requirements, please contact us prior to registering so we can verify we will be able to meet your special needs.