



*"And now these three
remain: faith, hope, and
love. But the greatest
of these is love."*

1 Corinthians 13:13

J-Term Course Offerings 2021 Travel Opportunities

Included in this packet is a list of J-Term travel opportunities planned for January 2021. Registration for J-Term trips will open at 8 p.m. on the following dates and will close at midnight on March 13:

- Rising seniors – March 8
- Rising juniors – March 10
- Rising sophomores – March 11
- Rising freshmen – March 12

Please note that class offerings may change based on enrollment or at the discretion of the upper school administration.

Registration for on-campus J-Term classes will take place in the fall.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Charlotte Christian School is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school, equipping and developing students to effectively integrate Biblical truth and learning into their daily lives and to impact the culture for Christ.

J-Term 2021 Information

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WHAT IS J-TERM?

J-Term (short for January term), is the name we use to describe our mini-semester alternative or authentic educational experiences. Through J-Term offerings, students interact and build relationships with fellow students and faculty in a less structured format while participating in a variety of opportunities which meet one or more of the following goals:

- Educational: To use travel to strategically expose students to a carefully planned combination of tours, site visits and hands-on learning opportunities that will enhance their academic learning.
- Adventure: To teach the students skills through adventures and experiences, as well as build and strengthen relationships.
- Leadership Development: To strategically train and equip students with leadership skills through experiences in another environment or culture.
- Service and Mission: To provide an opportunity for students to physically serve and live amongst people in an impoverished community.

REGISTRATION

Registration for J-Term trips (domestic and international) will begin on the following dates at 8 p.m.

- Rising seniors – March 8
- Rising juniors – March 10
- Rising sophomores – March 11
- Rising freshmen – March 12

Registration for local (on- or off-campus) J-Term courses will take place in the fall.

SCHEDULE

J-Term is held during the first week of the second semester after students return from Christmas break. If a student opts to stay on campus, these classes may run a half-day (three hours) or full-day (six hours) basis. Students are expected to take either two half-day classes or one full-day class with **most** on-campus classes starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. Please note a teacher may give specific start and end times for their class offering because of time restraints, activities, etc. Off-campus, overnight trips have their own schedule.

COSTS

J-Term trips will cost the most while local and/or on-campus course offerings will cost less. The cost of most on-campus classes will range from \$0 - \$50, though some specialized classes may be offered which could cost more. Students will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of courses/experiences, recognizing however, that the final listing of course offerings will be dependent upon student registration.

CREDITS

Every upper school student is required to participate in a J-Term activity and in doing so will earn .25 credit (per year) toward the total 1.0 graduation requirement. J-Term grades will be earned on a pass/fail basis and will not be calculated in the student's overall GPA. Should a student fail to earn a .25 J-Term credit during any given year, they will need to make arrangements with administration to make up the credit. The title **J-Term** with a grade of pass and a .25 credit will appear on the report card each year. Specific experience offered to a student through J-Term may provide material for discussion in a college application essay. **Please note: J-Term courses and trips will not count toward fulfilling students' required service hours.**

ATTENDANCE

With J-Term being a required course for graduation and only being five days, consistent attendance is critical. Absence of more than one day will result in the student being required to make up the hours. Arrangements will be made with administration. Each absence will be considered on an individual basis and must be approved by the principal.

J-Term 2021 Out-of-Town Trips

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DOMESTIC

ARIZONA PARKS

Trip Leaders: Jodi Foxx & Susan Jones

Dates: Jan. 4-8

Approx. Cost: \$1,500

Requirements: 10th-12th grade; female only

Max. # of students: 14

Goal: Adventure

This J-Term is designed to get students outdoors in some of our nation's most beautiful public lands: Coconino National Forest in Sedona, Arizona and Grand Canyon National Park. All outdoor experiences will be beginner-level. Activities will include an off-road Jeep tour, horseback riding, mountain biking lessons, and hiking up to four miles at a time. Evenings will be spent working through a Bible study on a topic chosen by the girls. The cost includes transportation, lodging in a rental home, activities and meals.

DISNEY WORLD

Trip Leader: Stewart Emery

Dates: Jan. 3-8

Approx. Cost: \$1,100

Requirements: 10th-12th grade; coed

Max. # of students: 50

Goals: Adventure, Service & Mission, Educational

This is a magical experience as students enjoy a week-long trip to Walt Disney World. We will travel by bus to Orlando and spend five nights at the Pop Century Resort on Disney property. We will start our trip at Disney Springs and enjoy shopping and dinner at the Rainforest Café. We will then serve at Give Kids the World, a 79-acre nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. In addition to serving, we will spend time in all four of the theme parks and enjoy learning the magic and science behind two iconic rides. The cost includes transportation, hotel, snacks for the week, lunches on travel days, dinner at Rainforest cafe, \$200 meal card, four-day Hopper park pass, educational class, and a T-shirt.

FLORIDA KEYS

Trip Leader: Grayson Bedenbaugh

Dates: Jan. 3-8

Approx. Cost: \$1,800

Requirements: 9th-12th grade; male only

Max. # of students: 10

Goal: Adventure

This J-Term is designed to get students out on the water for a memorable fishing experience. We will be fishing for a variety of fish along the beautiful reefs in the southernmost part of our country including sailfish, grouper, tuna, snapper, dorado, wahoo, and mackerel, while also getting into the backcountry waters of Florida to catch cobia, bull reds, and drum. All outdoor experiences will be done in groups no smaller than four, and those with and without fishing experience are welcome. Evenings will be spent preparing the daily catch for dinner and relaxing, while also working through a Bible study.

INTERNATIONAL

BELIZE

Trip Leader: Jessica Simmons

Dates: Jan. 2-9

Approx. Cost: \$2,525

Requirements: 9th-12th grade; coed

Max. # of students: 30

Goal: Service & Mission

Come serve in the beautiful country of Belize with Samaritan's Feet. We'll work with vulnerable children and adults in remote villages of the jungle and also impoverished areas of Belize City by washing their feet, distributing new shoes, praying with them, and sharing the hope of Christ. The team will also have the opportunity to explore the historic Mayan ruins as well as spend a day at Caye Caulker where they can snorkel in the beautiful Barrier Reef. Students are expected to attend team meetings during Chapel Choice times leading up to the trip, and students will be asked to sign a behavioral contract which includes limitations on cell phone use. The cost covers all transportation, meals, accommodations, excursions, shoes, supplies, etc.

COSTA RICA

Trip Leader: Sarah Nixon

Dates: Jan. 2-9

Approx. Cost: \$2,300

Requirements: 9th-12th grade; coed

Max. # of students: 15

Goals: Service & Mission

The Costa Rica J-Term partners students with a ministry in Barrio Los Angeles, Costa Rica that seeks to support families and women in one of the poorest sections of San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica. We will run a VBS for the children of the neighborhood, visit families in their homes to distribute food, and pick up trash around the barrio. The goal is to build relationships with the kids over the course of the week and to support the ongoing ministry of these local missionaries. Our ministry will be bookended by travelling and sightseeing - we will spend one day ziplining through the Costa Rican mountains and take an overnight trip to the beach in Jacó. Students are expected to attend team meetings during Chapel Choice times leading up to the trip in order to prepare the VBS for the kids, and students will be asked to sign a behavioral contract which includes limitations on cell phone use. The cost includes airfare, hotel, transportation, luggage, meals, and ministry supplies.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Trip Leader: Rhonda Nieto

Dates: Jan. 2-10

Approx. Cost: \$2,200

Requirements: 9th-12th grade; coed

Max. # of students: 40

Goals: Service & Mission

The Dominican Republic J-Term aspires to make a difference in the lives of village children through the projects and ministries of SCORE International, a Christ-centered ministry that shares the gospel with families of the Dominican Republic through sports, orphan care, construction, medical teams and women's ministries. Charlotte Christian will assist SCORE missionaries throughout the week with ongoing projects. We will travel to sugar cane villages daily, where we will have a chance to share the hope of Christ with others by building intentional relationships. Our itinerary includes travel, a day of worship, five ministry days in villages, and one excursion to Catalina Island. Students are expected to attend team meetings during Chapel Choice times leading up to the trip, and students will be asked to sign a behavioral contract which includes limitations on cell phone use. The cost includes airfare, hotel lodging, all food in the D.R., excursions, and construction projects.

UGANDA

Trip Leaders: Brian Henson & Rone Reed

Dates: Dec. 31-Jan. 8

Approx. Cost: \$3,000

Requirements: 9th-12th grade; coed

Max. # of students: 16

Goals: Service & Mission

Join us for a unique opportunity to visit Uganda, the "Pearl of Africa." Mission Uganda is open to all students who demonstrate the maturity required for a remote international mission trip. Participants should be open to austere living conditions, moderate physical exertion, and a desire to be challenged in both their faith and personal comfort. We will be partnering with SCORE to serve among people from Uganda, as well as, refugees from Sudan, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo. The students will have the opportunity to participate in several ministry events to include: sports ministry, VBS for youth, women's ministry and men's ministry. Further, students will be introduced to NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and UNHCR staff supporting settlement camps, for a direct understanding of global conflict and impact on population migrations. The trip leaders emphasize both cultural awareness and spiritual growth throughout the trip. As such, the participants should return with not only a deeper personal faith, but a new-found appreciation for international cultures.

IRELAND, SCOTLAND, AND ENGLAND LITERARY TOUR

Trip Leader: Kayla Cochran

Dates: Jan. 1-10

Approx. Cost: \$4,000

Requirements: 9th-12th grade; coed

Max. # of students: 25

Goal: Adventure; Educational

Students will encounter the great literary traditions of England, the majesty of Scotland, and the beauty of Ireland as we explore the United Kingdom. Upon arrival in Ireland, students will awe over the gorgeous green coastlines and pastoral landscapes, observing God's natural masterpieces as we tour the Ring of Kerry and the city of Dublin. In Scotland, students will explore the capital and walk among The Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle, and the glory of ancient cathedrals. Then, we will take a breathtaking train ride through the countryside to arrive in England. Students will experience first-hand the center of literature as we privately tour the birthplace of Shakespeare, the Globe Theatre, and Oxford College, as well as view London icons such as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and Hyde Park. The cost includes airfare, hotels, transportation, private tours, breakfast, some dinners, and activity entrance fees.