Travel Policy

Travel

Round trip travel is arranged and paid for by the Academic Success Programs (ASP) only during the Summer Bridge Program. Travel can include flights and Amtrak. With regards to flights, we work very closely with STA Travel to create a uniformed process of arranging airfare. In order to manage this process, we ask that there are no requests to change or modify flight schedules – this includes both departures and arrivals. Your place of departure will also be your place of arrival after the summer program ends.

Car Service

Upon arriving to NYC, ASP arranges free car service from your place of arrival to Columbia University. Car service is also arranged, at the end of the summer program, from Columbia University to your place of departure (airport or Amtrak). It is your responsibility to arrange transportation from your home to the airport or Amtrak station and from the airport or Amtrak station to your home.

Responsibility

Before you go, leave a copy of your itinerary with a family member, guardian, or emergency contact. Be sure to bring your state issued I.D. card or passport with you. You are responsible to arrive at the airport or Amtrak station a few hours before your departure. In case you miss your flight you must contact STA Travel immediately at 212-473-6100. Once your travel has been rearranged, you must also notify the Academic Success Programs at 212-854-3514.

Safety – at airports and terminals and Amtrak stations

Please be sure to be aware of your surroundings in and outside of the airport or Amtrak station. Keep an eye on your belongings–do not leave your things unattended or with a stranger. Do not show off your valuables–money, cell phone, jewelry. Secure your luggage. Be safe!