

International Travel

Mrs. Laura Bush Actively Supported The President's Global Diplomatic Efforts

Mrs. Bush traveled to more than 75 countries as First Lady. A leading advocate for education, Mrs. Bush championed the power of literacy to improve lives by fostering healthy families and communities, advancing opportunities for young people, and promoting human rights worldwide, particularly for women and children.

Mrs. Bush's International Trips – Independent And With The President

Listing Of Countries Visited

January 2001 – January 2009

Afghanistan (3 times)	England (5 times)	Latvia	Scotland
Albania	Egypt (2 times)	Liberia (2 times)	Senegal (2 times)
Argentina	El Salvador	Lithuania	Singapore (2 times)
Australia	France (7 times)	Mali	Slovak Republic
Austria	Georgia	Mexico (6 times)	Slovenia (2 times)
Belgium (2 times)	Germany (5 times)	Mongolia	South Africa (2 times)
Benin	Ghana (2 times)	Mozambique	Spain
Botswana (2 times)	Guatemala	Netherlands	Sweden
Brazil (2 times)	Haiti	Northern Ireland	Tanzania (2 times)
Bulgaria	Hungary (2 times)	Nigeria (2 times)	Thailand (2 times)
Canada (2 times)	India	Pakistan	Turkey
Chile	Indonesia (2 times)	Panama (2 times)	Uganda
China (3 times)	Ireland	Peru (2 times)	Ukraine
Colombia (2 times)	Israel (2 times)	Philippines	United Arab Emirates
Costa Rica	Italy (6 times)	Poland (3 times)	Uruguay
Croatia	Japan (3 times)	Romania (2 times)	Vatican (5 times)
Czech Republic (3 times)	Jordan (2 times)	Russia (8 times)	Vietnam
Denmark	Korea (3 times)	Rwanda (2 times)	Zambia
Dominican Republic	Kosovo	Saudi Arabia (2 times)	
	Kuwait		

Total: 76 unique countries

**Note: Component countries of the United Kingdom (England, Ireland, Scotland, Northern Ireland) are counted as separate countries for the purpose of this tally.*

Mrs. Bush's 2008 International Travel

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Latin America and South America

November 2008

Mrs. Bush traveled to Panama from November 20-21, 2008 and later joined the President in Peru from November 21-23. During the trip, she was accompanied by her daughter, Barbara, and Mrs. Bush announced a new partnership in the global fight against breast cancer.

Panama

- In Panama City, Mrs. Bush was greeted at the airport by Mrs. Vivian Fernandez de Torrijos, wife of the President of Panama, and 30 students from Escuela Estados Unidos (School of the United States). At the

American Corner at Biblioteca Eusebio A. Morales, Mrs. Bush participated in a discussion about how learning English has improved the lives of students living in Panama.

- On November 21, Mrs. Bush announced the U.S.-Panama Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in Panama, with 40 out of 100,000 women diagnosed each year. Mrs. Bush spent time with breast cancer patients recovering from recent reconstructive surgery during a visit to the National Oncology Institute in Panama City. She was joined by Mrs. Fernandez de Torrijos and Panama's Minister of Health, Dr. Rosario Turner.

Peru

- Mrs. Bush visited San Clemente, Peru, a town of 25,000 where nearly 89 percent of the homes were affected by the August 2007, 8.0-magnitude earthquake. At the San Clemente Health Center, she watched how families are trained to treat contaminated water for safe drinking. Mrs. Bush also toured new anti-seismic homes built by Peruvians with assistance from U.S. Government funds and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) programs. Mrs. Bush presented house keys to a family moving into a safer and seismic-resistant home.
- In Lima, the President attended the 16th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting where APEC leaders reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing economic growth, prosperity, security, and the quality of life for all citizens in the Asia-Pacific community. At the Government Palace Residence in Lima, Mrs. Bush joined other spouses of APEC leaders for a breakfast hosted by Mrs. Pilar Nores de Garcia, wife of President Alan Garcia of Peru. Mrs. Bush and the APEC spouses visited the Pachacamac Archaeological Site in Lurin, Peru.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Asia

August 2008

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Asia from August 5-11, 2008 visiting Korea, Thailand, and China to show support for the 2008 USA Olympic Team and to express gratitude to several of the United States' allies in the region.

Korea

- In Seoul, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a United States Embassy greeting and arrival ceremony on August 6. Mrs. Bush participated in a meeting with Mrs. Kim Yoon-ok, wife of President Lee Myung-Bak of the Republic of Korea. The President and Mrs. Bush also visited with U.S. troops stationed in Korea.

Thailand

- On August 7, Mrs. Bush visited two sites on the Thai-Burma border, reaffirming her call to the international community to assist the Burmese people in their struggle for democracy and human rights. Mrs. Bush toured the largest temporary transit shelter on Thailand's western border with Burma, the Mae La refugee camp, learning first-hand of the refugees' plight and their desire for education and freedom. The governance of the camp is managed by the refugees, with an elected camp committee providing leadership. International and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) provide technical assistance in health, water/sanitation, education, and other areas, often employing and providing necessary skill training to refugees. Mae La then sheltered 35,230 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)-registered and 2,712 unregistered refugees and asylum seekers from Burma. Mrs. Bush spoke with families who were granted refugee status in the U.S. and were leaving the camp for new lives in the United States.
- Mrs. Bush visited the Mae Tao Clinic (MTC) where she toured the medical facilities and received a comprehensive overview of the clinic's operations from clinic staff. The MTC, founded and directed by Dr. Cynthia Maung, provides free health care for refugees, migrant workers, and other individuals who cross the

border from Burma to Thailand. The staff of five physicians, 140 health workers, and 100 support personnel provides comprehensive health services that include inpatient and outpatient medicine, a surgical unit, blood transfusions, delivery and post-natal care, child health, eye care, and prosthetics for landmine and accident victims.

China

- On August 8, the President and Mrs. Bush, along with former President George H.W. Bush, participated in the dedication of the United States Embassy in Beijing and a reception. They attended a social lunch in honor of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games hosted by President Hu Jintao of The People's Republic of China and his wife Madam Liu Yongqing. The President and Mrs. Bush also greeted the 2008 U.S. Summer Olympic Team and attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.
- On August 9, Mrs. Bush toured the Forbidden City and joined the President for a reception with CEO Sponsors of the 2008 U.S. Summer Olympic Team. On August 10, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a church service at the Beijing Kuanjie Protestant Christian Church, a social lunch with President Jintao and Madame Liu Yongqing, and a dinner hosted by the U.S. Ambassador to The People's Republic of China and Mrs. Randt.
- While in Beijing, the President and Mrs. Bush attended several Olympic competitions between Team USA and Olympians from around the world. They attended men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming, men and women's volleyball practice, and a scrimmage baseball game.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to Afghanistan June 2008

On June 8, 2008 Mrs. Bush traveled to Afghanistan to highlight the continued U.S. commitment to the people of Afghanistan. She visited the Afghan cities of Kabul, Bamiyan, and Bagram.

- In Bamiyan, Mrs. Bush was welcomed by the province's first and only woman governor, Habiba Sarabi, and watched a Maori welcoming "powhiri" ceremony by the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team. At the regional police training center, Mrs. Bush met with 11 female police trainees, spoke with three recent female graduates, and observed a drill by 35 male officers. Mrs. Bush also visited the construction site of the Ayenda Learning Center and was greeted by almost 20 future Ayenda students. Ayenda, which means "future" in Dari, is an initiative, established by the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council and funded by Afghan and American citizens, that will provide a safe learning environment for more than 200 children who were orphaned by the Taliban. Mrs. Bush is the Honorary Chair of the U.S. Afghan-Women's Council, which was created by Presidents Bush and Karzai in 2002.
- With Governor Sarabi, Mrs. Bush delivered remarks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Bamiyan Bazaar Road Project, a USAID program. Mrs. Bush also toured a marketplace of carpets, embroidery, and other Afghan wares made by local women.
- In Kabul, Mrs. Bush met with President Karzai and held a joint press availability at the Kabul Presidential Palace. She also met with students and faculty from Kabul University, American University in Afghanistan, International School of Kabul, and the Women's Teacher Training Institute.
- At the Bagram Air Base, Mrs. Bush delivered remarks to U.S. troops.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Europe
June 2008

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Europe from June 9-16, 2008, to strengthen the transatlantic partnership and to celebrate this enduring friendship that is based on shared democratic values. The President and Mrs. Bush visited Slovenia, Germany, Italy, the Holy See, France, and the United Kingdom.

Slovenia

- On June 10 in Ljubljana, Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Turk, wife of President Danilo of Slovenia, toured an exhibit featuring Slovenian impressionists at the National Gallery of Art and participated in an event with students studying debate through the non-profit organization, Za in Proti. During the visit, the President and Mrs. Bush also attended a Lipizzaner horse exhibition. At the National Museum of Slovenia in Metelkova, Mrs. Bush observed a debate between high school students on the importance of volunteerism.

Germany

- In Meseberg, at the guesthouse of the German government, the President and Mrs. Bush met with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and her husband, Professor Joachim Sauer.

France

- On June 11, Mrs. Bush traveled to Paris to deliver remarks at the International Conference in Support of Afghanistan. Mrs. Bush urged continued support for the Afghan people to build civic and economic institutions that can withstand the forces of oppression. She shared with delegates the progress she witnessed during her trip to Afghanistan just several days before the conference. During her remarks, Mrs. Bush announced \$10.2 billion to help the people of Afghanistan implement their National Development Strategy over the next five years. At the U.S. Embassy in Paris, Mrs. Bush hosted a reception for participants of the International Conference in Support of Afghanistan. She also participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial.

Italy

- In Rome, Mrs. Bush addressed members of the World Food Program Executive Board. During her remarks, Mrs. Bush underscored the United States' commitment to alleviating global hunger. She also toured the Center for American Studies and met with Fulbright Scholars teaching English to Italian students.
- The President and Mrs. Bush visited the Holy See where they met with Pope Benedict XVI and were invited to St. John's Tower and the Vatican Gardens for a concert at Lourdes Grotto.

France

- In Paris, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a dinner hosted by President Nicolas Sarkozy of France and his wife, Mrs. Carla Sarkozy. Mrs. Bush attended President Bush's remarks to the Organization for Economic and Cooperation Development and they participated in the unveiling of the Flamme De La Liberté at the residence of the U.S. Ambassador to France. Mrs. Bush also toured the home and gardens of Claude Monet and the Le Bagatelle Gardens.

United Kingdom

- In the United Kingdom, the President and Mrs. Bush met with Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, at Windsor Castle and attended a dinner hosted by Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Brown.
- In London, Mrs. Bush visited the Charles Dickens House and Museum and toured the Afghan and Burmese collections at the British Museum. In Belfast, Mrs. Bush participated in a YouthBank program at the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland. The YouthBank program encourages positive community-based

activity among 14-25 year olds by awarding grants to youth groups to enable them to fund their ideas and initiatives. The President and Mrs. Bush also met with students at Lough View Integrated Primary School.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt
May 2008

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt from May 13-18, 2008. The visit reaffirmed efforts toward peace and prosperity and the United States' close work with regional allies to combat terrorism and promote freedom.

Israel

- In Tel Aviv, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony with President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and his wife, Mrs. Aliza Olmert. Accompanied by Mrs. Olmert, Mrs. Bush visited the Tipat Chalav – Gonenim Neighborhood Mother and Child Care Center and the Hand in Hand School for Jewish-Arab Education in Jerusalem. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Olmert also toured the Western Wall tunnels.
- The President and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Prime Minister and Mrs. Olmert, toured Masada National Park, a historic fortress built by King Herod of Judea. Mrs. Bush attended the President's remarks to members of the Knesset and joined the President for the 60th Anniversary Celebration for the State of Israel.
- The President and Mrs. Bush also toured Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem and participated in a roundtable discussion with Israeli youth.

Saudi Arabia

- In Riyadh, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony with King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia and Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz. Mrs. Bush toured the oncology unit at King Fahd Medical City and met with breast cancer patients who benefited from the U.S.-Saudi Arabia Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research that was launched by Mrs. Bush in October 2007. Mrs. Bush also attended a dinner hosted by Princess Hessa.

Egypt

- In Sharm el Sheikh, the President and Mrs. Bush were greeted by President Hosni Mubarak of the Arab Republic of Egypt and his wife Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak. Mrs. Bush participated in a boat tour of the coral reefs off the coast of Sharm El Sheikh and received a briefing on international ocean conservation efforts.
- Mrs. Bush delivered remarks to the World Economic Forum during a session on education and participated in a roundtable discussion with students to highlight the Big Read Egypt/U.S., an initiative designed to deepen cultural understanding and dialogue between Egyptians and Americans through the transformative power of literature. Mrs. Bush also delivered remarks on the U.S.-Middle East Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research and celebrated its expansion to Egypt at a reception celebrating individuals who are working to increase breast cancer awareness across Egypt.

The President and Mrs. Bush Participated in the NATO Summit
March-April 2008

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia, and Russia from March 31-April 6, 2008 to support the advancement of freedom and democracy and to strengthen the NATO Alliance to confront 21st century challenges. The trip underscored the importance of fostering a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace.

Ukraine

- In Kyiv, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony with President Victor Yushchenko of Ukraine and his wife Mrs. Kateryna Yushchenko. Mrs. Bush toured the Taras Shevchenko Museum with Mrs. Yuschenko, visited the new Peace Corps headquarters, and met with breast cancer survivors and advocates.
- The President and Mrs. Bush also visited the Holodomor Memorial, toured St. Sophia's Cathedral, and met with students at School 57 who performed a skit on HIV/AIDS.

Romania

- In Mihail Kogalniceanu, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony with President Traian Băsescu of Romania and his wife Mrs. Maria Băsescu. Mrs. Bush was joined by President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan and participated in a video teleconference between university-level delegates of the Young Atlanticist Summit 2008 and students at Kabul University to encourage greater support and contribution for international and NATO efforts in Afghanistan. Mrs. Bush toured Stravropoleos Church and participated in a civic education forum with high school students.
- Mrs. Bush also participated in several activities as part of the NATO Spouses' program, including dinner and concert at Cotroceni Palace, a performance of modern Romanian dance and gymnastics, a tour of the National Art Museum, and a visit to the Dimitire Gusti Village Museum, which celebrates the folk life and culture of Romania.

Croatia

- After participating in an arrival ceremony in Zagreb, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a dinner hosted by President Stjepan Mesic of Croatia and his wife Mrs. Milka Mesic. Mrs. Bush toured the Croatian State Archives, attended President Bush's speech at St. Mark's Square, and met with Mrs. Mirjana Sanader, wife of Prime Minister Ivo Sanader of Croatia.

Russia

- In Sochi, the President and Mrs. Bush met with President Vladimir Putin and President-elect Dmitriy Medvedev and received a briefing on the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. They were hosted at a dinner at the Russian President's summer retreat. Mrs. Bush met with Russian Paralympians, toured the Sochi Art Museum, and met with students who had participated in an educational exchange program with the U.S.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to Haiti and Mexico March 2008

Mrs. Bush traveled to Haiti and Mexico to highlight U.S. efforts to promote health care and education in the region from March 13-14, 2008.

Haiti

- Mrs. Bush met with President Rene Preval of Haiti at the National Palace in Port-au-Prince to discuss health and education issues. Haiti is one of two countries in the Western Hemisphere receiving assistance from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). In Port-au-Prince, Mrs. Bush visited GHESKIO HIV/AIDS Center, a clinic that provides comprehensive services to people living with HIV/AIDS. During her visit to GHESKIO, Mrs. Bush participated in a briefing on the center's programs, met with patients, and engaged in a discussion with women benefitting from a micro-credit program initiated by the center.
- Mrs. Bush visited with students participating in the IDEJEN program at the College de St. Martin Tours in Port-au-Prince. IDEJEN, a program funded by USAID, provides basic education and vocational training to illiterate or unemployed youths between the ages of 15 and 24.

Mexico

- Mrs. Bush visited the Mexican Association Against Breast Cancer (Fundacion Cim*ab) and participated in a discussion with Cim*ab officials and Mrs. Zavala, wife of Mexico President Felipe Calderon, about efforts to increase breast cancer awareness in Mexico. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Zavala participated in the launch of the U.S.–Mexico Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research.
- Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Zavala attended a reception honoring outstanding Mexican women.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Africa February 2008

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Africa from February 15-21, 2008, visiting Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana, and Liberia. They reviewed firsthand the significant progress in efforts to increase economic development and to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other treatable diseases as a result of the United States' robust programs. During the trip, they discussed how the United States can partner with African countries to support continued democratic reforms, respect for human rights, free trade, open investment regimes, and education and economic opportunities across the continent.

Benin

- In Cotonou, the President and Mrs. Bush met with President Boni Yayi of Benin and his wife Madame Chantal de Souza Yayi. Mrs. Bush and Madame Yayi met with Ambassador's Girls Scholarship recipients. In Africa, girls account for 55 percent of the approximately 40 million primary school-aged children who are not enrolled in school. In Benin, nearly 4,600 primary school-aged girls have received scholarships through the President's Africa Education Initiative (AEI).
- Mrs. Bush and Madame Yayi met with members of a USAID-supported Mothers' Association. Mothers' Associations work to increase enrollment and retention rates for girls attending school.

Tanzania

- In Dar es Salaam, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony at the airport with President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania and his wife Mrs. Salma Kikwete.
- Mrs. Bush joined Mrs. Kikwete for the launch of Tanzania's National Plan of Action for Orphans and Vulnerable Youth. Approximately 2.5 million children in Tanzania have been orphaned, about half of whom lost parents due to HIV/AIDS. Through PEPFAR, the U.S. supports some of the estimated 2.5 million orphans and vulnerable children, and is committed to continuing this support. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Kikwete also participated in a roundtable discussion with graduates of a faith-based HIV/AIDS prevention program.
- The President and Mrs. Bush toured Amana District Hospital, met with families of the victims of the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing, and participated in a briefing on PEPFAR services.
- The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Arusha where they visited Meru District Hospital to distribute bed nets and bed net vouchers as part of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI). They also toured A to Z Textile Mills, a factory that produces bed nets, and were briefed on the increased longevity of newer nets they are producing. The President and Mrs. Bush also visited Maasai Girls School to observe basic education and vocational training for girls.

Rwanda

- The President and Mrs. Bush were greeted at an arrival ceremony in Kigali by President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and his wife Mrs. Jeannette Kagame. The President and Mrs. Bush toured the genocide exhibit at the Kigali Memorial Centre. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Kagame participated in a roundtable discussion to promote education for girls in Rwanda.

- The President and Mrs. Bush participated in a dedication ceremony for the U.S. Embassy in Kigali and visited with student members of an anti-AIDS Club at Lycee De Kigali secondary school.

Ghana

- In Accra, Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Theresa Kufor, wife of Ghana President John Agyekum Kufor, visited Mallam D/A Primary School to promote education. Mrs. Bush participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school library, which was donated by the USAID. The President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Peace Corps volunteers and participated in a briefing on the USAID West Africa Trade Hub and met with beneficiaries of the trade hub.
- Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Mrs. Kufor, visited Maamobi Polyclinic where she delivered remarks at a community durbar, an event where traditional tribal rulers gather to address their community, and participated in demonstrations on cooking and bed net retreatment. The President and Mrs. Bush also participated in a State Dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Kufor.

Liberia

- At an arrival ceremony in Monrovia, Liberia, the President and Mrs. Bush were greeted by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, Africa's first elected female president. Accompanied by Mrs. Kartumu Boakai, wife of Vice President Joseph N. Boakai of Liberia, Mrs. Bush participated in a discussion with individuals who work with Liberian youth affected by that country's recent civil war. Mrs. Bush accompanied the President to the Barclay Training Center where he delivered remarks and they participated in a roundtable discussion on education and a teacher training project at the University of Liberia.
- President Johnson Sirleaf presented President Bush with the Chain Collar of State and Grand Cordon in the Most Venerable Order in the Knighthood of the Pioneers for his numerous contributions towards peace and development to Liberia. President Johnson Sirleaf bestowed the distinction of Grand Cordon in the Most Venerable Order of Knighthood of the Pioneers on Mrs. Bush for her support and belief in Liberia's recovery.

Mrs. Bush's 2007 International Travel

Mrs. Bush Traveled to the Middle East October 2007

From October 20-26, 2007, Mrs. Bush visited the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Jordan to highlight the U.S.-Middle East Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. During her trip, Mrs. Bush met with key officials, medical and educational leaders, and leaders of women's groups. While in the region, she visited several cancer treatment and screening centers and launched new cancer awareness activities.

United Arab Emirates

- In Abu Dhabi, upon her arrival in the United Arab Emirates, Mrs. Bush met with the Minister for Economy and Planning, Sheika Lubna Al-Qasimi, the country's first woman to hold a ministerial post. Incidence of breast cancer is rising worldwide and it is now the most common form of cancer among women in the United Arab Emirates. At Sheikh Khalif Medical Center, Mrs. Bush participated in the launch of a breast cancer awareness campaign targeting underserved areas across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. She participated in a discussion at a Pink Majlis, an awareness program that provides a safe place where women can go to learn about breast cancer and preventative care in a culturally-appropriate environment.
- In Dubai, Mrs. Bush delivered remarks at the launch of the "Making It Our Business: Breast Cancer Awareness" program at the Dubai Chamber of Commerce.

Saudi Arabia

- While in Saudi Arabia, Mrs. Bush visited Riyadh and Jeddah. In Riyadh, Mrs. Bush delivered remarks at the launch of the U.S.-Saudi Arabia Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research at King Fahd Medical City and toured the Abdullatif Cancer Screening Center. In Jeddah, Mrs. Bush met with King Abdullah Abd al-Aziz Al Saud. Continuing to advocate for increased awareness of breast cancer and reducing the stigma that is still associated with the disease in many parts of the world, Mrs. Bush listened to the personal stories of Saudi women who have battled breast cancer, and those of their families and discussed with them their decision to speak out about their experiences.

Kuwait

- In Kuwait City, Mrs. Bush met with women democratic reformers, legal advocates, and business leaders. She also visited U.S. troops stationed at Ali al Salem Air Base in Kuwait.

Jordan

- In Amman, Mrs. Bush toured the King Hussein Cancer Center where she announced the expansion of the U.S.-Middle East Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research to three additional countries: Egypt, Morocco, and the Palestinian Territories. Mrs. Bush participated in the unveiling of Jordan's first breast cancer screening center at King Hussein Cancer Center. The USAID contributed to the funding for the new breast cancer screening center as part of the U.S.-Middle East Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. The new center provides screening services as well as counseling and referrals for any patient requiring follow-up treatment.
- Mrs. Bush met with His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan and toured the UNESCO World Heritage site in Petra.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to Africa

June 2007

Mrs. Bush traveled to Senegal, Mozambique, Zambia, and Mali for her third solo trip to Africa from June 25-29, 2007. During the trip, she was accompanied by her daughter, Jenna, and Mrs. Bush highlighted the Administration's commitment to fighting HIV/AIDS and malaria and the importance of education and women's empowerment. Mrs. Bush recorded impressions of her visits to each stop in journal entries for each country, posted at www.ivillage.com.

Senegal

- In Dakar, Mrs. Bush met with President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal. Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Mrs. Viviane Wade, wife of President Wade, delivered remarks at Grande Medine Primary School, a pilot school for the AEI. During her remarks, Mrs. Bush announced a contribution of an additional 800,000 books for Senegalese children through AEI's Textbooks for a Global Society Program. She also met with AEI Ambassador Girls' Scholarship recipients who attend Grand Medine Primary School. At Fann Hospital, Mrs. Bush toured a garden where produce and herbs are grown to add to the nutritional needs of HIV/AIDS patients, met with patients, and participated in the distribution of bed nets.

Mozambique

- In Maputo, Mrs. Bush met with President Armando Guebuza and his wife Mrs. Maria da Luz Dai Guebuza. Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Mrs. Guebuza, toured Maputo Central Pediatric Day Hospital where she met with patients and mothers participating in the PEPFAR-supported programs, including one that provides women with micro-credit loans.
- Mrs. Bush visited the Maputo Seminary where she delivered remarks on the PMI and announced a three-year, nearly \$2 million grant to benefit the Inter-Religious Campaign against Malaria in Mozambique (IRCMM).

This grant helps the inter-faith group implement the first stage of its "Together Against Malaria" program in the province of Zambezia by providing health education, training, and community mobilization through trained faith leaders, reaching over 1.6 million people.

- In the Mozambique village of Mozal, Mrs. Bush participated in a home spraying demonstration and distributed bed nets to families, highlighting the threat mosquitoes pose to villagers. Mrs. Bush also participated in a roundtable with activists and representatives from non-governmental organizations addressing women's empowerment and domestic violence issues, and the intersection of these issues with Mozambique's severe HIV/AIDS crisis.

Zambia

- In Lusaka, Mrs. Bush met with President Levy Mwanawasa of Zambia and his wife Mrs. Maureen Mwanawasa. She joined Mrs. Mwanawasa for a visit to the Regiment Basic School where they visited classrooms, observed a student skit on HIV/AIDS, and met with scholarship students. At the school, Mrs. Bush launched the first U.S. Government-funded PlayPump, a public-private partnership she announced during her remarks at the Clinton Global Initiative on September 20, 2006. PlayPump systems are innovative, sustainable, patented water pumps powered by children at play. By providing communities with a sustainable source of clean drinking water, the PlayPump water system helps communities improve healthcare and education, as well as promote economic development.
- Mrs. Bush visited Mututa Memorial Center to highlight the vital role private foundations, religious institutions, volunteer groups, and individuals play in improving the lives of the African people. While there, Mrs. Bush distributed board games and soccer balls to children. Also, with Bruce Wilkinson of RAPIDS (Reaching AIDS Affected People with Integrated Development and Support), Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Mwanawasa participated in an activity to assemble kits for home base caregivers. Mututa Memorial Center trains caregivers and provides HIV/AIDS education. Mrs. Bush also visited Chreso Ministries, an organization that provides anti-retrovirals to HIV-positive individuals funded by PEPFAR, and Flame Community Center, an organization that works to improve the living standards of orphans, abused children, abandoned children, children and youths at risk and their caregivers.

Mali

- Upon arrival in Bamako, Mrs. Bush met President Amadou Toumani of Mali and his wife Mrs. Toure Lobbo Traore. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Traore visited Nelson Mandela Primary School Complex where they observed the Teacher Training via Radio program funded by AEI. Mrs. Bush also received a briefing on the Millennium Challenge Corporation's compact with the Government of Mali and planned projects.

The President and Mrs. Bush Participated in the Group of Eight (G8) Summit June 2007

From June 4-11, 2007, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the G8 Summit in Germany and traveled to the Czech Republic, Poland, Italy, Albania, and Bulgaria. The trip highlighted continued cooperation on a broad range of international economic, security, and political issues.

Czech Republic

- Mrs. Bush toured Lobkowitz Palace at Prague Castle, the gardens of Prague Castle, and Stahov. The President and Mrs. Bush met with President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic and his wife Mrs. Livia Klausova. Mrs. Bush attended President Bush's remarks and greeted global democracy advocates.

Germany

- Mrs. Bush participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and delivered remarks at the opening of America@Your Library at the Schwerin City Library. America@Your Library is a partnership initiative between the U.S.

Embassy and public libraries in Germany. The partnership is based on the American Library Association's "@ Your Library" public awareness campaign, which highlights the proactive role of libraries as centers for learning, information, and cultural enrichment. There are "@ Your Library" partnerships in 17 German cities.

- Mrs. Bush also participated in numerous activities as part of the G8 Spouses' Program, including a tour of St. Nikolai Church, and a discussion with student leaders in Wismar, and a briefing on demographic development in Hohen Demzin.

Poland

- In Jurata, the President and Mrs. Bush met with President Lech Kaczynski of Poland and his wife Mrs. Maria Kaczynska. Mrs. Bush attended the joint press availability of President Bush and President Kaczynski in Gdansk.

Italy

- The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Holy See where they met with Pope Benedict XVI. Mrs. Bush toured the excavations under St. Peter's Basilica known as The Scavi, met with Mrs. Flavia Prodi, wife of Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, and visited with fellows at the American Academy in Rome.

Albania

- The President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony in Tirana with President Alfred Moisiu of Albania and his daughter Ms. Mirela Moisiu. Mrs. Bush visited Bethany House Orphanage and the Women's Wellness Center (WWC) at Queen Geraldine Hospital. In her address at the WWC, Mrs. Bush expressed her desire that similar centers modeled after WWC be established throughout Albania. She participated in a roundtable discussion on micro-finance programs funded by the USAID. They provide creditworthy borrowers in developing countries access financing so entrepreneurs can create and nourish their businesses, support their families, and build their communities with the profits they earn.

Bulgaria

- After participating in an arrival ceremony with President Bush and President Georgi Parvanov of Bulgaria in Nevsky Square, Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Zorka Parvanova, wife of President Parvanov, delivered remarks at the opening of the American Children's Corner at the Sofia City Library. The American Children's Corner project, a partnership with the U.S. Embassy, began when Mrs. Parvanova asked Mrs. Bush to bring the cultural resources available in other American Corners in Bulgaria to the library in Sofia. Mrs. Bush met with beneficiaries of a USAID-funded micro-finance program, toured a mobile HIV/AIDS unit, and participated in a briefing on HIV/AIDS activities in Bulgaria. Mrs. Bush toured Boyana Church, a medieval Bulgarian Orthodox church and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage site on the outskirts of Sofia.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Latin America

March 2007

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala, and Mexico from March 8-14, 2007. This trip underscored the U.S. commitment to the Western Hemisphere and highlighted the shared agenda to advance freedom, prosperity, and social justice and deliver the benefits of democracy in the areas of health, education, and economic opportunity.

Brazil

- The President and Mrs. Bush participated in a visit to Meninos do Morumbi. Founded in 1996 by professional musician Flavio Pimenta, the organization teaches musical skills to the young people of Sao Paulo as an alternative to the culture of drugs and crime.

- Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion at AlfaSol Literacy program in Sao Paolo. Students who complete the literacy program are eligible to enter Brazil's Youth and Adult Education national program, which offers skills training for specific employment opportunities. Mrs. Bush also visited Projecto Aprendiz in Sao Paolo. Developing the concept of the neighborhood as a school, the program supplements school education with a wide range of community-based activities.

Uruguay

- The President and Mrs. Bush met and were hosted by President Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay and his wife Mrs. Maria Auxiliadora Delgado de Vazquez at Estancia Anchorena, their presidential residence. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Delgado de Vazquez toured historic Colonia del Sacramento, a UNESCO world heritage site, and discussed youth, health, and education issues.

Columbia

- After participating in an arrival ceremony at Casa de Narino in Bogotá with President Bush, President Alvaro Uribe of Columbia, and his wife Mrs. Lina Moreno, Mrs. Bush read to children during a visit to Rafael Pombo Foundation. Mrs. Bush visited Escuela de Artes y Oficios, touring a program that trains individuals in various native crafts enabling them to begin small businesses.

Guatemala

- The President and Mrs. Bush visited three Guatemalan villages. The President and Mrs. Bush, President Oscar Berger of Guatemala, and his wife Mrs. Wendy Widmann de Berger visited a medical readiness and training exercise at the Carlos Emilio Leonardo School in Santa Cruz Balanya. While in Santa Cruz Balanya, Mrs. Bush presented a gift of books for the Dr. Richard Carroll Municipal Library during a tour of the facility. During a visit to Iximche, the President and Mrs. Bush viewed members of the Patzun Dance group perform a cultural dance, and they witnessed a demonstration of a Mayan Ritual competition. To highlight the importance of free trade, the President and Mrs. Bush visited Labradores Mayas, a vegetable packing station that receives aid from the U.S. Government.

Mexico

- The President and Mrs. Bush participated in arrival ceremonies at Hacienda Temozon with President Felipe Calderon of Mexico and his wife Mrs. Margarita Zavala in Temozon Sur. Mrs. Zavala accompanied Mrs. Bush to the Yucatan Children Cultural Center and the Hacienda Foundation of the Mayan World. The President and Mrs. Bush and President Calderon and Mrs. Zavala toured the Mayan ruins in Uxmal.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to France

January 2007

Mrs. Bush traveled to Paris, France from January 14-17, 2007 to discuss international cooperation in the effort to protect children from exploitation at a conference hosted by the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. Through her role as Honorary Ambassador for the United Nation's Literacy Decade, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion regarding UNESCO's efforts to promote literacy and teacher quality throughout the world. She planted a tree at the American Hospital in Paris and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Suresnes American Cemetery. Mrs. Bush also visited Chateau de la Grange, home of the Marquis de Lafayette, which inspired Mrs. Bush to host French President Nicolas Sarkozy at Mt. Vernon in November 2007.

Mrs. Bush's 2006 International Travel

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Russia and Southeast Asia November 2006

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Russia, Singapore, Vietnam, and Indonesia from November 14-21, 2006. The President attended the 14th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders' Meeting (APEC) on November 18-19.

Russia

- On November 14, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Moscow, Russia, and on November 15 they were greeted in the VIP Lounge of Vnukovo Airport by President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his wife Mrs. Lyudmila Putina.

Singapore

- In Singapore, Mrs. Bush attended a cultural event at the Asian Civilization Museum, toured and delivered remarks at the National Library, and attended a KidsREAD Event. Mrs. Bush attended the President's remarks at the National University of Singapore. Mrs. Bush then participated in a social dinner at The Istana with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore and his wife Mrs. Lee Ho Ching.

Vietnam

- On November 17, the President and Mrs. Bush arrived in Hanoi, Vietnam where Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion and luncheon. Mrs. Bush attended the arrival ceremony for the President Nguyễn Minh Triết of Vietnam and his wife Mrs. Trần Thị Kim Chi, at the Presidential Palace. On November 18, Mrs. Bush and the APEC Spouses visited the Temple of Literature and attended a lunch at the Government Guest House. Mrs. Bush attended the APEC Gala Dinner and Cultural Performance at the National Conference Center. On November 19, Mrs. Bush attended a church service at the Cua Bac Cathedral and toured the Museum of Ethnology with APEC spouses before attending a Thang Long Water Puppetry Theater Performance. Mrs. Bush also attended a lunch with Mrs. Aki Abe, wife of Prime Minister Shinzō Abe of Japan.
- In Ho Chi Minh City on November 20, the President and Mrs. Bush visited the Ho Chi Minh City History Museum and toured the Pasteur Institute, where they also participated in a roundtable discussion on HIV/AIDS research. Vietnam became the 15th PEPFAR focus country in June 2004.

Indonesia

- On November 20, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bogor and Jakarta, Indonesia. At the Jakarta Halim International Perdanakusama Airport, Mrs. Bush participated in a U.S. Embassy Greeting. Mrs. Bush met with Mrs. Kristiani Herawati, wife of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia at Bogor Palace. Also at the palace, Mrs. Bush was joined by the President for a roundtable discussion and education event, and they viewed a display of handicrafts.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Germany and Russia July 2006

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia for the G8 Summit from July 15-17, 2006. The G8 Summit included leaders from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The European Union also participated. As at previous G8 Summits, the leaders discussed continued cooperation on a broad range of international economic, security, and political issues.

Germany

- At the invitation of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to northeastern Germany in advance of his participation in the G8 Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia. Chancellor Merkel hosted them on July 13 in the towns of Stralsund and Trinwillershagen, which are in what had been communist East Germany, underscoring our two nations' commitment to advancing freedom and prosperity, and to strengthening the transatlantic partnership.
- At the Stralsund Children's Library, Mrs. Bush delivered remarks and participated in the ribbon-cutting at the opening of the America@yourlibrary, a collection of books sponsored by the U.S. Embassy. Mrs. Bush promoted positive transatlantic relations by participating in a roundtable discussion and luncheon with local leaders, educators, and cultural leaders.

Russia

- To highlight PEPFAR and its support for high quality clinical training, particularly for the complex care and treatment of pediatric HIV/AIDS patients, Mrs. Bush visited the Pediatric HIV/AIDS Clinical Center of Russia in St. Petersburg.
- As part of the Spouses Program during the G8 Summit, Mrs. Bush joined other first ladies for events such as a roundtable discussion on education with Russian experts, a tour of Peterhof Palace Gardens, and an arts and craft fair. Mrs. Bush also toured the Pavlovsk Palace and Grounds with Mrs. Lyudmila Putina, wife of German President Vladimir Putin.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Eastern Europe June 2006

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Eastern Europe for the U.S.-EU Summit in Slovenia from June 21-22, 2006 for meetings with the leadership of the European Union, Austrian Chancellor and European Council President Wolfgang Schüssel, and European Commission President José Barroso, to advance our efforts to jointly confront global challenges. Holding the U.S.-EU Summit at the Brdo Castle in Slovenia, a country once behind the Iron Curtain and now a member of NATO and the EU, was a compelling example of the success of our common vision of a Europe whole, free, and at peace.

Austria

- On June 21 in Vienna, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion with project managers from the organization Women without Borders to highlight the importance of women's roles in building democracies around the world. She also toured St. Stephen's Cathedral, viewed the Mozart Exhibit at the Albertina, and attended a concert of the Vienna Philharmonic.

Hungary

- At the Parliament Building in Budapest, Mrs. Bush participated in a discussion on breast cancer awareness efforts in Hungary. Also in Budapest, at the United Daycare of Jozsefvaros, Mrs. Bush witnessed the Sure Start Program, which successfully provides daily care together with family education to optimize the development of young children.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to Costa Rica May 2006

Mrs. Bush traveled to Costa Rica to attend the inaugural ceremony and festivities of President-elect Óscar Arias, in San Jose on May 7, 2006. While there, Mrs. Bush also participated in a roundtable discussion on the state of education in Costa Rica with education experts at Escuela de los Estados Unidos, a Costa Rican school named for the United States.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan
March 2006

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan from March 1-5, 2006. After a surprise visit to Afghanistan to visit troops, the President and Mrs. Bush visited India to celebrate the U.S.-Indian strategic partnership. In Pakistan, the President discussed Pakistan's progress toward democracy, as well as how we can expand our mutually beneficial economic ties to support freedom and prosperity in Pakistan.

Afghanistan

- The President, Mrs. Bush, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice were welcomed by President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan in Kabul. Mrs. Bush met with U.S. and Coalition troops March 1 during a visit to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, where President Bush thanked the troops for their service in defense of freedom. They also attended the dedication of the new U.S. Embassy Building in Kabul.

India

- In New Delhi, the President and Mrs. Bush were greeted at Rashtrapati Bhavan by India Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife Mrs. Gursharan Kaur. The President and Mrs. Bush visited the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony in Rajghat, India.
- Mrs. Laura Bush visited Mother Teresa's Jeevan Jyoti (Light of Life) Home for Disabled Children in New Delhi, India. Mrs. Bush toured the set of Gali Gali Sim Sim (India's version of America's Sesame Street) and taped a segment for the show. Mrs. Laura Bush toured Prayas, a U.S. Government-funded, comprehensive child-focused development organization helping educate, heal, and care for child sex and labor trafficking victims and street children. During the tour, Mrs. Bush met informally with teachers and students.
- At the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in Hyderabad, India, Mrs. Bush visited with children and met with a small group of women living with HIV/AIDS. Also at the University, she participated in a home science school lab demonstration and a roundtable discussion on women's empowerment.

Pakistan

- The President Mrs. Bush attended a State Dinner in their honor with the President of Pervez Musharraf Pakistan, March 4 in Islamabad. Mrs. Bush signed team jerseys of the Islamabad College of Boys cricket team, who participated in a cricket clinic with President Bush at the Raphael Memorial Gardens on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.
- Mrs. Bush, with Mrs. Sehba Musharraf, wife of President Musharraf, attended a briefing to update the reconstruction and aid efforts for earthquake victims in regions of Pakistan. Highlighting the cooperation of UNESCO and USAID with Pakistan on education advancements, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion during an Education Through Partnerships meeting with representatives from UNESCO, USAID and Children's Resources International (CRI) in the library of the U.S. Embassy, in Islamabad. Mrs. Bush also read to children at the CRI classroom at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to Italy
February 2006

Mrs. Bush traveled to Italy from February 8-11, 2006 to lead the United States' Delegation to the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin. Mrs. Bush also toured the ancient library at the University of Turin and delivered remarks announcing a U.S. book donation to the University. In Rome, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion and presented the first Komen Italia Award to a breast cancer survivor. She received a briefing by the Executive Director of the World Food Program and the United States Mission to the United Nations (USUN) Mission Ambassador regarding the humanitarian efforts of the U.S. government and the USUN Mission in Rome.

At the Apostolic Palace in Vatican City, Mrs. Bush met with Pope Benedict XVI. On February 10, Mrs. Bush greeted troops stationed at Aviano Air Base and troops in transit returning to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to West Africa

January 2006

Mrs. Bush traveled to Africa from January 15-17, 2006 to attend the inauguration of the continent's first elected woman head of state, Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and to highlight President Bush's initiatives on education and fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Liberia

- In Monrovia on January 16, Mrs. Bush participated in the inauguration ceremony of President Johnson Sirleaf to highlight the importance of America's role in fostering a democratic culture and women's participation in the democratic process.

Ghana

- In Accra, Mrs. Bush launched President Bush's Africa Education Initiative (AEI) Textbook Materials Program, highlighting the Administration's support for education in Africa and its longstanding commitment to reading and literacy. She also visited Korle-Bu Treatment Center, a PEPFAR-supported HIV/AIDS in- and outpatient treatment prevention center that is helping people living with HIV and AIDS through Antiretroviral (ARV) treatments and stigma reduction programs. Mrs. Bush attended a lunch hosted by President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana.

Nigeria

- At Saint Mary's Hospital in Gwagwalada, Mrs. Bush visited another PEPFAR-supported HIV/AIDS treatment center. Mrs. Bush traveled to Model Secondary School in Abuja, to highlight the Administration's support for education in Africa by visiting with recipients of the AEI's Ambassador Girls Scholarship Program (AGSP). Also in Abuja, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion on women's empowerment at the National Center for Women's Development.

Mrs. Bush's 2005 International Travel

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Asia

November 2005

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Kyoto, Japan, Busan and Gyeongju, Korea, Beijing, China, and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from November 14-21, 2005 surrounding the 13th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting. During stops to and from Asia, the President and Mrs. Bush visited military personnel at the Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Japan

- The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Kyoto, Japan, where Mrs. Bush attended a cultural event at the Temple of the Golden Pavilion and participated in a calligraphy demonstration and instruction. She then visited the Doshisha Girls' Junior High and Senior High School.

Korea

- In Gyeongju, Korea, Mrs. Bush toured the Gyeongju National Museum and visited the Gyeongju English Village. She also visited the Bulguksa Temple, the architecture of which dates back to the Silla Dynasty (57BC – 935AD). In Busan, Korea, Mrs. Bush visited the Busan Simin Metropolitan Municipal Library, before joining the APEC spouses for lunch and visits to the Beomeo Temple and Busan Museum. She also attended a gala dinner and cultural

performances at the BEXCO facilities, a roundtable lunch with women leaders, and the President's remarks to US troops at Osan Air Force Base before traveling with the President to China.

China

- On November 20, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a service at the Gangwashi Church in Beijing. Mrs. Bush visited the Beijing Urban Planning Museum and toured the Ming Tombs. The President and Mrs. Bush attended a social dinner with President Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China and his wife Madame Liu Yongqing.

Mongolia

- Mrs. Bush met with Mongolian Leaders and participated in a roundtable with the Democratic Women's Association at the Government Hall. She attended the President's remarks at the Conference Hall before attending a cultural event featuring ceremonial Mongolian characters in Ikh Tenger, Mongolia, near the capital city of Ulaanbaatar.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Latin America November 2005

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Mar del Plata, Argentina, Brasilia, Brazil, and Panama City, Panama from November 2-7, 2005 for the Summit of the Americas.

Argentina

- Mrs. Bush joined the President for the opening ceremonies of the 2005 Summit of the Americas and attended the dinner in honor of the Heads of State/Government. She also participated at a roundtable on literacy and democracy at Estancia Santa Isabel.

Brazil

- Mrs. Bush participated in a tour and roundtable at the Biblioteca Demonstrativa de Brasilia, where she discussed the impact of an English language training program in Brazil. This program focused on the importance of the cultural component in language instruction and investing in public education, while overcoming the challenge of limited resources. Mrs. Bush took a tour of the President Juscelino Kubitschek Memorial and attended the President's remarks in Brasilia.

Panama

- Mrs. Bush partook in a series of cultural events, such as a visit to the Interoceanic Canal Museum, a wreath-laying at the Corozal American Cemetery, a tour of the Miraflores Locks (part of the Panama Canal), and a baseball event with Panamanian Youth. Mrs. Bush also participated in a roundtable on Panama's future and attended a lunch with the President Martín Torrijos of the Republic of Panama and his wife Mrs. Vivian Fernández de Torrijos.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to Africa July 2005

Building on the U.S. announcement at the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland about fighting HIV/AIDS and bolstering education in Africa, Mrs. Bush traveled to South Africa, Tanzania, and Rwanda to raise awareness of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Africa Education Initiative (AEI) from July 9-15, 2005. Mrs. Bush was accompanied by her daughter Jenna.

South Africa

- In Cape Town, Mrs. Bush visited a Mothers to Mothers-to-Be Center. This program uses education and empowerment as tools to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, combat stigma within families and communities, support a mother's adherence to medical treatment, and reduce the likelihood of AIDS orphans. At the Centre for the Book in Cape Town, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion on women's

empowerment, domestic violence, and the intersection of these issues with South Africa's severe HIV/AIDS crisis.

Tanzania

- In Dar es Salaam, Madame Anna Mkapa, wife of President Benjamin William Mkapa of the United Republic of Tanzania, accompanied Mrs. Bush on a visit to the headquarters of Equal Opportunities for All Trust Fund (EOTF). Mrs. Mkapa established the non-profit, non-governmental EOTF to assist disadvantaged and rural children, to empower women through training, to facilitate access to credit and markets and to share information. In Zanzibar, Mrs. Bush toured a classroom and playground at Al Rahma Madrasa Pre-School, a program benefited by the President's AEI funds.

Rwanda

- At the Presidential Compound in Kigali, Mrs. Bush, joined by Mrs. Jeanette Kagame, wife of President Paul Kagame of the Republic of Rwanda, and Mrs. Cherie Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, participated in a roundtable discussion on empowering women to build democracies. Mrs. Bush toured the Kigali Memorial Center (Gisozi Genocide Memorial) and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the site. With Mrs. Kagame, Mrs. Bush visited the Forum for African Women Educationalist (FAWE Rwanda) Girls' School, which hosts a program of the AEI called the Ambassadors' Girls Scholarship Program. Mrs. Bush then attended a dinner hosted by Mrs. Kagame.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Denmark and Scotland July 2005

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark and Gleneagles, Scotland from July 5-8, 2005 for the annual G8 Summit, hosted by UK Prime Minister Tony Blair. On July 8, the President and G8 partners launched a historic commitment to assist Africa in bolstering its economic development through the strengthening of African leaders and African people. The U.S. announced its support for initiatives that would advance U.S. priorities in agreeing to debt relief, scaling up the fight against malaria, addressing urgent humanitarian needs, improving education, particularly for girls, increasing development assistance, realizing greater trade and investment and greater support for peace and stability. In keeping with the themes of the G8 summit leaders' meetings, the G8 spouses had the opportunity to participate in a discussion with experts on African women and children's issues. The theme was an impetus for Mrs. Bush and Jenna Bush to travel independently to Africa following the Summit.

Denmark

- On July 6, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness The Prince Henrik of Denmark, then joined Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark, and his wife Mrs. Anne-Mette Rasmussen for breakfast. Following breakfast, Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Rasmussen visited the kindergarten in which Mrs. Rasmussen works.

Scotland

- The G8 leaders and spouses were hosted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, for a dinner at Gleneagles on July 6.
- On July 7, Mrs. Cherie Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, hosted a spouses program at Glamis Castle, the childhood home of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and The Queen Mother, the birthplace of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, and the legendary setting for Shakespeare's play *Macbeth*. Participating with Mrs. Bush in a tree planting ceremony and lunch were Mrs. Doris Schroeder-Kopf, wife of German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Mrs. Lyudmila Alexandrivna Putina, wife of German President Vladimir Putin, Mrs. Sheila Martin, wife of Canadian

Prime Minister Paul Martin, and Mrs. Maria Margarida Pinto Ribeiro Sousa Uva Barroso, wife of European Commission President Jose Barroso.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to the Middle East

May 2005

Mrs. Bush traveled to Jordan, Israel, and Egypt to highlight U.S. Government support for education reform from May 20-24, 2005.

Jordan

- After a greeting with U.S. Embassy employees, in Amman, Mrs. Bush and Queen Rania al-Abdullah, wife of King Abdulla of Jordan, toured a Swaifiyeh Secondary School for Girls to highlight U.S. support for educational reform in Jordan through the Jordan Education Initiative. Mrs. Bush, with Queen Rania, met with staff at the Jordan River Foundation (JRF), a non-governmental organization chaired by Queen Rania that received support from USAID in its formative years. The JRF supports social, economic, and cultural programs that empower communities, especially women and children.
- At the Dead Sea, Mrs. Bush delivered remarks at a Plenary Session of the World Economic Forum, offering a message of hope and optimism about freedom in the Middle East while also emphasizing America's commitment to supporting expansion of economic, education and political opportunity and the importance of the empowerment of women. Mrs. Bush then met with King Abdullah and Queen Rania al-Abdullah and joined them for an Arab Youth Roundtable Discussion.
- On May 21, Mrs. Bush traveled to Mount Nebo to view sites and artifacts of historical biblical events and to Madaba for a lunch with Jordanian Women Leaders to engage in conversation about the critical role of women in the reform movement of Jordan.

Israel

- Mrs. Bush traveled to Jerusalem to visit the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock. In Jericho, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable with Palestinian women and visited Hisham's Palace – built around 724 C.E. by the Omayyad dynasty and notable for its ornate Islamic architecture. Mrs. Bush then visited the Holocaust Memorial, Yad Vashem. On May 23, Mrs. Bush visited the Church of the Resurrection at Abu Ghosh.

Egypt

- On May 24, Mrs. Bush traveled to Cairo, where she visited the Pyramids. Mrs. Bush was then joined by Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak, wife of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, to participate in the taping of the Alam Simsim television show (*Egyptian Sesame Street*), and to visit an urban school for girls. After an embassy greeting and reception for Egyptian Women Leaders, Mrs. Bush departed for Alexandria, where she visited an elementary school and was given a tour of the famous Alexandria Library by Mrs. Mubarak.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Eastern Europe

May 2005

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Riga, Latvia, Maastricht, Netherlands, Moscow, Russia and Tbilisi, Georgia from May 6-10, 2005.

Latvia

- Mrs. Bush visited the Rumbula Holocaust Memorial and Museum of Occupation of Latvia, to commemorate Latvia's sacrifices in World War II. Mrs. Bush was hosted at a lunch at the Ambassador's residence. Mrs. Bush took a walking tour of the city of Riga before attending the President's remarks at Small Guild Hall.

The Netherlands

- At the Netherlands American Ceremony, Mrs. Bush participated in a greeting with Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. Mrs. Bush met with veterans and placed flowers on the tomb of a soldier that had served in her father's unit.

Russia

- The President and Mrs. Bush joined approximately 50 world leaders in Red Square and the Kremlin in another ceremony honoring the veterans of World War II.

Georgia

- The President and Mrs. Bush made a historic trip to Tbilisi, where they were welcomed with a Georgian cultural ceremony. On May 10, Mrs. Bush accompanied Mrs. Sandra Roelofs, wife of Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili, to visit the American Academy. Mrs. Bush spoke with students and participated in a question and answer session. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Roelofs visited the House of Books, an institution that encourages reading and literacy in Georgia. Mrs. Bush also attended the President's remarks to the people of Georgia in Freedom Square – the same square where the Rose Revolution changed the history of Georgia.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Italy

April 2005

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Rome, Italy and The Holy See from April 6 to 8, 2005 to attend the funeral Mass of Pope John Paul II. On April 7, Mrs. Bush joined the President, former President George H.W. Bush, Former President Bill Clinton, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for the Papal Viewing at St. Peter's Basilica, in the Vatican, and for the funeral Mass in Vatican City on April 8.

Mrs. Bush Traveled to Afghanistan

March 2005

Mrs. Bush traveled to Afghanistan on a secretly-planned trip to highlight U.S. support for the rebuilding of Afghanistan from March 29-30, 2005. Mrs. Bush joined the previously scheduled trip of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council and saw first hand the progress made in Afghanistan since 2001.

- At the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, Mrs. Bush met with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his wife Dr. Zinat Karzai. At the Palace, Mrs. Bush, Dr. Karzai, and U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings met with Afghan women to discuss women's rights and education. At Kabul University, Mrs. Bush visited the National Women's Dormitory, built to provide a safe place for young women to live while pursuing studies away from their families. At the dormitory, as well as at the Women's Teacher Training Institute, Mrs. Bush met with Afghan women and students to discuss the importance of education for all young women and men. Mrs. Bush also witnessed Secretary Spellings and Afghan Minister Noor Mohammad Qarqeen sign an MOU that allocates funds to build a university in Kabul.
- At Bagram Air Base in Kabul, Mrs. Bush was briefed by the Provincial Reconstruction Team and joined troops for dinner in the Dragon Chow Dining Hall before departing Afghanistan.

The President and Mrs. Bush Traveled to Europe
February 2005

The President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Europe from February 20-24, 2005 to meet with leaders of the European Union and NATO Alliance. The visit included stops in Brussels, Belgium, Ramstein, Germany, Wiesbaden, Germany, Mainz, Germany and Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

Belguim

- In Brussels, Mrs. Bush explored Belgian history by going on an archeological tour and visited the Erasmus Museum. She then joined the President to attend an embassy and mission greeting and a call with King Albert of Belgium and his wife, Queen Paola.

Germany

- Mrs. Bush traveled independently to Ramstein, where she visited troops at Landstuhl Medical Center and delivered remarks to the troops and their families. Mrs. Bush then traveled to Wiesbaden, where she visited an elementary school for the children of U.S. troops and delivered remarks to the students, teachers, and parents. In Mainz, Mrs. Bush participated in events with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and his wife Mrs. Doris Schroeder-Kopf. She visited St. Martin's Cathedral and the Gutenberg Museum and also joined the President for a troop event.

Slovak Republic

- The Slovak Republic warmly received the President and Mrs. Bush for the first visit of an American President and First Lady to their country. Mrs. Bush opened the American Corner at the University Library and attended historic remarks by the President in the town square. Mrs. Bush also participated in a tea with Mrs. Putina, wife of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and then joined the spouses of Slovak leaders for a tour of the old city.

Mrs. Bush's 2004-2001 Independent International Travel

2004

No independent international trips

2003 (2 trips; 3 countries visited)

Mrs. Bush traveled to France for the reopening of the U.S. headquarters at UNESCO, and to Russia to participate in First Lady Lyudmila Putina's first School Libraries Festival, modeled after the National Book Festival Mrs. Bush founded in the United States.

France. Paris, September 28-30

Russia. Moscow, September 30-October 2

Mrs. Bush traveled to the Dominican Republic to attend the 12th Conference of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas.

Dominican Republic. Santo Domingo, October 14-15

2002 (3 trips; 5 countries visited)

Mrs. Bush traveled to England for the funeral of the Queen Mother.

England. London, April 8-9

Mrs. Bush traveled to France, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

France. Paris, May 13-15

Hungary. Budapest, May 16-17
Czech Republic. Prague, May 18-21

Mrs. Bush traveled to Mexico to attend the 11th Conference of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas.

Mexico. Mexico City, September 25-27

2001

No independent international trips