



# SPANISH & DANCE CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

START DATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Spanish & Dance program enables you to combine a Spanish course with the discovery of the world of dance. This unique program offers exciting hands-on dance classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

## **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

Cartagena is a UNESCO World Heritage City, and on the "must see" lists of millions of world travelers. Ramparts and walls, were built all around the city in order to protect it from pirate attacks. Now, nearly 500 years old, this majestic city on the South-western Caribbean, retains much the charm, history, architecture, romance and adventure of days gone by.

Nearby Cartagena is the famous Rosary Islands Natural Park, which is a group of coral islands with the best beaches near Cartagena. Only 40 minutes from Cartagena is the Totumo swamp which is a shallow fresh water lake besides the sea, this is a paradisiacal place where a huge variety of migratory and non migratory birds nest being a delight for tourist and locals. There you can take a bath into the crater of a volcano, a mud volcano that's famous for being good for the skin.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Spanish & Dance program in Cartagena, students will gain experience in foreign dance programs, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for dance into one incredible life-changing experience.



## *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 1 week minimum-20 hours of Spanish class per week
- **Dance Classes:** 5 hours of class per week
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay, Apartment, or Hotel
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\***
  - Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost
- **Airport Transfer:** arrival and departure transfer available upon request
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage**  
\*\*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

## **FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **STUDY PROGRAM**

The study portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group Spanish classes with a 1 week minimum. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Spanish.

All of our teachers are native speakers with university educations and are very experienced teaching Spanish to foreigners. Most have learned a second language themselves and understand the student's perspective.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class. Classes are 45 minutes in length.

Our program is divided into 6 levels of study. The first 4 are concentrated on grammar, vocabulary, practical situations, and conversation. The next 2 levels, advanced and superior, focus mainly on conversation and advanced reading and writing topics.

### **DANCE PROGRAM**

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to combine the study of the Spanish language with dance lessons. The Dance Program introduces dances such as the Salsa, Tango, and Merengue. Plus experience typical Colombian dances such as the Mapale, Valletno, and Cumbia. These dances epitomize the rhythm and motion of the Latin American culture.

The course will be held in Spanish and the student will be taught by a professional dancers for 5 lessons per week. It will focus on the development of techniques through the integration of footwork patterns, hands and arms movement, body attitude, turns, etc.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

You will live and share your daily life with a Spanish speaking family. Breakfast and dinner are included and there is a washing machine available or your clothes will be washed once a week. Families are carefully chosen, and during your stay you will be another member of the family. Almost all participants in the program stay with local families, which we arrange for you upon registration and with whom lodging is included in the cost of the program. Host families are highly recommended in order to practice what you learn in class with your family at home, as well as to integrate yourself into the local culture.

Many different types of host families are available, and we attempt to select the best match for each student. All families are carefully screened and must meet NRCSA and the local center's stringent requirements before being accepted as a host family. All host families are middle-class and live in homes and areas that are attractive and safe. Students can choose to have their own room with or without a private bathroom, or to share a room with another student.

### **APARTMENT**

If you are staying with us for 2 weeks or longer, you can chose to rent a fully furnished apartment.

### **HOTELS**

Cartagena has a wide range of hotels to suit many different budgets.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 1 week of classes, dance lessons, and 1 week of housing ranges from:

**\$499 → \$839\*\***

\*\*Prices range according to housing and board options.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling with regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance of arrival.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The school offers a full and varied program of cultural visits, sports, social outings and excursions through the year. Details vary from week to week and from season to season.

Activities may include:

- Going out to local restaurants and eating traditional food
- Visiting natural parks and beaches
- Going to historical or art museums
- Sightseeing tours
- Concerts and nights out on the town
- Hiking

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the SPANISH & DANCE PROGRAM in CARTAGENA, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrdsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.