



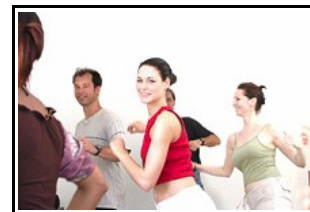
SPANISH & MERENGUE

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

PROGRAM STARTS EVERY MONDAY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Spanish & Merengue program enables you to combine a Spanish course with the discovery of the world of Merengue and other Latin dances. This unique program offers exciting and active dance classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Santo Domingo is one of the most beautiful colonial cities of the New World and certainly the oldest. A walking tour of the sector reveals fortresses, colonial palaces and chapels, all dating back to the early 16th century. In those days, Santo Domingo was a place of intense political intrigue and romance.

A walk along Las Damas street recalls a world populated by court ladies and soldiers, monks and noblemen, and pirates and slaves. Discover the first cathedral of America; the Columbus Alcázar, where his son Diego ruled as Viceroy; the first court of law. Here, men like Hernán Cortés, Ponce de León and Rodrigo de Bastidas lived, loved and plotted conquests. They set sail from this port in search of adventure, gold and new lands for the crown of Spain. Museums, restaurants, bars, and galleries inhabit the old city today, but there are still magic moments to be captured in many a secluded romantic courtyard.

The modern city provides excellent shopping, cosmopolitan restaurants, and a nightlife with a strong sense rhythm and fun. The port area surrounding the cruise ship terminal on la Avenida del Puerto, greets an endless flow lights.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Spanish & Merengue program in Santo Domingo, 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 group lessons per week, 45 minutes each, 5- 12 students per class.
- **Merengue Classes:** 8 classes per week
- **Lodging:** In Homestays or Apartments
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Arrival Transfer:** included in cost from Santo Domingo or Puerto Plata airport
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Placement Testing**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **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. Maximum number of students per class is 5, with the average being 2 students. 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.

MERENGUE PROGRAM

Of all the rhythms that enriched the cultural heritage of the Dominicans, the Merengue is the collective expression of the people's soul. As a popular musical form, it is very dynamic and varies from one generation to the next.

This program is for all those who want to discover the Dominican attitude towards life not only through the foreign language but also through the people's dances and music. In the mornings, the students tackle Spanish lessons and in the afternoons native dance instructors teach them the steps and passionate body language of the "Latin movement".

The course takes place in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, a vibrant and lively metropolis..

Dance lessons are held at a dance academy only a few minutes walking distance away from the school in Santo Domingo. The city has many bars and dance halls that play the Latin-American rhythms far into the night. A great place to meet people and practice your newly acquired skills in Spanish and dancing. This program includes 8 group dance lessons per week.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Accommodation with a carefully chosen Dominican family. Single room with shared shower/toilet and 2 meals daily. Homes are a short drive away from the institute. Single rooms have showers and restrooms. Half-board is an option which will include breakfast and dinner. Bed sheets and towels are provided.

STUDENT APARTMENT

Shared apartment in just 2 minutes walking distance to school, located in Zona Universitaria. Offers 3 bedrooms, 2 bath-rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, one living room and one dining room. Accommodation in single occupancy; self-catering. Single room with king-size bed, cable-TV and fan.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of classes, 8 dance lessons, and 1 week of housing ranges from:

\$612 → \$716**

**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 AND EXCURSIONS

The central location of the institute makes it easy to seek out and explore many places of interest. The historical part of the town is a 10-minute bus drive from the school. All centers of social or cultural life can be easily reached.

Activities can include:

- Museums
- Theaters
- Cultural Events
- Tennis
- Fitness Training
- Hiking
- Intercambios

*Some might be at an additional cost

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the SPANISH & MERENGUE PROGRAM in Santo Domingo, either follow the link below or call:

1-888-678-6211

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

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