



STUDY & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

VITORIA, SPAIN

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Internship program combines a minimum 2 week Intensive Group Spanish Study program followed up with a minimum 8 week Internship Work Experience placement in the community. All internship opportunities will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on work opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Capital of the Basque Autonomous Community in northwestern Spain, Vitoria is situated on a wide plain surrounded by mountains and 60 km from the coast. Basque Country, or *País Vasco*, spans a small area of 100 km along the border of France and Spain boasting a rich, unique culture and language. A juxtaposition of old and young, rich history and modern urban development, Vitoria provides ample culture, environmental and social services enjoyed by its 220,000 inhabitants. As Vitoria has been largely untouched by mass tourism, it is a perfect city to immerse fully into Spanish culture and language.

Within the old quarter of town which has been declared a Monumental Complex lie the Gothic churches of Santa Maria, San Vicente, San Pedro and San Miguel. Meander through the numerous pedestrian streets and visit the Renaissance palaces of Montehermoso and Villa Suso. Vitoria is also rich with museums, parks and green spaces and cultural centers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Internship Program in Vitoria, students will gain unique cross-cultural professional experience, greatly improved foreign language abilities, personal and professional growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and culturally sensitive yet sound communication skills.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 2 week minimum-group 20 Spanish lessons per week in small group of 3-7 students per class.
- **Internship Placement:** in local Business or Organization
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay, Student Residence, Shared flat or Other
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **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. The intensive General Spanish Course takes place year-round. All levels are offered, beginner to superior. The course includes 20 lessons per week of Spanish study. The class has a minimum of 3 students and maximum class size is 8. The course at all levels includes grammar, vocabulary, listening and reading comprehension, oral and written expression.

The NRCSA school's teaching method is based on a efficient, flexible, diverse, culturally inclusive, entertaining and communicative approach. Each of the 8 levels of study is divided into units, each unit consisting of exercises in grammar, vocabulary, culture, reading comprehension, written expression, listening and speaking, pronunciation and intonation. Although a certain exercise may concentrate on one particular skill, integrating other skills into the exercise creates a natural and communicative method of teaching. Due to the fact that the school emphasizes the language's communicative function, teachers encourage students to develop oral and written expressive skills, as well as reading and listening interpretive skills.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

After the minimum 2 week study program, there is an 8 week minimum internship placement in a business or organization in Vitoria or the surrounding areas.

Students should indicate on their application form which sector or industry they are interested in working in (e.g. tourism, insurance, architecture, etc.). We will then do our best to find a position in a company working in each student's preferred field. Please note that the more specialized the request, the more difficult it is to find a suitable company. Similarly, if students are prepared to be flexible, finding a company willing to offer work experience will normally be relatively quick and straightforward.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

These families are carefully chosen, visited and evaluated often by the school's housing coordinator, and can vary from married couples with children to single working adults. Students are encouraged to outline as completely as possible their preferences for a host family upon registration with NRCSA.

Since most inhabitants of Vitoria live in the urban area, the majority of homestays are flats. Most homestay flats consist of three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and two bathrooms. Students are provided with a private bedroom, bed linens, bath towels and their own key to the flat. The student will have use of the washing machine (if applicable) to wash clothes. The distance from homestay to school is a maximum of 23-30 minutes walk or 10-15 minutes by bus. City buses run every 10-15 minutes.

STUDENT RESIDENCE

Single and double room residences, similar to dormitory rooms, are available on a very limited basis. Students are provided with a private bedroom and 2 meals daily (cold meals), but should bring their own bath towels and bed linen. Bathrooms are shared.

SHARED FLAT

The flat is shared with either other students who are also studying at the NRCSA school or with local Spaniards. Each student is provided with a private bedroom with desk and a key to the flat, while the kitchen, bathroom and other living spaces are shared. Students should bring their own bath towel and bed linen. Meals not included.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 2 weeks of classes, minimum of 8 weeks of internship placement and orientation, and minimum of 10 weeks total of housing ranges between:

\$2,923 → \$4,404**

***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 undergraduate, graduate students and adults with an undergraduate degree or higher are eligible. Prior experience or classes in the field of the internship placement and a Spanish background (Spanish Intermediate level) are required. Internship positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions and there is a limited number of positions every month.

ACTIVITIES

NRCSA gives every student a student card that allows access to the sports and municipal cultural centers all around town. The card also allows students to participate in some of the courses organized by the City Council throughout the entire year at reduced rates, such as cooking, painting, canoeing, windsurfing, self-defense classes, photography and others. The Card is included in the cost of all courses.

Activities regularly include:

- Sports and Cultural Activities (Horseback riding, Sailing, Dance, Jazz Festival, etc.)
- Excursions (Rioja Region, The Way of Santiago, Sailing along the coast, Bilbao, San Sebastian)

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the STUDY & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM in Vitoria, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

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

Also, you will have to send your Curriculum Vitae/Resume in Spanish OR English, typewritten by email to study@nrca.com or fax at 414-271-8884.

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