

# Medical Language & Cultural Immersion PANAMA CITY, PANAMA



# PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Medical Spanish and Culture program combines 1 week Standard Group language study plus a focus on medical terminology with 1 week observation of local medical practice and continued medical Spanish terminology.

#### CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Panama has coasts on two oceans: the Pacific and the Caribbean Sea. These coasts, although different, are suited for all sorts of activities with the different beaches and islands found in them. World famous beautiful beaches and islands will make your visit unforgettable!

Modern Panama City is a metropolis in which its tall and modern buildings, its wonderful department stores, its incredible mansions, hotels and casinos will take your breath away.

At night, Panama City is full of energy and excitement, with unlimited options to having a good time. Whether it's a cultural night at the Theater or a night visiting restaurants, bars and clubs, you're going to have a great time.

Medical Spanish programs take place in our small, friendly school located in Altos del Chase, 20 minutes from downtown and only 5 minutes away from the most accessible and only seasonal dried forest in Latin America – Parque Natural Metropolitano.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in Panama, students will greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence, and combine travel, academics, and cultural awareness into one incredible life-changing experience.

# What's Included

- Tuition and Class Materials: 20 general Spanish lessons for 1st week, plus 15 lessons of medical Spanish over the 2 week period.
- **Observation** at Centro de Salud during 2<sup>nd</sup> week.
- Lodging: In a local Homestay
- Meals: Breakfast and Dinner in homestay
- Pre-Departure Information
- Planning Guide
- Placement Testing
- 1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\*
- \* Entrance fees, transport, etc. may be at additional cost.

- Access to E-mail
- Access to Multimedia Learning Center
- 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**

#### LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The program consists of one week of general Spanish classes every day for 4 hours in the mornings and 1.5 hours of medical Spanish in the afternoons. The second week will provide students with an up close look at the workings of the Centro de Salud every day for 4 hours in the morning, followed by 1.5 hours of medical Spanish each afternoon. Intermediate level of Spanish is required to participate in this program.

Our goal is immediate communication and therefore the emphasis is on conversation, with grammar as a tool in learning. We teach the students to use the language, to live it, to feel it and to use it. The Spanish Immersion Program will help to the student to get more confidence and fluency with the language.

Our students live a cultural and linguistic experience through our teaching methodology and their interaction with the host families and local people.

We only have small teaching groups at specific teaching levels. The maximum number of students per class is four, changes can then be made depending on each student's progress and learning needs, so you will learn Spanish in Panama!

#### **CULTURAL PROGRAM**

We believe that a language program must be complemented with a wide range of social and cultural activities not only to allow students to use and practice the Spanish language but also to maximize student exposure to Panama and our culture.

Our school has a beautiful garden with hammocks to enjoy a perfect break with a delicious cup of Panamanian grown coffee. There is a kitchen in which students can learn to cook Panamanian cuisine and also prepare themselves drinks of their choice during break times.

# **LODGING OPTIONS**

#### **HOMESTAY**

The host families in Panama are experienced and enthusiastic participants in the student's life. Our families are one of the most important elements in successfully learning the language.

Breakfast or half board is included (evening meal 6 to 8 p.m.) There is weekly cleaning of your room; bed linen is changed every 2 weeks; bed linen is provided, please bring your own towels.

#### **ALTERNATIVE LODGING**

In the case that you prefer total independence, there are a number of other lodging options, so feel free to ask! These may include apartments and hotels.

#### **PRICE**

Cost of 2 weeks of language classes with cultural activities and lodging from:

\$ 1520+ \*\*

\*\*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 entry into Panama.

Minimum age of 17 unless accompanied by an adult.

# <u>ACTIVITIES</u>

- Field trips and sponsored activities
- Two sponsored activities per week.
- Tropical Fruits on Thursday.
- Visit to Miraflores Locks, Panama Canal.
- · Panamanian lunch on Friday.

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in Panama, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/online/regform.html

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