



# SPANISH & SCUBA DIVING CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Cartagena is the perfect location for students to learn Spanish. It's also a great place to learn how to scuba dive. This program provides students with both Spanish and diving lessons for a chance to have a complete cultural experience of the language while participating in your passion. This unique program offers exciting hands-on scuba diving lessons, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

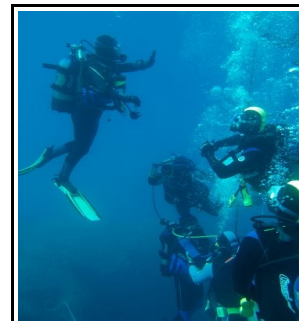
## **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

It is said that you do not know the Caribbean until you know Cartagena; be prepared to meet the friendliest people in the world, live a musical atmosphere, eat extraordinary and varied food, take the sun in astonishing beaches and dive near beautiful coral reefs, hear stories of pirates, slaves and sank Spanish ships, visit natural parks, live the Rumba (Party!) in the beach and enjoy the best weather.

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.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Spanish & Scuba Diving Program in Cartagena, students will explore the under water landscape off the coast of Cartagena, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for scuba diving into one incredible life-changing experience.



## ***What's Included***

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** Minimum 1 week; 20 Spanish lessons per week of 45 minutes each.
- **Diving:** 1 scuba diving theoretical session plus practice in the swimming pool; transport to El Rosario islands and immersion in open waters with instructor's company; rental of diving equipment
- **Social activities**
- **Lodging:** Homestay, apartment or hotel.
- **Placement Testing**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Welcome Pack**
- **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**

This program consist of 20 hours per week of Spanish lessons. Participants may elect to begin studies any Monday of the year. The NRCSA School offers six levels of group Spanish instruction, from beginner to fluency. Each level takes 4 to 6 weeks to complete. The main goal of lessons is to improve conversational, writing, comprehension, pronunciation, and reading abilities in Spanish.

### **DIVING PROGRAM**

Spanish course in the mornings, followed by a scuba diving mini-course in the afternoons. This course is recommended top those traveling to Cartagena for one week or less and wishing to improve their Spanish and at the same time to scuba dive without having to take the complete scuba diving course.

The course has been designed under these standards: this program provides non-divers with the opportunity to dive before developing the complete course. This experience presents scuba diving as a pleasant and attractive activity, and generates sensations of comfort and security as well as a sense of belonging.

The course is specially recommended for people traveling to the coastal region for a few days, and therefore don't have enough time to take the complete course. It is also suited for non certified escorts.

### **LODGING**

In order to fully enjoy the experience of learning Spanish abroad, it is necessary to get adequate accommodation in the right place. It is a fact that people have different tastes, and this is why we offer different types of accommodation to our students:

#### **APARTMENT**

If you want more privacy or are planning to come with your family, we can get an apartment for you.

#### **HOMESTAY**

You will live and share your daily life with a Spanish speaking family. Breakfast and dinner are included and there is 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. We visit the families regularly and we permanently assess their human qualities and the location of their house.

#### **HOTEL**

You can book any of the best hotels in Colombia. Now, if you are looking for something special (a cheap hotel, a boutique hotel or anything you don't find in the list), please let us know and we will be glad to help you.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of minimum 1 week Spanish program, diving lessons and equipment, lodging and meals options ranges between:

**\$1,021 → \$1,326\*\***

\*\*Cost ranges according to lodging and meals

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling on 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.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS**

A variety of complementary activities aimed at leisure and free time are offered at the center. Entrance fees may be applicable.

Activities may include:

- Dance lessons
- Museum visits
- Natural parks
- Beaches
- Concerts
- Sight-seeing tours
- Hiking
- Restaurants
- Sporting events

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the SPANISH & DIVING 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.