



SPANISH & WINTER SPORTS

MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY (DURING WINTER)



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This is a learning option especially designed for all winter-sport enthusiasts who are interested in the Spanish language. The goal of the course is to improve language skills at all levels, while offering a unique experience to participate in winter sports and meaningful cultural emersion.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Mendoza is the most important city in the west of Argentina. The city was founded in the 16th century, and it was later reconstructed in a European style, after a devastating earthquake hit Mendoza in 1861. It has a population of almost 1.5 million. This picturesque city features wide avenues traversed by small riverbeds and irrigation canals, five main legendary squares and several bars and coffee shops found alongside the wide pavements, shadowed by a variety of trees. Mendoza is also a culturally rich city that has the best wines and ski resorts. It is one of the most chosen tourist destinations because of the various interesting activities available in the region. Besides skiing, extreme sports such as rafting, climbing or kayaking are very popular.

In Mendoza, there are many places to visit. Some of the them include a city tour along the area where the foundation of the city took place, museums, and the Escorihuela Winery. Other must see places are: San Martin Park, located at the foot of the Andes and famous for its indigenous horticulture, zoo, and national science museum; and Laguna del Diamante, a mirror of bluish waters showing a magnificent reflection of the Maipu volcano. On the route to the Andes you shouldn't miss Puente del Inca, a natural formation over the Cuevas River where it is possible to bathe in ancient thermal baths.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

Students will strengthen their grasp of the Spanish language in classrooms during the week, and during the weekends students will have the opportunity to enjoy skiing on the slopes. In addition, students will be able to socialize by way of various other activities the program may offer. Overall, this program allows students to become more confident with respect to their grasp of the Spanish language, while taking advantage of the natural beauty of Andes mountains and gaining a better appreciation of the history and culture of Argentina.



What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** Minimum 1 week; 16 group and 2 private Spanish lessons per week of 55 minutes each.
- **Skiing:** 2 transfers to/off the sky resort; 2 ski passes weekday/weekend.
- **Lodging:** Homestay, student residence, shared apartment, private apartment.
- **Placement Testing**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Local mentor**
- **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

The Study Program includes 16 group and 2 private Spanish lessons per week for a minimum of 1 week. Each class is 55 minutes length. Each The maximum number of students per class is 8. Classes are available for all levels of Spanish. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Spanish. Classes will focus on 4 basic language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class.

SKIING PROGRAM

Students will be given 2 ski passes, as well as 2 transfers to/off the ski port. One ski pass will be valid during the week; the other will be valid during the weekend. Equipment must be rented on location.

LODGING

Homestay

Our families know, due to experience and careful selection, what means to be a real host. They have received many students from different nationalities, occupations and ages. With a host family, you will have the opportunity to see what true Argentinean life is all about. We make regular visits to ensure you are comfortable and happy with your living arrangements.

If you choose to live with an Argentinean family, you should be prepared to adapt a little to their customs and habits. You will have the chance to share family gatherings, special events, traditional dishes, and much more. Our families are varied, for example, your family could be a mother whose children have already left their home, but she enjoys the company of foreign guests.

Student Residence

If you want to live with several local and foreign students, you can choose to stay in a private or shared room in any of the students' residencies offered by NRCSA.

Sharing a place with young people from all over the world is a great opportunity to learn about different cultures and make new friends as well as learning about the place in which you are studying. The main advantage of this type of accommodation is your independence and being able to participate in many social activities. You will get to know lots of people and share in a number of events and parties.

It is important to be responsible enough to use only Spanish when speaking with other international students and avoid using English!

Shared Apartments

Choosing a shared apartment will give you the perfect balance between privacy and the chance of sharing with people with you same interests. You will improve your intercultural experience without losing your own space and intimacy.

Private Apartments

A private apartment is the most comfortable choice for you to stay if you want independence and expect a relaxed atmosphere created to live at your own pace. Let this fully-equipped place help you enjoy the most of this experience.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 1 week of Spanish classes, skiing/snowboarding package, lodging and meals ranges between:

\$749 → \$864**

**Ranges according to lodging selected.

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:

- Walking tour
- Welcome lunch
- Wine tasting
- Hiking
- Cultural program
- Tango lessons
- Folk music
- Rafting
- Salsa lessons
- Concerts
- Singing and dancing
- Visits to cultural landmarks
- Opera

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the SPANISH & SKIING PROGRAM in MENDOZA, 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.