



SPANISH & PADI DIVING LICENSE MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Spanish & PADI Diving License Program enables you to combine a Spanish course with PADI diving certification for a chance to have a complete cultural experience of a language and underwater beauty. This unique program offers exciting hands-on diving lessons, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, is located on the Rio de la Plata on the southern most tip of the country's South Atlantic coast. It is a modern metropolis of a million and a half inhabitants and the city is the seat of important national and international events.

The main attractions are the ramblas (boulevards) that follow the beautiful and lengthy shoreline which are, without a doubt, one of the finest luxuries of the city. Montevideo's European influence is evident, as it stretches along avenues, boulevards and tree-lined streets on which modern buildings are being erected alongside buildings of days long past, a testimony to the different periods of the city's history.

Visitors should be sure to go to Ordonez Park to see the rose garden and the La Carreta monument. Other sites include: the Spanish fort which provides a spectacular views of the city from its hilltop location; the National Museum of Fine Arts; the Legislative Palace; the Plaza Constitucion/Independencia; Museum of Natural History; and the local beaches of Ramirez, Malvin, and Pocitos.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Spanish & PADI Diving License Program in Montevideo, students will explore the natural underwater landscape of Montevideo, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for diving into one incredible life-changing experience.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 2 week minimum-group 20 Spanish 50 minute lessons per week in group of 2-5 students per class.
- **PADI Diving License Course:** Theory and Practice Course, PADI Qualification
- **Lodging:** Student Residence or Homestay
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Arrival transfer**
- **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 Program includes 20 hours per week of Group Spanish classes for a minimum of 1 week. 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. The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class. Classes are 55 minutes in length. Students may enroll for as many weeks as desired. In order to make sufficient progress and gain the maximum benefit from the course, the following program duration ranges are recommended: Beginner (4-12 weeks), Intermediate (2-12 weeks) and advanced (2-12 weeks).

PADI DIVING PROGRAM

Students will have Spanish classes in the morning and diving classes in the afternoons. The diving course includes both theory and practice, and leads to the internationally-recognized PADI qualification. The dive center is a short bus ride away, near the city center, and is fully equipped for the PADI course requirements. Classes are available at all levels, from total beginners to experienced divers (qualifications available include the PADI Open Water, Rescue Diver, Divemaster).

On the first day, you will be accompanied to the dive center, introduced to the coach, and instructed on how to get there independently for the rest of the classes. The course is available all year round, but be warned that in winter (June, July, August) the water can be very cold. Diving equipment and study materials are provided.

Beginners can expect to learn about the functions and use of diving equipment, how to breathe underwater using a regulator and how to dive using a buoyancy control device. You will learn safety techniques and the basic signals used to communicate underwater. You will be introduced to the plant and animal life you will encounter underwater. Those with some experience will be able to improve their technique, learn new skills, or simply dive for fun.

LODGING

HOMESTAY

Single, double and twin rooms are all available. Each host family has a shared living or dining room where you are welcome to relax, study, and chat to your hosts and their family or friends who come to visit. If you have a preference you can request a family with or without children, with or without pets, a non-smoking house, or a private bathroom. You will be treated as another member of the family. Check-in is on Sundays and one meal is included that day (lunch or dinner depending on what time you arrive). Check-out is on Saturdays at 10:00 after breakfast. If you wish to arrive or leave on a different day or have an extra meal with the family, this can be arranged in advanced through NRCSA.

STUDENT RESIDENCE

Living in the school is the most convenient option for getting to your classes on time, and it is a nice opportunity to live independently with other students. The school residence is in a beautiful old house in the safe, central and leafy Parque Rodó neighborhood. The school classrooms and office are on the ground floor and upstairs there are five bedrooms for students, with two bathrooms to share.

One of the bedrooms also has a private bathroom, and two share a balcony overlooking the street. Another bedroom has a second door which opens out onto the roof terrace. There is a large and fully-equipped kitchen downstairs for the students to use, as well as a spacious living-dining room for socializing. There is a patio and roof terraces on two floors, where you can sunbathe or have a barbecue.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 2 weeks of classes, housing, and diving course ranges from:

\$1,174 → \$1,425**

**Prices range according to housing and board options.

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:

- Tennis, golf, volleyball, yoga, sailing, bowling, cooking
- Squash
- Ping Pong
- Montevideo theater
- Horseback riding
- Mountain biking
- Paragliding
- Spanish fiestas

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the SPANISH & PADI DIVING LICENSE Program in Montevideo, 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.