



# SPANISH & SKIING SANTIAGO, CHILE

PROGRAM RUNS JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER



## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Santiago is the perfect location for students to learn Spanish. It's also a great place to learn how to ski. This program provides students with both Spanish and skiing 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 skiing lessons, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



## **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

The capital of Chile, Santiago, is a bustling cosmopolitan city. At 1,800 feet above sea level and bordered by the Andes to the east, few world capitals have a more dramatic setting. First settled in 1541 by the Spanish, Santiago has grown into a prosperous metropolis with an interesting blend of Colonial and Modern architecture.

Visitors to this city should be sure to go to the San Cristobal and Santa Lucia hills for exceptional views of Santiago. Forestal and O'Higgins parks provide relaxing breaks from the bustle of the city and there are many museums, churches, plazas and shops for those interested.

Located in the extreme southwest of South America, Chile is a country of great beauty and diversity. From the Atacama Desert in the north to the lush fertile valley of central Chile, the natural wonders of this country welcome visitors from the world over. The snowcapped Andes mountains attract skiers between June and September and Vina del Mar is crowded with beach-goers during the Chilean summers.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Spanish & Skiing Program in Santiago, students will explore the Andes mountains, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for skiing 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:** 2 weekly lift tickets, free transportation.
- **Social activities**
- **Lodging:** Homestay or shared apartment.
- **Placement Testing**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **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
- **Pre-Departure Information**

## **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 twelve levels of group Spanish instruction, from beginner to fluency. Each level takes 2 weeks to complete. The main goal of lessons is to improve conversational, writing, comprehension, pronunciation, and reading abilities in Spanish.

### **SKIING PROGRAM**

With Santiago resting at the foot of the Andes, the capital city provides great access for local skiing and snowboarding opportunities. Nearby peaks rise to over 5,000 meters (19,000 feet), giving the city a remarkable backdrop.

The ski season runs from late June through September. Most students may start classes on any Monday, however absolute beginners need to follow the course schedule.

The Spanish & Ski package includes:

- Standard Spanish course with native speaking professors.
  - Two weekly lift tickets: one ticket during the week and another on the weekend. Students may select which days go skiing based on weather conditions.
  - Free transportation (door-to-mountain, round trip)
  - Supplemental Classes
- Students can attend tutorial sessions to make up for any missed class time.
- Housing (optional).

Ski Resort

- Travel Time from Santiago: about one hour and easily reached by frequent shuttles.
- Distance from Santiago: 25 miles (39 km)
- Slopes: Beginner, intermediate, advanced and expert
- Maximum altitude: 10963 feet or 3333 meters above sea level

## **LODGING**

During your stay you will have different housing options. You can have us reserve you a room in a student apartment or organize a homestay with a local upper-middle class family. Of course, it is also possible to arrange your own housing.

### **SHARED APARTMENT**

Our most popular housing option is the shared apartment. No meal plan is available with the shared apartments; however you will have access to a kitchen to prepare your own meals. Furthermore, cooperation with other students is necessary as housekeeping takes care of common areas only once per week. The student apartment is the best option for anyone who wants to combine the Spanish immersion experience with meeting new friends. All apartments are fully furnished and equipped. You may have a private or share a room with a same-sex roommate.

### **HOMESTAY**

We recommend that students take advantage of the homestay option to practice Spanish and be exposed to local culture. Middle-class families (by local standards) are carefully selected and provide each student with a private room and kitchen access. Do not assume that you are too old for a homestay as many of our students are older than their host "parents." For many of our students, their homestay is one of the most rewarding experiences they have while studying abroad.

### **FOR ALL OPTIONS:**

- Sheets and towels included
- Change of sheets and towels once a week
- Phone calls may be received
- Minimum stay one week

## **PRICE RANGE**

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

**\$945 → \$1,010\*\***

\*\*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:

- Vineyard tour
- Salsa classes
- Beach trip
- Rafting
- Mountain treks
- Overnight excursions
- Visits to surrounding cities

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

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