



SPANISH & PADI DIVING LESSONS SOSUA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PROGRAMS YEAR-ROUND



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Spanish & PADI Diving Program enables you to combine a Spanish course with diving lessons for a chance to have a complete cultural experience of the 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

The beach town of Sosúa, located on the North coast just east of Puerto Plata, was originally settled by 600 Jewish refugees in the early 1940's. Although many of them left after World War II ended, some stayed and raised families in Sosúa. Their presence is noticeable in street names such as Calle David Stern and in the synagogue they built located on Calle Alejo Martínez. Sosúa is an easygoing town with open air bars, restaurants, clubs, and a white sand beach.

The small tourist town, home to 12,000 inhabitants, is known for its beautiful beaches and water sports facilities. They can be enjoyed all year round due to temperatures of 90°F (32°C) in the summer months and 80°F (27°C) in winter.

Sosua's main beach, Playa Sosua, is one of the finest beaches in the Dominican Republic: one kilometer of soft, golden-yellow sand, sprinkled with coconut and Flamboyant trees. It is tucked in a cove sheltered by coral cliffs and has crystal-clear water, ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Spanish & PADI Diving Program in Sosua, students will explore the natural underwater landscape of Sosua, 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:** 1 week minimum-group 20 Spanish 45 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 12 students per class.
- **Diving:** Beginner Dive Course PADI Open Water Diver-PADI Certification fee and study materials
 - **Lodging:** Residence
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities/Excursions Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **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 portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group Spanish classes with a 1 week minimum. 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.

All of our teachers are native speakers with university educations and are very experienced teaching Spanish to foreigners. Most have learned a second language themselves and understand the student's perspective.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class. Classes are 45 minutes in length.

PADI DIVING PROGRAM

This course conveys all theoretical knowledge and practical skills for safe, fun scuba diving for beginners. It is based upon the course concept of PADI, the largest international organization for scuba diving. PADI-Brevets are accepted worldwide.

Theory and practical skills are trained in parallel. The philosophy is: What you see and hear first in the classroom is what you will practice later in the water. This includes the secure handling and the correct maintenance of the equipment.

During the practical lessons the students practice all exercises intensively in the pool before they continue their trainings in open water. Depending on individual student's progress, this course usually takes 1 week (half-days).

Includes introduction, pool training, 5 theory units, 4 open water dives, study material, equipment, tanks and weight belt, boat transfers, final exam. PADI-certification incl. study book at additional cost (to be paid on site).

LODGING

RESIDENCES

Several studios and one apartment are located on the school's premises in the middle of a lush tropical garden; direct access to garden and terraces and 5 min walking distance to beach and city center. Simple, but cozy, with friendly and personalized service.

Bed sheets and towels are provided; please bring own beach towel. Laundry service on extra charge available, but daily cleaning is provided.

PRICE RANGE

1 Week Standard Spanish Classes, lodging, PADI lessons and certification, and equipment ranges between:

\$1,061 → \$1,318**

**Cost ranges according to lodging options

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

U.S. citizens traveling with 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 of arrival. Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Sports activities can include:

- Surfing
- River rafting
- Mountain biking
- Motor biking
- Horseback Riding
- Tennis
- Hiking

Intercambios and other social activities are also available weekly.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the SPANISH & PADI DIVING program in Sosua, 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.