



# STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Study & Volunteer program combines a Standard Group Study program combined with a volunteer placement in the community for a total minimum time commitment of 4 weeks. All opportunities will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on volunteering opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



#### **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

At first sight, Bogotá may not impress you. The constant rain, chilliness, and ominous pine-forest mountains make London seem downright sunny. But give Bogotá time and you will discover a sophisticated city of sky scrapers, glitzy upscale shopping centers, restaurants to satisfy even the most discerning palettes, and a nightlife that will leave you needing a vacation from your vacation.

Colombia's capital, and by far the country's largest city, Bogotá is a sprawling metropolis, home to eclectic, experimental architecture, a large bohemian university crowd, a lively cafe scene, and dozens of attractive city parks. It is a city bursting with energy and culture. However, Bogotá is one of Latin America's safer cities and it's unlikely you'll encounter any serious problems.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Bogota, students will gain experience in foreign poverty and need first hand while helping others in severe need, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally through service, and combine travel, academics, and community service into one incredible life-changing experience.

### *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 4 week minimum-group 20 Spanish 50 minute lessons per week in group of 2-5 students per class.
- **Volunteer Placement:** in local organization
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay or Apartment
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities 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 Program includes 20 hours per week of Group Spanish classes. 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).

### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Students will be placed in a volunteering position in community in the afternoons after classes for a minimum of 4 weeks. Placement opportunities include the following:

- Volunteering with children and adolescents
- Volunteering with internal refugees
- Volunteering with the elderly

### LODGING OPTIONS

#### **HOMESTAY**

Students staying in a homestay will be able to practice their Spanish and be exposed to local culture. Middle class families are carefully selected and provide each student with a private room. 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.

#### **APARTMENTS**

If you are staying with us for 2 weeks or longer, you can choose to rent a fully furnished apartment close to the school. No meals are provided but a weekly cleaning service is included.

#### **HOTELS**

Bogota has a wide range of hotels to suit all budgets. Some are just 5 minutes walk from the school.

## PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 4 weeks of classes combined with volunteer placement, and minimum of 4 weeks total of housing ranges from:

**\$1,556 → \$2,796\*\***

\*\*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.

Participants must have an intermediate level of Spanish to participate in the volunteer program.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult. Volunteer positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions and there is a limited number of positions every month.

## ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Activities offered by the local school may include the following:

- Social and cultural activities
- Natural parks
- Rainforest tours
- Canoeing

Other visits and excursions can be organized upon request.

## HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM in Bogota, 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.