



# STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Study & Volunteer program combines a minimum 4 week Standard Group with a volunteer placement in the community. 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**

Buenos Aires is a sprawling metropolis that rises from the Río Plata and stretches more than 194 square kilometers (75 square miles) to the surrounding pampas, the fertile Argentine plains. Block after block of tidy, high-rise apartment buildings interspersed with 19th century houses continue as far as the eye can see. Dozens of suburban neighborhoods, each with its own particular character and well-groomed parks, surround the downtown area.

Unlike most South American cities, whose architectural styles reveal a strong Spanish colonial influence, Buenos Aires looks more like Paris, with wide boulevards lined with palatial mansions. Flowers are sold at colorful corner kiosks, the smell of freshly baked bread fills the air around well-stocked bakeries, and cafés appear on every block.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Buenos Aires, 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 5- 12 students per class.
- **Volunteer Placement:** in local organization
- **Lodging:** In a Shared Apartment or Homestay
- **Arrival Transfer**
- **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 portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group Spanish classes with a 4 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 55 minutes in length. Classes are either from 9 until 1 or 2 until 6 with two short snack breaks.

Our program is divided into 6 levels of study. The first 4 are concentrated on grammar, vocabulary, practical situations, and conversation. The next 2 levels, advanced and superior, focus mainly on conversation and advanced reading and writing topics.

### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Santa Ana and San Joaquín are day centers for the elderly who find themselves in situations of homelessness or abandon. Each day they welcome and tend to approximately 40 senior citizens who have been deserted by their families and/or are without a home. The centers provide three meals a day, medical and psychological treatment, recreations and, above all, affections.

Typical volunteer tasks may include:

- Lend a hand in the kitchen
- Organize workshops and recreational activities to stimulate physical and mental health
- Provide support in yoga classes, vocal lessons and laughter therapy
- Assist in the organization and maintenance of the library and movie room
- Contribute to the maintenance and cleanliness of the center

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

We recommend that students take advantage of the homestay option to practice Spanish and be exposed to local culture. Middle-class families 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.

### **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.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of minimum 4 weeks of classes, volunteer placement, and housing ranges between:

**\$1,622 → \$2,058\*\***

\*\*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. Volunteer positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions and there is a limited number of positions every month.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- We invite you to participate in our weekly activities: city tours, cooking lessons, museum tours, parks, or bars.
- Passing through the city you can also see tango shows, football matches or go to a delicious barbecue.
- On the weekend we take trips to the Tigre delta, Mendoza, Tandil, Córdoba and other areas to enjoy local festivals or the beautiful countryside.
- For the adventure lovers, we organize horseback trekking, trekking, rappel and canoeing excursions.

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM in Buenos Aires, 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.