



STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

CARTAGENA, 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. Participants can take classes and volunteer simultaneously. 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

Our school of the Caribbean is located in the city of Cartagena. It is 4 blocks from the main entrance to the "Old City" in a colonial house with a Caribbean atmosphere that you will love. It is said that you do not know the Caribbean until you know Cartagena; be prepared to meet the friendliest people in the world, live a musical atmosphere, eat extraordinary and varied food, take the sun in astonishing beaches and dive near beautiful coral reefs, hear stories of pirates, slaves and sank Spanish ships ,visit natural parks, live the Rumba (Party!) in the beach and enjoy the best weather.

Cartagena is a UNESCO World Heritage City, and on the "must see" lists of millions of world travelers. Ramparts and walls were built all around the city in order to protect it from pirate attacks. Now, nearly 500 years old, this majestic city on the southwestern Caribbean, retains much the charm, history, architecture, romance and adventure of days gone by.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Cartagena, 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 may include the following:

- Teaching English or different languages
- Gym, Fitness, Sports, Martial Arts, and Handicrafts
- Administrative Support and Logistics

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Students staying in a homestay will be able to practice their Spanish and be exposed to local culture. Middle class families (by local standards) 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.

PRIVATE APARTMENTS

Apartments are available for individuals or two people booking together. Our studios have one or two beds, a fully equipped bathroom with towels, kitchenette with refrigerator and other services for an enjoyable and comfortable stay. The studios are within walking distance of 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:

\$1,636 → \$2,996**

**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

All activities are organized by the local coordinator and may include visits to:

- Museums
- Parks and Beaches
- Concerts
- Sporting Events
- Restaurants
- Latin Dancing

HOW TO REGISTER

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