



STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

CORDOBA, ARGENTINA

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Volunteer program combines a Standard Group Study program followed up 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

Cordoba is the colonial capital city of Argentina on the edge of the Sierra Chica mountain range with approximately one million inhabitants. It has the oldest and one of the most prestigious universities of the country, founded by the Jesuits in 1622, and the center of the city is rich in Spanish colonial architecture from the 16th century.

Prior to the rise of Buenos Aires, Cordoba was Argentina's center of arts and learning, a place of scholars and priests, churches and universities. Though in terms of national importance the city has fallen behind the capital, it still retains an independent spirit and distinctive grace. Its name comes from the surrounding province, which embraces an unusually scenic section of the Andes, the Sierras de Cordoba.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Cordoba, 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:** 2 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 Student 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 with a minimum of 2 weeks. 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 2 weeks. Placement opportunities may include the following:

- Accompanying the elderly
- Working with mentally disabled children
- Environmental protection
- Teaching English to children
- Soup kitchen
- Youth development project
- Men's refuge
- Disabled young people project
- Mental health and autism center
- Work with ill children and their families
- Equine therapy
- Single mother assistance
- Fundraising for students with needs
- Animal shelter

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.

SHARED APARTMENT

One of the most popular housing option is the shared apartment, where you will live with other students. No meal plan is available with the shared apartments, however you have kitchen access to prepare your own meals. The rooms are furnished with bedding provided. The bathroom and kitchen are communal. Students should bring their own towels. Furthermore, cooperation with other students is necessary as the common areas are maintained only once per week. Most of the apartments are 10-20 minutes away by public transportation. Keys will be given to the student upon arrival on the Sunday afternoon before classes begin.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 2 weeks of classes, 2 weeks of volunteer placement, and minimum of 4 weeks total of housing ranges from:

\$1,305 → \$1,498**

**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 include:

- Visits to local places of interest, such as Cordoba Mountain Range
- Dance classes
- Cooking classes
- Parties and fiestas
- Spanish language films
- Seminars and discussion groups

One day excursions are also available at an additional cost.

HOW TO REGISTER

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