



STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

CUZCO, PERU

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Volunteer program combines a minimum 4 week Standard Group Study program followed up with a 12 week minimum 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

The city of Cuzco is located in the Valley of the Huatanay River in Peru's southeastern Andes, in the province and department of Cuzco. It is located 3,360 meters above sea level. The legendary Huatanay Valley was populated by human settlements since early times and later housed the pre-Hispanic urban population of Q'osqo.

Many international tourists are drawn to Cuzco for its proximity to the famous Machu Picchu ruins and the Inca Trail. Due to the high elevation, it is cool at night and sunny but cool during the day year-round. Day temperatures ranges from high the 60s to 70s Fahrenheit. April to September is the coldest time, with high 60s during the day and 30s at night. Rainy season is from October to April.

Everyone who visits Peru inevitably comes to Cuzco, one of the most fascinating cities in the world. The city was founded around 1100 AD. According to the Inca creation myth, the sun sent his son, Manco Capac, and the Moon her daughter, Mama Occlo, to spread culture through the barbaric lands. They emerged from the waters of Lake Titicaca and began their journey in search of the place where they would found their kingdom. When they reached the site of present-day Cuzco, Manco plunged his golden staff into the ground in order to test its suitability and it sank deep into the fertile soil. This was the sign they were looking for. They named this place Cuzco, meaning "the navel of the world".

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Cuzco, 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, Residence or Flat
- **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

After the minimum 4 week study program, students will be placed in a volunteering position in community for a minimum of 12 weeks. This program is especially suited for professionals with a stronger commitment (doctors, dentists, computer programmers, marketing professionals, teachers, carpenters, tailors, hairdressers, gardeners, mechanical, electricians, etc.) interested in supporting one of our projects by working a longer period of time. Most participants have studied some Spanish before and/or have basic communication skills before.

LODGING OPTIONS

During the Study Program, students can choose between lodging in a homestay or a residence.

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.

RESIDENCE

We offer accommodation in a student residence for those who enjoy contact with other students from different parts of the world and who love to live within the city center of Cuzco, at one block from the Main Square. Breakfast and lunch are included in this option. One of the residences is located within the school building. There are a total of 14 rooms with shared toilets, a common kitchen/living room and a big, sunny terrace with a view over Cuzco.

The other residence is right in front of the school building. Here you find a total of 8 rooms, most of them with private toilets, two common areas with a lovely view over the city of Cuzco (a hall and a living room), a balcony and a small patio.

During the Volunteer Program, students stay in flats.

STUDENT FLATS

All flats are located in residential neighborhoods in Cuzco, between 20 – 30 minutes walking distance from the city center, and offer the students a maximum of security and comfort with a fully equipped kitchen, a furnished living room and bedrooms. Each flat hosts between 3 and 6 students.

PRICE

Cost of minimum 4 weeks of classes, minimum of 12 weeks of volunteer placement, and minimum of 16 weeks total of housing is about:

\$2,688

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.

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

- Free activities included in all programs:
 - City Tour (transport and guide; entrance fees not included).
 - Welcome Dinner for all new students
 - Peruvian Cooking Class
 - Game Night (in Spanish)
 - Salsa Class
 - Farewell Dinner
- Excursions at an additional cost:
- Cultural Workshops (some at an additional cost):
 - Peruvian Music
 - Peruvian Cooking
 - Pottery
 - Peruvian Dance
 - Cultural Exchange Program

HOW TO REGISTER

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