



# STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## FARO, PORTUGAL

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Study & Volunteer program combines a group study program and volunteer placement in the community for a minimum 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**

Faro, a sleepy provincial town twenty years ago, now has all the facilities of a modern European city, with an attractive shopping area, some good restaurants and a "real" Portuguese feel in contrast to many nearby resorts. Excellent beaches, too, are within easy reach, and in summer there's quite a nightlife scene, as thousands of travelers pass through on their way to and from the airport, 6 kilometers west of the town.

Faro marks a geographical boundary on the Algarve. The whole coastline east from here to Manta Rota, near the Spanish border, is protected by thin stretches of mud flats, fringed in their turn by a chain of long and magnificent sandbanks.

Famous for its fine beaches, its historical Moorish legacy is seen in the gleaming white villages. Though it has a long history, almost all of the city's buildings were destroyed in an earthquake in 1755 and most of its finest buildings are comparatively modern. It was liberated from Moorish domination in 1249 and a bronze statute of King Alfonso III stands in the main square. The old quarter of town is still surrounded by parts of the ancient defensive walls and is worth exploring.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Faro, 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-15 group Portuguese 50 minute lessons per week.
- **Volunteer Placement:** in local organization
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay
- **Meals:** Breakfast in homestay
- **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 15 hours per week of Group Portuguese classes. Maximum number of students per class is 8, with the average being 4 students. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Portuguese.

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**

During the minimum 4 week Study & Volunteer program, the students will volunteer in the afternoon after their morning group Portuguese classes. For volunteering placements, NRCSA has established a partnership with ENTRAJUDA.

"ENTRAJUDA is a non-profit Welfare Institution set up in 2004, built to respond to several needs perceived within other social welfare institutions, by providing a number of management and organization instruments and resources. Also to establish a bridge between those who wish to give and those who need to receive, allowing the creation of a true chain of solidarity, in which each individual is an essential link."

The program combines the Study Program in the mornings and the number of hours the student wishes to dedicate to the volunteering project in the afternoon and/or weekends.

ENTRAJUDA will help us find projects in the preferred area of the students, should it be working with children, elderly people, community centers or helping out at the Banco Alimentar.

## **LODGING**

### **HOMESTAY**

We will arrange housing in private homes where students can achieve a better knowledge of the language and culture. Homestays are an important part of most students' stay.

Our center's carefully selected homes will offer you much more than accommodation and breakfast - they will be your home away from home. Living in a Portuguese home will help the student gain familiarity with the language. Students are placed in individual bedrooms and will be the only native speaker of their language in the house. The host may be a family or an individual.

The homes that host NRCSA's students are in the area of the school, many within walking distance. In case students need transportation it will never be more than 20 min. Private home accommodation does not include the use of the kitchen nor laundry of personal clothes. However students can ask the family directly for details of laundry services in the area of the house.

## **PRICE**

Cost of minimum 4 week of classes and volunteer combination with lodging in a homestay and breakfast daily is about:

**\$2,587**

## **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 17 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**

Additional activities include a wide array of orientation and cultural events. Students are accompanied by experienced monitors who turn all these activities into memorable experiences of Portuguese life and culture. Options may include:

- A preliminary orientation lecture on how to get around in Portugal is given to all students
- Lectures, followed by debates are held on various aspects of life and culture in Portugal
- Sports Activities
- Visit to a Port Wine bar
- Video Sessions
- Outings to theaters, cinemas and concerts, etc.
- Mini-Course seminars on a variety of topics are available at additional cost
- Introduction to various Portuguese Arts such as Ethnography and folklore, Painting, Ceramics, Jewelry Making, Sculpture, Photography.

\*\*Some at an additional cost

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

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