

STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM QUERETARO, MEXICO PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

Located in the heart of México, the city and school are 200 km north of México City, the country's capital and one of the world's largest cities. Santiago de Querétaro is rich in history and colonial architecture, besides being one of the largest industrial and business centers of modern México.

The downtown of the capital of Querétaro has been declared a Cultural Heritage of Mankind site by UNESCO. It offers to its visitors the tradition of 460 years of history printed on its aqueduct, temples and the large ancient colonial houses that make this city one of the most beautiful colonial places in México. It is also one of the safest and cleanest cities in the country and only a few hours away from other colonial cities such as Guanajuato and San Miguel de Allende, a major center for Mexican and international art.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Queretaro, 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
- **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 4 weeks. Placement opportunities include working with the following:

- People with Disabilities
- Down Syndrome
- People with Learning Disabilities
- People with Language Delays
- Girls and Young Ladies with Social Problems
- Elderly People
- Many Others Available

LODGING

HOMESTAY

One of the best ways to learn Spanish is to combine formal studies and living with a Mexican family. This provides multiple opportunities to learn new words and expressions, and it gives insight into daily life in México. It is an enriching cultural experience that opens many doors and it is long remembered.

A number of families have been carefully selected to provide security and a comfortable atmosphere for students. All homes are less than 15 minutes from the school by car. Homestay is booked from the Sunday night before the course begins to the Sunday morning after the course finishes.

Lodging includes a single room with breakfast and the main meal of the day served daily Monday through Saturday. Shared twin rooms are available upon request and if 2 individuals are traveling together. If changing or early leaving accommodation for any reason, students must give one full week's notice.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 4 weeks of classes, minimum of 4 weeks of volunteer placement, and minimum of 8 weeks total of housing ranges from:

\$2,276 → \$2,471**

**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.

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 activity once a week includes these samples:
 - Mexican lottery
 - games
 - movies
 - ping-pong tournament
 - darts
 - Mexican songs
 - audio activities
- Some of our cultural classes are at an additional cost and can include:
 - Mexican cooking
 - Mexican history
 - Mexican literature
 - round-table discussions
 - arts and crafts
 - visit to traditional Mexican markets, museums, churches and historical sites throughout the city.

HOW TO REGISTER

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