



# STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Study & Volunteer program offers a minimum 2 week study and volunteer placement combination in the community. Students will study in the morning and volunteer in the afternoon. 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**

Few will argue that Rio de Janeiro is among the world's most beautiful cities. Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", Rio lies between Guanabara Bay, the beautiful beaches of Copacabana, Ipanema, and Leblon, and a tropical forest Mountain range. The outstretched arms of Rio's Christ Redeemer Statue, set atop Corcovado Mountain's 2,307 ft. peak can be seen from virtually any place in the city. Pao de Acucar, (Sugar Loaf) mountain and its cable car mark the location where the city was founded in 1565. These two famous landmarks make Rio among the world's most recognizable cities.

During Carnival, Rio comes to a virtual standstill as parties, dancing and samba music fill the streets. At the Sambodromo a specially designed stadium for the samba school parades, you can watch elaborately and scantily dressed participants sway and jump to the beat of samba music. Although Rio de Janeiro is famous for its festive atmosphere, it is the headquarters to some of Brazil's largest national and multi-national companies. It is a cosmopolitan city with a wide variety of sightseeing, nightlife and restaurants. Rio's relaxed atmosphere, beautiful beaches and friendly "cariocas" make this city an unforgettable experience that you must not miss.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Rio de Janeiro, 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 Portuguese 50 minute lessons per week.
- **Volunteer Placement:** in local organization
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay and apartment
- **Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner 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 of a minimum of 4 weeks includes 20 hours per week of Group Portuguese 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 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 50 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**

As a volunteer, you can teach English or mentor at-risk youth. Volunteering is a great way to practice your Portuguese and get to know the community unique and meaningful way.

As a youth outreach volunteer, some of your duties can include:

- Lead youth in sports and other recreational activities
- Organize and teach English classes
- Tutor kids in English and math
- Take care of children in the nursery
- Help out with meal time
- Assist with a variety of administrative tasks at the center

As an English teaching volunteer, some of your tasks can include:

- Organize and teach English classes
- Read stories to children
- Tutor kids in English and math
- Assist with meal time
- Help organize the library
- Assist in administrative tasks

## **LODGING**

### **HOMESTAY**

Volunteers will have the opportunity to stay with a Brazilian host family. Host family accommodations include a private room and two meals per day (breakfast and dinner). The host families are carefully screened and must meet the NRCSA center's requirements before being accepted as a host family. You will be given a key to your host family's home to come and go as you please.

## **PRICE**

Cost of minimum 2 weeks of classes, volunteer, lodging, and insurance is about:

**\$2,268.00**

## **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**

For those students who want to discover this wonderful city while practicing their Portuguese, a series of excursions are available to some of the most beautiful places in Rio. Students are expected to pay for their own public transportation costs and entrance fees.

Examples are below:

- Sugar Loaf Mountain
- Corcovado
- Jardim Botânico
- MAM - Modern Art Museum
- Paqueta

Every week, you are invited to learn more about Brazilian culture by attending a lecture given by a Portuguese teacher.

Topics include:

- Brazilian Economy
- Contemporary Literature
- Politics
- Immigration
- History
- Religion
- Cuisine

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM in Rio de Janeiro, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrdsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.