



STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

SANTIAGO, CHILE

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Volunteer program combines a minimum 1 week Standard Group Study program followed up with a 2 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 capital of Chile, Santiago, is a bustling cosmopolitan city. At 1,800 feet above sea level and bordered by the Andes to the east, few world capitals have a more dramatic setting. First settled in 1541 by the Spanish, Santiago has grown into a prosperous metropolis with an interesting blend of colonial and modern architecture.

Visitors to this city should be sure to go to the San Cristobal and Santa Lucia hills for exceptional views of Santiago. Forestal and O'Higgins parks provide relaxing breaks from the bustle of the city and there are many museums, churches, plazas and shops for those interested.

Located in the extreme southwest of South America, Chile is a country of great beauty and diversity. From the Atacama Desert in the north to the lush fertile valley of central Chile, the natural wonders of this country welcome visitors from the world over. The snowcapped Andes mountains attract skiers between June and September and Vina del Mar is crowded with beachgoers during the Chilean summers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Santiago, 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:** 1 week minimum-group 20 Spanish 50 minute lessons per week in group of 2-5 students per class.
- **Volunteer Placement:** in local organization called GRADA
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay or 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. 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 1 week study program, students will be placed in a volunteering position in community for a minimum of 1 weeks. Placement opportunities in the following organization:

GRADA, or Grupo de Apoyo al Desarrollo Autogestionado, is an organization that aids neglected infants. GRADA supports Casa de Acogida para Lactantes, a children's home that cares for newborns up to two-year-olds

Typical volunteer tasks can include:

- Helping with immediate care of infants and children
- Feeding infants
- Playing with infants
- Assisting staff with daily assignments

LODGING OPTIONS

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.

SHARED APARTMENTS

Our most popular housing option is the shared apartment. No meal plan is available with the shared apartments, however you will have access to a kitchen to prepare your own meals. Furthermore, cooperation with other students is necessary as housekeeping takes care of common areas only once per week.

The student apartment is the best option for anyone who wants to combine the Spanish immersion experience with meeting new friends. All apartments are fully furnished and equipped. You may have a private or shared room, with a same-sex roommate.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 1 week of classes, minimum of 2 weeks of volunteer placement, and minimum of 3 weeks total of housing ranges from:

\$1,404 → \$1,508**

**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

To help you gain new perspectives of Latin America and to best understand the local culture, we take on the responsibility of coordinating optional social and cultural events. Below are some examples of activities:

- City Tours
- BBQ Welcome Party
- Salsa and Tango Classes
- Football (Soccer) Match
- Volleyball
- Bike Tours
- Bar Nights
- Conversation Club
- Cooking Lessons
- Movies
- Games
- Museums

HOW TO REGISTER

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