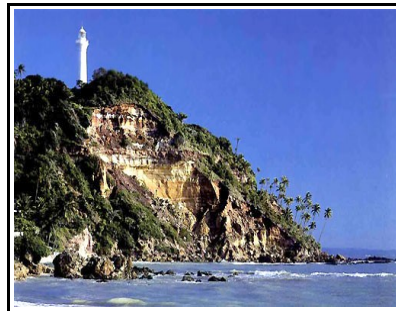


# STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Study & Volunteer program combines minimum 4 week Standard Group study program and minimum 4 week volunteer placement in the community for a total of 8 weeks minimum. 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 biggest city in South America and one of the three largest in the world, Sao Paulo is considered one of Latin America's most important industrial and financial centers. It is the industrial center of Brazil, responsible for over 30% of Brazil's annual GNP and headquarters to the majority of Brazilian and multinational corporations. Strong industrial development and cultural diversity have provided Sao Paulo with the largest, most cultured and educated middle class in Brazil.

Sao Paulo can be an intimidating place, but if you like big cities, it offers the excitement and nightlife of one of the world's most dynamic. Attractions include the baroque Teatro Municipal, Niemeyer's Edificio Copan, the Museu de Arte de Sao Paulo (MASP) and the 16th century Patio do Colégio.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Sao Paulo, 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 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**

During the minimum 4 week Volunteer program, the students will volunteer with different organizations and projects. There are several different projects students can choose to work on. Project examples include the following:

- Tertio Millennio
  - Develops socio-educational activities through Programa Multiplica, directed at marginalized communities living in urban centers suffering from inequality, injustice and violence.
  - Programa Multiplica focuses on social and human development, aiming to improve the quality of life of at-risk women and children through socio- educational activities.
- Gotas de Flor com Amor
  - This institution works with children and teenagers from slums, 5 to 18 years old, also running a center where these kids can stay part-time.
  - The organization develops activities in areas such as Art, Culture, Creativity, Human Values, Environment, Traditional and Alternative Health.

## **LODGING**

**Students in this program stay with a homestay during their weeks of classes and then in a shared apartment during their weeks of volunteering.**

### **HOMESTAY**

Host families are the most frequently chosen housing option. The institute ensures that each family offers a quality living situation and respects each student's wishes as much as possible in the family selection.

The host families themselves are experienced and enthusiastic participants in the student's life. When it comes to immersion into life, language, etc., living with a host family is by far the most intense. It truly is an experience not to be passed up.

### **SHARED APARTMENT**

Fully furnished apartments with one up to three bedrooms, convenient located, within walking distance from the school and across the beach. Students will possibly sharing a room depending on availability.

## **PRICE**

Cost of minimum 4 week of classes, 4 week volunteer with 8 weeks of lodging is about:

**\$3,052**

## **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**

Every week there are organized activities and excursions such as:

- Café Regional: Typical evening meal and (some!) participate in karaoke
- Ritmos Nordestinos: See a show of Northeastern Brazilian rhythms and dances in a historic setting.
- Futebol: Watch a Brazilian Major Soccer League match by night.
- Capoeira: Visit a Capoeira school to learn about this Brazilian martial art.
- Passeio das 9 ilhas: Boat ride along Lagoa Mundau, with stops to visit some of its islands.
- União dos Palmares: Visit to Quilombo dos Palmares, one of the biggest colonies of runaway slaves.
- Excursions are on the weekends, once every two weeks, in and around the cities of Maceio and Sao Paulo.

\*\*Some at an additional cost

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM in Sao Paulo, 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.