

HIGH SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD & SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAMS



ARGENTINA



MEXICO



COSTA RICA



SPAIN

“This was the best thing that ever happened to me. This trip taught me to be patient. Aside from the obvious growth in my Spanish, I now have a second home in Costa Rica. This program changed my life, thank you Sol Abroad!”

Julia Ayeroff — Beverly Hills High School, Beverly Hills, CA



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The Sol Abroad Experience

Dear Student,

At Sol Abroad our mission is very simple: to treat you the same way we wanted to be treated when we studied abroad. This approach makes us both a leader and an innovator in high school study abroad programs.

We provide you with a complete study abroad experience, including interactive Spanish Language classes, unique travel excursions, and an array of cultural activities of lasting value. We've developed our High School Program based on nearly two decades of international experience and a passion for foreign cultures and languages.

In an increasingly globalizing world, we recognize the vital importance of cross-cultural understanding and have created our value-based educational program accordingly. Through our program you will cultivate relationships, language skills, and memories to last a lifetime. And while you are abroad, we will emphasize the importance of learning about the unique cultures and people in each of our specially selected program sites.

With Sol Abroad, you will experience a genuine cultural immersion through housing with carefully chosen local host families, quality Spanish Language classes, stimulating excursions, and some of the most rewarding cultural activities possible. We share your excitement and look forward to seeing you soon!

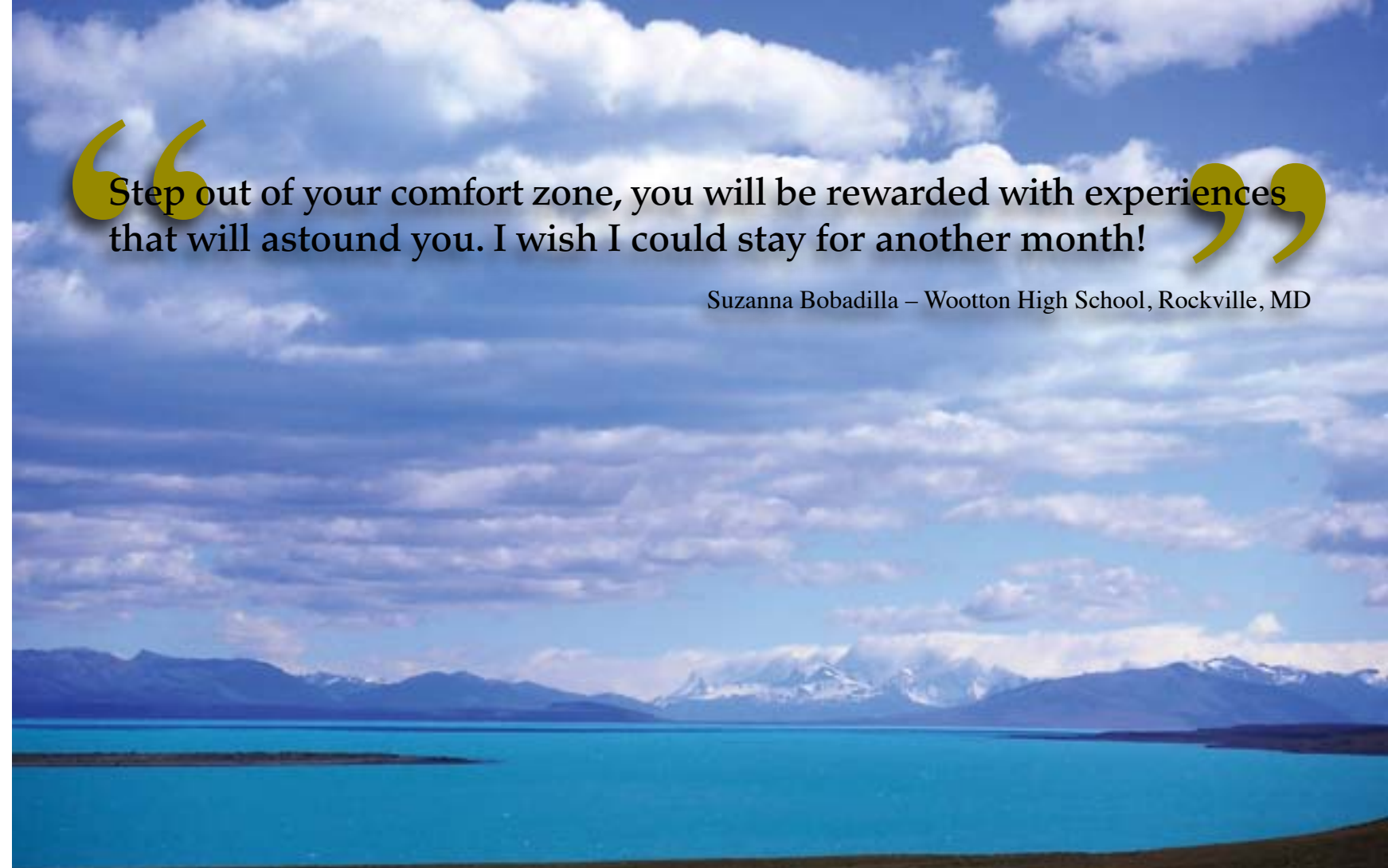
The Sol Abroad Team

Language • Cultures • Understanding



“Step out of your comfort zone, you will be rewarded with experiences that will astound you. I wish I could stay for another month!”

Suzanna Bobadilla – Wootton High School, Rockville, MD





A Typical Day

One of the main questions students and parents ask is, "What is a typical day like?" While each program site is different, here is a general example:

Typical Weekday Experience:

- 8:00 – 8:45 Delicious breakfast with your host family
- 8:45 – 9:00 Walk to school
- 9:00 – 12:00 Spanish language classes (with breaks)
- 1:00 – 3:00 Nourishing lunch with your host family (this is the main meal in Spanish countries)
- 3:00 – 5:00 Siesta (time to relax)
- 5:00 – 8:00 Cultural activity
- 8:00 – 9:00 Dinner with your host family

Typical Weekend Experience:

- 7:00 – 8:00 Delicious breakfast with your host family
- 8:00 – 10:00 Travel to the beach!
- 10:00– 11:00 Check in to hotel and prepare for the beach!
- 11:00 – 1:00 Hike through the Rain Forest to the beach
- 1:00 – 2:00 Picnic lunch at pristine beach
- 2:00 – 5:00 Surf, snorkel, swim, and relax
- 5:00 – 6:00 Walk back to hotel
- 6:00 – 7:00 Shower and prepare for dinner
- 8:00 – 10:00 Group dinner in town
- 10:00– 12:00 Dancing (salsa, merengue, hip-hop, reggaeton)

Health & Safety

One of the main reasons students and families choose Sol Abroad is that we provide a safe, supervised program environment for you, our students. Our directors and staff are available to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If medical attention is needed while abroad, our onsite staff will accompany you to an appropriate facility. We only choose program locations that we deem completely safe and healthy. This extra precaution allows our students to have a wonderful and enriching experience without worry.

U.S. Schools our Students Attend

Our students come from select schools across the country. If you would like a list of schools from your area or a list of past student references, please contact our office! Here is a small list of some of the schools our students attend:

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| Arlington High School (Arlington, MA) | Needham Broughton (Raleigh, NC) |
| Awty International (Houston, TX) | Newark Academy (Livingston, NJ) |
| Belmont Hill School (Belmont, MA) | New Canaan HS (New Canaan, CT) |
| Berkeley High School (Berkeley, CA) | Oak Knoll (Summit, NJ) |
| Brentwood School (Brentwood, CA) | Palisades Charter HS (Pacific Palisades, CA) |
| Cambridge School of Weston (Weston, MA) | Philips Academy (Andover, MA) |
| Damascus High School (Damascus, MD) | Santa Monica HS (Santa Monica, CA) |
| The Gunnery (Washington, CT) | St. Andrew's Episcopal School (Austin, TX) |
| Episcopal High School (Houston, TX) | The Beacon School (New York, NY) |
| Greenwich Academy (Greenwich, CT) | The Hackley School (Tarrytown, NY) |
| Harry D. Jacobs High School (Algonquin, IL) | The Kent School (Kent, CT) |
| Highland Park High School (Dallas, TX) | The Meadows School (Las Vegas, NV) |
| Hudson High School (Hudson, WI) | Webb School (Claremont, CA) |
| John B. Connally High School (Austin, TX) | Wood River High School (Hailey, ID) |
| Lamar High School (Houston, TX) | Wootton High School (Rockville, MD) |
| Lowell High School (San Francisco, CA) | Wyoming High School (Cincinnati, OH) |
| Lynbrook High School (Lynbrook, CA) | Yorktown High School (Arlington, VA) |





Parent Testimonials

“Sol Abroad took my young 15 year old that had barely slept out of the house and opened up his world, helping to make him the confident young man he is today.”

Parent of Aaron Fagan, Wootton High School, Rockville, MD

“Sol Abroad was available all the time; we felt completely informed. We have already recommended Sol Abroad!”

Parent of Jason Rosenbaum, The Buckley School, Sherman Oaks, CA

“The Sol Abroad staff has our children’s safety and well-being as their #1 priority. Our son was a struggling Spanish II student before the trip, and after the trip received straight A’s in Spanish III.”

Parent of Joe Balascio, Sanford School, Hockessin, DE

“Do it! Your child will thank you! Ours is already planning on going back and is constantly in touch with all the students he met from across the country!”

Parent of Marcos Saenz, St. Michael’s Catholic Academy, Austin, TX

“Victoria came home happy, healthy, and speaking much more Spanish. The trip was everything we had hoped it would be for her. It’s a good program, at a great price, and well worth the separation anxiety.”

Parent of Victoria Sheridan, Gaithersburg High School, Gaithersburg, MD

Faculty-Led Customized Programs

If you are faculty member interested in us organizing a trip for you and your students, we can arrange programs for summer, spring breaks, and winter breaks or any customized dates! Please contact our office for details and a quote.

Who is Eligible?

We accept high school students of all ages for our programs. Any student interested in the Spanish language and culture can apply. Our students range from complete Spanish beginners to fluent native speakers, no previous language background is required. We are looking for students who want to better their Spanish, have fun, and learn about another culture and themselves along the way. You do not have to know anybody from the program to attend! While abroad, you will meet other students from around the world, developing friendships that last a lifetime.

Community Service & Volunteer

Does your school require community service hours? Do you want to volunteer while abroad? If so, our programs include community service activities. There is no better way to give back to the local community and develop a deep cultural understanding than by doing community service work. We will provide you and your school an official letter defining the projects and hours that you complete. We can accommodate special requests for volunteer placements while on our programs.

Popular volunteer projects include:

- Teaching English
- Community Development
- Working with Children
- Park Beautification
- Recycling Projects
- Conservation





How do we assess your Spanish language level?

You will receive a language assessment upon arrival in your host country, by a written and oral placement exam.

What do the levels mean?

This is a general guide to help you decide the Spanish class you will take:

Spanish Language Levels:

<i>Beginner I:</i>	<i>Requires no previous Spanish study.</i>
<i>Beginner II:</i>	<i>At least 1 semester or 1 year of Spanish study.</i>
<i>Intermediate I:</i>	<i>At least 1 year of Spanish study.</i>
<i>Intermediate II:</i>	<i>At least 1 to 2 years of Spanish study.</i>
<i>Advanced I:</i>	<i>At least 2 years of Spanish study.</i>
<i>Advanced II:</i>	<i>At least 2 to 3 years of Spanish study.</i>
<i>Superior I:</i>	<i>At least 3 to 4 years of Spanish study.</i>
<i>Superior II:</i>	<i>At least 4 to 5 years of Spanish study.</i>

Each student's language needs are different and we will make sure you are placed in the right class for your level. If you feel your class is too easy or too difficult, your director will help you change classes.

What is the typical class like?

Our Spanish language classes focus on communication, grammar, and culture, with a heavy emphasis on student participation. Classes are 3 to 4 hours long with a 30-minute break. All programs offer you U.S. college credit (except Atenas, Costa Rica).

What's Included

Spanish Language Classes

Sol Abroad programs include all tuition and registration costs at the host university or Spanish institute. Tuition and books are included for 1 to 2 Spanish language classes.

Onsite Directors & Staff

Sol Abroad recognizes the importance of knowledgeable, friendly, and well-trained onsite staff. Our onsite directors and staff are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week to assist you with any needs. Our goal is to ensure you are as comfortable as possible while abroad.

Excursions

Travel outings are fundamental and included in all programs. Sol Abroad carefully chooses weekend excursions that allow you to discover more about the country in which you are studying. We select trips based on cultural and educational importance or sites of natural beauty. All entrance and transportation fees are always included.

Cultural Activities

Our programs are located in some of the most beautiful places in the Spanish-speaking world. Cultural activities are also an integral part of the Sol Abroad experience, providing you further exposure to the language and cultural facets of the host country. Several cultural activities are planned each week; examples include cooking and dance classes, city tours, hiking and horseback rides, and much more!





Homestay

Each of our programs involves homestay with a local host family. Living and sharing your experience abroad with a host family is one of the important highlights of studying overseas. In fact, this can be the most enriching and lasting aspect of studying in a foreign country. Many students often maintain relationships with their host families well beyond the conclusion of the program. Our host families make up an important part of our team. They are carefully selected and interviewed, and have extensive prior experience.

Meals

Three meals a day are provided and are a great way to spend time with your family and experience the local cuisine. We can accommodate any dietary requirement, such as kosher, vegan, and vegetarian. While traveling on weekend excursions, your host family will prepare you a snack or lunch. Your onsite director will inform you which meals will be included during your excursions.

Community Service & Volunteer Opportunities

We offer several unique volunteer opportunities at each site, such as assisting at nutrition centers, teaching English, or any other local service-oriented program. Community service is one of the best ways to give back to the community.

Program Orientation

When you arrive at your study abroad destination, our onsite staff will provide you with a welcome orientation. This will cover important topics such as health, safety, academics, host families, and cultural awareness, and end with a tour of your host city. We will help you exchange money and get a phone card.

International Medical Insurance

Full medical insurance is included in your program fee.

Pre-departure Advising

Sol Abroad is always available to answer your questions and you will receive a country handbook to prepare you for your study abroad adventure! All members of our staff are bilingual and can provide information based on their own experiences abroad.

Airport Transfers

Ground transportation to and from your program city is included on the established travel dates.

Reception & Farewell Event

We feel that it is essential to welcome you to your host city with a reception in order to meet other participants and your directors. And, of course, a farewell event is provided as a chance to say goodbye to friends and celebrate your new experience.

Language Exchange

Interaction with locals, or *intercambios*, is an important aspect of our language program. Sol Abroad strives to create cultural and language exchange opportunities at each of our sites.

Tutoring

In order to provide the best academic assistance possible to our students, onsite tutoring is available for all language needs. We want to ensure that you have all of the tools available to maximize your academic experience while abroad.





Transcript or Certificate

You will receive a university transcript or Spanish institute certificate upon the completion of your program. Sol Abroad maintains an original document in our offices in the event you need a copy in the future. When you are ready, we will send the transcript or certificate to any university or post-graduate program along with a translated cover letter describing the coursework completed and grade earned.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

We accept any financial aid or scholarships and will assist you with any necessary paperwork. For more information on the process and a complete list of scholarship opportunities, please visit www.solabroad.com/scholarships

Language Assessment Exam

Your language level is evaluated upon arrival at all program locations. We measure your ability by a written placement exam or an oral exam with local professors. The language assessment is intended to ensure you get the best Spanish training possible while attending our program. For some sites, a written placement exam may be given prior to your departure overseas.

Cell Phones

These are included with credit in order to make communication with your directors, family and host family easier. In Costa Rica cell phones are not available but a phone card is included.

Student Visas

Summer programs do not require visas. For semester and gap year programs, we will assist you in obtaining a student visa.



Argentina



Spanish Immersion in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Country Overview

Argentina

Argentina, a vast South American country, is home to landscapes ranging from the wild and remote Patagonia in the south to the lively, legendary city of Buenos Aires to the north. With such varied landscapes and a plethora of cultural influences, Argentina assures a rich experience for study abroad. Buenos Aires, a thoroughly cosmopolitan city, offers everything the traveler could want. Picture evening tango performances, strolls through colonial streets and picnics in picturesque parks. Savor a cup of yerba maté, the traditional Argentine tea, or enjoy an asado, the barbeque that is the pride of the country. Outside of the capital, one has easy access to some of the world's tallest peaks, most expansive deserts, dense jungles, and the sweeping plains of the Pampas. Here the mythical Gaucho and lovely estancias, or ranches, invite you to another time. The rich history of the indigenous peoples and numerous immigrant groups adds to the intense flavor that defines Argentina. The country is a complete sensory experience; not only an ideal country to learn the Spanish language, but also the ideal site to learn about a truly unique yet diverse culture in some of the most varied landscapes on the planet.

City Overview

Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is a city far more European than South American, an urban landscape steeped in tradition but offering modernity that never disappoints. From its numerous museums to its old-time cafés and milongas, or dance halls, for the seductive Tango, one will never find a dull moment. Watch a soccer match in the famous La Boca stadium and experience the bliss of fútbol in Argentina. Wander the bustling streets and grand avenues of the city and then explore the numerous historic neighborhoods. Buenos Aires vibrates with the history and energy brought by numerous European immigrants at the turn of the 20th century. Visit La Boca, with its brightly painted homes, or San Telmo; both neighborhoods were founded by Italian immigrants. Then cross over to Recoleta or Barrio Norte, which boast a French aristocratic style. With its charming European character and delicate balance of the historic and modern, Buenos Aires showcases the unique personality of Argentina.

“My Spanish improved SO much! I learned more in 1 month than in 5 years of Spanish classes!”

Julia Hammond – St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Potomac, MD



Academic Overview

You will study at Academia Buenos Aires, located in the very heart of Buenos Aires. Here you will find yourself in easy walking distance of some of the most famous monuments and sites of this cosmopolitan city. All professors have experience teaching in public institutions and possess a solid background in language training and applied linguistics. Courses are designed with a steady focus on communication, while also addressing the grammatical aspects of the language. School facilities are modern and comfortable and offer all the necessary audio and video equipment for classes.

Spanish Language Classes

You will choose one of the following classes for your program session (each class is 45 classroom contact hours):

Beginner I

Beginner II

*Argentine Literature
& Culture*

Intermediate I

Intermediate II

Advanced I

Advanced II

See course descriptions on page 10. Full course descriptions are available online at www.solabroad.com/argentina

College Credit:

You can earn a total of 3 semester credits or 4 quarter units per session.

Included Excursions

Argentine Cowboy (Gaucho) Ranch

Escape from cosmopolitan Buenos Aires for a weekend excursion to the quiet of the Pampas, defined by peaceful villages and breathtaking terrain. This is an ideal excursion to the lands of the mythical Gaucho, or Argentine cowboy, a symbol of the Pampas. We will visit an area offering some of the most diverse and impressive landscapes found anywhere. Here you will experience wild scenery highlighted by valleys, inviting forests, and clear-flowing streams. It is the ideal location for outdoor activities such as horseback riding, hiking, and biking. We will explore local parks and bike trails that wind through pristine forests. Later, we will visit a typical Argentine estancia, or ranch, and enjoy the famous asado, the Argentine barbeque. If time allows we will visit local communities with their small town charm and quaint shops.

Colonia, Uruguay

Cross the immense Río de la Plata, the widest river in the world, into the Uruguayan town of Colonia. Founded in 1680, Colonia was the only Portuguese settlement ever established along the river. Here it served as a contraband port against the Spanish. Due to its Portuguese past, the town has a very different feel than that of any Spanish colonial city. Today, Colonia's narrow cobblestone streets and colonial homes are reminiscent of historic Lisbon, Portugal and this unique flavor has earned the town the distinction as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.





El Tigre River Boat Ride & Old Market

Visit the fascinating river town of El Tigre, located on the banks of the Río de la Plata. Here, the Paraná and Uruguay rivers flow into Río de la Plata, making it the third largest estuary in the world. The region is known as the Delta and El Tigre is the main town. In the Delta, life is the river. People live on the hundreds of islands in the waters around El Tigre and to get anywhere, you must go by boat. We will visit the colonial town of El Tigre, with its famous weekend Fruit Market, and the 200 year-old riverbank mansions of San Isidro. We will also take a boat trip along the mystical river passing countless islands covered with beautiful vegetation and rich in wildlife. Along the way you will see homes built on stilts, typical of the area. This is a unique experience and a voyage into a world unaffected by the bustle of modernity.

Iguazú Falls (optional)

Do not miss this opportunity to visit the spectacular, one-of-a-kind Iguazú Falls. Located on the tropical border of Argentina and Brazil, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is vastly larger than Niagara Falls and considered the world's most impressive waterfall due to its inspiring panoramic views. The falls are actually a system of roughly 270 different waterfalls, all of varying heights and sizes that together create a breathtaking visual experience. On this excursion you travel by air or bus from Buenos Aires to the north of the country and spend three days exploring this fascinating and awe-inspiring region of South America. Besides viewing the falls, you will see such exotic animals as coatimundis, macaws, tapirs, toucans, and if you're lucky, maybe even the mysterious jaguar.

Note: We include one excursion every weekend during the program. Excursions are subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Optional excursions may be available depending on student interest.

Cultural Activities

We organize cultural activities for the weekday afternoons. These activities are designed to accentuate the unique character of Argentina and Buenos Aires.

- Tango Performances
- Soccer Matches
- Theater Night
- Salsa & Merengue Classes
- Tango Dance Classes
- Festival
- City Tours
- Yoga Classes
- Traditional Cooking Classes
- Museum Visits
- Movie Nights
- Argentine Asado & Maté

Homestay & Meals

One of the most rewarding aspects of our program is living with a local host family. Depending on your preference, you can either choose to live with a roommate or live alone with the host family. Living and sharing your experience with your host family will strengthen your experience and your understanding of both culture and language. We carefully select only those families experienced in hosting students. In Argentina, during the weekdays, you will have breakfast and dinner with your family. Lunch is included at a local café near the language school.





Dates & Prices*

All programs include full tuition, homestay room & board, excursions, cultural activities, director support, medical insurance & much more! See page 11 for full list.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER I	SUMMER II	SUMMER III
Mid June - Mid July (4 weeks)	Mid July - Early Aug (4 weeks)	Early Aug - Mid Aug (2 weeks)
\$3,495	\$3,495	\$2,495

BACK to BACK Summer Sessions

Stay 2 Summer Sessions	Stay 3 Summer Sessions	Stay extra weeks (per week)
\$5,950	\$7,950	\$875

GAPYEAR & SEMESTER PROGRAMS

FALL SEMESTER

August - December	\$7,950
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SPRING SEMESTER

January - May	\$7,950
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GAPYEAR

August - May	\$16,995
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SPRING BREAK & FACULTY-LED CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

Affordable 1 to 2 week packages. Start any Saturday!

1 week program - \$1,495	2 week program - \$1,995
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WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS (summer in Argentina!)

Affordable 2 to 3 week packages!

Late Dec - Early Jan (2 weeks) - \$1,995	Early Jan - Mid Jan (3 weeks) - \$2,345
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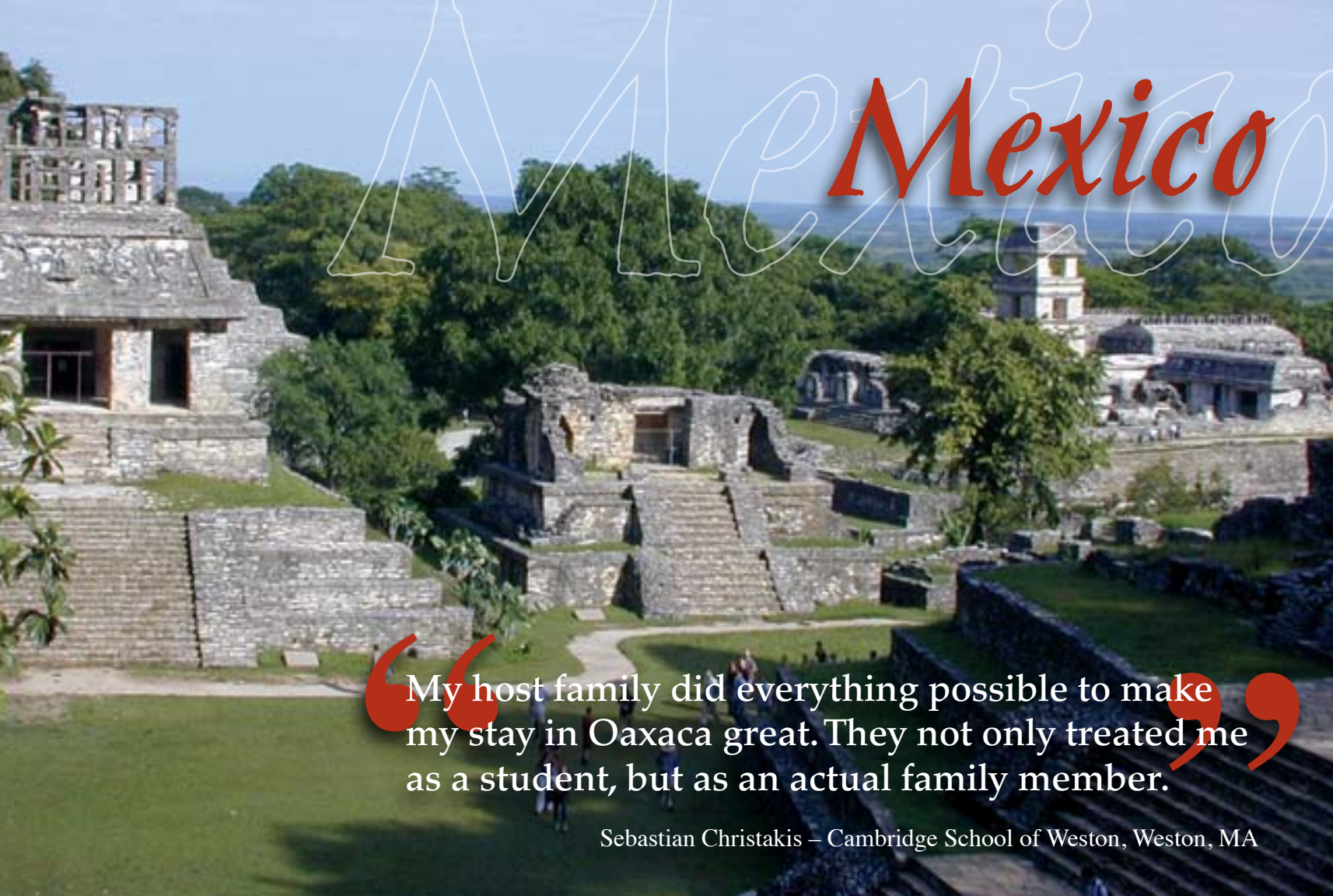
* Please visit our website at www.solabroad.com for latest dates and prices.

“Now that I am back home, it seems like it was a dream . . . too good to be true.”

Bronwen Raff – The Community School, Sun Valley, ID



Mexico



“My host family did everything possible to make my stay in Oaxaca great. They not only treated me as a student, but as an actual family member.”

Sebastian Christakis – Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA



Spanish Immersion in Oaxaca, Mexico

Country Overview

Mexico

Mexico is a country of rich traditions and contrasting landscapes. A land of snow-capped peaks, expansive deserts, cool cloud forests, and the beauty of two coastlines, the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. Explore indigenous villages that still retain their native languages, and then stroll through colonial cities with their welcoming plazas and inviting architecture. Every Mexican town has its own unique traditions. Discover the ancient past of the pre-Hispanic cultures, such as the Maya and the Aztec, still alive today in traditional festivals and in many aspects of contemporary Mexican life. Of course, one cannot consider Mexico without mentioning traditional cooking. Besides national favorites such as enchiladas and molé, every region of Mexico has its own unique culinary flare. Mexico is a perfect destination to study Spanish and explore a unique Latin American country. The friendly people of Mexico possess an unmatched openness. They value other cultures and welcome visitors with open arms. Here you will not only learn a rich language, but also learn about a country complete with rich customs and beauty.

City Overview

Oaxaca

Oaxaca, the capital city of the state, is an enjoyable juxtaposition of old and new, European and indigenous. This Mexican city, with its hip cafés, art galleries, and live music scene, has a bohemian feel while maintaining its colonial charm and links to its pre-Hispanic past. In the historic center is the charming Zócalo, or central plaza, which is always bustling with activity. Strolling around the city, you will discover narrow cobblestone streets and charming colonial buildings. Located on the outskirts of town are the spectacular ruins of Monte Albán, which was the ancient capital city of the Zapotec culture. Amazingly, the surrounding villages still retain the Zapotec language, centuries after the Spanish conquest. Oaxaca abounds with natural beauty – from the impressive Sierra Norte mountains to the canyons and sweeping landscapes of the central valley. Aside from studying Spanish, you will have many opportunities to explore the surrounding countryside and witness firsthand all that Oaxaca has to offer.



Academic Overview

Spanish language classes in Oaxaca are taught at the University of Oaxaca (UABJO), which was established in 1827 as one of the first universities in Mexico. Language classes are taught at the Facultad de Idiomas, the prestigious language branch of the university. The Spanish program began here in 1987 and has since evolved into an esteemed Spanish language institute. University facilities are located in the historic center of Oaxaca and are only a few blocks south of the famous Zócalo, or central plaza. The Facultad itself has a relaxed atmosphere, and its modern facilities include a spacious library, computer lab, and comfortable classroom space.

Spanish Language Classes

You will choose one Spanish language class AND one elective class OR choose two elective classes for your program session (each class is 45 classroom contact hours):

Beginner I
Beginner II

Intermediate I
Intermediate II

Advanced I
Advanced II

Elective Classes:

Latin American Literature	Latin American Poetry	Mexican Theater
Creative Writing	The Mexican Short Story	Human Rights in Mexico
Mexican Cinema	Mexican Literature	Mexico-US Relations:
Chicano Literature	Mexican Women Writers	19th & 20th century
Mexican History & Culture	History of Mesoamerica	Screenwriting
Advanced Composition	Mexican Art History	The Mexican Revolution
	Mexican Economy	

See course descriptions on page 10. Full course descriptions are available online at www.solabroad.com/mexico

College Credit:

You can earn a total of 6 semester credits or 9 quarter units per session.

Included Excursions

Monte Albán Pre-Hispanic Ruins

While in Oaxaca, you will visit the pre-Hispanic ruins of Monte Albán. This former Zapotec capital city is considered one of the most impressive archeological sites in Mexico. The well-preserved ruins sit atop a hill outside of Oaxaca City, which allows for amazing views of the surrounding valley. The numerous pyramids and ancient buildings found at Monte Albán fill the site with an air of awe and mystery.

Mountain Springs (Herve el Agua)

Herve el Agua (or Boiling Water) is an impressive natural wonder located west of Oaxaca City. The name is derived from the abundant mineral springs that seethe from the ground, giving the appearance of boiling water. These extraordinary springs have been visited for over 2,500 years, with pre-Hispanic cultures revering their natural beauty and therapeutic properties. On this excursion, you will travel down beautiful mountain roads and experience the awe-inspiring views of the canyons and hillsides as well as soaking in the relaxing springs.

Sierra Norte Mountains Hiking Trip

This expansive range of mountains, found just north of Oaxaca City, provides a stark contrast to the colonial city. Passing through dense cloud canopies and pine forests ideal for hiking, you will encounter ancient mountain villages. During the excursion, students will visit a remote Zapotec community and explore the area.





Mitla Pyramids, Teotitlán Artisan Village, & Ancient El Tule Tree

The central valleys of Oaxaca State are filled with the echoes of the past. Mitla was known by the Zapotec people as “The Place of the Dead”. It was believed to be the entrance to the underworld and was used as a sacred burial site of great importance. At Mitla, you will find the most well-preserved mosaic designs in all of Mexico. Walking amongst the ruins, you can feel it’s incredible energy. After exploring Mitla, you will visit the classic Zapotec town of Teotitlán del Valle, famous for its time-honored tradition of hand-woven rugs. Finally, before returning to Oaxaca City, the excursion will take you to the gargantuan El Tule tree. Calculated to be over 3,000 years old, this behemoth is considered the largest biomass on the planet.

Pacific Beach Trip Bahías de Huatulco

The Oaxacan coast provides you with stunning cliff side views of thousands of small bays that dot its coastline. Join this weekend excursion to explore one of the most beautiful beach locations Mexico has to offer; the Bahías de Huatulco. Unlike other coastal areas of Mexico, the Oaxacan coast remains largely untouched and mainly plays host to local tourism. While in Huatulco, students visit several of the pristine beaches in the area nestled in small bays, and spend the day on a boat visiting some of the hidden coves. Do not miss this opportunity to explore untouched beaches and snorkel around coral reefs. This is the perfect opportunity to witness the vast biodiversity the Oaxacan coast has to offer.

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- Museum Visits
- Art Galleries
- Salsa & Merengue Classes
- Traditional Cooking Classes
- Pottery Class
- Guelaguetza Folk Dance
- Yoga Classes
- Organic Food Market
- Traditional Markets
- Art Classes

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August - December	\$6,950
SPRING SEMESTER	
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“Stray far from home, don't worry about getting lost... try everything.”

Julie Eisenberg – Damascus High School, Damascus, MD



Costa Rica



Spanish Immersion in Atenas or Heredia, Costa Rica

Country Overview

Costa Rica

Costa Rica is often identified as the “Switzerland of the Americas” due to its natural beauty and political stability. It is among a minority of countries in the world that have no standing army. Here, you will discover a country of friendly people and breathtaking landscapes. Costa Rica is roughly the size of West Virginia, yet it holds 5 percent of the world’s biodiversity. The mountainous landscape is dotted with volcanoes, cascading waterfalls, and rushing rivers. Costa Rica is situated between two coastlines, the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, giving it miles of stunning seashore that supports an amazing array of sea life. Of Costa Rica’s roughly 3.5 million inhabitants, about two thirds live in the Central Valley. Outside of the valley, the country still retains its rural roots. While in Costa Rica, you will have endless opportunities to practice and learn Spanish. It is considered one of the best places in the world to study Spanish due to the clear and enjoyable accent of its inhabitants.

City Overview

Two program locations are offered in Costa Rica. Atenas is our high school program. The Heredia program is for high school students interested in earning U.S. college credit from a prestigious Costa Rican university and is with college-age students.

Atenas

Atenas is a picturesque town situated in the central highlands of Costa Rica, roughly 45 minutes west of the bustling capital city of San José. This small town is made up of many surrounding communities that base their livelihood on agricultural pursuits such as growing coffee, oranges, mangos, and sugarcane. Costa Rican history, tradition, and culture is deeply rooted here. Atenas is a clean and charming town with a laid-back atmosphere that students love. The friendly demeanor of the locals and the surrounding beauty of the area make this an ideal location for Spanish study.

“My director provided a thousand percent more support than expected, he became my best travel companion.”

Jonathon Culver – Beacon High School, New York, NY



Heredia

Heredia is located in the cool highlands of Costa Rica on the western edge of the Central Valley. Known as the “City of Flowers”, Heredia is located only 20 minutes from the capital city of San José, yet retains the atmosphere of a smaller Costa Rican town. It is one of the oldest colonial settlements in the country — its main church was built in 1797. The central plaza is an inviting place to stroll and experience life in the city. Adding to the charm of Heredia, the surrounding countryside is home to many coffee plantations and small farms. The city rests on the lower slopes of impressive Poás Volcano, whose active past has provided the area with extremely fertile soil. Heredia provides a wonderful mix of old and new and you are sure to enjoy studying Spanish in this setting.

Academic Overview

Spanish Immersion in Atenas

Spanish language classes in Atenas, Costa Rica are taught at a private Spanish institute situated on a traditional Costa Rican farm amidst mango and orange trees. There are both indoor and outdoor classroom facilities, allowing you the option of an intimate experience among tropical surroundings. Outdoor classes are taught in the institute’s ranch houses and provides the student with a true sense of being in Central America. You will hear the sounds of tropical birds as you study Spanish with experienced professors. For a more private learning experience, or during inclement weather, the institute uses classroom space in the main building. You are certain to enjoy the intimate setting of learning Spanish in a small Costa Rican town!



Spanish Immersion in Heredia

The Interamerican University, located in Heredia, Costa Rica, is a private university fully accredited by the Costa Rican government. It was founded in 1986 with a focus on Business Administration. Today the university has a full range of degrees for students from across Central America and other parts of the world. Spanish courses taught at the university follow curriculum guidelines established by U.S. universities. The Interamerican University is located on a spacious campus set amongst pine trees. Green space abounds for studying outside or for intramural sports. First-rate academics combined with a beautiful locale makes the Interamerican University a world-class location for study abroad.

Spanish Language Classes

You will choose one of the following classes for your program session (each class is 45 classroom contact hours):

Beginner I
Beginner II

Intermediate I
Intermediate II

Advanced I
Advanced II

See course descriptions on page 10. Full course descriptions are available online at www.solabroad.com/costarica

College Credit (Heredia location):

You can earn a total of 3 semester credits or 4 quarter units per session.





Included Excursions

Pacific Beach Trip (Manuel Antonio National Park)

Manuel Antonio National Park is an escape to paradise. It is characterized by lush forests, tropical beaches, and abundant wildlife. Relax on the beach and hike with your director along the park's many trails. Observable wildlife species range from white-faced monkeys to tree sloths and iguanas. Other species found here, though a little more shy, include macaws, ocelots, squirrel monkeys, and coatimundis. While at Manuel Antonio, you will have the opportunity to visit the four tropical beaches located in the park boundaries. All of the white-sand beaches are linked by hiking trails that pass through the tropical forest. Besides visiting the park and enjoying its natural beauty and wildlife, Manuel Antonio also offers other activities, including surfing, sea kayaking, snorkeling, fishing, and horseback riding.

Arenal Volcano, Hot Springs, Rain Forest Zipline, & La Fortuna Waterfall

Experience the natural beauty that is Arenal Volcano. Arenal is a perfect cone and has been active since 1968. On clear evenings you can see glowing lava flow down the volcano's steep slopes. The area is blessed with many exotic hot springs thanks to the volcano's geothermal activity. Your tropical experience will be complete as you relax in the soothing waters of the hot springs surrounded by lush tropical forest. The forests are filled with wildlife and in the mornings you are likely to awaken to the eerie sound of howler monkeys. On this excursion, you will visit one of Costa Rica's most beautiful waterfalls, La Fortuna, which drops from a forested cliff hundreds of feet above you into a beautiful natural pool perfect for swimming. Not to be missed on this excursion is the famous zipline tour, where you will "zip" from tree to tree over the thick forest canopy below!

Poás Volcano Hike & La Paz Waterfall

Costa Rica has everything you could want; verdant rain forests, misty mountains, and smoldering volcanoes. During this excursion, you will visit Poás Volcano, one of the country's most impressive National Parks. The Costa Rican National Park system is world-renowned, and Poás Volcano is one of its gems. The park is located in a cloud forest, and temperatures are cool, making it ideal for hiking. You will often find it to be a misty and mysterious landscape. On this excursion you will hike to the very edge of the world's largest volcano crater! Then hike along the wooded trails to the emerald green Botos Lake, which fills an extinct crater. Outside the park, we will stop at local fruit stands full of fresh fruit such as mangos, strawberries, and passion fruit. After exploring Poás Volcano, we will stop by La Paz Waterfall, one of the most inspiring waterfalls in the country.

White-Water Rafting

One of the many allures of Costa Rica is the opportunity to experience the thrill of white-water rafting. Spend the day on one of Costa Rica's pristine rivers. You will experience the rush of the rapids while surrounded by breathtaking, tropical scenery. You will pass through canyons and float by miles of virgin rain forest. Witness the native wildlife such as howler monkeys and toucans, and enjoy surprises such as waterfalls along the river banks. And, of course, you'll have the chance to take a dip in the cool, mountain waters. You need not have previous rafting experience to enjoy this excursion. The expedition is led by certified, professional guides. It's one of the trips you won't want to miss!





San José City Tour

San José is the cultural, economic, and political center of Costa Rica. The energetic capital city is located in the Central Valley and encircled by boundless mountain peaks. During this excursion, you will visit an amusement park, museums and significant points of interest in the capital. At the top of the list is the ornate National Theater, built in the late 1800s by Costa Rica's wealthiest coffee families. This is one of the finest theaters in the world! Other stops include the National Museum, an open-air market, and the famous Zoo, unique in that it showcases species native to Costa Rica. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant that specializes in traditional Costa Rican cuisine. You are sure to enjoy this walking tour of the best San José has to offer.

Monteverde Cloud Forest & Rain Forest Zipline (seasonal)

Monteverde literally translates as "Green Mountain", which aptly describes this lush mountain region of Costa Rica. It is best known as the home of the famous Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, founded in 1972. The reserve is home to eight different ecological zones and possesses an amazing array of biodiversity; 90 percent of the reserve is virgin forest. On this excursion, you will experience firsthand the natural beauty of the Monteverde Reserve while hiking its scenic trails. You will see stunning waterfalls, views of the Pacific, and discover the incredible variety of animals that live in these forests. There are two towns in the area, Monteverde and Santa Elena, neither of which have paved roads, allowing for pleasurable walking to the small shops and museums. Not to be missed on this excursion is the famous zip-line tour, where you will spend part of the day "zipping" from tree to tree over the thick forest canopy below.

Note: We include one excursion every weekend during the program. Excursions are subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Optional excursions may be available depending on student interest.

Cultural Activities

We organize cultural activities for the weekday afternoons. These activities are designed to accentuate the unique character of Costa Rica.

- Coffee Tour
- Traditional Cooking Class
- Salsa & Merengue Classes
- Soccer Matches
- Movie Night
- Art Classes
- Country Club Outing
- Traditional Sugar Press Tour
- City Tours
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Yoga Class (Heredia)
- Festivals
- Market Day

Homestay & Meals

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Dates & Prices*

All programs include full tuition, homestay room & board, excursions, cultural activities, director support, medical insurance & much more! See page 11 for full list.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER I (2 weeks)	SUMMER II (3 weeks)	SUMMER III (3 weeks)	SUMMER IV (3 weeks)
Early June - Mid June	Mid June - Early July	Early July - Late July	Late July - Mid August
\$1,995	\$2,950	\$2,950	\$2,950

BACK to BACK Summer Sessions		
Stay 2 Summer Sessions	Stay 3 Summer Sessions	Stay extra weeks (per week)
\$4,900	\$6,700	\$795

GAP YEAR & SEMESTER PROGRAMS

FALL SEMESTER	
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GAP YEAR	
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Julie King – Damascus High School, Damascus, MD



Spain



Spanish Immersion in Granada, Spain

Country Overview

Spain

Spain is a country of fascinating diversity, visible in its people, its countryside, and its profound history. The variety of cultures that have influenced Spain are vast, including the Romans, Moors, Phoenicians, and Gypsies. With such a deep history behind the Iberian Peninsula, each region of Spain could easily be considered an independent country. The green landscapes of the north present a marked contrast to the mountainous and arid landscapes of the south. The foods of Spain are equally varied, and provide yet another exciting aspect to your experience. Tapas are a typical example of the gastronomic culture. Spaniards treasure outings with friends that include ordering multiple plates of food that can be shared amongst the group. Olives, cheeses, meats, and seafood are popular items used in tapas. Any educational trip to Spain signifies an array of experiences as one travels from one city to the next. While living and studying in Spain, you will learn about the diversity of cultures the country offers. Equally interesting, you will be able to make connections between Spain and the lasting imprint it has made on the United States. Come experience the fascination and intrigue that Spain has to offer.

City Overview

Granada

Granada is one of the most fascinating cities in Spain! Sprawled below the ruins of the romantic Alhambra, the palace of the Sultans, the echoes of Granada's Arabic past ring strong as you stroll the cobblestone streets. Granada was ruled by the Moors for almost 800 years before the Catholic monarchy of Isabel and Ferdinand conquered the city in 1492. Today, although Granada is perfectly connected to modern Spain, its Arabic past rings vibrantly throughout the city. One of the most enjoyable activities of Granada is exploring the medieval streets of the Albaicín, the largest preserved Moorish quarter in all of Spain, full of Moroccan tea houses and shops. Many of Spain's best flamenco performers come from Granada. In the evenings, enjoy a flamenco show, and feel the passion of this Gypsy art form. In addition to the mysteries and intrigue of the city itself, the Sierra Nevada Mountains provide an impressive backdrop to all that it has to offer. You will see these picturesque mountains in the distance from almost any vantage point. In the summer the mountains offer beautiful hiking. Studying in Granada provides the perfect opportunity for you to experience all of this firsthand.

“This is an experience of a lifetime... I loved it and would come back in a heartbeat!”

Kelsey Parsons – The Meadows School, Las Vegas, NV



Academic Overview

You will study at the prestigious University of Granada, which was founded in 1531. The language department is located in the historic neighborhood known as "El Realejo". Walking to class you will pass through winding cobblestone streets and hidden plazas. Spanish classes are taught in one of two historic buildings; one of which is a former palace dating from the 16th century. There is a wonderful mix of Spaniards and international students at the university. This unique mix of languages and cultures provides an opportunity outside of the classroom to practice Spanish with both locals and students from around the world. Class sizes are 5 to 12 students per teacher.

Spanish Language Classes

You will choose one of the following classes for your program session (each class is 60 to 80 classroom contact hours):

<i>Beginner I</i>	<i>Intermediate I</i>	<i>Advanced I</i>	<i>Superior I</i>
<i>Beginner II</i>	<i>Intermediate II</i>	<i>Advanced II</i>	<i>Superior II</i>

See course descriptions on page 10. Full course descriptions are available online at www.solabroad.com/spain

College Credit:

You can earn a total of up to 5 semester credits or 8 quarter units per session.

Included Excursions

Madrid Weekend Tour

Madrid, the capital of Spain, is a city full of life and culture. It is a city of plazas, world-class museums, and excellent cafés. Madrid defines the essence of Spain and is a wonderful introduction to what the country has to offer. Here you will see the impressive Plaza Mayor with its lovely outdoor cafés and historic buildings. Nearby is the very heart of the country and of Madrid, the lively Puerta del Sol. There is always something going on here, and of course there are more of the classic cafés and restaurants that characterize Madrid. Another highlight is the impressive Prado Museum, one of Europe's top art museums. Here you will find works by Goya, El Greco, and Velázquez, as well as pieces by many other notable artists such as the Flemish masters.

Alhambra Palace

The Alhambra is one of the most impressive monuments in the world. It was the ancient palace of the Sultans beginning in the 10th century, and remained in their power until 1492. The marvelously decorated walls of the palaces are like something out of a dream. Stuccoed inscriptions in Arabic repeat throughout the palaces, continuously drawing you into the unique history of the fortress. The use of water throughout the Alhambra bestows upon you a sense of calm while exploring the ornate passages and stunning gardens. It is nothing short of stepping into another world. Equally as inspiring as the restored palaces of the Alhambra are the breathtaking views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and of Granada below. No trip to Spain is complete without experiencing this colossal palace.





Costa del Sol Beaches (Nerja)

Nerja is one of the most striking beaches on the Andalusian coast. Commonly known as the Costa del Sol (Sun Coast), this is a popular beach escape for people from all over Europe. The drive from Granada to the Mediterranean is impressive. You will pass through deep canyons and then along a spectacular coastal highway. The deep blue Mediterranean Sea stretches out below the winding roadway. Nerja is a small coastal town with plenty of beaches to pass the day. Many of the Costa del Sol beaches are intimate, tucked amongst cliffs and rocks jutting from the sea. Along the beaches are restaurants set out in the sand where you can enjoy fresh fish and traditional paella while basking in the tranquility of the Mediterranean Sea.

Sierra Nevada Mountain Villages

The Alpujarras, located high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, was the Moor's last stronghold in Spain. This area was first colonized in the 1200s by Berber refugees from Seville. The Berbers, originally from North Africa, introduced the unique architecture that is still used in the high villages of the Alpujarras today. The region is an earthly paradise above the rest of Andalusia. The snows of the Sierras keep the valleys and villages of the Alpujarras well-watered year round. Even in the summer, the countryside is green and full of flowers. Visiting these villages is like stepping into another world. Small whitewashed farmhouses cling to the terraced edges of forest-lined gorges while rivers rush by below. Besides exploring these unique villages, there are many opportunities for hiking in the area. While trekking from Capileira, one of the most picturesque of the Alpujarras villages, one is constantly rewarded with views of the tallest peaks of the Spanish Peninsula.

Seville (seasonal)

Seville (Sevilla in Spanish) is one of the most historic cities in Europe. Over 2,000 years old, it has been influenced by countless cultures all of which is seen today in its enchanting architecture. The many historic buildings and neighborhoods hold the imprint of the vibrant Muslim, Jewish, and Christian cultures that called this city home. We will visit the most impressive sites such as the famous minaret of La Giralda, a beautiful example of the city's strong Moorish past. The Cathedral of Sevilla houses the tomb of Christopher Columbus and is the largest Catholic Cathedral building in the world. Seville is the artistic and cultural capital of southern Spain. Walking around Seville, you will experience a lively and fun-loving city. If you travel to Spain, you cannot miss Seville!

Mediterranean Beaches (seasonal)

The beautiful beaches of Southern Spain are tucked along a rugged coastline backed by arid mountain ranges and tropical valleys. Ancient white-washed villages hug the steep hillsides. We will explore the tropical beaches and kayak and sail over the clear, deep blue Mediterranean waters.

Note: We include one excursion every weekend during the program. Excursions are subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Optional excursions may be available depending on student interest.





Cultural Activities

We organize cultural activities for the weekday afternoons. These activities are designed to accentuate the unique character of southern Spain.

- Flamenco Dance Classes
- Granada Cathedrals Tour
- Movie Night
- Arabic Baths
- City Tours
- Bike Tours
- Flamenco Performances
- Horseback Riding
- Food Tasting
- Arabic Tea Houses
- Theater Night
- Hiking
- Museum Visits
- Festivals

Homestay & Meals

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Dates & Prices* (all programs start in Madrid unless stated)

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SUMMER I	
Mid June - Mid July (4 weeks)	\$3,895
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Early July - Late July (4 weeks)	\$3,895
SUMMER III	
Late July - Mid August (3 weeks)	\$3,450
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BACK to BACK Summer Sessions		
2 Summer Sessions (8 weeks)	3 Summer Sessions (12 weeks)	Stay extra weeks (per week)
\$6,995	\$8,995	\$995

GAPYEAR & SEMESTER PROGRAMS (starts in Granada)

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SPRING SEMESTER	
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GAP YEAR	
September - May	\$17,995

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Policies

Payment Information

- A \$150 application deposit, which is applied towards the program price, must be submitted in order for the application to be processed.
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- If an application is received after the stated application due date, a \$150 late fee will be assessed. Students may apply no later than 2 weeks prior to the program start date.
- If you decide to pay the late fee in order to postpone payment for whatever reason, please note that FULL payment is due 2 weeks prior to the program start date. If payment is not received by this date, then you will be unable to participate in the program. NOTE: Students using financial aid are the exception.
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- After the forms and payment due date but 21 to 30 days prior to departure, all fees paid are held minus 50% of the program balance.
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- Change to a future program that is offered within one year of the original program.
- A full refund of all fees paid.

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- Change requests must be received in writing, either by email or fax. Sol Abroad will acknowledge a change by sending a confirmation email to you for your records.

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Program Session	Application Due Date	Forms & Payment Due Date
Summer I & II	May 10	May 15
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