

The Sol Education Abroad Experience

STUDY ABROAD & SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAMS



ARGENTINA

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MEXICO

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COSTA RICA

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SPAIN



“This is a beautiful program that truly allowed me to become part of another culture in ways that I wouldn’t have imagined possible.”

Elsa Carette – New York University, New York, NY

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The Sol Education Abroad Experience

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Sol Education Abroad!

Our company mission is very simple: to treat you the same way we wanted to be treated when we studied abroad. We take pride in this hands-on, full-service approach, ensuring you an enriching, life-changing experience. It’s this unique approach that makes us both a leader and innovator in university study abroad programs.

When you attend one of our programs, you can be assured of a world-class study abroad experience that includes high-quality interactive Spanish language and college credit classes, regular travel excursions, and an array of daily cultural activities of lasting value. Throughout your program, our talented onsite staff is available to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so you can feel confident and secure while abroad.

We’ve developed our University Program based on nearly two decades of international experience and a passion for foreign cultures, language, and education. 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, gain language skills, and produce 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 Education Abroad, you will achieve a genuine cultural immersion through housing with carefully selected local host families, first-rate Spanish language and elective classes, stimulating excursions, and the most rewarding cultural activities possible. We share your excitement and look forward to seeing you soon! Hasta pronto!

The Sol Education Abroad Team



The 3 Most Common Questions

1) How will I pay for my study abroad program?

Good question. Sol Education Abroad is among the most affordable study abroad programs! In fact, studying with us can be less expensive than studying at your home university. Our programs include everything; tuition, room & board with host family, onsite directors, excursions, cultural activities, medical insurance and much more! All financial aid is accepted and we’ll complete any paperwork your school requires. For a list of study abroad scholarships, please visit: www.soleducation.com/scholarships

2) Will I graduate on time?

Yes! You may even graduate earlier! Spending a summer or semester with us is the academic equivalent of studying at a U.S. university. Our credits will fully transfer to any U.S. university so that you can graduate on time! And we will help you pre-approve your classes before your departure.

3) Am I eligible?

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. Students from all majors are accepted and all subjects are offered, both in Spanish and English. We are looking for students who want to better their Spanish, have fun, and learn about another culture and themselves along the way.

What's Included (see website for full descriptions)

- University Tuition & Fees
- Onsite Directors & Staff
- Homestay (Room & Board)
- Meals & Laundry
- Excursions
- Transcripts
- Cultural Activities
- Volunteer Opportunities & Community Service
- Program Orientation
- International Medical Insurance
- Pre-departure Advising
- Airport Transfers
- Reception & Farewell Event
- Language Exchange
- Cell Phones (except Costa Rica)
- Student Visa Assistance
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Language Assessment Exam

University Credit

Credit earned through our program will transfer to your university degree. Upon completion, we will mail your university an official foreign university transcript in a sealed envelope with a translated cover letter. We'll also email a copy to you for your records. If you are a university student, we recommend you get your courses pre-approved with a faculty advisor to ensure your courses will transfer. The foreign coursework you complete is measured in classroom contact hours. A contact hour is the unit of measurement that is used by U.S. universities to determine credit.

15 classroom contact hours = 1 semester credit

10 classroom contact hours = 1 quarter credit

Transcripts

Foreign transcripts are received by our office 6 to 8 weeks after the completion of your program. We keep a copy of all transcripts in case you need official copies at a later date and can be mailed to you for a small fee.

We offer 3 academic paths that you can select and mix from:

- 1) Spanish Language Classes
- 2) Elective Classes (In Spanish or English)
- 3) Classes with Local Students (See Academic Areas of Study for each program site)

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.

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, so we will ensure you are placed in the appropriate class. If you feel your class is too easy or too difficult, your director will help you change classes.

Classes in English

Our programs in Granada, Spain; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Oaxaca, Mexico offer an array of classes in English. Please visit our website for a complete listing of classes and course descriptions.

A Typical Class

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.

Health & Safety

One reason why students and families choose Sol Education Abroad is that we provide a safe, supervised program environment for you, our students. Our onsite 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, and this extra precaution ensures our students have a wonderful experience without worry.

Community Service & Volunteer

Our programs include optional community service activities. There's no better way to give back and develop a deep cultural understanding than by doing community service work. We will provide you and your school with 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
- Park Beautification
- Working with Children
- Community Development
- Recycling Projects
- Conservation

Where do I fly into?

Flight Arrival Information:

Argentina Program: Fly into Buenos Aires (Ezeiza Intl. – Airport Code "EZE")

Costa Rica Program: Fly into San José (Juan Santamaría Intl. – Airport Code "SJO")

Mexico Program: Fly into Oaxaca City (Xoxocotlan Intl. – Airport Code "OAX")

Spain Program: Fly into Granada (Federico García Lorca - Airport Code "GRX")

Faculty-Led Customized Programs

Are you a professor interested in organizing a faculty-led trip? Let us arrange a custom study abroad program for you and your students. Programs can have a variety of academic themes, not just the limited to the Spanish language.

Popular themes include:

- Field Biology in Costa Rica
- Medical Spanish in Oaxaca
- Law & Social Sciences in Argentina
- Business Spanish in Spain

Please contact our office for details and a custom price!



Argentina



“I can't believe how much we did for such a great price! The people at Sol care about their students. They want to see that everyone has fun, is safe, and gets the most from their experience.”

Andrea Flores — UC Davis, Davis, CA

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	
PROGRAM LOCATION	Buenos Aires, Argentina
UNIVERSITY	University of Belgrano
CREDITS	Summer (6 credit hours / 10 quarter units) Semester (15 credit hours / 22 quarter units)
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	Spanish, English
HOUSING	Homestay, 2 meals per day, laundry
EXCURSIONS	Included (see list on next page)
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	Included (see list on next page)
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	Yes
PROGRAM DATES	Summer, Semester, Winter Session, Spring Break, Academic Year
ELIGIBILITY	No language background required. All majors are accepted.



Study Abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Argentina

Learn Spanish in the most fascinating country in South America! This 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 in the center and to the verdant rain forests of Iguazú Falls to the north. With such varied landscapes and cultural influences, Argentina promises a rich experience for study abroad.

Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the most beautiful city in all of Latin America due to its vibrant culture and heavy European influence. Wander the bustling streets and grand avenues of the city and then explore the numerous historic neighborhoods. Experience the enchanting nightlife that the cosmopolitan city is famous for: tango clubs, cafés and world-class theaters. This is the ideal program for students interested in Spanish immersion and living in Argentina.

University of Belgrano

Study at this prestigious private university founded in 1964 and located in one of Buenos Aires' best neighborhoods. Study Spanish with students from all over the world at Belgrano's state of the art facilities. Classes are taught in Spanish or English. *Porteños* (people from Buenos Aires) have a very distinct Spanish accent, due to their Italian heritage. Learning Spanish in Argentina will prepare you for speaking Spanish anywhere.

Homestay (Room & Board) & Laundry

There is no better way to improve your Spanish and learn more about the culture than by living with one of our carefully selected local host families. You will have breakfast and dinner with your family and lunch on your own at cafés on the weekdays.

Included Excursions

Iguazú Falls & Rain Forest

Visit the world's widest waterfall and one of the most impressive natural wonders

Colonia, Uruguay

Visit the historical Uruguayan town of Colonia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and former Portuguese colony, dating to the 17th century.

El Tigre River Boat Ride & Old Market

Cruise the mystical Río de la Plata, the widest river in the world, passing countless islands covered with beautiful vegetation and rich in wildlife.

Argentine Cowboy (Gaucho) Ranch

Escape to the Pampas plains, the land of the Argentine cowboy, and spend a weekend on a gaucho ranch. Go horseback riding and experience a real *asado*.

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*
- *Festivals*
- *City Tours & Museum Visits*
- *Traditional Cooking Classes*
- *Yoga Classes*

Courses

Full course descriptions are available online at www.soleducation.com/argentina

Summer Programs

College Credit: 6 credit hours or 10 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 1 Spanish Language Class)

Beginner Spanish (equivalent to Beginner I OR Beginner II)

Intermediate Spanish (equivalent to Intermediate I & Intermediate II)

Advanced Spanish (equivalent to Advanced I & Advanced II or upper division classes)

Each Spanish class is 100 classroom contact hours. Intermediate & Advanced classes will count as 2 classes at your home university

Semester Programs

College Credit: 15 credit hours or 22 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 1 Spanish Language Class - 210 contact hours)

Option 2 - Intensive Spanish Language & Electives (mix & match up to 5 classes - 225 hours)

Option 3 - Classes with Locals, Intensive Spanish Language & Electives (mix & match up to 5 classes - 225 contact hours)

Spanish Language Levels

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

Electives (taught in Spanish) Each class is 45 classroom contact hours, unless stated

19th & 20th Century Latin American History
Political Systems in Latin America: a Comparative Approach
Argentina & Latin America facing Global Economy

Tango: The Expression of Buenos Aires
Argentinean Economic History
Academic Writing Workshop (Advanced Grammar & Composition)
Argentinean & Spanish Literature I (17th - 19th Century)
Argentinean & Spanish Literature II (20th Century)
Intermediate Spanish I (90 hours)
Intermediate Spanish II (90 hours)
Advanced Spanish I (90 hours)
Advanced Spanish II (90 hours)
Argentinean Culture & Traditions
Contemporary Argentinean Art
Argentinean Economic Policy
Argentina: Open Society
Professional Ethics

Electives (taught in English) Each class is 45 classroom contact hours

Argentinean & Latin American Economy
Comparative History of Argentina & Latin America
Political & Social Change in Argentina & Latin America
Argentina: The Making of a Country through its Literature
The Latin American Role in a Context of Economic Globalization

Classes with Local Argentine Students

See academic section on website for full course listings.

Academic Areas of Study

<i>Architecture</i>	<i>Health Sciences</i>	<i>Economics</i>
<i>Natural & Agrarian Sciences</i>	<i>Humanities & Law</i>	<i>Engineering</i>
<i>Modern Languages & Studies</i>	<i>Social Sciences</i>	<i>Information Technology</i>

Dates & Prices*

All programs include full tuition, homestay room & board, excursions, cultural activities, director support, medical insurance & much more! See page 4 for full list.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER I	SUMMER II	SUMMER III
Late May - Late June (4 weeks)	Late June - Mid July (4 weeks)	Late July - Late August (4 weeks)
\$3,595	\$3,595	\$3,595

BACK to BACK Summer Sessions

Stay 2 Summer Sessions (9 weeks)	Stay 3 Summer Sessions (13 weeks)	Stay extra weeks (cost per week)
\$5,995	\$7,995	\$975

SEMESTER & YEAR PROGRAMS

FALL SEMESTER		
Late August - Early December	Intensive Spanish Language	\$7,950
Mid July - Early November	Spanish Language & Electives	\$8,950
Mid July - Late November	Classes with Locals	\$9,450

SPRING SEMESTER		
Late January - Late April	Intensive Spanish Language	\$7,950
Late February - Mid June	Spanish Language & Electives	\$8,950
Late January - Mid June	Spanish Language & Electives (includes 1 month of Intensive Spanish Language)	\$9,450
Late February - Mid July	Classes with Locals	\$9,450
Late January - Mid July	Classes with Locals (includes 1 month of Intensive Spanish Language)	\$9,950

ACADEMIC YEAR		
Late August - Mid June	All Academics Options Available	\$16,995
Late February - Late November	All Academics Options Available	\$16,995

INTENSIVE SPANISH PROGRAM (includes everything except excursions)

1, 2, 3 WEEKS OR 1 MONTH (available during non-summer months)			
\$1,495 (1 week)	\$1,995 (2 weeks)	\$2,495 (3 weeks)	\$2,995 (1 month)

SPRING BREAK & FACULTY-LED CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

Affordable 1 to 2 week packages. Start any Saturday!	
\$1,495 (1 week)	\$1,995 (2 weeks)

WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS (summer in Argentina!)

Affordable 2 to 3 week packages! (Choose 1 Spanish Language Class)		
Late December - Mid January	Early January - Mid January	Early January - Late January
\$2,345 (3 weeks)	\$1,995 (2 weeks)	\$2,345 (3 weeks)

* Please visit our website at www.soleducation.com for latest dates and prices.



Mexico



“This experience made Spanish a more natural thing for me. I’m no longer self-conscious to speak or ask for help.”

Danielle Costanza – University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	
PROGRAM LOCATION	Oaxaca, Mexico
UNIVERSITY	University of Oaxaca
CREDITS	Summer (6 credit hours / 9 quarter units) Semester (15 credit hours / 22 quarter units)
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	Spanish, English
HOUSING	Homestay, 3 meals per day, laundry
EXCURSIONS	Included (see list on next page)
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	Included (see list on next page)
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	Yes
PROGRAM DATES	Summer, Semester, Winter Session, Spring Break, Academic Year
ELIGIBILITY	No language background required. All majors are accepted.

Study Abroad in Oaxaca, Mexico

Mexico

A land of snow-capped volcanoes, expansive deserts, cool cloud forests, and the beauty of two coastlines, the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, Mexico is truly one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Explore indigenous villages and stroll through colonial cities with their welcoming plazas and inspiring architecture. Discover the ancient past of the pre-Hispanic cultures, such as the Maya and the Aztec, still alive today. Mexico is a perfect destination to study Spanish and explore a unique Latin American country.

Oaxaca

Study Spanish in the fascinating colonial city of Oaxaca. Experience the charms of this highland locale surrounded by lush mountains and indigenous villages. Oaxaca is an ideal location for language immersion and exploring the pre-Hispanic past of the area. The friendly people of Oaxaca possess an unmatched hospitality.

University of Oaxaca

Study at one of the oldest universities in Mexico (est. 1827), located in the historic center of Oaxaca and only a few blocks south of the famous *Zócalo* (central plaza). Classes are taught in Spanish or English. The university has a relaxed atmosphere and modern facilities that include a spacious library, computer lab, and comfortable classrooms. Take advantage of our *intercambios*, daily exchange programs with local Mexican university students.

Homestay (Room & Board) & Laundry

There is no better way to improve your Spanish and learn more about the culture than by living with our carefully selected local host families. You will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner with your family.

Included Excursions

Pacific Beach Trip (Bahías de Huatulco)

Explore the pristine beaches on the Pacific Coast with its thousands of small bays.

Monte Albán Pre-Hispanic Ruins

Explore Monte Albán, one of the world's most impressive archeological sites.

Mountain Springs (Herve el Agua)

Soak in the soothing waters of these natural springs in use for over 2,500 years.

Sierra Norte Mountains Hiking Trip

Hike the cloud forests and indigenous villages of the Sierra Norte Mountains.

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

Visit Mitla, the ancient Zapotec city known as "The Place of the Dead", Teotitlán del Valle, a Zapotec village known for its time-honored tradition of hand-woven rugs, and the El Tule tree, over 3,000 years old, this tree is the largest biomass on the planet.

Cultural Activities

We organize cultural activities for the weekday afternoons. These activities are designed to accentuate the unique character of Mexico and Oaxaca.

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

Courses

Full course descriptions are available online at www.soleducation.com/mexico

Summer Programs

College Credit: 6 credit hours or 9 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 2 Spanish Language Classes 90 contact hours)

Option 2 - Intensive Spanish Language & Electives (choose 1 Spanish Class & 1 Elective 90 hrs)

Option 3 - Electives (choose 2 Electives 90 contact hours)

Semester Programs

College Credit: 15 credit hours or 22 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 5 Spanish Language Classes 285 contact hours)

Option 2 - Intensive Spanish Language & Electives (mix & match up to 5 classes 225 hours)

Option 3 - Electives (mix & match up to 5 classes 225 hours)

Spanish Language Classes

Each class is 45 classroom contact hours, beginner classes can be up to 75 contact hours

Beginner I

Beginner II

Intermediate I

Intermediate II

Advanced I

Advanced II

Electives (taught in Spanish or English) Each class is 45 classroom contact hours

Creative Writing

Latin American Literature

Mexican Art History

Mexican Economy

Mexican Civilization & Culture

Latin American Poetry

Screenwriting

Mexican Literature

Chicano Literature

History of Mesoamerica

Contemporary Mexico

Mexican Theater

Medical Spanish

Drawing I & II

Practical Writing

Mexican Cinema

Mexican History & Culture

Mexico-U.S. Relations: 19th & 20th - Century

Advanced Spanish Composition

The Mexican Short Story

Contemporary Mexican Women Film Directors

Business Spanish

Contemporary Mexican Women Writers

Narrative of the Mexican Revolution

Economics

Human Rights in Mexico

Painting I & II

Photography

Classes with Local Mexican Students

See academic section on website for full course listings.

Academic Areas of Study

Architecture

Ecology

Education

Humanities

Linguistics

Business

Economics

Graphic Design

Law

Sociology

Dates & Prices*

All programs include full tuition, homestay room & board, excursions, cultural activities, director support, medical insurance & much more! See page 4 for full list.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER I	SUMMER II	SUMMER III
Mid May - Mid June (4 weeks)	Mid June - Mid July (4 weeks)	Mid July - Early August (4 weeks)
\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750

BACK to BACK Summer Sessions

Stay 2 Summers Sessions (8 weeks)	Stay 3 Summers Sessions (12 weeks)	Stay extra weeks (cost per week)
\$4,850	\$6,850	\$795

SEMESTER & YEAR PROGRAMS

FALL SEMESTER		
Late August - Early December	Intensive Spanish Language	\$6,950
Late August - Early December	Spanish Language & Electives	\$6,950
Late August - Early December	Classes with Locals	\$6,950

SPRING SEMESTER		
Late January - Early May	Intensive Spanish Language	\$6,950
Late January - Early May	Spanish Language & Electives	\$6,950
Late January - Early May	Classes with Locals	\$6,950

ACADEMIC YEAR		
Late August - Early May	All Academics Options Available	\$13,950

INTENSIVE SPANISH PROGRAM (includes everything except excursions)

1, 2, 3 WEEKS OR 1 MONTH (available during non-summer months)			
\$995 (1 week)	\$1,450 (2 week)	\$1,850 (3 week)	\$2,450 (1 month)

SPRING BREAK & FACULTY-LED CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

Affordable 1 to 2 week packages. Start any Saturday!	
\$995 (1 week)	\$1,450 (2 weeks)

WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS

Affordable 2 to 3 week packages! (Choose 1 Spanish Language or Elective Class)		
Late December - Mid January	Early January - Mid January	Early January - Late January
\$1,850 (3 weeks)	\$1,450 (2 weeks)	\$1,850 (3 weeks)

* Please visit our website at www.soleducation.com for latest dates and prices.



Costa Rica

This program is a blast! You learn more culturally, academically, and environmentally than you could possibly imagine.

Erica Allseit — The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	
PROGRAM LOCATION	Heredia, Costa Rica
UNIVERSITY	Interamerican University
CREDITS	Summer (3 credit hours / 4 quarter units) Semester (15 credit hours / 22 quarter units)
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	Spanish
HOUSING	Homestay, 3 meals per day, laundry
EXCURSIONS	Included (see list on next page)
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	Included (see list on next page)
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	Yes
PROGRAM DATES	Summer, Semester, Winter Session, Spring Break, Academic Year
ELIGIBILITY	No language background required. All majors are accepted.



Study Abroad in Heredia, Costa Rica

Costa Rica

Learn Spanish in Costa Rica, one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Discover a country of friendly people and breathtaking scenery. 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. It is considered one of the best places in the world to study Spanish due to the clear and enjoyable accent of its inhabitants.

Heredia

You will live in the cool highlands of Costa Rica in the beautiful city of Heredia, 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. Heredia provides a wonderful mix of old and new and is the perfect place to study Spanish and explore Costa Rica.

Interamerican University

This private, fully accredited university was founded in 1986. It has a full range of degrees for students that come from all over the world. The university is located on a spacious campus set amongst pine trees and abundant green space for studying outside and intramural sports. First-rate academics combined with a beautiful locale make the Interamerican University a world-class location for study abroad.

Homestay (Room & Board) & Meals

There is no better way to improve your Spanish and learn more about the culture than by living with our carefully selected local host families. You will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner with your family.

Included Excursions

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

Experience the natural beauty of an active volcano and soak in the exotic hot springs. Horseback through the rain forest and feel the rush of a zipline.

Pacific Beach (Curu Wildlife Refuge, Montezuma Beach, & Isla Tortuga Snorkeling)

Get up close and personal with white-faced monkeys, sloths, and relax on pristine beaches.

Poás Volcano Hike & La Paz Waterfall

Hike to the crater's edge of an active volcano at Poás Volcano National Park.

White-Water Rafting

Experience the rush of white-water rafting through Costa Rica's tropical landscapes.

Monteverde Cloud Forest & Rain Forest Zipline (seasonal)

Hike in the verdant cloud forest of Monteverde and do a zipline tour.

San José City Tour

Tour the historical capital city of Costa Rica.

Nicaragua or Panama (semester only)

Get off the beaten path, and travel to one of Costa Rica's beautiful neighbors and experience the life and culture of another Central American country.

Cultural Activities

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

- *Coffee Tour*
- *Soccer Matches*
- *Theater Performance*
- *Photography Class*
- *Traditional Cooking Classes*
- *Movie Night*
- *City Tours*
- *Spa Retreat*
- *Yoga & Dance Classes*
- *Art Classes*
- *Hiking*
- *Festivals & Market Day*

Courses

Full course descriptions are available online at www.soleducation.com/costarica

Summer Programs

College Credit: 3 to 5 credit hours or 4 to 7 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 1 Spanish Language Class - up to 75 contact hrs)

Semester Programs

College Credit: 15 credit hours or 22 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 4 Spanish Language Classes - taught in consecutive order - up to 240 contact hrs)

Option 2 - Classes with Locals & Intensive Spanish Language (mix & match up to 5 Classes with Locals & Spanish Language Classes - up to 300 contact hrs)

Option 3 - Classes with Locals (choose up to 5 Classes with Locals - up to 300 contact hrs)

Spanish Language Classes

Each class is 45 classroom contact hours, beginner classes can be up to 75 contact hours

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

Classes with Local Costa Rican Students

Each class from each department is 45 to 60 classroom contact hours

See academic section on website for full course listings

Academic Areas of Study

<i>Architecture</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>
<i>Communications</i>	<i>Computer Science</i>
<i>Ecology</i>	<i>Economics</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>Engineering</i>
<i>Humanities</i>	<i>Hotel Management</i>
<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Public Relations</i>
<i>Sociology</i>	

Dates & Prices*

All programs include full tuition, homestay room & board, excursions, cultural activities, director support, medical insurance & much more! See page 4 for full list.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

BACK to BACK Summer Sessions

Stay 2 Summer Sessions (6 weeks) - 2 Spanish Classes	\$3,550
Stay 3 Summer Sessions (9 weeks) - 3 Spanish Classes	\$4,750
Stay 4 Summer Sessions (12 weeks) - 4 Spanish Classes	\$6,950

Summer Classes with Costa Rican Students

Mid May - Mid August (15 weeks)	\$6,950
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SEMESTER & YEAR PROGRAMS

FALL SEMESTER

Early September - Mid December	Intensive Spanish Language	\$6,950
Early September - Mid December	Classes with Locals & Spanish Language Classes	\$6,950

SPRING SEMESTER

Early January - Late April	Intensive Spanish Language	\$6,950
Early January - Late April	Classes with Locals & Spanish Language Classes	\$6,950

ACADEMIC YEAR

Early September - Late April	All Academics Options Available	\$13,950
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INTENSIVE SPANISH PROGRAM (includes everything except excursions)

1, 2, 3 WEEKS OR 1 MONTH (available during non-summer months)

\$995 (1 week)	\$1,695 (2 weeks)	\$2,395 (3 weeks)	\$2,950 (1 month)
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SPRING BREAK & FACULTY-LED CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

Affordable 1 to 2 week packages. Start any Saturday!

\$995 (1 week)	\$1,895 (2 weeks)
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WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS

Affordable 2 to 3 week packages! (Choose 1 Spanish Language Class)

Late December - Mid January	Early January - Mid January	Early January - Late January
\$2,395 (3 weeks)	\$1,695 (2 weeks)	\$2,395 (3 weeks)

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Spain

“I have fallen in love with Granada and I can't wait to come back! It has opened my eyes to the way people live in other cultures. Come with an open mind, come prepared to grow.”

Jane Adolph – St. Edward's University, Austin, TX

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	
PROGRAM LOCATION	Granada, Spain
UNIVERSITY	University of Granada
CREDITS	Summer (6 credit hours / 9 quarter units) Semester (15 credit hours / 22 quarter units)
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	Spanish, English
HOUSING	Homestay, 3 meals per day, laundry
EXCURSIONS	Included (see list on next page)
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	Included (see list on next page)
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	Yes
PROGRAM DATES	Summer, Semester, Winter Session, Spring Break, Academic Year
ELIGIBILITY	No language background required. All majors are accepted.

Study Abroad in Granada, Spain

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 include the Romans, Moors, and Gypsies. While living in Spain, you will learn about the diversity of cultures the country offers. Come experience the fascination and intrigue of Spain!

Granada

Learn Spanish in the vibrant city of Granada! Explore the narrow, cobblestone streets of the former Muslim quarter, full of Moroccan tea houses and shops. Wander the passageways of the Alhambra or enter the white-washed caves of the Gypsies and experience the passion of a flamenco performance. Stroll Granada's historic streets, lined with Europe's top fashion stores. In addition to the mysteries and intrigue of the city, the Sierra Nevada Mountains provide an impressive backdrop to all that Granada has to offer.

University of Granada

Study at the prestigious University of Granada's CLM (Center of Modern Languages), founded in 1531, and located in one of the city's most historic neighborhoods. Walking to class you will pass through winding cobblestone streets and hidden plazas. Spanish classes are taught in historic buildings dating to the 16th century. There is a wonderful mix of Spaniards and international students at the university, providing an opportunity outside of the classroom to practice Spanish with both locals and students from around the world.

Homestay (Room & Board) & Laundry

There is no better way to improve your Spanish and learn more about the culture than by living with our carefully selected local host families. You will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner with your family.

Included Excursions

Costa del Sol Beaches (Nerja)

Explore intimate beaches, tucked amongst cliffs and rocks jutting from the sea.

Sierra Nevada Mountain Villages

Hike in the high Sierra Nevada Mountains and explore the lost villages of the Moors.

Mediterranean Beaches

Visit the golden beaches of the Mediterranean and relax in the deep, blue waters.

Alhambra Palace

Explore the exotic Alhambra, the ancient palace of the Sultans.

Seville (Summer I & Semester Programs)

Tour one of the most historic cities in Europe, and the artistic and cultural capital of southern Spain.

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

Courses

Full course descriptions are available online at www.soleducation.com/spain

Summer Programs

College Credit: 6 credit hours or 8 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 1 Spanish Language Class)

Option 2 - Intensive Spanish Language & Electives (choose 1 Spanish Language & 2 Electives)

Option 3 - Electives (choose up to 4 Elective Classes)

(Each option is up to 90 classroom contact hours. Intermediate & Advanced classes will count as 2 classes at your home university)

Spanish Language Classes (available for summer & semester programs)

<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>

Elective Classes (available for summer programs only)

<i>Geography of Spain</i>	<i>History of Spain</i>	<i>Spanish Art History</i>
<i>Spanish Civilization & Culture</i>	<i>Islamic Culture in Spain</i>	<i>Spanish Literature</i>
<i>Introduction to Business Spanish</i>	<i>Latin American Literature</i>	<i>Varieties of Spanish</i>
<i>Latin American Civilization & Culture</i>		

Semester Programs

College Credit: 15 credit hours or 22 quarter units

Option 1 - Intensive Spanish Language (choose 4 Spanish Language Classes - 350 contact hours)

Option 2 - Intensive Spanish Language & Electives (choose 5 Spanish Language Classes & Electives - 225 contact hours)

Elective Classes (taught in Spanish) Each class is 45 classroom contact hours

<i>Speaking & Writing Skills</i>	<i>Spanish Grammar</i>
<i>Varieties of Spanish</i>	<i>Translations from English to Spanish</i>
<i>Business Spanish</i>	<i>Teaching English to Spanish Speakers</i>
<i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>	<i>Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language</i>
<i>Geography of Spain</i>	<i>Spanish Literature (Enlightenment, Romanticism, Realism)</i>
<i>Latin American Literature</i>	<i>Spanish Literature (Renaissance & Baroque)</i>
<i>History of Spain (Modern Age)</i>	<i>Spanish Theater</i>
<i>History of America</i>	<i>History of Spain (19th Century - Civil War)</i>
<i>History of Spanish Cinema</i>	<i>History of Spain (Franco - Present Day)</i>
<i>History of Spanish Music</i>	<i>Economics & Business in Spain & Latin America</i>
<i>Political System of the E.U.</i>	<i>Spanish Art History (Antiquity - Renaissance)</i>
<i>Politics & Government of Spain</i>	<i>Latin American Civilization & Culture</i>
<i>Spanish Civilization & Culture</i>	<i>Spanish Art (Baroque - Present Day)</i>
<i>Flamenco & Traditional Music</i>	<i>Health, Ecology & the Environment</i>
<i>Present Day Spain & Islam</i>	<i>Image of Women in Spanish Lit (17th-21st Centuries)</i>
<i>Islamic Culture in Spain</i>	<i>Economics (of Spain or Latin America)</i>

Elective Classes (taught in Spanish or English) Each class is 45 contact hours

<i>Speaking & Writing Skills</i>	<i>Spanish Grammar</i>
<i>Varieties of Spanish</i>	<i>Introduction to Business Spanish</i>
<i>Geography of Spain</i>	<i>Spanish Literature until the 19th century</i>
<i>History of Spain</i>	<i>Spanish Literature 19th-20th century</i>
<i>Spanish Art History</i>	<i>Latin American Civilization & Culture</i>
<i>Islamic Culture in Spain</i>	<i>Political System of Spain & the E.U.</i>
<i>Spanish Civilization & Culture</i>	<i>Spanish & Latin American Economics</i>

Dates & Prices*

All programs include full tuition, homestay room & board, excursions, cultural activities, director support, medical insurance & much more! See page 4 for full list.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER I	SUMMER II	SUMMER III	SUMMER III
June (5 weeks)	July (4 weeks)	August (3 weeks)	August (4 weeks)
\$3,895	\$3,895	\$3,450	\$3,895

BACK to BACK Summer Sessions

Stay 2 Summers Sessions (8 weeks)	Stay 3 Summers Sessions (12 weeks)	Stay extra weeks (cost per week)
\$6,995	\$8,995	\$995

SEMESTER & YEAR PROGRAMS

FALL SEMESTER		
Late September - Mid December	Intensive Spanish Language or Spanish Language & Electives	\$9,295
Late August - Mid December	Intensive Spanish Language or Spanish Language & Electives (includes 1 month of Intensive Spanish Language)	\$10,795
SPRING SEMESTER		
Late January - Mid May	Intensive Spanish Language or Spanish Language & Electives	\$9,295
Early January - Mid May	Intensive Spanish Language or Spanish Language & Electives (includes 1 month of Intensive Spanish Language)	\$10,795
ACADEMIC YEAR		
Late August - Mid May	All Academics Options Available	\$17,995

INTENSIVE SPANISH PROGRAM (includes everything except excursions)

1, 2, 3 WEEKS OR 1 MONTH (available during non-summer months)			
\$1,245 (1 week)	\$1,945 (2 weeks)	\$2,645 (3 weeks)	\$3,195 (1 month)

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\$2,645 (3 weeks)	\$1,945 (2 weeks)	\$2,645 (3 weeks)

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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.
- A \$35 fee will be assessed for all returned checks.
- 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.
- Program payments can be made online by check or credit card via our website at www.soleducation.com/payonline. If you prefer, you can also mail us a personal check, cashier's check, or money order. All checks should be made payable to "Sol Education Abroad".

Refund Policy

- \$50 of the application deposit is non-refundable once a participant is accepted.
- After the application due date, no part of the \$150 application deposit is refundable, regardless of the participant's reason for program cancellation or withdrawal.
- For all withdrawal or refund requests, Sol Education Abroad must receive a request in writing via email or fax. The request must be received by the stated withdrawal and refund deadlines.

Withdrawal Policy

- 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.
- After the forms and payment due date but 1 to 20 days prior to departure, there is no refund issued.
- There is no refund issued if a participant is expelled from the program due to a violation of Sol Education Abroad's conduct standards.
- A student who withdraws before the program start date, due to serious illness or other extenuating circumstances, will receive a refund minus the application deposit and any fees incurred on the student's behalf. If the withdrawal is due to illness, a written document must be provided by a licensed physician stating that the student is unable to participate in the program and the reason.

- Once the program begins there are no refunds. If a student decides to withdraw prior to the end of the program, the student is responsible for all fees and changes associated with their return home.

Program Cancellation Policy

Sol Education Abroad reserves the right to cancel or makes changes to any of our programs as deemed necessary by the program administration. Sol Education Abroad will provide participants and their families with as much advanced notice as possible of such a decision. Upon cancellation, accepted applicants are presented with the following choices:

- Change to a different program offered during a similar time period.
- Change to a future program that is offered within one year of the original program dates.
- A full refund of all fees paid.

Program Change Fee

- All participants may change to a different program location or to a different set of dates one time prior to official program acceptance without incurring any fees.
- For any changes a student makes after official acceptance into the program there is a \$100 program change fee. Notification of the program change must be received by the Forms & Payment Due Date. After this date, changes are only permitted on a case-by-case basis.
- Any participant is only permitted to change a maximum of two times.
- For late applicants, the \$100 program change fee applies to any changes.
- Change requests must be received in writing, either by email or fax. Sol Education Abroad will acknowledge a change by sending a confirmation email to you for your records.

For a complete listing of our policies visit www.soleducation.com/policy



U.S. Universities our Students Attend

Our students come from select universities 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 U.S. universities our students attend:

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| <i>Brigham Young University – Provo, UT</i> | <i>Texas State – San Marcos, TX</i> |
| <i>Brooklyn College – Brooklyn, NY</i> | <i>Tulane University – New Orleans, LA</i> |
| <i>Brown University – Providence, RI</i> | <i>UC Berkeley – Berkeley, CA</i> |
| <i>Carthage College – Kenosha, WI</i> | <i>UC Davis – Davis, CA</i> |
| <i>Central Michigan – Mount Pleasant, MI</i> | <i>UC Irvine – Irvine, CA</i> |
| <i>CSULB – Long Beach, CA</i> | <i>UC Riverside – Riverside, CA</i> |
| <i>Dominican University – San Rafael, CA</i> | <i>UCLA – Los Angeles, CA</i> |
| <i>Eastern University – St. David's, PA</i> | <i>UCSB – Santa Barbara, CA</i> |
| <i>Kent State University – Kent, OH</i> | <i>UCSD – San Diego, CA</i> |
| <i>Lee University – Cleveland, TN</i> | <i>UMBC – Baltimore, MD</i> |
| <i>Manhattanville College – Purchase, NY</i> | <i>UNC Asheville – Asheville, NC</i> |
| <i>Maryland College of Art – Baltimore, MD</i> | <i>UNH – Durham, NH</i> |
| <i>Mary Washington – Fredericksburg, VA</i> | <i>University of Colorado Boulder – Boulder, CO</i> |
| <i>McDaniel College – Westminster, MD</i> | <i>University of Delaware – Newark, DE</i> |
| <i>Millersville University – Millersville, PA</i> | <i>University of Houston – Houston, TX</i> |
| <i>Mississippi State – Starkville, MS</i> | <i>University of Missouri – Columbia, MO</i> |
| <i>NYU - Tisch – New York, NY</i> | <i>University of North Texas – Denton, TX</i> |
| <i>Oregon State – Corvallis, OR</i> | <i>University of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh, PA</i> |
| <i>Pitzer College – Claremont, CA</i> | <i>University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC</i> |
| <i>Rollins College – Winter Park, FL</i> | <i>University of Tennessee – Martin, TN</i> |
| <i>Santa Ana College – Santa Ana, CA</i> | <i>University of Washington – Seattle, WA</i> |
| <i>Santa Rosa Junior College – Santa Rosa, CA</i> | <i>UTSA – San Antonio, TX</i> |
| <i>SDSU – San Diego, CA</i> | <i>Wagner College – New York, NY</i> |
| <i>Sonoma State – Rohnert Park, CA</i> | <i>West Virginia University – Morgantown, WV</i> |
| <i>St. Edward's University – Austin, TX</i> | <i>Winona State – Winona, MN</i> |
| <i>Texas A&M – College Station, TX</i> | <i>Xavier University – Cincinnati, OH</i> |

Apply Online!

Submit your application online at www.soleducation.com/apply

We want the application process to be as simple and straightforward as possible. If you have any questions at any point please do not hesitate to contact us. That's what we're here for!

- Step 1:** Select the program(s) that you are interested in.
- Step 2:** Submit your application online at www.soleducation.com/apply and pay your \$150 deposit, which is applied toward the program price and reserves your place in the program. You can pay online by check or credit card or mail us a check. Please make all checks payable to "Sol Education Abroad".
- Step 3:** Send us your transcript either by mail, fax, or email.
- Step 4:** Obtain a Teacher Recommendation, found on our application page at www.soleducation.com/apply

Once we receive your application you will receive a personal call to let you know of your acceptance status. Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis.

Program Session	Application Due Date	Forms & Payment Due Date
Summer I & II	May 10	May 15
Summer III & IV	May 20	May 25
Spring Semester	December 1	December 15
Fall Semester	July 15	July 30
Winter Break, Spring Break, Intensive Spanish	4 weeks prior to start date	2 weeks prior to start date

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