

MEDICAL INTERNSHIP - SALUD BRAZIL



Salud Brazil is a 4-week program developed by Fast Forward Language Institute in partnership with the Federal University of Alagoas and the Hospital Universitário. Combining Portuguese language classes and medical vocabulary with an emphasis on Tropical Diseases with a 2-week hospital internship, this course provides participants with key information for understanding the reality of Brazilian medicine.

The primary goal of Salud Brazil is improving the students' knowledge of Portuguese language and Brazilian culture while developing those skills required in doctor/patient relationships as well as other medical areas. This course is geared towards healthcare professionals and students of medicine, nursing, public health, etc.

The Salud Brazil study materials were carefully developed from medical reports of current case studies taken at the Hospital Universitário. This material covers subjects such as:

- General Medical terminology
- Doctor/patient relationships
- Tropical Diseases (Dengue, Yellow Fever, Malaria)
- Vocabulary of the Human Body (General, Head and Mouth, Internal Organs)

Classes are held at school, led by a medical Infectologist specialized in Tropical Diseases. As part of the program's material, students receive a personalized coat and a Portuguese-English dictionary of medical vocabulary.

The clinic internship is held at Hospital Universitário and students take part as student-observers. Foreign students have the opportunity to meet and interact with local university students attending classes at the clinic as part of their degree, making friends and exchanging knowledge and experiences while they learn.

A basic to intermediate level of Portuguese is required for students applying for this program. Students who do not have those levels will just need to take a 2-week General Portuguese course in order to join a group for Salud Brazil.

SALUD BRAZIL – Schedule

Week #1

Sunday, July 06

Arrival in Brazil, Maceio airport. Pick-up is included.

Monday, July 07

08:00 Language placement test and Orientation (general procedures)

09:30 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons (finish)

Lunch break

Tuesday, July 08

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons (finish)

Lunch break

15:30 Workshop: medical vocabulary (the human body in general)

16:30 End of workshop

Wednesday, July 09

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Lunch break

13:30 Workshop: introduction to medical vocabulary (Hospital: materials and staff)

15:00 End of workshop

Thursday, July 10

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Lunch break

13:30 Workshop: medical vocabulary (introduction to Tropical Diseases)

15:00 End of workshop

Friday, July 11

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Saturday, July 12

07:00 Departure from school for a weekend excursion including a visit to the city of Recife and the historical city of Olinda.

10:00 Estimated time of arrival in Porto de Galinhas, where we will enjoy the most famous beach on the Pernambuco coast.

12:00 Lunch in Porto de Galinhas

13:30 Departure to Recife

15:00 Estimated time of arrival in Recife. Hotel check-in.

16:00 We visit downtown Recife and its main tourist attractions, such as museums, monuments and town squares.

19:00 Dinner

22:00 Arrive at the hotel to change

23:30 Night out at a dancing bar downtown

Sunday, July 13

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Check-out and departure to Olinda, one of the most famous historic cities in Brazil. We spend the whole day there.

13:00 Lunch break

16:00 Departure to Maceio

22:00 Arrival in Maceio

Week #2

Monday, July 14

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Lunch break

17:00 Lecture: Brief introduction to the Brazilian medical scene and Tropical diseases. (These lessons are held at school and given by a specialist in tropical diseases).

18:00 End of lecture

Tuesday, July 15

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Lunch break

17:00 Lecture on Tropical Diseases ("Yellow Fever")

18:00 End of lecture

Wednesday, July 16

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Lunch break

17:00 Lecture on Tropical diseases ("Malaria")

18:00 End of lecture

Thursday, July 17

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Lunch break

17:00 Lecture on Tropical Diseases ("Dengue")

18:00 End of lecture

Friday, July 18

08:00 Portuguese lessons

11:50 Portuguese lessons

Lunch break

17:00 Lecture on Tropical Diseases

18:00 End of lecture

Saturday, July 19

Free day

Sunday, July 20

Free day

Week #3**Monday, July 21**

08:00 Departure from our school, accompanied by a service learning teacher from Hospital Universitário.

09:00 The first day of service learning at the hospital is introductory. Students meet teachers and colleagues and are introduced to the hospital's rules and regulations.

12:00 End of the first day of service learning at the hospital. A teacher picks the students up and takes them back to school.

Tuesday, July 22

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Wednesday, July 23

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Thursday, July 24

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Friday, July 25

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Saturday, July 26

06:00 Departure to Caruaru. Located in the state of Pernambuco, this city is famous for its picturesque public market. According to the locals, you can find anything there.

10:00 Arrival in Caruaru. Visit the market.

12:00 Lunch break

13:30 Go to our Inn in Bonito, less than one hour away from Caruaru. This city has beautiful waterfalls which will be visited on our excursion.

14:30 Arrive at the Inn. Settle in and then start our hike in the hills surrounding the city. At the end of this day we will watch a sunset at a famous lookout point.

Sunday, July 27

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Start our hiking in the hills and visit more waterfalls

12:00 Lunch break

15:00 Departure to Maceio

20:00 Arrival in Maceio

Week #4

Monday, July 28

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário
09:00 Start service learning
12:00 End of service learning

Tuesday, July 29

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário
09:00 Start service learning

Wednesday, July 30

08:00 Departure to Hospital Dia/Hospital Universitário
09:00 Start service learning
12:00 End of service learning

Thursday, July 31

08:00 Departure to Hospital Dia/Hospital Universitário
09:00 Start service learning
12:00 End of service learning

Friday, August 01

08:00 Departure to Hospital Dia/Hospital Universitário
09:00 Start service learning
12:00 End of service learning

Important Note

The schedule is subject to change and substitution. In order for you to get the most out of the lectures and hands-on experience, you should be at least a low intermediate-level Portuguese speaker (approximately 3 semesters of Portuguese in college, or 2 years of high school Portuguese). If you are currently at a level below low intermediate, you may still apply, but we strongly recommend that you also register for at least an additional 2 weeks of classes prior to the start of the SALUD program.

Getting There

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to Maceio. Upon arrival in Maceio, you will be picked up and taken to your host family. Students should plan to arrive on Sunday, July 06, and depart on Sunday, August 03, 2007. If participants need to arrive a few days earlier or stay a few days later, this is possible at a cost of \$25/day.

Cost: US\$ 2.020,00

Deadlines

- \$200 deposit due with application
- 6 weeks prior to start date– final payment

Extensions

- Extra Homestay Days, \$25/day
- Additional weeks of classes and homestay, \$350/week

Re-Cap of what's included

- Airport pick-up;
- Accommodation in private room/half board;
- 2 weeks of 20 classes group tuition per week, morning or afternoon according to schedule of hospital work and planned excursions;
- 2 weeks of observation classes at the Hospital;
- 2 weekend activities (as described in this program);
- Orientation tour & materials.

Photo Gallery

