



# SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ARGENTINA \* BOLIVIA \* GUATEMALA

(We also have Swahili in Kenya, Mandarin in China, and Portuguese in Brazil)

#### WHY LEARN SPANISH IN LATIN AMERICA?

Immerse yourself in the colour, culture and pulsating rhythms of life of Latin America and learn much more than just Spanish!

Taking part in a language immersion course in a Spanish-speaking country is the most effective, inspiring and fun way to learn. It is also a truly unforgettable travel experience! It will open the door for you to communicate with an estimated 500 *million* Spanish-speakers in 21 countries worldwide, both on your travels and in the global marketplace.

Imagine: taking a relaxed afternoon stroll through the elegant plazas of Buenos Aires, stopping to order some tapas in a local café; bargaining for brightly hued textiles among the bustling marketplaces of Cochabamba in Bolivia; catching a local bus from Antigua to the Mayan ruins of the Guatemalan jungles... imagine spending weekends off travelling to some of the world's most awe-inspiring mountain ranges, trekking through lush jungles or swimming in azure oceans... imagine being able to do all this independently and with confidence in the local language. This is an invaluable skill which can't simply be taught – it has to be experienced!



#### WHERE CAN I GO?

Our Spanish courses take place in **Argentina**, **Bolivia** and **Guatemala**. We run several Spanish courses to cater for every level from absolute beginner to advanced.

You can study at a University, School or Language Centre, in group classes with other volunteers or with a private tutor. Hours vary and you have the option to combine your Spanish course with any of the many voluntary work placements within that country. For instance, many teaching or work experience volunteers take part in a Spanish course to supplement their teaching, or add a fun tango or salsa **dance course** on to their placement to get into the swing of life in Latin America!

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN MY FEE?



We'll send you stacks of information about your placement and host country, along with safety information and lots of advice about visas, travel insurance and booking flights. Our friendly and knowledgeable local staff in each destination will greet you from the airport, take you to your accommodation, give you a full induction into the country and be around 24/7 should you need anything. We will keep in contact with you throughout your placement, ensuring that you are enjoying yourself and getting everything out of the experience that you hoped for.

On top of your professional language tuition, generally all of your food and accommodation is included in your placement fee, as well as round-the-clock support and assistance in the country and back-up from our UK office. Accommodation will vary depending on your individual requirements and may be in home stays, hostels, rented accommodation or in a room on the campus of a University.

Below is an overview of our Spanish courses. More detailed information is available on request - please let us know!

## ARGENTINA

Placements here are based in the cosmopolitan, elegant capital city of **Buenos Aires**, where you can see history come alive as you meander through colonial-style buildings and skyscrapers, Victorian antique shops, lively tango bars and rainbow-coloured side-streets. With its proudly European heritage, Buenos Aires is a South American city in which visitors can feel at ease.



There are two types of course available:

- Lessons with a private teacher
- Intensive Course at the University of Buenos Aires

**Private Lessons** will be held with a qualified Spanish teacher. They are monthly courses and can either be taken as an individual programme at Intensive Level or they can be combined with another programme. If lessons are taken at Intensive Level you will have 10 hours of classes per week, (five, two hour lesson). If you are combining Spanish lessons with another programme you will have 6 hours of lessons per week (three, two hour lessons).



All lessons are individually tailored to your level of expertise and can either be held at a local language centre, or in your accommodation. At the end of the course, you'll receive a Certificate issued by the Institute your teacher belongs to, stating that you have done the course, to what level, and the duration in hours of the course you have completed. Private lessons are recommended if you are a complete beginner and want to spend time learning at your own pace.

**Spanish Course at the University of Buenos Aires** has intensive one month courses that can be taken at all levels from beginner to advanced. The course also includes cultural visits to museums, movies, city tours and the theatre. These usually take place after a class or at weekends and all the time on the activity you will be expected to speak in Spanish. You may be given work sheets and exercises to complete during these visits. Regular lessons are held from Monday to Friday.

There are a maximum of fourteen students per group and the idea of the course is to do a little bit of everything, from writing, reading and conversation skills. You may find that you are learning Spanish with other international students from around the world.

## BOLIVIA

2,558 meters above sea level, the city of **Cochabamba** sits on the highest plateau of Bolivia's 'Valley of Eternal Springtime'. As its name suggests, the area enjoys an ideal climate and a landscape that offers snow-peaked mountains, humid, tropical valleys and fertile, temperate countryside.

Bolivia's largest market town and still an economically progressive centre, the modern city of Cochabamba, retains its colonial flavour and is home to *La Cancha*, a famously lively outdoor market where for a bargain price you can buy anything from colorful weaved handbags to medicinal herbs!

**The intensive, one-week Spanish course** in Cochabamba is offered to volunteers already taking part in a voluntary placement. Bolivia is one of South America's poorest countries, so your help here is very much needed! Other projects available in Bolivia are: teaching, care and orphanage projects, coaching football and an acting workshop. The intensive Spanish course includes 10 – 20 hours of tuition, either privately or in a small group in a Language School. You can also continue lessons on a part-time basis throughout your placement. Groups are kept as small as possible, so you'll get plenty of individual tuition before hitting the town's many attractions to practice your new skills!



## GUATEMALA

This tropical paradise is high on many travellers' wish-lists – and for good reason! Placements here are based in the stunningly picturesque tourist town of **Antigua**, set against a background of three giant guardian volcanoes and *the* Mecca for learning Spanish in Central America. Travellers work with several carefully chosen Language Centres here, where professional yet informal staff will ensure that you receive first-rate tuition.

During your free time you'll have plenty of opportunity to absorb Antigua's colourful, mellow yet distinctly international feel, as well as exploring the country's vast array of natural wonders, from dense rainforest to glistening volcanic beaches, and to learn something of its captivating - and often turbulent - history.

**Intensive Spanish courses** consist of 20 hours per week, 4 hours per day Monday – Friday at beginner, intermediate or advanced level. Classes are held from 8 am to 12 pm or 2 pm to 6 pm. You have the option of studying individually on a one-to-one basis, or in small groups ranging from between 2 to 4 students. All classes are predominantly held in Spanish and you will be encouraged to speak and eventually think in Spanish as much as possible! However, don't let this intimidate you as most teachers will speak English.

At the end of the course, you'll receive a Certificate issued by Antigua's internationally-renowned APPE Spanish School, stating that you have done the course, to what level, and the duration in hours of the course you have completed. It's also possible to combine your Spanish with a teaching placement.

Enjoy the benefits of studying alongside other students from all over the globe! Whether you decide to study a Spanish course individually or amongst friends, you won't be alone because each centre may host many groups simultaneously, making this a fun and sociable placement.

### THE NEXT STEP

If you would like to join us on one of our exciting projects then please fill in either an online application form at our website ([www.travellersworldwide.com](http://www.travellersworldwide.com)) or one that is attached to our brochure. Once you have booked and confirmed your place we will send you detailed pack information regarding your placement and country.

**I do hope you join us and please do call or email if you have any questions at all about this or any of our other projects – 01903 502595 or email [info@travellersworldwide.com](mailto:info@travellersworldwide.com)**

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