



## ARGENTINA: SPANISH COURSES IN BUENOS AIRES AND MENDOZA

LATIN AMERICA ... THE ANDES ...  
THE IGUACU FALLS

Argentina is at once majestic and flamboyant!

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. From the magnificent Andes Mountains to the awesome power and beauty of the Iguazu Falls, your placement in this colourful country will be unforgettable



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- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



### ► SUMMARY FACTFILE

<b>Start Dates</b>	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
<b>Duration</b>	Minimum stay on this project is 2 weeks. You can participate for up to 1 year, subject to visa requirements
<b>Requirements</b>	You should either be studying TV journalism or a related subject. Minimum age 17.
<b>Price</b>	For up-to-date prices, please check our website <a href="http://www.travellersworldwide.com">www.travellersworldwide.com</a>
<b>What's included</b>	► Course fees and some materials ► Accommodation ► Food (excluding Lunch) ► Meeting you at BA Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support.
<b>What's not included</b>	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Transfer to and from your project, Return transfer to airport.
<b>Who can do this Project?</b>	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

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## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

We offer Spanish in two locations, in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires or at the foothills of the Andes, in Mendoza.

### The Spanish Programme:

In Buenos Aires you can study Spanish on a structured course at the University of Buenos Aires or with private tutors who will tailor your lessons to your individual needs. The two types of course available are:

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

In Mendoza, Volunteers participate in the group lessons with the other regular Spanish students. Group lessons are 20 hours per week, 4 hours per day from 8:30am to 10:30am, and 11:00am to 1pm. For students spending more than 2 months on a Spanish program we recommend the semester length course which includes 4 hours per week and is cheaper for the student.

### Work Content

**Buenos Aires** – you can choose to have private lessons or take part at the local university.

**Private Lessons:** These 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. The lessons are usually arranged on a one to one basis where you will receive individual tuition and lessons prepared especially for you.

One lesson each week will be held at a cultural place to enable you to practice you Spanish in real life situations.

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.

These lessons can be taken for a period of one month or more and have no set start and finish dates, so are incredibly flexible.

Private lessons are recommended if you are a complete beginner and want to spend time learning at your own pace. This is also a great option if you want to combine Spanish lessons with another programme, such as teaching. If you do want to combine lessons, there is a discounted combination price (please contact us for details).

**Spanish Course at the University:** The University of Buenos Aires is divided into various schools, one of which is the schools of Agronomy. This school has set up its own language extension which runs specially designed courses to help foreigners learn Spanish. The courses can be taken at all levels from beginner to advanced and are Intensive one month courses. 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 as follows:

Intensive - You will attend three hours of classes a day and all classes are in the afternoon. This course covers a total of 60 hours tuition over one month. Intensive lessons are not recommended if you are doing another placement at the same time.

All lessons (even at beginner level) are held in Spanish – your teacher will explain in English if you don't understand but this is a very effective way of learning Spanish and although you may find it confusing to start with, after a while you will notice how quickly you start to pick up new words.

There is an optional Conversation Club held once per week that you can attend in addition to your course. This is co-ordinated by one of the teachers from the University and all students on language courses are invited to practise their conversational skills with each other. The club aims to encourage conversation skills and there will be lots of locals that you can practise your Spanish with, helping you to put what you have been learning into everyday situations!

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. At the beginning of the course your teacher may talk to you about your



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needs and expectations and depending on your motivation (and that of other students in the class) will direct the lessons accordingly. You may find that you are learning Spanish with other international students from around the world.

All lessons are held at the University which is approximately 15 minutes away via public transport from your accommodation. You will be issued with an ID card when you enrol for the course which permits you to get discounts at various places within the city. There is a multimedia centre just three blocks away and as a student you can use the internet here – ask one of the staff to show you where it is. At the end of the course you will take a written and oral test and on completion of this you will be issued with a certificate to say that you have completed the UBA's Spanish programme and the percentage that you have achieved will be stated.

If you have some knowledge of Spanish prior to taking the course, then please speak to us. You may need to take a written Spanish course before leaving the UK so that we can be sure you are enrolled on the course at the right level. You will then have an interview on arrival in Buenos Aires to determine whether the group you have been assigned to is correct.

### **Mendoza:**

The supervisor has excellent English. Established in 1994, and an associated member of Cervantes' Institute, this language school has an excellent reputation and enjoys an international approach to language learning.

Courses are run all year long. Holidays are compensated with extra hours during the week or Saturdays. The institute has Wi-Fi access and a library.

The courses are for Spanish students from all backgrounds not just Travellers volunteers. There will be a maximum of 6 students per class. You will receive a certificate on completion of your course.

You can combine Spanish courses with any other project in Mendoza.

### **LOCATION:**

Argentina is stunning! Many neighbourhoods have their own unique flair, such as the brightly painted houses of La Boca or beautiful Belgrano. Argentina is a vast country with a dramatically varied landscape, from the subtropical north to the sub-Antarctic south.

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. Argentina is geared up to thrill. Magnificent mountains, vast deserts, dense forests and the majestic Iguazu waterfalls - from the remote wilderness of the pampas to sophisticated Buenos Aires – Argentina is magnificent. Making up almost the entire southern half of South America it is the world's eighth largest country. The amazing array of landscapes includes some of the world's tallest mountains, most impressive deserts, and startling waterfalls. From the hot northern desert land and remote areas in southern Patagonia, to the bustling metropolis of Buenos Aires, Argentina has something for all types of traveler and visitor.



### **ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:**

**Buenos Aires** - There are two choices for accommodation in Buenos Aires. Depending on your preferences you can either stay in the modern hostel, in the young and trendy neighbourhood of Palermo, with other volunteers or, if you would prefer a more cultural experience, you can be placed with a host family and be fluent in Spanish is no time!

#### **Hostels:**

You'll be allocated at our Hostels, depending on which project you do and how many volunteers are there at the same time as you. Generally, we prefer to allocate you to a Hostel which is more convenient for travelling to and from your place of work every day.

Casa Voluntario Global is situated in Downtown Buenos Aires, again very conveniently located for exploring the city and doing shopping. Like the Zentrum, it's big enough to be sociable and fun, yet small enough to feel at home. You'll share a dorm room and have access to kitchen facilities

**Food:** If you're staying in a Hostel, you'll be given an allowance for your meals (breakfast and dinner, lunch is excluded projects in Buenos Aires). This arrangement is to give you the flexibility to sample the great Argentinean



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food. Right on the door step of the hostel there are many cafes and restaurants with great priced menus just waiting for you....the choice is yours!

### Host Families:

Accommodation will be arranged for you with a local host family, allowing you to have a better insight into Argentina and become integrated into life in the region of Mendoza. Basic/intermediate Spanish is required to stay with a Host Family. Facilities in host families do vary but you will have the opportunity to express your preferences regarding the type of family that you stay with (for example, a family with/without children, pets etc.). Please note that if you'd prefer to live with a host family, there is an additional supplement of £190.00 per month with half-board.

These families have been visited and vetted by Travellers and are with friendly and caring families who provide comfortable, warm and safe living surroundings. You'll most likely have access to TV/DVD and communal dining room and you will have your own key. This is an excellent way to improve your Spanish too! You will be met at the airport on your arrival by your family.



**Food:** Breakfast and dinner will be provided by your host family and lunch will be provided for you at work.

Argentine cuisine is an adaptation of Spanish, Italian, Middle Eastern and other European food, with a heavy emphasis on meat, in particular. Vegetarians are not all that common in Argentina, but can be catered for.

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### VISAS:

For most nationalities visas are not required, but don't worry if you do require one we will liaise with you about your visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.

### FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

### INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Argentinean Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Argentina and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

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## COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
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- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

## HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the **Bridge The Gap Foundation**. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.



## COUNTRY PROFILE:

**Latin America... The Andes.... Iguazu Falls...** Argentina is both majestic and flamboyant! **Buenos Aires** is one of the most exciting cities in Latin America. Dynamic and bustling, it is the city that never sleeps. Tango was born here, restaurants serve all manner of world cuisines, bars play the latest music, cafés spill on to the streets and nightclubs allow dancing throughout the night.

West of the Capital is another Argentina, the **pampas**, a great open plain home to cattle and sheep estancias (ranches). Far west of Buenos Aires lies the **Andes**, separating Argentina from Chile. The Andean provinces range from the high plateaus and steep and isolated valleys of the northwest to the lakes and forests of the Lake District and the glaciers of the far south.

Away from the Pampas, much of Argentina is covered by deserts: these range from the burnt landscapes of the **Chaco** and cactus expanses of the west and northwest, to the great steppes which cover most of **Patagonia**. The Atlantic **coastline** stretches south from Buenos Aires to Tierra del Fuego. The stretch just south of the capital is lined with **beach resorts**, the most famous of which is Mar del Plata, seen by Argentines as 'the Biarritz of Argentina'. The southern beaches are occupied by penguins and sea lions.

There are 4 clear seasons.....hot in summer, 35°C average and cold in the winter around 4 – 6°

## THINGS TO DO IN: ARGENTINA

- Visit one of the most spectacular sights in South America, the Iguazu Falls - an **immense natural wonder** dwarfing even Niagara Falls with its beauty and power. The falls divide into some **275 separate cascading waterfalls** catching the light and creating a kaleidoscope of rainbows in their spray.
- Adventure and mountain sports enthusiasts should head to Argentina's biggest wine region, **Mendoza**. Set in the foothills of the Andes mountains, it's a paradise for adrenaline junkies.
- **Dance the Tango!** Enigmatic, sultry, elegant and exuberantly passionate. Getting to grips with this dance is no easy feat but Buenos Aires is certainly the place to learn.

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- 15 years' experience sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of **flexible projects** that are **value for money!**
- Excellent support - second to none in the industry
- Accredited projects helps **appeal to future employers**
- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions prior to, during and after your **trip of a lifetime!**
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our **EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.**
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

### **VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:**

*"I have been very impressed with Travellers staff who are always interested in how I am getting on and willing to help if I need it."* Jess Corbett

*"First impressions are great! Made some friends quickly and the organisers here are also very professional."* Jitesh Parikh

*"I'm having a really wonderful time! I feel that I'm independent and free whilst still having a safety net to fall back on if anything goes wrong. It's very nice to know that there are also people from the company out here to help if there are any problems. I thought 1 month would be more than enough time but as soon as I arrived I realised I wanted to stay so much longer!"* Zahra Al-Nugaidi

### **HOW TO BOOK:**

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

**We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!**

You may also be interested in other courses with Travellers, or do other projects in our other destinations – please visit our [website](#) for details of all our projects. In fact you can choose from over 300 projects in 19 countries!

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