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RDJ LANGUAGE SCHOOL - RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITIES

RDJ Language School provides foreign language training to students from all over the globe. It has been a pioneer in the development and use of interactive video laserdiscs in the teaching of languages, and has produced instructional films in English, Spanish, and French. Linguathec's world-class facilities include fully equipped classrooms with central air-conditioning and heating, plus student access to fax, phone, and e-mail.

Few will argue that **Rio de Janeiro** is among the worlds most beautiful cities. Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", Rio lies between Guanabara Bay, the beautiful beaches of Copacabana, Ipanema, and Leblon, and a tropically forested Mountain range. The outstretched arms of Rio's Christ Redeemer Statue, set atop Corcovado Mountain's 2,307 ft. peak can be seen from any place in the city. Pao de Acucar, (Sugar Loaf) mountain and its cable car mark the location where the city was founded in 1565.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Our methodology uses an exclusive series of interactive video presentations combined with dynamic classroom instruction and interaction. The goal of this methodology is to make students feel comfortable using Portuguese in everyday situations, for example: traveling, conducting business, meetings, using the telephone, participating in a conversation effectively, etc.

Group Course 20 hours per week. RDJ's method emphasizes conversation, so they want students to speak Portuguese. That's why they limit their group size to never more than four people in a class. RDJ Language School fine tunes the formation of groups based on the level of the students that are studying at the school at any given time. Using the results of the oral exam, the school will place the student in a group within one of seven levels which helps reduce the differences in language proficiency between students. Classes are Monday - Friday, 9.00 to 13.00 (1:00 PM).

Semi-Intensive Tutor Course

15 hours per week. RDJ Language School tailor designs a special curriculum based on an assessment of the student's language needs, interests, and the written test and oral interview taken during the first day. Depending upon the intensity of the program students will be assigned two or three instructors during the course. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 12.00.

Group/Tutor - Rio de Janeiro Only

30 hours per week: 20 hrs/wk Group + 10 hrs/wk Tutor. As an alternative to taking just a private or group course, RDJ Language School offers the option of the combo course, which many students take advantage of. This allows the student to combine the Group Program with a two hour per day private course, in order to improve not only general communication skills in the language, but also to tailor the course to meet specific needs.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays It is highly recommended that students take advantage of homestays in order to practice what they learn in class with their familia at home, and to integrate themselves into the Brazilian culture. For this reason, virtually all our students stay with one of the host families. Accommodation includes breakfast and dinner during the week and also lunch on the weekend.

Host family characteristics:

- All families are carefully screened and must meet NRCSA and the center's stringent requirements before being accepted as a host family.
- All host families are middle-class and live in homes and areas that are attractive and safe. Many are single parent families.
- The ages of children in the families range from a few years old to adults. Some homestays are without children.
- Distances from the school vary from a few minutes walk to a 30 minute bus ride.
- Students have their own rooms and sometimes a private bathroom as well.
- Students are free to come and go as they please, but need to respect the routine of the family they are staying with.

Other Accommodation

Rio have numerous hotels some of which are within a short distance of school. Hotels range greatly in price. RDJ Language School has an extensive list of both hotels and apart hotels that they recommend.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

RDJ Language School organizes day and weekend excursions to such sites as Sugar Loaf Mountain, Corcovado, Futebol no Maracana, Jardim Botânico, MAM - Modern Art Museum, Parque Ibirapuera, and Guarujá.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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Program & Admission Information - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Programs

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The classroom environment is "total immersion," which means that the student and the teacher speak only Portuguese. There is never any translation in the classroom and this forces the student to think in Portuguese. Rotating teachers allows the student to be exposed to many types of speakers and ensures that students will understand all people who speak Portuguese. Teacher rotation also keeps class fresh and interesting.

Methodology focuses on speaking and listening. Grammar is very important and students will learn how to use it through a very practical approach without being tedious, boring and repetitive. Students speak Portuguese, not analyze it. The key to learning a new language is communication. Because communication includes reading and writing, they are included throughout the programs.



Group Course 20 hours per week. The conversational aspect of language learning is emphasized, so students focus on speaking Portuguese. That's why the school limits their group size to never more than four people in a class. Group composition is fine-tuned based on the level of the students that are studying at the school at any given time. Using the results of the placement exam, the school will place the student in a group within one of seven levels which helps reduce the differences in language proficiency between students. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 13.00 (1:00 PM) with one break.

Note: If there are only 1-2 students per class, the number of group class hours will be reduced from 20 to 15 hours per week.

Semi-Intensive Tutor Course 20 hours per week. A special curriculum is designed for students based on an assessment of the student's language needs, interests, and the written test and oral interview taken during the first day. Depending upon the intensity of the program students will be assigned two or three instructors during the course. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 13.00.

The advantage of private instruction:

- Learn at the student's own pace, not that of the slowest student in a group class.
- The students can cancel and reschedule classes at no extra cost provided he/she notifies the center's administrative office by 17.00 (5:00 PM) the day prior to classes.
- Because he/she is the only student, they will be speaking and thinking more in Portuguese. Consequently the student should learn faster.



Group/Tutor 30 hours per week: 20 hrs/wk Group + 10 hrs/wk Tutor. As an alternative to taking just a private or group course, the option of the combo course is offered, and utilized by many students. This allows the student to combine the Group Program with a two hour per day private course, in order to improve not only general communication skills in the language, but also to tailor the course to meet specific needs or interest of the student. For example, if you are interested in learning specific vocabulary and expressions used in business, law, medicine, etc., you can focus on those topics during your afternoon private classes.

Programs

Group Course
Semi-Intensive
Tutor Course
Group/Tutor
Group &
Volunteer
Program

Admissions &
Academic
Credit

Activities
Excursions

Comments

"I most enjoyed meeting people from all over the world and making friends with some of my teachers."

University
Student

"The National Registration Center for Study Abroad does not control the academic programs of the schools with which they work ... (they) coordinate the selection and registration process for the prospective student/traveler ... a student of any age or background has the opportunity to experience what many ordinary visitors to a country often miss."

Arizona Republic

Group & Volunteer Program 30 hours per week: 20 hrs/wk Group + 10 hrs/wk Volunteer activities. This program offers students the opportunity to study Portuguese while teaching English, art or sporting activities to children from Rio's Cantagalo, Pavao-Pavaozinho Favelas. The favelas are located on a steep hill overlooking the world famous beachfront, middle class and tourist neighborhoods of Copacabana and Ipanema in the southern zone of Rio de Janeiro. The initial settlement of the hill dates back to the early decades of the 1900's. Today, its population exceeds 12,000 inhabitants.

The volunteer program takes place at the Community Education Center, a non-profit organization that works with RDJ Language School. It is housed in several of the former mansions at the foot of the favela which have since been donated by their former owners to provide the infrastructure necessary to teach children living in these favelas. This non-profit organization offers full-time schooling and day-care to students age 3 months to 14 years. In addition, there is a small medical center staffed by volunteer doctors, which supports approximately 1,500 families.

Children are accepted into this program based on need, and only those considered to be in high-risk households with the most need for social assistance are accepted. The goal is to provide a solid education, as well as moral and professional development, and eventually transform students into influential agents of positive change in their communities.

The Group & Volunteer Program includes:

- 20 hours per week of intensive Portuguese group instruction for 2 or 4 weeks.
- Full orientation and advising by local school staff and continued support for the duration of your program.
- 10 or more hours per week of volunteer activities.
- Airport pickup.
- Free weekly excursions in Rio.
- Accommodation in a carefully selected Brazilian middle class host family, including breakfast and dinner.
- Free on-line TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Certificate Training for volunteers interested in teaching English.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Admissions & Academic Credit Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Portuguese is required except where otherwise indicated.

Please Note: Visa is required for entry into Brazil for U.S. citizens. Information on visas will be sent to student after Pre-registration form is received. For those traveling from countries outside the U.S., please contact your nearest Brazilian consulate or embassy.

Students desiring credit for their study program should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For information about academic credit in Portuguese speaking countries please click [here](#). For general information on academic credit please click [here](#).

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrcca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

Check Preferences.
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

PREFER: Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrcca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.