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# LATIN AMERICA ACADEMY - CUZCO, PERU

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

one of Cuzco's main avenues, directly in front of the most important site from pre-Colombian Cuzco, the Korikancha (Temple of the Sun). The building houses two full floors with about 15 classrooms, a video room, a full kitchen, an entertainment room and a sundeck.

Cuzco sits perched amidst the clouds and the lush Andean greenery 11.000 feet above sea level, an everlasting legacy to Peru's rich history. Many international tourists are drawn to Cuzco for its proximity to the famous Machu Picchu ruins and the Inca Trail. Due to the high elevation, it is cool at night and sunny but cool during the day year-round. Day temperatures ranges from high the 60s to 70s Fahrenheit. April to September is the coldest time, with high 60s during the day and 30s at night. Rainy season is from October to April.

# **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Their are nine levels of study offered in accordance with ACTFL ACCOMMODATIONS (American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages): lower beginner, medium beginner, high beginner, lower intermediate, medium intermediate, high intermediate, advanced, high advanced and superior. Students must pass tests at each level in order to progress to the next.

**Group Program** The Group Program includes 20 or 30 hours per week of Spanish classes. Maximum number of students per class is 4 students, with the average being 2 students. Groups are organized in a way that they will always consist of students possessing the same level of Spanish. At the conclusion of your SPECIAL INTEREST studies, you will receive a certificate of completion. The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English should be used in class.

**Tutor Program** The Tutor Program includes 20 hours per week of Spanish lessons with a private tutor. The program is recommended for those students at Advanced and Superior levels who have special needs (i.e. special vocabulary, Peruvian history or literature, etc.), or any student wanting an intensive language learning program. Please inform NRCSA of any special needs in advance.

Children's Tutor Program The school can accommodate the teaching of Spanish to children ages 5-16. This program is designed as a Tutor (one-on-one) program and utilizes TV Spanish programs, audio cassettes, children's Spanish books and games to create a fun language learning atmosphere.

Please Note: Since Tutors are limited in availability, it is suggested that you make reservations for this program 2 months in advance. Child care may be possible upon special request.

Volunteer Opportunities Several volunteer opportunities are Latin America Academy in Cuzco occupies a large building on available for interested students. Minimum Spanish language level is dependent on type of work and a minimum 2 week Spanish course is required regardless of level before volunteer program begins. Those at Beginning and Post Beginning levels are required to take at least a 4 week minimum Spanish course before beginning their volunteer program.

# **Volunteer Work Program**

Offers students the opportunity to learn Spanish and to practice their language skills while participating in a Peruvian organization in a voluntary field of their choice. Possible fields of interest include social work, education, tourism, cultural work and catering. This course includes 4 or 8 weeks of the Group Program plus 4 or 8 weeks of volunteer work for a total of 8, 12 or 16 weeks. When booking the Volunteer Work Program, the student must send in a first, second and third choice of project together with a resume and an introduction letter (in Spanish).

Homestays One of the most important parts of your learning and cultural experience is the homestay portion. Families belong to Peru's middle class, although students should take note that living standards in Peru are generally lower than in Europe or North America. Family homes are located in neighborhoods usually no more than a 10 minute bus ride to school. Participants choosing to stay with a family should recognize that a certain degree of flexibility will be required to adjust to the Peruvian customs and way of life. There is no heat provided in homestays.

Excursions, Cultural & Social Activities Organized trips or activities are offered and included in the cost of the program 2-3 times per week. Activities include: city tour, cooking class, dance class, parties, videos, lectures, trips to museums. The student pays for own transportation, entrance fee, etc.

At times NRCSA Center in Cuzco will organize weekend trips. Usually two professors will serve as guides during these excursions.

Additionally, the local coordinators can help students who want to travel independentl, or as a group with an outside tourism agency.

### TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E. Buffalo Street, Suite 610 \* P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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# 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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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 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@nrcsa.com ... Web: http://www.nrcsa.com