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SPANISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL – SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE, ARGENT

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Spanish Language School is dedicated exclusively to teaching Spanish as a foreign language in Buenos Aires and Cordoba an Bariloche Argentina, offering an opportunity to study at two locations where students can learn a great deal about Argentine culture and the Spanish language. Diplomats, business people, travelers, and youth from all over the world have studied at Spanish Language School. All of the teachers at the institute hold a Master's degree in Education or Literature and have extensive experience in teaching Spanish to foreigners. The average age of Spanish Language School students is 30 years.

San Carlos de Bariloche It is one of the most important tourist resorts of Argentina, and is the most populated town of Rio Negro Province. It lies 770 meters above sea level, and is 1,650 km from Buenos Aires. The city offers year-round entertainment options. In the Winter, skiing and snowboarding are the activities of choice, with the primary attraction being the famous Catedral slopes. After the varied wildflowers bloom in Spring, preferred activities revolve around hiking. The Summer season offers an abundance of options, such as trout fishing, rafting, trekking, and hiking. Autumn brings the change of colors, and the first snowfall.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Spanish Language School uses the 'direct' method. Through conversation, students acquire an active knowledge of the language whSpanish Language School also building a firm grammatical base. Language structures, vocabulary, and idiomatic expressions are all taught in the context of cultural situations and themes. All programs include workshops on Argentine History, Culture and Politics from intermediate level on. A minimum of 2 weeks study in Buenos Aires is required prior to study in Cordoba.

Group Program 20 hours per week. Group courses include a maximum of 5 students per class. The individualized attention that the student receives allows maximal contact with both the Spanish language and the culture. All students take a placement test upon arrival and progress is carefully monitored.

Tutor Program-Buenos Aires Only 15 hours per week. Get the most intensive Spanish course available with the Tutor program. Students are taught in a one-on-one setting with a private tutor for maximum immersion. This program is ideal for business professionals or anyone who has tight schedule and/or specific needs.

Group/Tutor Program 30 hours per week. This program combines 20 hours of the Group course with 10 hours of Tutor one-on-one instruction weekly. It is designed for those students who want maximum language learning and/or special vocabulary in Spanish. Close attention is paid to the individual student's goals and needs.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays Homestays include a single bedroom in a family apartment with 2 meals daily. In both cities most homestay lodging is within 15 to 25 minutes to the school by public transportation. In Cordoba, the school offers a daily transport from the homestay to the school. The service is included in the cost, however, students who wish to use this service should request it on the NRCSA Preregistration form.

Hotels-Buenos Aires Only Hotel lodging is a central 3 star hotel 3 blocks from the school in central Buenos Aires.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

In Buenos Aires plans afternoon social activities three times per week in places that are not frequented by the average visitor, thus giving the student an "inside" look at Argentine life. These activities are offered for a small fee: Community dinners; Sporting events such as soccer games in local parks; Theater productions. Spanish Language School also organizes weekend outings and activities once a week.

In Cordoba offers a wide range of activities for students to participate in. These activities are offered for a small fee: Tango and Argentine; Folk dance; Argentine cooking classes; Guided Tour around Historical Centre; Trek the path of the High Peaks of the Volcanoes and the Tunnels; Quebrada de los Condoritos National Park; Climbing Cerro Champaqui; Riding horses.

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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Programs & Activities

San Carlos de Bariloche, Patagonia, Argentina

Programs
Group 20 Program
Group/Tutor Combo
Program

Programs

Group Program 20 hours per week. The Group Program consists of 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday, of Spanish language study in a group setting with a maximum of 5 students per class. Because of the small class size students receive individualized attention allowing for maximum contact with both the Spanish language and the culture.

Group/Tutor Combo Program

30 hours per week. This program combines 20 hours of the Group course with 10 hours of Tutor one-on-one instruction weekly. It is designed for those students who want maximum language learning and/or special vocabulary in Spanish. Close attention is paid to the individual student's goals and needs.



Admissions &
Academic Credit

Activities
Cultural and Social
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Comments

"I saw a travel article in the Boston Globe maybe 10 years ago. Since I am a clipper" and "saver" and love to travel, I came across it and added a ".com" to NRCSA and there you were! All my objectives were met."

Retired, Westborough, MA

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required.

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

Cultural and Social Activities

San Carlos de Bariloche

The San Carlos de Bariloche study center offers excursions and activities to the following locations:

- Tronador Mountain and "Los Alerces" (Larch Waterfall)
- Villa Traful - Circuito Grande
- Blest Port, Cantaros Waterfall and Frias Lake
- San Martin de los Andes Town and Seven Lakes
- Cerro Otto Mountain
- Catedral Mountain
- Huemul Island in Nahuel Huapi Lake
- Circuito Chico y Llao-Llao



Tronador Mountain and Los Alerces Waterfall We drive along road 258, by Gutiérrez and Mascardi Lakes, with their beautiful scenery, then leading to the wooded slopes by winding roads where we have glimpses of the east coast of Mascardi Lake which offers here a characteristic aquablue colour. We then cross the bridge over Manso River -also known as the river of the seven colours for its distinctive shades- where the road forks. After taking the road on the right we drive along the bank of the upper Manso River to Pampa Linda - a wonderful green plain- almost at the end of the drive we go through a shady forest and come to Ventisquero Negro (Black Glacier) with its everlasting ice. The trip ends a little further, at the bottom of Tronador Mountain. From here, tourists can walk directly to the lowest parts of the glacier. Summer Mountain climbers often come to this area, to the three peaks: the Argentine Peak 3410 mts. high, the International Peak 3554 mts high and the Chilean Peak 3430 mts high.



We drive back along the same road and at the forking of Manso River bridge we take the road to Alerces Waterfall. Driving along the coast of Los Moscos Lake, we arrive to Hess Lake, a beautiful, quiet spot and finally to the waterfall. This last part of the Alerces falls look-out is on foot. A walk of 300 mts. through a wood path -a forest of larches- and going by the river bank we arrive to the fall where its waters furiously flow down between high rocks. This area of Nahuel Huapi National Park delights visitors with its untouched scenery where nature unfolds its pristine beauty, a memory that will last.

Blest Port, Cántaros Waterfall and Frías Lake

We go by bus along Bustillo Avenue (the lake road) to Pañuelo Port in Llao-Llao area, on the Nahuel Huapi Lake. There we board the ship that sails on Brazo Blest (Blest Fiord) to its end, where Blest Port is located.



The boat trip is an unforgettable experience, from the blue water of the lake to the beautiful outline of the mountainous National Park, its beaches around the lake and the thick vegetation of different shades of green. The seagulls fly accompanying the boat and even eating bread crumbs from the tourists' hands. We sail by Centinela Island, the burial site of Perito Moreno who was the first person to explore the area and who later donated his lands to create the Nahuel Huapi National Park. The landscape along Blest Fiord resembles the Norwegian Fiords.

We then arrive to Blest Port, an area of dense vegetation on account of its extremely humid climate.

From there we take a bus to Frías Lake where the water has a very special shade of green. Then we arrive at Puerto Alegre where we board a boat and sail on this lake. This offers a beautiful view of Tronador Mountain; we sail by Pared del eco (The Echo Rock Wall) to Frías Port and then return to Blest Port going on to Cascada Los Cántaros (Pitchers' Waterfall). From here, we climb up the steps of 600 metres path leading to three belvederes on the sides of the waterfall which offer very beautiful sights of different smaller falls.

We can admire all along this climb the splendid native species and valdivian rain forest -coihue trees, colihue canes, cyresses, climbing vines and lianas. At the end of the path we get to the Pitchers' Pond, the source of the waterfall, 852 mts. above sea level and a pond which generally freezes during winter months. A few metres away from the coast we find a very old larch tree specimen (Fitzroya Cupressoides) 1500 years old.

We then take the boat back and return to Bariloche.

Circuito Chico and Llao-Llao Excursion

This trip starts on Bustillo Avenue, leaving from Bariloche town; the bus drives along the Nahuel Huapi lake coast road. When we arrive to km.8 we go by Playa Bonita ("Beautiful Beach") a place close to the town and generally chosen by local people to enjoy the beach and sun-bathing. From here we can see Huemul Island and the mountains on the opposite side of Nahuel Huapi Lake. At km. 18 we go by the slopes of Campanario Mountain and San Pedro Peninsula. As we drive along the lake road -bordered by pine forests and wild flowers- we arrive to Llao-Llao Hotel (photo on the right) built on a wonderful and unique site for its mountain and lake landscapes. Lakes Moreno and Nahuel Huapi waters bathe its huge gardens.



St. Edward's Chapel is found here -a beautiful example of the local architecture- as well as Puerto Pañuelo, starting point of most lake trips of this area. Always along the road, we notice how local flora and fauna envelope us, with trees more than thirty metres high, then we come to the bridge joining Moreno and Nahuel Huapi Lakes, at the bottom of López and Capilla Mountains with their looming, vertical rising slopes. Further on, we stop at a natural look-out spot offering an incredible view of the surrounding landscape, we cross the bridge built on the narrowest part of Moreno Lake, where we find log cabins and houses with the typical architecture of this area. We stop at El Trebol pond (Clover Leaf pond) which owes its name to the particular shape of its coastline, and then we drive back to Bariloche all along the lake road.



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.

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