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## IIDC - SANTO DOMINGO & SOSUA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

**IIDC** - Instituto Intercultural del Caribe specializes in teaching Spanish to travelers who desire to combine a language learning experience with an exciting, intercultural experience in the Dominican Republic. IIDC is an educational division of Casa Goethe, a German owned and managed private institute originally organized to facilitate intercultural exchange between the German and Dominican cultures.

The surroundings of the schools, with their cafeterias, gardens, and terraces, are ideal places to become acquainted with new friends and plan activities. It is IIDC's purpose to facilitate Intercultural Exchange between foreign students and Dominican students who study English and German at IIDC. All of IIDC's teachers are native speakers and widely experienced in the field of teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

The ancient Caribbean seaport of Santo Domingo, founded in August 1496, was the first capital of the new territories discovered by Christopher Columbus. In recognition of the city's role in the Spanish colonization period, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proclaimed Santo Domingo cultural heritage of the New World.

The beach town of Sosúa, located on the North coast just east of Puerto Plata, was originally settled by 600 Jewish refugees in the early 1940's. Although many of them left after World War II ended, some stayed and raised families in Sosúa. Their presence is noticeable in street names and in the synagogue located on Calle Alejo Martínez. Sosúa is an easygoing town with open air bars, restaurants, and a white sand beach.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Personalized and specifically designed teaching materials supported by audiovisual media are used to aid students in Spanish language improvement and development. Groups never exceed 5 students per class. In all programs, students are placed in appropriate levels by a written entrance exam. IIDC offers 4 levels: beginner, post beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

**Standard Course Group** 20 hours per week. 4 hours of morning classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting. If only one student is registered for a level, the student will receive 15 hours of Tutor.

**Intensive Course Group** 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting, with the two afternoon hours focusing on conversation, Dominican geography and specialized vocabulary. If only one student is registered for a level, the student will receive 24 hours of Tutor.

**Standard Individual Course Tutor** 20 hours per week. Four hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs.

**Intensive Individual Course Tutor** 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for those students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs at an intensive pace.

For more information on this program, please see the NRCSA website, or contact NRCSA.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Santo Domingo Homestays Accommodation with a carefully chosen Dominican family. Single room with shower/toilet and 2 meals daily.

Hotels are available on request and at additional cost.

**Sosua Student Residence** The student residence is located on the school's premises in the midst of a lush tropical garden. Daily cleaning and friendly, personalized service. A single room with breakfast, Monday to Saturday in the school cafeteria, is included.

Studio apartment, aparthotels and hotels are available on request and at additional cost.

### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

IIDC offers excursions and extracurricular activities 1-2 times weekly.

### 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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## Program & Admission Information Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

### Programs

We believe that learning a foreign language is a communicative process and should focus on everyday usage. Personalized and specifically designed teaching materials supported by audiovisual media, such as video and overhead projectors, are used to aid students in the improvement and development of their foreign language skills. Some course material is taught outside the institute so students have the opportunity to practice and apply language structures and vocabulary acquired in the classroom to everyday situations.

Several programs are offered to suit the needs of every student and groups never exceed 5 students per class. In all programs, students are placed in appropriate levels by a written entrance exam. Classes that coincide with public holidays will take place or be rescheduled, if necessary.

The four levels of instruction are: beginner, post beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

**Standard Course** Group 20 hours per week. 4 hours of morning classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting. If only one student is registered for a specific level of the Standard course, the student will then be entitled to 15 hours of Tutor per week.

**Intensive Course** Group 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting, with the two afternoon hours focusing on conversation, Dominican geography and specialized vocabulary. If only one student is registered for a specific level of the Intensive course, the student will then be entitled to 24 hours of Tutor per week.

**Standard Individual Course** Tutor 20 hours per week. Four hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for those students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs.

**Intensive Individual Course** Tutor 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for those students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs at an intensive pace.



**Traveling Classroom** The Traveling Classroom program is 2 weeks in duration (20 hours per week) and takes students through many of the enchanting and diverse regions of the Dominican Republic. All levels are welcome, however, students will be separated into only two groups. The first group will consist of Beginner and Post Beginner, while the second group consists of the Intermediate to Advanced students.

The journey begins in the beach town of Sosua where students will gather and prepare for the trip. It then moves to the mountains of Jarabacoa and continues on to the capital city of Santo Domingo. From there, students travel to the beaches of Las Terrenas on the peninsula of Semana, and the trip ends back in Sosua. All transportation is provided in the school's own mini-bus.

The Group Spanish study of four hours daily, Monday through Friday, are held in different settings, from the school's own classrooms in both Sosua and Santo Domingo to the terrace of a small beach hotel in Las Terrenas.

Accommodation for 13 nights, Sunday through Saturday morning, is provided in either a pension or hotel (depending on the location) and a shared room with breakfast daily is included in the cost. Single rooms are available on request and at additional cost.

### Programs

Standard Course  
Intensive Course  
Standard Individual Course  
Intensive Individual Course  
Traveling Classroom  
May Special

Admissions &  
Academic Credit  
Certificates

### Activities

Cultural, Social &  
Sports Activities

### Comments

*"I enjoyed the family I stayed with. I also enjoyed the school excursions and all of the friends I made there."*

Teacher, Smyrna, GA

*"I liked getting around on my own using Spanish in the city."*

Student, Chester, MD

Leisure activities abound during the trip and are available at additional cost. These include:

- Horseback Riding:  
Approx. \$15-20 U.S./2 hours

- Surfing:  
Approx. \$35 U.S./4 hours

- River Rafting:  
Approx. \$45-55 U.S./trip

- Diving:  
Approx. \$40-50 U.S./dive trip

- Sailing:  
Approx. \$35 U.S./4 hours

- Tennis:  
Approx. \$10-15 U.S./hour

**Please Note:** This program is not guaranteed. A minimum of 4 students of either group (Beginner and Post Beginner AND/OR Intermediate and Advanced) are required for the program to take place. There is a maximum of 16 students total. Because the "Travelling Classroom" course starts in Sosua, it is very important that the students arrive at the airport in Puerto Plata.

**Early Summer Special** From April 24 to June 4, 2005 there is special pricing available for all programs. Please [inquire with NRCSA](#) for more information.

### 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 except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study programs 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](#).

### Certificates

All participants will receive a certificate of completion after successful completion of the course.

# 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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