

International Language & Culture Programs *Designed for Teens*



Immersion Programs for Teens

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Top 7 Reasons for Teens to Study Abroad with NRCSA

#7 Be a world traveler! Studying abroad offers you the opportunity to experience life in another city and country other than your own. Plus, many programs include fieldtrips and travel to a variety of sites of interest outside the host city.

#6 Learn the foreign language much faster than you would at home! Being constantly surrounded by native speakers of the language, on average, allows students to learn, on average, about as much in 4 to 8 WEEKS in the foreign country as they do in one or two SEMESTERS of study in their home country.

#5 Meet other high school students from around the world! All NRCSA programs are multi-national and accept students from around the world. Many locations welcome students from as many as 20-30 countries each year!

#4 Join a program doing things you like best! Do you like soccer? Beach volleyball? Horseback riding? Are you into music, art, cooking, or dancing? Many teen programs offer the opportunity for students to get involved with a number of different areas of interest in addition to the study of the local language and culture.

#3 Live with someone else's family for awhile! It's always great to be a guest in someone's home... and experience another mom's great cooking! Many programs abroad offer students a chance to live with a "host family". Request a family with other teens your age, and the possibilities for a great time are endless. Alternatively, some teen programs offer student residence lodging (similar to a university dorm – but for high school students) instead of a homestay.

#2 It's never too early to start building your resume!

Applying for a job isn't the only time a diverse resume comes in handy. When you are applying to universities and colleges, any experiences that make you unique increase your chances of being accepted. Participating in school government and clubs, sports, volunteer work, and all types of international experiences all look great on your application form... and the more you've done when it comes time to apply, the better.

#1 You don't have to spend the summer bored, or worse, in a summer school math class!

This summer, do something different, get ahead in school, and have an awesome time!

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Why Send Your Son or Daughter to Study Abroad with NRCSA?

NRCSA is one of the most experienced and longest operating private US providers of foreign immersion language & culture training for teens.

- Since 1968, NRCSA has provided language, culture and recreational programs to over 25,000 teens at 40 approved centers worldwide.
- NRCSA provides a level of service, program customization, expertise, and overall results not available through other sources of foreign language and culture training.
- NRCSA staff have visited and evaluated thousands of language schools offering teen and other language and culture programs around the world, and only utilize those we consider the best based on our evaluative methods. Program quality and participant satisfaction are of vital importance to NRCSA and our consortium schools.
- Over 500 US and Canadian high schools and universities currently have formal programs with NRCSA and its consortium schools. Teachers from over 800 school districts, staff from approximately 1,400 corporations, and personnel from over 75 US government and nongovernmental organizations have attended NRCSA programs.
- We appreciate that different people have different priorities when studying abroad, and we look forward to assisting you and your son or daughter in achieving your shared objectives.

NRCSA IN THE MEDIA

"Placing people in programs suited to their special interests is the aim of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad."

- The New York Times

"Vacations involving language study allow travelers to immerse themselves in a culture in a way that a traditional vacation may not... The National Registration Center for Study Abroad can help you choose a language program that is right for you."

- San Francisco Examiner

"But the beauty part of (NRCSA) is that it shines light on things the average American traveler would be unlikely to learn about any other way."

- Boston Globe



Supervised Teen Study Program in San Jose, Costa Rica

For Ages: 13-17

**Absolute Beginner to Intermediate Spanish
Supervised Program**

Staff members enjoy meeting and relating to people from different countries and backgrounds. The school is located in a quiet residential area, and is 20 minutes walk from downtown. The school has comfortable sunny classrooms, surrounded by green areas, with a view of the mountains.

The Summer Teen Program covers Spanish for everyday use. It emphasizes oral proficiency and provides a solid foundation of the language. It is intended for those teenagers who will be traveling by themselves, with a friend, or a sibling, etc. (without a pre-formed group).

The team of instructors are both professional and experienced. All instructors are native speakers of Spanish. They have university degrees and are experienced in teaching Spanish as a second language. They share our belief that classes must be enjoyable to the students.

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Day-At-A-Glance

08:30 - 11:00 Fieldtrip TBA
11:00 - 13:15 Lunch
13:15 - 17:00 Spanish Classes

Accommodations - Homestay with a Costa Rican Family

Homestays Lodging is provided for the student in the home of a carefully selected Costa Rican family. Host families will provide a private room, breakfast and dinner. This arrangement will permit the student to continue practicing Spanish outside of the classroom while participating in the "Tico's" everyday life.

Participating families are chosen for their friendliness and helpfulness to the student. Most live within a 20 minute bus ride from the Institute, while a few are within walking distance. Lodging starts the day prior to the first day of classes and ends the day after your last day of class.

Included in the Program

Quick Facts

Start: June and August

Age: 13-17

Cost: \$ 1,585 +

Num. Weeks: 2 - 6

Level: Beginner to Intermediate

School located close to downtown.

Great host families

Family and Teen program available in summer time.

Free Latin Dances classes.

Excursions and field trips included in Teen Program.



- 3 Levels available: Elementary, Intermediate, High Intermediate.
- 20 Spanish lessons per week in small group in the afternoons 13.15(1:15PM)-17.00 (5:00PM). Each lesson is 50 minutes in duration.
- Accommodation in specially selected homes, double-room, from Sunday before the course till Saturday after the course
- Full board (3 meals daily)
- Laundry Service
- Books and material for the course.
- Morning Visits to Museums, Monuments, cultural and sport activities.
- Excursions and field trips.
- Arrival and departure round-trip transfers to accommodations and from accommodations to the airport.
- Free Internet access at school.
- NRCSA Emergency insurance (during dates in the foreign country:
 - Accident 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 up to \$5,000
 - 24 Hour emergency worldwide multi-lingual telephone assistance



2009 Start Dates

- This program starts on June 1, July 6 and August 3, 2009
- Students who are not able to start on these dates—and who are not beginners—may join the Institute only the second or third Monday after the indicated starting dates. Classes are set up on a weekly basis, Monday to Friday. Students starting later than Monday will be missing classes that cannot be made up. No Classes Will Be Held On July 22; August 12

2009 Program Fees

- 2 weeks: \$ 1,585
- 3 weeks: \$ 1,825
- 4 weeks: \$ 2,145
- Additional weeks: \$ 455

San Jose, Costa Rica - City Info

San José, the capital, has close to 1,000,000 inhabitants. At 4,000 feet above sea level, it boasts a springtime climate year-round. The city surprises visitors by its vitality. Despite its cosmopolitan atmosphere with Central, South and North Americans as well as Europeans on busy downtown streets, its residents display an unmatched friendliness and warmth. Tourists as well as visiting businessmen happily testify to this. Every year the country attracts a large number of persons who, having visited Costa Rica once, decide to return to settle here.

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Practical Information | San Jose, Costa Rica

Arrival Date:

Students can arrive any time on the arrival day listed on their invoice - this day is usually the Sunday before the first day of class. If you will need to arrive earlier, please advise your program coordinator as early as possible. Additional nights of lodging and insurance, if any, will be at an additional cost.

More information about the arrival day, arrival transfer procedure, etc will be sent prior to departure.

Departure Date:

Lodging typically ends the Saturday after the last day of class. If you will need to depart later, please advise as early as possible. Additional nights will be at an additional cost.

Travel Documents:

- Valid Passport
- A minor (under 18 years old) traveling alone must carry notarized permission signed by both parents. In the event of death, divorce or non-marital status, substantiating and notarized documentation must be carried, (i.e. Death Certificate, divorce decree, legal guardianship, etc.), with the legal guardian signing the notarized permission.

Airline Ticket:

Two resources for discounted student air tickets are:

- Exito Travel: 800-655-4053
- Student Travel Association: 800-781-4040

Orientation - First day of Class:

On Monday morning, the first day of classes, students will all attend an orientation session. At the orientation, students will take a tour of the campus and learn more about the resources of the NRCSA Center and city, go over schedules and procedures, meet all the staff, take language placement exam to determine class placement, and do activities to help build a sense of community within the student body and help students to get to know each other. Since the first week in a foreign country is always the biggest adjustment, it is best that all students arrive in the foreign country in time to be able to attend the orientation and first day of classes - late arrivals are not recommended.

Curfew:

Participants are closely supervised by the teen coordinator and also by the host families. They must abide by the same rules imposed by each family on their own children, and have to comply with an 20.00(8:00PM) curfew unless accompanied by a host family member.

Parental Permission:

This form must be carried with the student as part of his/her traveling papers. BOTH PARENTS MUST SIGN. If through death, divorce or non-marital status there is only one parent, a substantiating document must be carried (i.e. Death Certificate, legal guardianship, or divorce papers).

Pocket Money:

Students should bring with them (via traveler's checks or ATM card for bank withdrawals) an allowance for personal expenses, local transportation, shopping and other miscellaneous expenses. The teen programs include 3 meals per day. This means additional money for food specifically is not needed, unless students want to buy snacks, bottled water while on an excursion, etc. Parents are free to give their children any amount of money they consider appropriate, as a guideline, \$75-100 USD per week is recommended and typically more than enough to cover the average student's needs.

Meals:

Meals are served in the homestay. Vegetarian options are always available, but please let us know in advance if you will require a special diet, have food allergies, etc.

Visitors and Telephone Calls:

Overnight visitors in student lodging is not allowed. If parents, friends, etc will be visiting, please contact your program advisor for help with alternative lodging for them. Students may receive telephone calls in their lodging at reasonable hours, unless there is an emergency in which case students can be contacted at any time. Phone calls can be received, also, for students at the school. Parents should keep in mind that the teen programs have very active schedules, and you may not be able to reach your teen at all times. It is better to set up occasional "phone dates" and to rely on more frequent communication by email - which is always available to students at the Center or at local internet cafes.

Roommates:

Most of our programs give you the opportunity to have a roommate close to your age, and typically they are of another nationality. We recommend that two or more friends attending the program together opt for separate homestays, even if in homes close to each other, to allow for the unique exchange opportunity of having a roommate of another nationality, and also to encourage speaking the local language while in your homestay. Two or more friends can request lodging together, if they wish.

Linens and Laundry:

Bed linens and towels are provided, but you may want to consider bringing a beach/pool towel. In some countries, bath towels are very small and students may prefer to bring one of their own. Laundry facilities will be provided by your host family or near the student residence.

What to bring / pack:

We recommend that students do not bring large or heavy luggage that they cannot comfortably carry themselves. Also, students should leave some space for souvenirs and presents - very few students don't go home with more than they came with!

PREREGISTRATION FORM – TEENSABROAD PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$200 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$50 registration fee & \$150 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$50 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure.
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
 _____ High School _____ Yr In Sch _____

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

City/State/Zip: _____ 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.

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
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking 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)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

ACCIDENT / MEDICAL 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

**24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE-
MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE**

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (*not final payment*):
 Amount To Charge: \$200.00 CVV Code: _____

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Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

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

CHANGE FEES of at least \$50 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by TeensAbroad in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. All Payments, less \$200 per program plus any fees assessed by the local institution, are refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$350 per person is non refundable; within 60 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$400 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Some cancellations may incur additional fees. 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 should know about.

Full Terms and Conditions are available on-line at: <http://teensabroad.com/register/terms.html>.

Please, sign below that you have read and agree with the terms and conditions.

Guardian 1: _____ Guardian 2: _____ Student: _____