

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 Quito, Ecuador

For Ages: 14-18

**Absolute Beginner to Advanced Spanish
Supervised Program**

The Summer Teen Program in Quito is offered to students 14 to 18 years old. Teens spend two, three, or four weeks in Quito receiving Spanish lessons with homestay accommodation. Six levels of Spanish classes (from Complete Beginner to Advanced) are offered, and students will have 20 hours per week (55 minutes per class hour) of Spanish classes. Classes are held in small groups with a maximum of six students per class. Students receive verbal and written assessments on the first day of class, which determine the exact group students will be placed in.

Teen Program + Volunteer Overview

Students spend 2 weeks in the Summer Teen Program, then spend the remaining 3 or 4 weeks in the Spanish and Volunteer Program. Spanish lessons are taken in classes with students of similar age, and the homestay family will remain the same as during the Teen Program. In place of Teen activities and excursions, participants will be engaged in volunteer service. If during the Volunteer Program students would like to participate in an activity or excursion, an additional fee may be charged locally. For a more detailed description of the Volunteer portion of the program, please read 'Volunteer Work' under the 'Special Notes' header.

Volunteer work opportunities available include:

- Child and Infant General Care
- Environmental Protection and Work with Indigenous Peoples
- Work in Shelters and Homes for Street Children and Children of Prisoners
- Work in Orphanages
- Work with Physically and Mentally Disabled Children

Activities Some of the planned activities in Quito include:

- A Quito city tour
- Touring museums and cultural centres
- Chaperoned Parties
- Movies Nights
- Dance Lessons

2 Day Weekend Trips

- The 2 day weekend trip to the city of Otavalo and its famous indigenous market is included for all program participants. Students are housed in a hotel with all meals and transportation included. This trip will take place on June 26-27 & July 24-25.
- The 2 day weekend trip to Cotopaxi National Park includes the opportunity to partially climb the Cotopaxi Volcano and go horseback riding on the slopes of Cotopaxi. Those not interested in horseback riding can participate in mountain biking or a guided hike to the Rumiñahui volcano. Students are housed in a hotel with all meals and transportation included. This trip will take place on July 3-4 & July 31-Aug 1.
- During the 2 day weekend trip to the Cloud Forest Reserve, guided morning and afternoon nature hikes are offered. During this trip, students receive accommodation in a cabin style lodge located in the reserve. The reserve offers a medical clinic, entertainment areas double rooms. All meals and transportation are included. This trip will take place on July 10-11 & Aug 7-8.

Unescorted Galapagos Island Tour Packages

We work with several tour operators that offer discounts to their students for Galapagos Island Tour Packages. These are unescorted, unsupervised trips of 4, 5 and 8 days, however, the operators do have experience working with young people. For more information on these tour packages, please contact NRCSA.

Accommodations - Homestay with a Ecuadorian Family

Students are housed with carefully selected middle to upper middle class host families. The family homes are within 10 to 30 minutes walking distance of the the NRCSA Center. Each participant will have a private bedroom and bathroom, but will have the ability to share a room on request. The host family provides

Quick Facts

Start: June and July

Age: 14-18

Cost: \$ 1,285 +

Num. Weeks: 2 - 5

Level: Beginner to Advanced

Volunteer and Internship opportunities.

Conversation Club.

Many cultural, social activities, as well as excursions, offered for students to get to know

Excursions and field trips included in Teen Program.



breakfast and dinner Monday through Friday, and 3 meals per day on Saturday and Sunday. Families also provide laundry service. All students must abide by the house rules as set by the host family, and must comply with a 10:00 P.M. curfew.

The students host family is a wonderful support network. When the details of daily living are out of the way it frees the mind to learn Spanish.

Tea, coffee and pure water are provided at the school all day. Daily money exchange, mail service, safety box, storage room, travel and tour information are also provided.

Included in the Program

- Twenty Spanish lessons per week in small groups with no more than 6 individuals per class.
- Accommodation with a host family in a single or shared room, 2 meals daily Monday through Friday and 3 meals daily Saturday and Sunday.
- Laundry service once per week.
- Catered lunch at the school Monday through Friday
- Extensive verbal and written placement assessments.
- Assignment in one of six levels of Spanish.
- School and city orientation on the first Monday of classes.
- Textbooks and classroom materials.
- Daily afternoon cultural activities Monday through Friday DURING TEEN PROGRAM ONLY (see "Activities" for details).
- One to two evening activities per week DURING TEEN PROGRAM ONLY (see "Activities" for details).
- For two and three week programs: Otavalo City Tour & Indigenous Market. Includes hotel accommodation in shared room, all meals and transportation(see "2 Day Weekend Trips" for details).
- For four week programs: Otavalo City Tour & Indigenous Market, trip to the Cloud Forest, and trip to Cotopaxi Volcano. Includes accommodation in shared room, all meals and transportation (see "2 Day Weekend Trips" for details).
- Arrival and departure transfers from/to the Quito airport.
- NRCSA travel insurance during study dates:
 - 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

- Teen Group Classes - Start June 29; July 6, 13, 20, 2009
- Teen Group Classes & Volunteer - Start June 29 and July 6, 2009 (Minimum 5 weeks)

2009 Program Fees

- 2 weeks: \$ 1,285
- 3 weeks: \$ 1,730
- 4 weeks: \$ 2,195
- 5 weeks: \$ 2,195 (includes volunteering)
- 6 weeks: \$ 2,513 (includes volunteering)

Quito, Ecuador - City Info

Located in the inter-Andean valley, Quito is surrounded by mountains, with three snowcapped volcanoes in view on a clear day. Its climate has been described by many as eternal spring, due to its location close to the equator at high altitude. It has a daily average temperature of about 65° F, with daytime highs around 75° F and early morning lows around 45° F. Absolute highs reach 85° F and lows about 40° F on rare occasions. Slightly over a million people live in Quito. As is typical of Latin American cities, the population density is high, relative to U.S. standards. Quito retains a small city atmosphere and most areas of interest are accessible on foot.

The NRCSA Center is housed in a beautiful mansion which is surrounded by lovely gardens. It is located in a quiet residential area of Quito known as "El Batan." The Center has significant experience in the teaching of Spanish as a Second Language, and employs instructors who possess university degrees, and that are well experienced in teaching Spanish to foreigners. As part of their studies students will also receive information on the Ecuadorian and Latin American cultures. This helps enhance the students cultural experience, as well as their understanding of the language.

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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:

- Exitó 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 10:00PM 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 (breakfast and dinner) and lunch at the school's cafeteria. 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: _____