

INTENSIVE SPANISH & CULTURE PROGRAM 2021

This course helps you rapidly acquire fluency in Spanish, no matter what your ambitions and level are. Intensive Spanish course is designed to improve your Spanish language skills for general use. Starting every Monday during the months of August, September, October 2021, these classes cover all levels, from complete beginner (level A1) to proficient user (level C2). Our objective for students is to learn the language and to use it with confidence. Various learning practices (oral and written expression, listening comprehension, audio and video materials, text reading, etc.) and focus on interactive communication will advance your improvement. You will not only learn Spanish effectively, but gain knowledge on the social, cultural and political life in Argentina.

SCHEDULE	What is included in the price?
Start dates Every Monday only during the months of August, September and October 2021	- Pre-Arrival Orientation - Airport pick-up upon arrival - Welcome package & Orientation - Teaching materials (study books) - Level test, oral and written, before starting - Optional exams at the end of each level and at the end of your stay - Certificate including the amount of hours and level attained (plus grade if you passed the exam) - 25 lessons a week of Spanish Language & Cultural - Seminars on cross-cultural studies and field visits - Extracurricular activities per week (guided tours, museum visits, Tango class, Argentinean food & wine tasting, etc.) - Weekly tutorials after class - Free Internet access-WI FI - Audio and video rooms - Hot and cold drinks - Help in organizing trips around Argentina - 24 hour hotline in Spanish, English and German - All administrative and registration fees, tax and civil liability - Insurance
Duration Minimum attendance is 1 week	
Hours per day 25 classes of 55 minutes each	
Levels A1-A2-B1-B2-C1-C2	
Time schedule From 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	
Max. number of students per class 10	
Requirements Our academic coordinator suggests the appropriate level for each student after a personal interview and a placement test	The program does not include: - All roundtrip Airfare - Personal expenses - Personal travels and transfers during and outside of program dates - Laundry service - Entertainment expenses including beverages and personal purchases - Health insurance - Expenses for medical and other emergencies - Urban transport - Visa fees
Certificates Participation certificate for every participant (with grade for all participants that pass the exam)	
Exams optional, at the end of the course	
Seminars & Activities Reflection Activities/Developing Self-Awareness & Goals/Cultural Intelligence/ Human Right/Social Intelligence/Intercultural Communication History of Tango/Dance Class/Argentina Today/Culture & Identity of Argentina Food & Wine Tasting/Mafalda/Education System/Health Care System/Politics and International Relations	The School is located in downtown Córdoba. We have excellent transport connections to all parts of town. As most of central Córdoba, the School's neighborhood is a safe place, at day and night. It is close to major tourist attractions, theatres, cinemas and nightlife attractions. Our address is: Onix-Intercambio Cultural Deán Funes 826 – PB 29 CP 5.000 – Córdoba - Argentina www.argentineculture.org

Academic Quality

Our teaching methods incorporate the latest advances in Spanish education to ensure effective results.

Cultural Immersion

We engage and enable our students to apply their knowledge in the real world

15 years of Experience

You focus on learning the language in Spanish lessons, while we help you handle the rest

Global Citizens

Empowering students to address social challenges and strengthen civil society

Intercultural Competence

Develop key global skills like cross-cultural understanding

METHODOLOGY

In order to make best use of all the productive and helpful aspects of the different Spanish teaching methods currently in vogue, we have developed an approach that selectively picks the most valuable elements of each. Our objective is to take full advantage of the different pedagogical principles for Spanish language education. This way, our methodology combines the latest strategies and methods (process and communicative approaches) with the more traditional ones that have proven to be efficient over many years (formal and functional approaches).

Our selective methodology was developed to meet the requirements of learning Spanish in an immersion context, and is based on the specifications proposed by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This comprehensive teaching method allows students to develop simultaneously and in a harmonic way all the foreign language learning skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing), together with strategic skills. This way, it facilitates the integration of the students' different learning styles and abilities. Our experience shows that this approach is significantly enhancing our students' progress in acquiring content and developing language skills.

Indeed, learning a language is not only about learning grammar and vocabulary, but requires students to be able to put into practice their knowledge in different real-life situations. This also motivates our choice to integrate specific cultural contents (particularly the Argentine and Latin-American one) into the learning process. Communication requires knowing more than simply the structure of a language: it requires implicit knowledge of the cultural context in which interactions take place.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

We believe that language and culture go hand in hand. This is why we have designed programs rich in cultural content, the degree of which varies according to the duration of your specific program and skill level. These activities form an integral part of our teaching methodology to ensure that our students gain true insights and get answers about our history and culture.

Every Monday we propose our students a list of at least four weekly events, including academic activities and upcoming city programs.

- Walking tours
- Language workshops
- Movie nights
- Tango classes
- Museum visits
- Food & wine tasting
- Sports
- Nightlife

GROUP CLASSES

Group courses allow you a high degree of interactive learning. Groups are usually between 3 and 10 students. There are 6 skill levels to ensure a certain homogeneity necessary for faster learning.

Reduction of Lessons

Onix-Intercambio Cultural reserves the right to reduce the number of lessons in a class with less than 3 students. If there are 2 students in a class, lessons will be reduced by 50%. If there is 1 student in a class, lessons will be reduced by 60%.

(20 group lessons = 10 two-to-one lessons = 8 one-on-one lessons)

HOUSING

Each of our programs involves a homestay. Living and sharing your experience abroad with a homestay is one of the important highlights of studying overseas. In fact, this can be the most enriching and lasting aspect of studying in a foreign country. Many students often maintain relationships with their host families well beyond the conclusion of the program. Our homestays make up an important part of our team. The hosts are carefully selected and interviewed, and have extensive prior experience.

We highly recommend the homestay experience as it is the best choice for a true immersion experience, however, should you have extenuating circumstances, or need special accommodations; please contact us to discuss other options.

Here's what you can expect from the homestay

In Argentina:

- On the weekdays and weekends, a light breakfast and dinner are provided by your homestay. Lunch and merienda* are not included and is on your own.
- Many homestays in Argentina are single mothers (host moms) with grown children. However, we do have different types of homestays and the final selection is based on your profile that you share with us.
- Homestays are usually in apartments versus houses.
- 90% of the Homestay are located in Downtown Córdoba and at walking distance from the school
- Our homestays are considered middle-class by local standards and live in very safe neighborhoods.
- Homestays are located conveniently within a 5/15-minute commute to school.
- All homes have WiFi.

Our Commitment

We strive to provide the richest cultural experience possible with our programs, and realize that housing while abroad is an integral part to the experience you have. After acceptance into our program we will provide you with a Housing Questionnaire in order to learn about your specific housing needs. During your program the onsite director will address any issues you may have with your homestay. We want this to be a positive experience for you! **The cultural growth you will experience by living with a local host is truly unmatched.**

Meals

Breakfast and dinner are provided every day. Meals are a great way to spend time with your hosts and experience the local cuisine. We can accommodate most dietary requirements, such as gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian.

* Merienda is a light meal in Argentina. Usually taken in the afternoon, it fills in the meal gap between lunch at noon and dinner. It is a simple meal that often consists of a piece of fruit, cookies, yogurt, and other snacks paired with juice, hot chocolate, mate, coffee, spirits, and other beverages. It is typical for Argentines to have merienda or "tea" around 5pm. (Usually from 5 pm to 7 pm)

4-WEEK – SEMINARS SCHEDULE SAMPLE – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

WEEK 1

STARTS DATE: Aug 02, 2021/Aug 30, 2021/Sep 27, 2021

WEEK 2

STARTS DATE: Aug 09, 2021/Sep 06, 2021/Oct 04, 2021

WEEK 3

STARTS DATE: Aug 16, 2021/Sep 13, 2021/Oct 11, 2021

WEEK 4

STARTS DATE: Aug 23, 2021/Sep 20, 2021/Oct 18, 2021

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Students are responsible for observing the legal provisions applicable to enter and leave Argentina.
2. Personal expenses arising out of or related to the student's stay in Argentina are not included in the price of the purchased services.
3. Payments from the student to Onix-Intercambio Cultural will be made exclusively using the methods specified by Onix-Intercambio Cultural. **The Inscription fee must be paid in full prior the arrival.**
4. All banking and financial charges (usually from 8%-12%) resulting from a payment made by the student to Onix-Intercambio Cultural will be at his/her expense. **The student who pays in cash in Argentina will not have banking or financial charges.**
5. In case of no-show or cancellation/interruption of a purchased service for whatever reason, no refund will be made.
6. In the case of a delayed arrival for whatever reason without prior notice in writing, the missed services will not be rescheduled nor reimbursed.
7. Students will pay for the replacement or repair, if applicable, of the damages caused to any facilities/goods available to them at Onix-Intercambio Cultural, their host's residence as a result of negligent or inappropriate use. This clause includes, but is not limited to: furnishings, electrical appliances and PCs and their accessories.
8. **Students are responsible for purchasing a comprehensive international health insurance policy to cover health care costs during their visit to Argentina.** Students release and forever discharge Onix-Intercambio Cultural from any and all liability whatsoever for medical attention and medical expenses during that period.
9. Students personally assume all risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen, for any harm, injury or damage that may befall them during their visit to Argentina. They are also fully responsible for their luggage and personal property entirely throughout their trip. Students release and forever discharge Onix-Intercambio Cultural from any and all liability whatsoever for any direct or consequential loss, injury or damage arising from any of the aforementioned situations.
10. **Reduction of Lessons:** Onix-Intercambio Cultural reserves the right to reduce the number of lessons in a class with less than 3 students. If there are 2 students in a class, lessons will be reduced by 50%. If there is 1 student in a class, lessons will be reduced by 60%. **(20 group lessons = 10 two-to-one lessons = 8 one-on-one lessons)**
11. Transfer service rescheduling will be made for free with a 24-hour notice in writing (onix@onix.org.ar) as maximum. Otherwise, students will be charged a new transfer service.
12. The transfer service will be considered as given after a maximum wait of 2 (two) hours in case of unexpected delays in the bus/flight arrival time.

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