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Dear students!

thank you for taking the time to evaluate our proposal to you! Booking a language course is an important decision and one most of you will do from far away. We understand that it is not easy to get a clear picture of what schools have to offer. We try to be as transparent as possible, showing all services at their real price, not hiding any costs from you. We operate three schools that offer top academic quality at a reasonable price. Sounds simple, but really it is a lot of work on our side. If you have questions and comments, please let us know! The same staff will be there for you before you travel and when you arrive. We like our work, we make a living from running successful Spanish schools and we will be there for you if something does not work to your entire satisfaction. Looking forward to meeting you, soon!

Best, Federico (Managing Director)

### A little bit of history...

Academia Buenos Aires was founded in 2003/4 and has grown to become one of the larger and probably the most highly regarded Spanish schools in Buenos Aires. The academy was founded as a reply to irregular quality offered by many schools at the time, as witnessed by the founders. Indeed, Utz Federico Hoeser, PhD, is a German national who came to Buenos Aires in 2001 and was unable to find a good quality offer for learning Spanish quickly enough to prepare him for his job as university business professor at a local university.

Academia Buenos Aires has been focused on professionalism from day 1. The founders hired academic coordinators capable of building an excellent team of teachers, invested in building state-of-the-art teaching material, dedicated one partner entirely to housing (a difficult sector in Buenos Aires) and eventually invested in office space of highest standards on Buenos Aires' central square, Plaza de Mayo, a top location.

In 2006 the idea to build a presence in Uruguay originated the search for a convenient site and the construction of a team of professionals in Montevideo. Academia Buenos Aires was able to inject capital and transfer the acquired know-how to build an organization that would meet or surpass the quality standards set in Buenos Aires. Teaching material was adapted to reflect local culture and expressions, with the basic structure and levels being exactly the same. By 2008/9, Academia Uruguay was become a founding member of the language tourism group GTI in Uruguay and was the first school to become accredited by the Ministry of Education and Culture. By 2012, Academia Uruguay became associated to the Cervantes Institute.

In 2011 Academies built a presence in Bariloche, a major tourist hub in Argentinean Patagonia. In cooperation with two local coordinators with considerable experience in this market, Academies was able to build on its existing contacts, skills and technologies to build a school offering the same quality services and "look and feel" as the other two schools under the same management.

Our schools	Buenos Aires	Montevideo	Bariloche
Location	downtown (Plaza de Mayo), adjacent to banking and business district, as well as to historic San Telmo	downtown (Plaza Matriz), in the pedestrian area of the old city of Montevideo	downtown, just opposite the main square and the municipality
Access	3 metro stops of 3 lines within 50 meters	several bus lines within 100 meters	several busses, but mainly central walking to all parts of town
Setting	top floor of recently renovated historic building	entire 2nd floor of a recently renovated historic building	second floor of a recently renovated historic building
Size (square meters)	320	350	100
Classroom number	12	9	4-5
Reception area	1	1	1
Terrace	1 (100 m2)	1 (200 m2)	no
Teacher room	1	1	no
Admin room	1	1	1
Student PCs	8	3	1
Free wifi	yes	yes	yes
DVD, Beamer, Sound etc	yes	yes	yes





## Academic excellence

- Detailed curriculum based on the European Reference Framework as defined by Cervantes Institute, with equivalencies for the ACTFL (USA).
- University credits (transcripts) available
- Qualified, experienced and motivated Spanish instructors with a university diploma
- An academic coordinator ensures correct student placement and continuous teacher training
- Teaching materials for intensive learning with strong local cultural component in all 3 schools.



our  
3 core  
principles



## Complete immersion

- Classroom introduction to Hispanic, Latin American and in particular Argentine and Uruguayan culture.
- Extracurricular programs (non-compulsory) free of charge. At least twice a week, a specially-trained member of the academia's staff leads a group of students to historic sites around town, concerts, dance (*you* dance), museums and many current events.
- Possibility to live with host family and apply the learned material in a real-life setting with the locals.
- Volunteering: students staying a minimum of 3 weeks enjoy free volunteering at one of our partner organizations.





## Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires has recently been called "the cool capital of the world". After the financial crisis in 2001, the local economy has rebounded strongly and tourism has become one of the most important sources of revenue. Buenos Aires attracts young and old people from around the world, attracted by the mix of Latin Culture and European legacy, the bohemian lifestyle, an impressive cultural scene, its nightlife, etc. The city offers modern transport systems, world-class hotels, one of the lowest big-city crime rates in Latin America, a functioning international banking system, tourist information services and in many ways offers all amenities a tourist would expect in Europe or the USA, only in a Latin setting.

This complex, energetic, and seductive port city, which stretches south-to-north along the Rio de la Plata, has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries. Porteños, as the multinational people of Buenos Aires are known, possess an elaborate and rich cultural identity. Their lifestyle and the architecture of the city are markedly more European than any other in South America. One of the world's finest opera houses, the Colon Theatre, still attracts some of the world's best performers.

Buenos Aires' physical structure is a mosaic as varied and diverse as its culture. The city has no dominating monument. Instead, Buenos Aires is composed of many hidden corners and intimate details. Glass-sheathed skyscrapers cast their slender shadows on 19th century Victorian houses. Tango bars fill with the hazy, piquant tang of cigar smoke while dusty, treasure-filled antique shops lie just across the way.

The city's neighborhoods are small and highly individualized, each with its own characteristic colors and forms. In the District of San Telmo, the city's multinational heritage is embodied in a varied and cosmopolitan architecture - Spanish Colonial design couples with Italian detailing and graceful French art nouveau. Artists left their mark in La Boca by painting the district's pressed tin houses, leaving the district's side-streets as avenues enveloped in color.



European influences permeate Argentina's and especially Buenos Aires' art, architecture, literature and lifestyle. However, in the field of literature in particular, this action has been a cross-cultural transaction. Argentina produced writers of international stature such as Jorge Luis Borges, Julio Cortázar, Ernesto Sábato, Manuel Puig and Osvaldo Soriano. With many Argentines having studied in Europe, Buenos Aires has self-consciously emulated European cultural trends in art, music and architecture. There are many important art museums and galleries in the city, and it has a vigorous theater community. In a number of international film festivals, Argentine cinema has achieved international stature, especially over the past decade.

The Spanish language sector in Argentina has been booming over the past years and quantity and quality have not gone hand in hand. For many years, language schools simply added Spanish to their programs without proper teacher training and without understanding the real needs of foreign students. This has changed since the global crisis in 2010/11, leading to the closure of all but the better and stronger schools, focussed on customer service and on offering Spanish as a foreign language as their main product.



**Academia Buenos Aires** is a renowned Spanish-language institute in the heart of Buenos Aires. Its only focus is on teaching Spanish as a foreign language to students from all over the world. It is the member of the recognized national trade association, SEA, which imposes high quality standards on their members.

It is also the only member of Tandem International in Argentina. Since 2013, Academia Buenos Aires is recognized by the RTR Global Responsible Tourism Network. It is recommended by major travel publication such as Footprint and Lonely Planet. It is a founding member of the Amerigo network of quality language schools.



The academy offers a whole range of individual and group courses, from one-week crash courses for beginners to long-term intensive courses, teachers-training courses and specialized courses (business, literature etc.).

It is located on Plaza de Mayo, with excellent public transport to all parts of town, on the top floor of a recently restored historic building, and offers the latest in modern infrastructure for the student.

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## Montevideo

The capital of Uruguay, Montevideo, has 1.25 million inhabitants, equivalent to 43% of the national population. Compared to Buenos Aires, it is a quiet town in terms of traffic, number of people, and the pace of life in general. For these reasons, as well as the city's safety, political stability and its low level of contamination, it is considered the city with the best quality of life in Latin America. Montevideo is a global city in the "beta" category according to a study by GaWC, and ranks as seventh in Latin America and world number 73.

The city has an outstanding location on the banks of the Rio de la Plata and locals and tourists alike love taking walks along the Rambla. In summer you can enjoy the beach, a short walk from downtown. Uruguayans love the outdoors and so there are a lot of parks and woodlands. The nightlife takes place in various parts of the city such as Pocitos, Buceo, Parque Rodó and the Ciudad Vieja, and has a range of pubs, clubs and restaurants with a great variety of food and music from Tango and Salsa, to Brazilian music, Cumbia, Reggaeton, Pop and Electronic, and others. A unique feature of this part of the world is the presence of different options of milongas, some classic and some more modern, where audiences of all ages attend open classes and dance our most famous national dance: the tango.

Montevideo is very rich architecturally; the city offers a mix of colonial, neoclassical, art deco and postmodern styles. There is a wide range of cultural activities on offer throughout the year: museums, theatres, exhibitions, concerts, festivals, etc. Of particular importance is our Carnaval, which consists of daily activities for one month and a half and is the longest in the world. It is one of the most interesting and fundamental events in Uruguayan culture.

The Uruguayan Carnaval is completely unique. It consists of 4 parades and a big official competition. Groups compete in different categories, one of which is murga a combination of singing, music, colourful costumes and political satire. Another category is las llamadas, a parade of groups of lubolas with that play hypnotic drums and who, with their dances and rhythms, connect us to the legacy of African music that arrived in Uruguay over two hundred years ago. The great importance of candombe (the music of the drums) in our culture is reflected in the



fact that every Saturday and Sunday in neighbourhoods around Montevideo, you can find groups of drummers parading the streets and sharing their music.

Dramatic arts draw a large crowd. Works are usually performed from Thursdays to Sundays in the local theatre circuit. The biggest stage, and the second oldest theatre in South America, is the Teatro Solís where quality national and international shows are presented daily.

Like any metropolis, Montevideo has a wide range of commercial cinemas and also an independent alternative cinema club (which has 4 rooms) that showcases 100 films of different nationalities and filmmakers per month at a remarkably affordable price.

Montevideo has many important Art museums, such as el Nacional de Artes Visuales in Parque Rodó, the Espacio de Arte Contemporáneo built in the former Miguelete Prison and the gallery dedicated to the famous painter Torres García in the Ciudad Vieja. The city also has many historical museums including el Museo del Gaucho and el Museo del Fútbol in the Estadio Centenario home of the 1st World Cup in 1930 and declared a monument of World Football by FIFA. In the Goes neighbourhood there is a permanent open-air exhibition of street art found on the facades of neighbourhood buildings.



Spanish schools in Montevideo are scarce and Academia Uruguay is one of the pioneers of this sector, with quality as its differentiating factor. It is also the largest Spanish school in Montevideo, although by international standards it must be considered small-medium sized.

Academia Uruguay is located in Uruguay's capital, Montevideo, and offers exclusively Spanish courses for foreign students. It offers the highest academic standards and employs only the best local teachers, all of which have graduated from university with degrees in linguistics or other relevant disciplines.

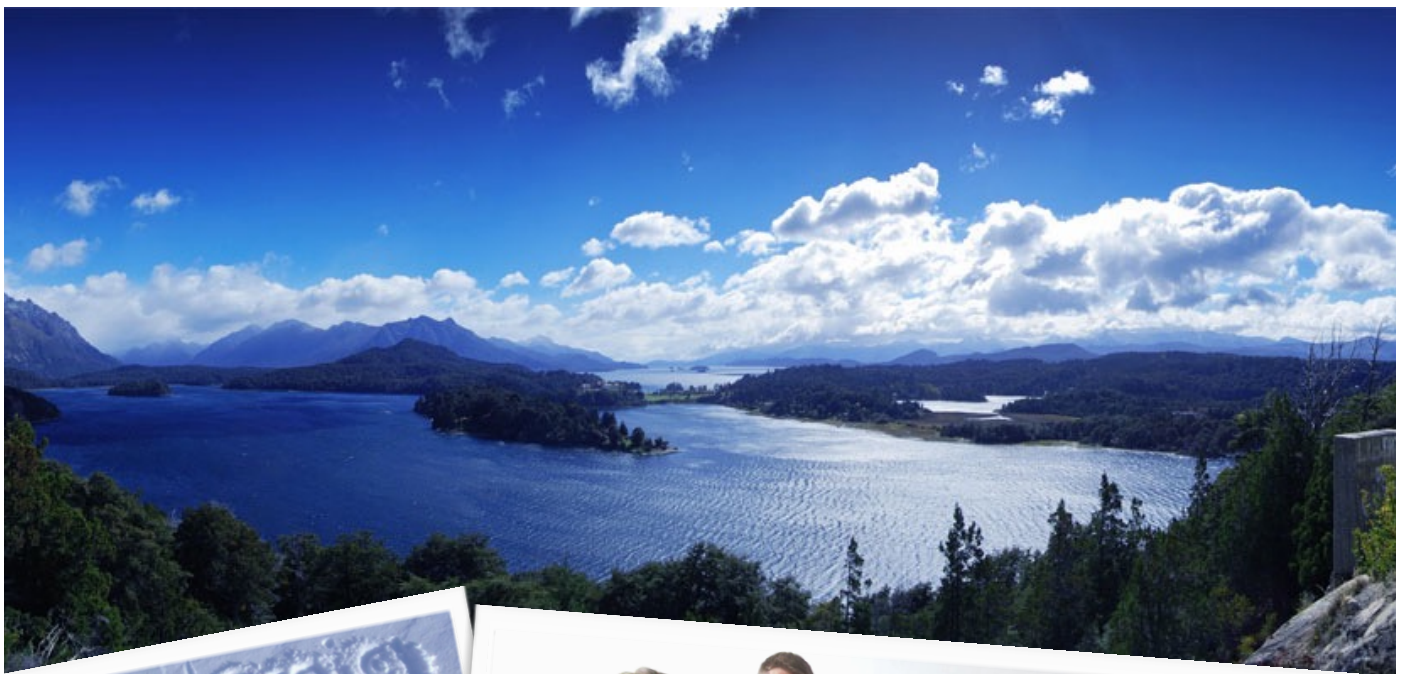
Recognized by the Ministry of Education of Uruguay, the academy offers courses for all levels, from beginners to very advanced. Academia Uruguay is accredited by the Instituto Cervantes, member of Tandem International and founder of the Uruguayan Language Tourism Group (GTI, managed by the tourism ministry). It is recognized as a leading school by major travel publications, such as Lonely Planet and Footprint. It is active member of the RTR Global Responsible tourism network.



The academy is located in a historic building in the old part of Montevideo, in the pedestrian area. It offers latest technology in a historic setting. Students have access to a rooftop terrace overlooking the central square. Public transport to all other parts of town is ensured by the very efficient bus system.







### 3. Bariloche

Bariloche is the Gateway to Patagonia, both Chilean and Argentinean Patagonia.

It is the most important city in the region, but only has roughly 100'000 stable inhabitants. It offers all the major services and is a tourist hub for the region. It is a Mecca for outdoor enthusiasts, all year-round with sublime views on mountains, lakes and forests.

Bariloche is wonderfully located on the shore of the Nahuel Huapi lake, one of the largest and beautiful in Argentina. It is surrounded by the largest national park in South American, the Nahuel Huapi National Park. The city is surrounded by snow-capped mountains (the Andes), dense forests and crystal-clear lakes. Its natural beauty makes Bariloche one of the most important tourist destinations in Argentina and a great destination for learning Spanish in a perfect setting. If you do not like nature, please abstain from coming.

Access to Bariloche is either by plane from Buenos Aires (2 hours, 6-12 daily flights) or by bus (18 hours from Buenos Aires). Some direct flights from Brazil are available depending on the season.

Bariloche is internationally famous for its skiing area around the Cerro Catedral, but also for the surrounding mountains and forests ideal for hiking year-round. Indeed, Bariloche is a destination you can visit all year-round. In the summer months various festivals are a good complement to the outdoor activities. You can also dance tango all year around. The schools offers additional activities on the weekend.

The city is sufficiently big to offer all amenities and small enough to immediately come in contact with the locals. Of course, the immersion aspect is even stronger if you stay and share with a host family.

Bariloche is an ideal place for all kinds of sports: mountaineering, hiking, rafting, fishing, paragliding, sailing, kayaking or simply relaxing in one of the cafes with a view on the lake.

Should students decide to start your journey through southern Patagonia or Chile from Bariloche, our coordinators and teachers will be happy to help share their experiences and give advice, also off the beaten track.





Academia Bariloche is the main Spanish school in town, even though its creation in 2011 is rather recent. It has the best location just next to the Civic center and the main square, the best academic credentials (qualified and experienced teachers in a region where that is a scarce resource) and the best word-of-mouth propaganda in the region.

It utilizes the very same study materials and curricula as the other academias, adapted to local content. The school is on the second floor of a refurbished historic building, has four classrooms and all the necessary equipment (pcs, wifi, sound machines, TV etc).



Academia Bariloche is recommended by major travel publications such as Footprint, Petit Fute and is recognized by the RTR Global responsible tourism network. It is member of the Amerigo network of owner-run quality schools in Latin America.

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### Ingjald Pilskog (Norway)

I found the school after coming in contact with some other students on the local bus. I had a 5 month stay at the local research centre and was looking for the best place to learn the language. Already from the first contact with the school I had, together with the teachers, made a plan that suited my needs. They were helpful to find timeslots that allowed me to learn the language as well as working full time. I also got a good mix between individual lessons and lessons together with students at the same level as me. I also found that the social activities let me get to know Bariloche in a way that I did not manage on my own, and use the language "out in the wild" with the support of the teachers and other students, some which I still have contact with. I also learnt a lot about the Argentinean culture and history that I didn't get from my colleagues, and that helped me understand the country better. When I am coming back to Bariloche sometime in the future, I will want to take some new lessons to get my language skill up to speed again, and I know the school will help me better in that respect than any other place. I will also like to recommend anybody to start their lessons here or at one of the sister schools, and then come to Bariloche, to get a memorable and good language lesson.



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## Quality

Academia Buenos Aires is member SEA (Asociación Centros de Idiomas), the leading Argentine association of language schools.

Academia Uruguay is a founding member of the Uruguayan association of Spanish schools, Grupo de Turismo Idiomático GTI. It is also the first Spanish language school to have been accredited by the Ministry of Education in Uruguay.

Courses at all three academies on all levels have been recognized by all German Länder as "Bildungsurlaub".

While cooperation with quality schools of the region was something Academies have put into practice since its inception, 2010 saw the incorporation of Academia Buenos Aires and Academia Uruguay into TANDEM® International, the international network of quality language schools based on the idea of international exchange between local and international students.

In 2011, both schools co-founded the AMERIGO network of quality language schools in Latin America. These owner-run schools share the same philosophy of quality-based services in a human-scale environment. Currently these partner schools are in Cordoba, Argentina and Santiago de Chile. In 2015, Academia Bariloche also joined the Amerigo network.

In 2012, Academia Uruguay was awarded the status of "Centro acreditado" by the Cervantes Institute, arguably the most important quality label in the market of Spanish schools. Academia Buenos Aires has already passed the technical inspection by the Cervantes institute, but is still waiting for the legal paperwork to become the first accredited school in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 2013, all three schools became active members of the growing RTR Global network for responsible tourism and meeting its membership criteria.



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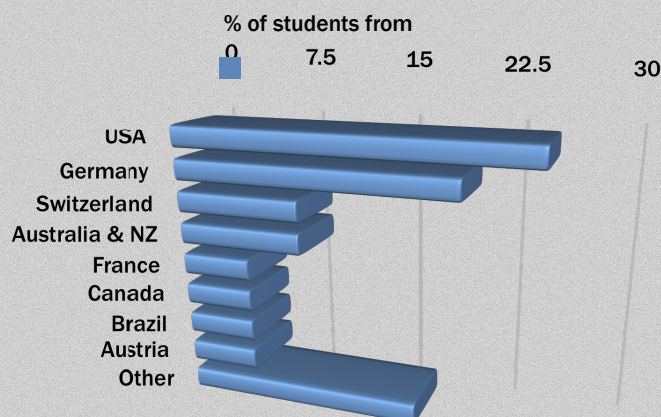
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## Students / breakdown

All three academies have students from all over the world. There is no dominant nationality and classes are very mixed. This provides an excellent opportunity for students to make friends from other countries and speak Spanish in and out of class. In 2014, we had more than 1000 students at our academies, from 43 countries!

In all three academies, most students are university educated or in the process of studying at the university. Many professionals have chosen the academies because of its serious approach to learning. The academies tend to attract students who wish first of all to improve their Spanish and plan their trip around the Spanish course.



### Buenos Aires:

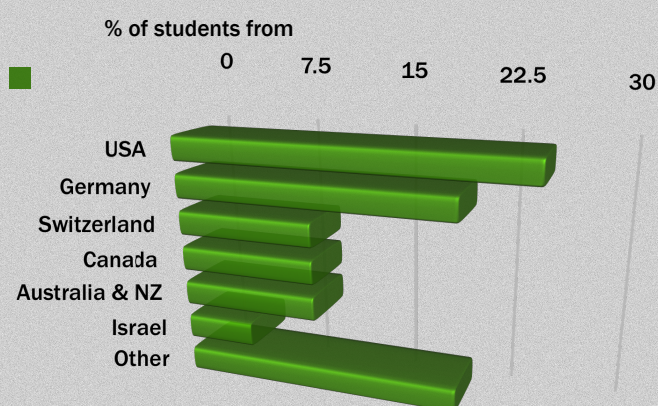
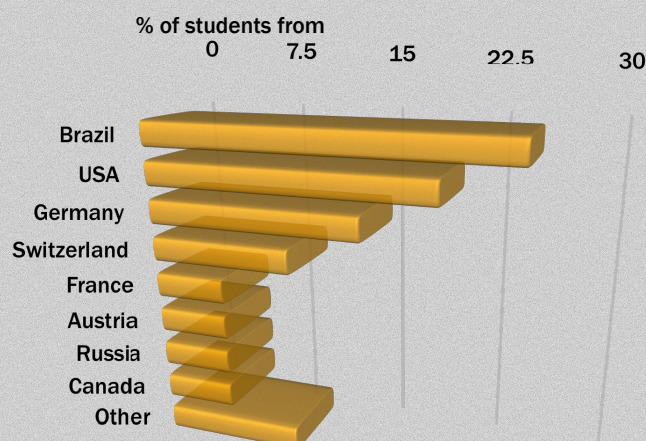
Depending on the time of the year, the academy has between 30 and 70 students at any given moment. The average stay is 2-4 weeks, with some staying as little as one week and others up to 6 months.

The average age of students is 28 years. The minimum age for regular group courses is 17 years, but most students are 19 years or older. Students in the range of 40-60 years are not uncommon.

### Montevideo:

Depending on the time of the year, the academy has between 15 and 50 students at any given moment. The average stay is 3 weeks, with some staying as little as one week and others up to 6 months.

The average age of students is 30 years. The minimum age for regular group courses is 17 years, but most students are 20 years or older. Students in the range of 40-60 years are not uncommon.



### Bariloche:

The largest group of students comes from the USA. The rest comes from around the world, literally.

Depending on the time of the year the academy has between 10 and 35 students at any given point in time.

The students' age varies, but on average is 25 years.





## Our courses

Academia Buenos Aires, Academia Uruguay and Academia Bariloche offer Spanish- language courses in different formats:

- a. One-on-one classes. In this format, one of the teachers gives individual tutoring to a student. This is a very intensive format and especially suited to students who either want to speed up the learning process or show special needs. Classes start every day, year-round.
- b. Group classes. Groups are between 2 and 6 (Bariloche: 5) students. There are 8 skill levels to ensure a certain homogeneity necessary for faster learning. All students in group courses are above 17 years of age, except for special travel groups.
- c. A mix of the above two options.

Group courses start every Monday, year-round, on all levels.

Courses are run in two "shifts": 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm. Placement in one or the other is determined by the students' preferences and the school's availability.

New students arriving at the academy and starting on a Monday come to the school half an hour before the start of classes to meet with the academic coordinator, take a written and oral level test and receive basic information on their course schedule.

### 1. One-on-one course:

Designed according to the wishes of the student and the diagnostic of our academic coordinator. There is no minimum of hours. Times are fixed according to students' wishes. This course can also be taught through skype before the student arrives or after the student leaves.

### 2. Intensive course:

This group course runs for 20 hours per week and is the academy's best-selling course. Both academies offer 8 different levels of classes (from "Beginner" to "Very Advanced", based on the European Reference Framework) to meet the special requirements and enhance the learning of each and every student. Learning sessions take place in group classes of no more than 6 students. On the lower levels, one level usually takes 2 weeks to complete. Students can enter at any level, or half-level. Booking an odd number of weeks is possible (1,3,5, etc)

#### All courses include the following for free:

- Spanish level test, oral and written
- At least 2 extracurricular activities per week: guided tours, asado grills (Buenos Aires), museums, movie showings, etc.
- Usually, additional academic activities, once or twice per week: phonetics workshops, listening comprehension workshops, grammar revision, etc
- Classroom materials
- Free dictionary on loan
- PC with internet and wifi during breaks
- Coffee, Tea and refreshments
- Continuous monitoring of student progress in class
- Final examination (upon demand, free)
- Diploma
- 24 hours emergency hotline





Every level has its own communicative, grammatical and pragmatic objectives. On every level, professors use a great variety of learning situations, mixing oral communication and listening comprehension using audio and video, text reading, etc. Every level has one part of its content dedicated to social, cultural and political life in Argentina and Uruguay and to Latin-American history.

### 3. Spanish and Tango:

Designed for students who want to combine learning Spanish and taking Tango classes. This offer includes: either personal or group Tango classes in one of the best Tango academies in town (3 times a week), Spanish classes (20 hours per week).

### 4. Spanish and volunteer:

All our schools offer students the possibility to combine Spanish courses with volunteer work. They can work in different organizations and projects in the respective city, discovering very particular problems and benefiting people in many sectors. We offer students the possibility to share their time, ideas and skills with Argentineans and Uruguayans and discover their culture in a unique way!

We consider volunteer work as an exchange whereby the volunteer in social organizations offers his work and the organization offers a space to share experiences. Receiving a volunteer implies integrating him into daily routines, allowing him to get to know one's way of life. Being a volunteer, for us, is not an act of charity. It is a way of getting to know and to respect other cultures.

We work with various organizations and students will have to pay neither for our help in organizing your volunteer work, nor for actually working there. If the volunteer organization depends on donations, the school will make this contribution, not the student. In all cases we ask students to take a minimum of three weeks of regular Spanish classes at our academy. Our program is for all students willing to share their energy and time for a period of at least 4 weeks on a concrete project. There is no age limit. Students must have a level 4 \*academy\* or B1 to participate. Students cannot do more than one project through us.



### 5. Medical spanish

This course, either in a classroom or through distance learning (skype) is specifically designed for medical professions (nurses, medical students, physicians, public health policy experts, etc.) or students with a special interest in the medical field. It is taught by an expert Spanish teacher with medical knowledge.

This course can be combined with regular Spanish courses. It is only taught in Buenos Aires. Medical shadowing in a clinic can be combined with this course at an extra cost depending on the length of the stay.

### 6. DELE preparation courses

Our DELE preparation courses are individual courses as the prior knowledge, the level to be attained and learning speeds are very different. We focus on each student and most of our teachers have been trained and certified by



the Cervantes Institute to teach DELE preparation courses. Students can also combine regular courses and DELE courses at the end of their stay, to first get a better general level and then specifically prepare the exam.

### 7. Business Spanish:

This course has been designed especially for Academia Buenos Aires (by a university business professor) for students who would like to focus on Business Spanish. To participate in this course, students will need an intermediate level of Spanish (check the "intensive courses" program). The aim is for the students to learn a maximum of Spanish business terminology, to understand Latin American business dealings and to get an insight into the Argentine economy. There is almost no focus on grammar skills, as these can be acquired separately in the general courses or additional private classes. Parts of the course are based on real case studies, which require prior preparation on behalf of the student and active class participation.

### 8. Spanish for Spanish teachers:

The course has been designed for foreign Spanish teachers and focuses on:

- revising, updating and deepening the understanding of communicative, grammar and phonetic contents
- facilitating the understanding of the most important historic, social and cultural concepts necessary for the comprehension of Argentine and Uruguayan culture
- providing the tools necessary for teaching Spanish as a foreign language based on the studied material

### 9. Groups

In the past, the academy has received many groups of up to 30 students at a time, for a minimum of 1 week, with or without accommodation in host families, shared apartments, hotels or hostels.

We have received teenage student groups, university groups and 50+ groups interested in Argentine culture.

We increasingly receive faculty-led programs from US universities with needs for special extracurricular programs and field visits in economics, technology, education.... We are happy to adjust to your needs.

Please consult for tailor-made programs and prices.

### 10. Spanish and Farmstay

The Farmstay in Argentina and Uruguay program combines taking Spanish classes at Academia Buenos Aires or Academia Uruguay and staying on an estancia (large farm) right in the heart of one of the largest stretches of fertile land in Latin America, about a 4 hours' drive from the capital Buenos Aires or 2 hours from Montevideo.



This offer is fully in line with our full-immersion, integrated teaching method. This means that participants will learn Spanish 24 hours a day: during the 4 weeks intensive language course, the academic and social extra-curricular activities available in our academies,

informally at home with their host family and during their 4-week stay on the farm. This estancia is a very special place with very nice people. We highly recommend this experience for all age groups and backgrounds.

### 11. Spanish for diplomats

Academia Buenos Aires offers this Spanish course for professionals working for government administrations, in international business or on diplomatic missions, so that they can acquire and develop the oral and written comprehension and writing skills required for these communicative environments (international relations in a widest sense).

### 12. Spanish semester course

A full semester of Spanish classes at Academia Buenos Aires or Academia Uruguay allows students to make significant and permanent progress in their Spanish language skills through a truly authentic cultural immersion. No matter at what level students start this course, they will achieve meaningful results and live a unique multicultural learning experience. A free university transcript is offered at the end of the course.

### 13. Spanish and adventure

One week of Spanish group classes in Academia Bariloche plus three adventure activities: rafting or paragliding, horse riding, kayak.





## Prices

Our prices are expressed in USD. We usually ask for payment before the course starts, for both housing and courses. Payment can be made through online credit card payment, bank transfer to a European bank account or in cash. We no longer accept Traveller's Cheques (in case you remember them....). You will receive an invoice with a detailed list of items and no surprises. All costs are included.

Courses (prices in USD)	Buenos Aires	Montevideo	Bariloche
Inscription fee** (one-time***)	50	50	50
Intensive group / 20 hours* per week	215	245	210
Intensive course for Brazilians / 20 hours p.w.	-	245	-
One-on-one / hour*	32	30	26
Superintensive / 20 group + 10 indiv. hours	535	545	470
Online Spanish / hour	29	29	29
DELU or CELU preparation per hour	35	32	29
Spanish (20 hours) + group tango (3 hours)	275	-	275
Spanish (20 hours) + private tango (3 hours)	395	395	395
Volunteer work (check conditions)	free	free	free
Course for Spanish teachers (40 hours)	1395	1395	-
Business Spanish (20 hours)	690	-	-
Medical Spanish (1 hour)	35	-	-
Spanish + Farmstay (8 weeks, incl. housing)	3420	3600	3420
Spanish and Adventure (20 hours course)	-	-	580
University credit	165	165	165
Homestay with breakfast 1 week	240	240	-
Homestay with breakfast and dinner 1 week	295	295	275
Shared housing single room / week	210	210	-
Shared housing single room basic / week	150	-	-

\*one classroom hour is 55 minutes.

\*\* inscription fees include all study materials, tests, activities, etc.

\*\*\* students combining courses at our academies or partner schools pay inscription only once.





## 11. Housing

### Host family

Living with a local family during a stay in Buenos Aires, Bariloche and Montevideo is a unique possibility to get to know the Argentine and Uruguayan way of life: habits, food, daily schedules, traditional hospitality and much more. It allows students to practice their Spanish in everyday situations, to improve vocabulary, pronunciation and to get a feel for the use of certain expressions and phrases. Host family stays are the perfect way to truly learn and live the local lifestyle.

The families that work with the academy are part of our program and know the way we work. They are prepared to receive our students and to introduce them to life in Buenos Aires, Bariloche and Montevideo. Most importantly, they share with us the fundamental desire to receive people from all over the world, to exchange experiences and help familiarize students with our culture. We match our international students and local families, depending on their ages and special interests.

There are two lodging options to consider when staying with a family:

- Individual rooms with breakfast and dinner
- Individual rooms and breakfast only

Students can arrange special requirements and considerations regarding breakfast and dinner with their respective families. In most cases, bathroom and kitchen usage are shared with family members. Some (rare) families offer private bathrooms for a higher price. Consult.

### Shared housing:

Both academies in Buenos Aires and Montevideo offer their student the possibility to share an apartment or house with other international students. Usually, 3 or 4 students share an apartment, each with his / her own bedroom.

Couples and friends traveling together can ask to share a bedroom. The living and dining room, the bath and other parts of the house or apartment are shared.





## Immersion activities

Language and culture go hand in hand and the academies' teaching programs, rich in cultural content, reflect that. Our academies also offer a free cultural program as parts of their extracurricular activities. At least twice a week, students enjoy city tours, guided museum tours, movie showings, Tango concerts, Asado dinners (Buenos Aires) and many more. The only cost for the student are entry fees (museum, concerts etc.) and bus fares (where applicable).

All of these organized activities are led by a guide, who is either a teacher or a tour guide, working for our schools. The guides will only speak in Spanish when giving explanations (even though they speak other languages), adapting to the level of our students, so that everybody will understand what is said.

Special occasions require special class subjects, so every once in while one day of Spanish classes is taught around a particular current or historic event. And that may include immersion activities around town.

As you can see, we try to establish a weekly agenda dependent on events occurring that very week. Every week is different and so is our activity agenda. Here is a generic example of an agenda in Buenos Aires:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.	Spanish class	Spanish class	Spanish class	Spanish class	Spanish class	sleep
2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Free guided tour through La Boca barrio with Alexia	3 to 4 p.m. free phonetics class with Mercedes	off (we recommend you discover Palermo barrio on your own)	3 to 4 p.m. free conversation class with Cecilia	Free guided tour to the MALBA museum of Modern Art	Visit a nearby estancia (check at reception) or go for a 2-day trip to Iguazu waterfalls
evenings	Have dinner with your host family and get to know their daily routine	take 2 hours to do homework. Yes, seriously, we believe you should review the material studied in class!	9 p.m. Tango concert at the Torquato Tasso cultural center - we meet at the entrance. Price 8 USD.	students typically go out together. Many bars and restaurants offer thursday night specials	8 p.m. Free movie night at the academy: we will choose the argentine movie together and have empanadas	enjoy our recommendations for nightlife in Buenos Aires

Our activities are not limited to weekdays. However, our weekend recommended activities are usually not organized by us. Specialized travel agencies we work with organize tours and excursions for our students to close-by and not-so-close-by destinations, by bus, plane or ferry. There are many places you can visit during your stay with us. Check them out on our websites in the respective Argentina or Uruguay sections, full of details and practical tips.