

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Welcome to Our Spanish School, where history meets modern comfort in a beautifully restored colonial building. Our school provides an exceptional learning experience with a range of facilities designed to enhance your Spanish journey. Enjoy seamless internet access, stay comfortable with air conditioning, and utilize our small library for additional resources. Enhance your learning with video projectors and audio materials, and unwind in our cozy environment equipped with TV and DVD players.

Our charming patio and coffee shop offer perfect settings to relax between classes and enjoy a cup of delicious Colombian coffee. Whether you prefer group lessons, private sessions, or intensive courses, we cater to all learning needs. Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring you have a fantastic time while mastering Spanish. Whether you're a complete beginner or aiming to enhance your fluency, join us and equip yourself with all the tools you need to excel in Spanish in an engaging and supportive environment.











Cartagena, Colombia As of 1 week

No Spanish Needed Local support

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ABOUT CARTAGENA

Cartagena is a city overflowing with romance and history!



Its streets echo tales from the time when Spanish explorers first unearthed gold in the tombs of the Sinu people. The city has weathered five dramatic sieges by pirates in the 16th century, including the famous (or infamous) raid led by Sir Francis Drake. Today, Cartagena invites you to wander its charming streets and soak up its laid-back, sensual vibe.

Just a short distance away, La Boquilla offers a unique slice of local life. This community of Afro-descendants, primarily engaged in tourism and fishing, sits at the "entrance" of the Ciénaga de la Virgen. Here, you can experience a different side of Cartagena's culture and traditions.

With an average temperature of around 27°C, Cartagena and La Boquilla are perfect for beach outings and outdoor adventures all year round.

WHAT IS INCLUDED



ORIENTATION MEETING

LOCAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

ACCOMMODATION IN A HOMESTAY

BREAKFAST

20 HOUR CLASSES PER WEEK (STANDARD COURSE)

CLASS MATERIAL

ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE SCHOOL

WHAT TO CONSI DER

- Arrival Airport: Cartagena (CTG)
- Location: Cartagena, La Boquilla
- Classes Start: Mondays; you need to be in Cartagena the Sunday before and ends on Saturday
- Available: All year
- Courses: You can book from 1 week to 12 weeks, classes have a maximum number of students of 8. Intensive course or private classes upon request
- Hours a day: classes run 4 hours per day from Monday to Friday
- Level: You will take an entry test to determine your level
- Insurance: Travel/health insurance is highly recommended
- Weekly Budget: We recommend \$90 USD for meals, tours, and motor taxis (a cool experience) to get to the projects.
 Each way costs between COP 2,000 and COP 3,000, less than a dollar. All projects are located 10–20 minutes' walk from the accommodation



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- FLIGHTS
- TRANSPORTATION TO THE HOMESTAY FROM THE AIRPORT
- MEDICAL INSURANCE (MANDATORY TO CONFIRM THE RESERVATION)

A TYPICAL DAY LEARNING SPANISH

You will arrive in Cartagena during the weekend, giving you free time to get to know the family you will be living with, relax, and explore the city on your own. On Monday, you will head to the school, which is located within a 25-minute walk from your homestay. There, you will be welcomed, meet your teachers and classmates, and begin your fun learning journey. On this first day, you will take a placement exam to determine the most suitable course level for you.

Your classes are scheduled for 4 hours each morning, from Monday to Friday. In the afternoons, the school organizes various extra activities, such as city bike tours, cultural trips, cinema club, and dance classes. The rest of the time is free for you to enjoy all that Cartagena has to offer!





WHAT O DO IN FREE TIME



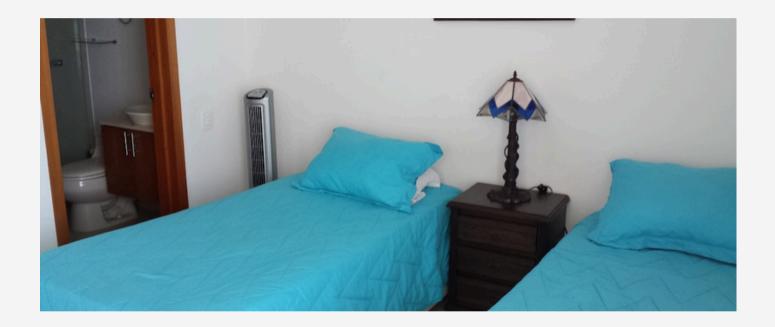
We're all about giving you an awesome learning experience alongside your education journey. During your time with us, you'll join in lots of activities that connect you with other students and help you really get to know Cartagena.

In the afternoons, our teachers and students hang out together, creating a laid-back vibe where you can practice Spanish and make new friends. Every week, we organize city bike tours to explore Cartagena's historic streets, soaking up its colonial charm and lively atmosphere. You can also join our cultural trips to visit iconic landmarks and learn about the city's rich history and traditions.

If you're into movies and want to practice your Spanish, our Cinema Club shows Spanish-language films that are both fun and help improve your language skills. And for those who love dancing or want to learn salsa, our salsa classes with professional instructors are a blast! It's a great way to pick up some moves in a fun and supportive environment.

These activities not only make your cultural experience richer but also complement your language learning journey. Enjoy connecting with fellow students, practicing Spanish, and making memories in one of Colombia's most captivating cities. Come join us in Cartagena for an educational and cultural adventure you won't forget!

THE ACCOMMO DATION



Immerse yourself fully in Colombian life with our homestay accommodation option, where you'll live with a welcoming Colombian family. This experience not only enhances your language skills but also deepens your understanding of Colombian culture.

Each homestay includes breakfast to start your day right and Wi-Fi access to keep you connected. You'll have your own private bedroom, ensuring a comfortable and quiet environment ideal for studying and relaxation.

Our handpicked homestay families are conveniently located within a 25-minute walk from the school, making it easy to get to classes and explore vibrant Cartagena. If you prefer more privacy, we offer options for homestays with a private room and bathroom, available upon request for an additional fee.

WHAT TO BRING

- A small backpack to carry around your personal belongings
- Comfortable clothing (shorts, T-shirts, shirts)
- Flip-flops or sandals
- Tennis shoes for various activities
- A hat for sun protection
- Sunscreen with a minimum factor of 50

- A towel for beach and pool use
- A bathing suit for swimming
- Sunglasses to protect your eyes
- Insect repellent to keep bugs at bay
- Power converter for 110v sockets
- Travel documents (passport, copy of medical insurance, personal medication information)

Please remember to bring enough of your own medications for the entire duration of your stay in Cartagena and La Boquilla. While pharmacies are available, having your personal prescriptions with you is essential.







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