COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
BUENOS AIRES
STUDY ABROAD IN ARGENTINA
JANUARY 2014
A vibrant, passionate and cosmopolitan city with a very European flavor, Buenos Aires is one of the most influential cities in South America. Visitors can explore El Centro, Belgrano and La Recoleta; wander down grand avenues lined with faded but charming architecture; talk fútob (soccer), recall Argentina’s checkered political history in the beautiful Casa Rosada and watch tango in a traditional saloon. On all counts Buenos Aires really delivers.

INCLUDED

- Housing in twin rooms with a local homestay family including daily breakfast and dinner.
- Subte travel pass for 30 trips on the buses and underground trains in the central zone.
- Orientation program in Buenos Aires consisting of a meeting with AIFS staff, information packet, walking tour of the local area, welcome dinner and half-day guided sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires by private coach.
- 20 hours of Spanish language instruction per week for two weeks (total 40 hours).
- Access to the AIFS Student Center and the services of an experienced AIFS Program Coordinator for information, advice and 24-hour emergency contact service.
- Weekly program of cultural activities to include mate drinking, a tango lesson, lectures on Argentinian culture and film nights.
- Guided day trips to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay (a UNESCO World Heritage site), and to a hacienda.
- $50 non-refundable application fee.
- Student medical and program fee refund insurance policies.

FEES

Based on an enrollment of 25-29 participants, the fee per person is $3,095.

This fee excludes airfare, a $125 refundable damage deposit, passport or visa fees, optional medical insurance upgrade ($65) and optional personal effects coverage ($90), meals other than those listed, personal expenses, any College of the Canyons tuition or administrative fees, textbooks, additional field trips or excursions required by the College of the Canyons faculty and anything not specified.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the $ exchange rate.
OPTIONAL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

On a space-available basis, students may purchase the optional transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare between Los Angeles and Buenos Aires and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Buenos Aires for an additional $595 excluding mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges of $677 (subject to change) for which students will be billed separately. A minimum of 10 students must purchase the flight for it to be offered.

COURSES

Introduction to International Business
(BUS 103) 3 units
A combination of global business theory as affected by cultural, political, legal and international economic factors with instruction on government regulation, foreign market analysis, exporting and importing.

Introduction to the Tourism Industry
(HRMGT 102) 3 units
Examines operations, principles and trends in the emerging tourism industry, emphasizing the marketing and the competitive service strategies of major tourist attractions.

Spanish 101 4 units
Develops linguistic and cultural proficiency at the novice mid level.

Spanish 150 3 units
Essentials of Spanish for conversational and practical usage. Intensive practice in the expression and comprehension of spoken Spanish. Emphasizes the practical application of the language, not grammar acquisition or review.

Spanish 201 4 units
Presents Spanish grammar at the intermediate level, emphasizing practical and idiomatic usage as well as analyzing essays, poems and short stories in Spanish by famous authors from the Spanish-speaking world.

Spanish 202 4 units
Studies more advanced grammatical structures and syntax, emphasizing linguistic and cultural proficiency using cultural and literary materials.

All are transferable to CSU and UC.

FACULTY

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Dr. Claudia Acosta is a professor of Spanish and Chair of the Department of Modern Languages at College of the Canyons where she also leads their international education efforts. She has extensive experience teaching abroad in Spain and Latin America. She recently led the Global Collaborative Project to Central America, a joint literacy partnership with the Santa Clarita International Programs (SCVi P), the local non-profit sister city organization.

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Kevin Anthony is the Department Chair for the Hotel/Restaurant program at College of the Canyons. The Buenos Aires 2014 study abroad program will be his fifth student travel program that he has co-directed.

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Russell A. Waldon, Esq. is a professor of Business and Business Law. He has a B.B.A. in International Finance and Marketing from the University of Miami (FL) and a J.D. degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School. He is a former international trade consultant with the Center for International Trade Development/California-Mexico Trade Assistance Center of Citrus College. He has worked in international trade in the private sector and practiced law in both the private and public sectors. He has been a member of the College of the Canyons faculty since 2000.

INFORMATION MEETINGS

- September 5 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- September 17 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- October 2 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- October 16 6:00-7:00 p.m.

All meetings are at the Valencia Campus - Mentry 342.
MEDICAL INSURANCE

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Ace American Insurance Company. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

1. Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate on the program because of covered injury, illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a $100 processing fee, the $50 non-refundable application fee and $125 insurance premium.

2. Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of $100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of $300. There is a $50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are provided to students with their final invoice for payment of the balance of their program fees.

OPTIONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE UPGRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS INSURANCE

A medical insurance upgrade provides a maximum $250,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of $300 ($50 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional personal effects insurance covers loss or theft up to $100 per item ($500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of $100 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Bicycles, jewelry, cash and computers are not covered. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.

AIFS REFUND POLICY

All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, AIFS Partnership Programs, College Division, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student’s application is not accepted by AIFS, a refund of all payments made, less the $50 non-refundable application fee and any non-refundable deposits paid by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf. If a student withdraws on or before Friday, November 1, 2013, a full refund will be made less $150 plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf.

If a student withdraws after Friday, November 1, 2013, but on or before Monday, November 25, 2013, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the $450 deposit is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less a $100 processing fee, the $50 non-refundable application fee and the $125 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Monday, November 25, 2013, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the $150 processing and cancellation fee and any non-refundable deposits. Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after Friday, November 1, 2013. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Buenos Aires requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

For more information, please contact the coordinator on your campus:

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