



Learn Spanish in *Chile, Argentina, Perú*

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Escuelas de Español y Cultura en Latinoamérica:

Hola! We are excited that you are seeking the opportunity to learn more about Spanish and the Latin American culture with ECELA! Thank you for your interest in us. ECELA ensures that you make the most of your time and challenge yourself while experiencing the vibrant and varied cultures of South America.

Outside of our small, personal class environment, you will find a world of opportunity and a new confidence in communication when speaking with local residents on the busy city streets, ski slopes, dance floors, Andean trails and many other walks of Latin American life.

With six schools in three countries (Argentina, Chile, Peru), you will be able to choose the environment that best suits you. The diverse opportunities for school organized excursions, personalized attention from our instructors and staff and the famous warmth of Latin American culture make ECELA the perfect choice for your immersion experience.

Your Latin Immersion awaits!

Spanish Courses

Develop your skills through conversation, listening comprehension, reading and writing.



Group (8 grammar lessons + 12 conversation lessons per week).

With a maximum of 8 students in each group class, we ensure that you receive personalized instruction, participate in class activities and discussions, and make a connection with your professor.

Private (16-20 private lessons per week).

Receive one-on-one attention. Private lessons are an excellent idea for students seeking a specialized vocabulary for specific situations and can be a more concentrated alternative to group classes.

Group + Private (8 grammar lessons + 8 conversation + 4 private lessons per week).

Supplement the standard mini-group class with additional private lessons. You may review a difficult area or focus on a specialized topic in your career or interests.



DELE Exam Preparation

If you are seeking international recognition as a Spanish speaker with DELE, ECELA will prepare you.



Argentina, Buenos Aires

Often called the "Paris of South America", an intriguing combination of European sophistication and Latin charm makes Buenos Aires a truly world-class city.

Home of the tango, countless bars and cafes and an active nightlife, Buenos Aires is an ideal city to explore while using your Spanish language skills with local porteños.

City Highlights

River-Boca fútbol: Watch impassioned porteños strive tirelessly for victory in Argentina's biggest rivalry. And those are just the fans.

Tango dinner shows: Impressive performances in the world's tango capital.

Nightlife: Explore the city's endless night time options.

I had an amazing time here my Spanish school in Buenos Aires . From the very first day on I felt at ease- in my apartment as well as at the school. The staff and teachers were so friendly, helpful and very competent. They made sure that I could profit from my time here as much as possible. Whenever I needed their help or just a good laugh they were always there. Furthermore, I have met so many wonderful people from all over the world with whom I will certainly stay in touch for a lifetime. I can only recommend it to everyone – ECELA in Buenos Aires is the perfect choice!

Kathrin Wolf



Argentina, Mendoza

The city of Mendoza is one of the most important in Argentina, famous for its wineries, Mount Aconcagua (the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere), and outdoor sports.

Mendoza is located in the foothills of the Andes mountain range, and by bus it is 13 hours from Buenos Aires and seven hours from Santiago. Mendoza is also a cultural hub - you will find many museums, art galleries and festivals, the most important being La Vendimia in March.

If you like skiing, Mendoza is the place for you! Take advantage of stunning landscapes and world-class resorts in this charming and friendly city with local language skills with local porteños.

City Highlights

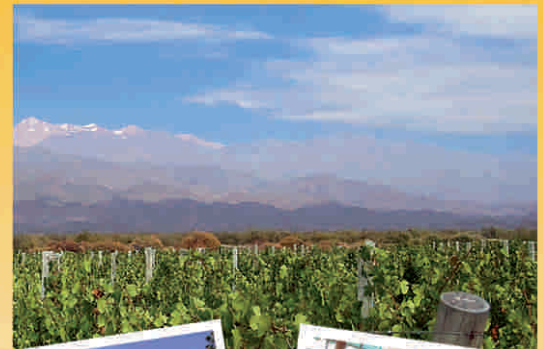
Wine: Mendoza is the wine capital of Argentina, and there are many different vineyards where you can visit and sample some of the region's most famous wines.

Gastronomy: Argentina is known for its delicious steak and Mendoza does not disappoint. Try a local parrillada and find out what the buzz is about!

Skiing and Snowboarding: Every year, people from all over the world flock to Mendoza from June through September, to ski some of the highest peaks in *the* world.

"I spent some weeks at Mendoza's school and the classrooms are well organized, with interesting and dynamic teachers. The staff is really fun and they were always willing to help and always looking forward for me to be happy with my classes. I definitely recommend this school."

Lorna Pakkiri, United Kingdom





Chile, Santiago

Considered in many ways Latin America's most progressive country, Chile offers modern amenities while still holding on to its important colonial and indigenous past.

An economic success story, Chile's first-class health and safety conditions help our students adjust easily, and with a hand from friendly locals, find themselves comfortably exploring Santiago's big city attractions.

Santiago's central location makes it the ideal spot for those seeking adventures away from the classroom. Nestled conveniently between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean, you can easily escape big city life in search of a different type of atmosphere.

City Highlights

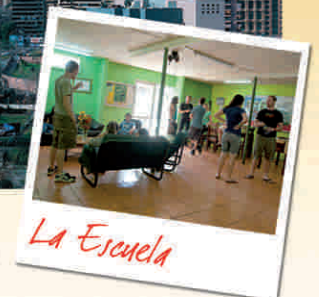
Outdoor sports capital: With the Andes nearby, Santiago is a great base for snowboarding, rafting, biking, horseback riding and other adventures.

Vineyards and wine tasting: Chilean wine is exported around the world. Visit nearby vineyards and take courses on wine appreciation.

Modern & Safe: Chile has Latin America's highest standard of living and a very modern infrastructure.

"Professional attitude, friendly + well organized. I would be happy to recommend the school to prospective students. And please THANK our family for making our trip especially super! I am beginner, I feel I have gained a good start on grammar and can go home with a base to continue. I will visit again when I have more time and continue learning. Thank you!"

Jeff Colker, USA



Chile, Viña del Mar

Viña del Mar, better known simply as “Viña,” is Chile’s top holiday beach destination. This safe and comfortable city is located less than two hours from the capital and neighbors one of Chile’s most unique cities, Valparaíso. Viña is full of diverse parks, restaurants, numerous shopping options, the most important casino of Chile and clubs to keep you busy after dark. Live the lifestyle of a permanent vacation in this seaside gem.

City Highlights

Viña del Mar Beaches: An immensely popular vacation spot for both Chileans and foreigners, the Viña del Mar beaches give you a place to relax and enjoy the sound of the Pacific waves and the South American sun on your face!

Valparaíso Cerros: The cerros, or hills, of Valparaíso are its signature attraction. Filled with brightly colored houses, innovative street art and an array of corner cafés and cozy pubs packed by locals, you will find yourself wanting to get lost here for days, or even weeks.

Seafood: Valparaíso and Viña del Mar boast some of the most amazing seafood in Chile. Caught fresh daily and brought in straight from the port of Valparaíso, you will be hard-pressed to find more delicious seafood anywhere else.

"Fue, sin ninguna duda, la mejor experiencia de mi vida. Todo lo que viví, todo lo que conocí, todo lo que aprendí, voy a llevar en mi memoria para siempre. Ecela es una familia, tiene personas muy amables, queridos y encantadores. Gracias por todo y agradezco a la vida esta oportunidad. Los quiero mucho, los voy a extrañar, Con mucho cariño y amor".

Jaqueline Santana



En el recreo



Mi clase



Peru, Lima

Cosmopolitan attractions and a rich history mesh in Peru's capital of Lima, as strikingly modern and Spanish-era colonial buildings can be seen side-by-side walking down the city's streets.

You will never be too far from the ocean, beaches stretch along the western edge of the city. The school is located in the upscale Miraflores district, where you can taste world-renowned Peruvian cuisine, known for blending its Andean and Spanish cooking styles. You can also enjoy the nightlife at a dance club, pub or folklore party.

City Highlights

Surf & Handgliding: Learn to ride the waves on your board or soar over them with professional lessons.

Inca Ruins: In and around Lima are over 30 archaeological sites with ancient Inca temples and pyramids.

Peruvian food: Many consider Peruvian food the best of Latin America.

Lima, Peru is fantastic, I had a great time, the people are very friendly, I felt safe and the nightlife is very active. I would recommend Peru to anyone who is looking for an adventure and a cultural experience.

Jared Hucksm, EUA



Peru, Cusco

At an altitude of almost 11,000 feet, Cusco's fresh, Andean mountain air and intimate atmosphere will put you at ease. The history of the city as the former capital of the Inca Empire survives today, as you will be able to see the Temple of the Sun and many more pieces of Inca architecture that were sacred to the Inca and still are to today's residents.

Cusco also entertains with more than ancient ruins and Spanish colonial architecture. The city's fútbol stadium, which hosted the 2004 American Cup, is the home of one of Peru's most popular teams, Cienciano, and world-class Peruvian cuisine can be sampled from numerous restaurants. As the city has grown, so have your entertainment options.

Cusco also provides the perfect jump-off point for expeditions into Peru's varied natural landscape of mountains, jungles and plains, and the breathtaking view of Machu Picchu is an unforgettable experience.

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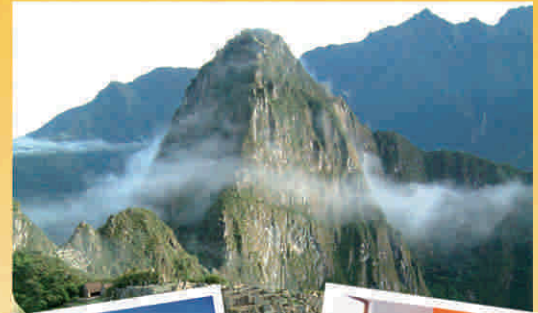
Machu Picchu: Look more than 500 years into the past at the Incomparable Inca City. This wonder is accessible by foot and train from nearby Cusco.

Slow-paced living: Experience traditional Andean lifestyle in Cusco and visit local markets in small Sacred Valley towns such as Chinchero and Pisco.

Diverse Nature: All of Peru's varied climate is within your reach, as dense jungles, arid plains and rolling mountains make for exciting weekend excursions.

Cuzco was a beautiful and distinct city. Although there are many tourist attractions, the city and the people maintain their rich traditional roots.

Barbara Mislan, USA



En los Andes



La Escuela

Accommodations

Student Apartments

Our most popular housing option is the shared apartment, where you will live with other students. We host students from across the globe, so this is a great opportunity to make new friends and learn about other cultures. Everyone is there to learn about Spanish and Latin American culture, so you will always have something in common with your housemates. Common areas, such as kitchen and living rooms, are shared and maintained by all.



Host Family

We recommend that students take advantage of the homestay option to practice Spanish and be exposed to local culture. Our families are carefully selected and provide each student with a private room. Do not assume that you are too old for a homestay as some of our students are older than their host "parents". All of the families are experienced in hosting students from abroad in their homes and will be happy to accommodate you.

For many of our students, the connection they make with their host-families is the most rewarding part of their study abroad experience.



Difference	Homestay	Shared Apartment
Maximum Distance to School	30 min standard, 60 min economic	30 min standard, 60 min economic
Towels and Sheets	Included	Included
Meals	Breakfast & Dinner	None
Spanish practice	High	Low
Social Life	Low	Medium
Typical Student Age	17 to seniors	21-33

Activities & Excursions

Top *Activities*

Hiking

Horseback Riding

Rafting & Kayaking

Dancing Lessons: Tango & Salsa

Ski & Snowboarding

Famous Fútbol Games

Vineyard Sampling Tours

Cooking Classes

Cultural events



We have different locations that offer beaches, mountains, cosmopolitan cities with modern infrastructures, amazing architecture, and famous Latin American nightlife!

Our Students *From all over the world*

Our students represent a multitude of countries and professions and have unique educational goals. Some students seek college credit through our affiliated universities, while many others are professionals trying to overcome a language barrier or simply travelers desiring a solid Spanish foundation.

School Combinations

Why study in just one country?



Get a taste of the fast-paced life of the South American urban capitals of Buenos Aires, Santiago or Lima. Take in the fresh air and tranquility on the ski slopes near Mendoza. Witness modern-day indigenous life and behold the wonders of the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu near Cusco.

Our school combination programs allow you to have a diverse experience in South America while observing differences between countries, cities and smaller town environments. ECELA will help you choose the travel arrangements and accommodations according to your preferences.



Special Offers

Spanish & *Tango*

Buenos Aires, Argentina

As the tango capital of the world, Buenos Aires offers visitors the unique opportunity to experience tango in its homeland. Combine Spanish classes and tango lessons from some of the best teachers in each field.

Program Includes (per week):

- One Private Lesson
- Two Group Lesson



Spanish & *Ski/Snowboard*

Santiago, Chile

The massive slopes of the Andes are yours when you take advantage of the Southern Hemisphere's winter (June-September) in a ski/snowboard study abroad adventure.

Program Includes (per week):

- Spanish Classes: 16 hours group
- Ski Program: 2 lift and transportation tickets per week



Spanish & *Surf*

Lima, Peru

Take your Spanish to the beautiful Peruvian beaches and improve your surfing skills. Best for novice through intermediate surfers.

Program includes (per week):

- Two 2-hour surf lessons per week. Surfboard rental



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will I find other students around my age?

A: You will find students from every stage of life. We have hosted many teens and many adventurous seniors, and you will consistently find a broad diversity of ages at the school and activities and courses geared towards all specific tastes.

Q: What's the advantage about studying in more than one country?

A: Experiencing the cultural and dialectic differences of Argentina, Chile and Peru will give you a better understanding of South America and Spanish in general. Plus, you'll get to see more exciting things, as each school location offers totally unique attractions! Tango in its homeland of Argentina; world-famous Chilean wine; indigenous culture and architecture in Peru.

Q: Homestay or Student Housing?

A: A homestay will ensure that you practice Spanish and give you a firsthand experience of everyday Latin American life. The student housing option gives you the opportunity to make new friends from all over the world and constant company to do excursions and activities, but you may find it harder to practice your Spanish.

Q: What can I do outside of class?

A: You will never be short of things to do with ECELA. Our six schools are located in areas that are surrounded with exciting possibilities for daytime, nightlife and weekend excursion activities. Whether that means appreciating the mountain activities of Mendoza, visiting an art exhibit in Buenos Aires or taking salsa or cueca lessons in Santiago, our Activities Coordinators make sure to immerse you in South American culture. Although we recommend our school activities, there is no need to hesitate to go discover the area on your own or with friends as well.

Q: Final advice before I leave?

1. Read about the culture of the country to help you avoid culture shock.
2. Make sure that your passport is valid for at least six months after the end of your program.
3. Let us know if you are receiving any ongoing medical treatment.
4. Begin to train your ear to Spanish. If you have access to Spanish radio or TV stations, play them in the background when possible. Even if you are a beginner, just hearing people speak Spanish will help, whether or not you understand it.
5. As the saying goes, bring half the clothes you think you'll need, but twice the money.

The ECELA *Difference*

Learn the language. Experience the culture. Leave the rest to us!

Our Commitment to You

ECELA commits itself to making both your learning and living experiences as comfortable as possible while helping you to meet your personal travel goals.

Our Staff

Giving an at-home feeling

From your school orientation to goodbye party, the staff at ECELA will make you feel at home. Whether sharing a warm conversation over a cup of coffee or kicking around the soccer ball, you will always find your instructors and administrators to be friendly and supportive.

A Higher Quality

Growing in your skills

We are recognized by institutions of higher learning across the globe, and students receive college credit for studying at ECELA from universities worldwide. Education travel agencies, university professors and quality assurance groups continually visit and validate our schools' standards.



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*"I can't imagine that there is a better
school in all of Latin America"*

Alan Weiss, USA

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